

MINUTES

SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING

Location: 99 Auburn Street Auburn High School - Guidance Conference Room

May 3, 2022 5:30 p.m.

In Attendance:

Absent

Zoom

George Scobie - arrived at 5:36pm

Jessie Harrington

Gail Holloway

Meghan McCrillis

Dorothy Kauffman

Beth Chamberland

[Cecelia Wirzbicki](#)

Brad Petrishen - Telegram & Gazette

CALL TO ORDER:

Jessie Harrington called the meeting to order at 5:31 p.m.

CITIZENS' COMMENTS: None

SPECIAL RECOGNITIONS: None

Minutes: None

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES REPORT: None

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT: None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

AHS Ski & Snowboard Club Field Trip Proposal

The committee was provided a packet proposal for the Auburn High School Ski and Snowboard Club. They are requesting permission to travel to Park City, Utah on Tuesday, March 14, 2023 through Sunday, March 19, 2023.

Recommended Motion....to approve the Auburn High School Ski and Snowboard Club Field Trip to Park City, Utah.

Jessie Harrington entertained the motion to approve the Auburn High School Ski and Snowboard Club Field Trip to Park City, Utah.

Dottie Kauffman made the motion to approve the Auburn High School Ski and Snowboard Club Field Trip to Park City, Utah. Gail Holloway seconded the motion, all members present approved. George Scobie arrived after the vote.

Team Chair Job Description Revision

A revised job description for the AHS Team Chair position at Auburn High School was presented by Dr. Chamberland. The position will now be titled Team Chair/School Psychologist. This change will allow the new person to not only serve as the Special Education Team Chair, but will also allow the person to complete some of the psychological testing of students.

Recommended Motion....to approve the revised Team Chair/School Psychologist Job Description.

Jessie Harrington entertained the motion to approve the revised Team Chair/School Psychologist Job Description.

Meghan McCrillis made the motion to approve the revised Team Chair/School Psychologist Job Description. Dottie Kauffman seconded the motion, it was unanimously approved.

BUSINESS/FINANCIAL REPORT: None

Before adjourning for the evening, Dottie Kauffman read a formal statement from the school committee.

On April 5, 2022, a former Auburn High School teacher emailed School Committee members with allegations regarding Mr. Handfield's academic credentials. Pursuant to the Massachusetts Open Meeting Law, the Committee is prohibited from discussing matters within its jurisdiction outside of an officially posted meeting. Thus, after receiving the email, the Committee scheduled a meeting for April 14, at which time it intended to discuss the complaint and determine its next steps. However, prior to that meeting, on April 11, Mr. Handfield submitted

his resignation, which was accepted by the Committee at its meeting on April 14. At no time was the Committee contacted by Johns Hopkins University regarding any investigation conducted by that institution.

There was no discussion.

Jessie Harrington entertained the motion to adjourn for the evening.

Meghan McCrillis made the motion to adjourn for the evening. Dottie Kauffman seconded the motion, it was unanimously approved.

Meeting adjourned at 5:40pm.

Adjournment
Roll Call Vote

Respectfully submitted,

Mandy Williams

Recording Secretary

Referenced Documents:

Team Chair Job Description

School Committee Statement

Approved 6-1-22