

# School Board Meeting August 11<sup>th</sup> 2020

## Approved Minutes

- Location: Sau Building – Randy Bell Conference Room
- In Attendance: Darcy Orellana (Chair); Gary Gasdia (Vice-Chair); Patty Langlais; Ethan Beals; Diana LaMothe (via telephone); Superintendent Larry Russell, Diane Gorrow (Lawyer from Soule, Leslie, Kidder, Sayward and Loughman)
- Dr. Orellana calls meeting to order 5:00 pm
- Public Session:
  - There was a typo on previous voted upon copier bid. Will revisit at upcoming meeting on August 17<sup>th</sup>
- NON Public Session:
  - Dr. Orellana read from RSA 91-A:3 citing condition “c” as the purpose of going into a non-public session
  - Motion by Ms. Langlais to enter non-public. Second by Mr. Gasdia. Motion approved 4-0 Mr. Beals abstained
  - Entered into Nonpublic at 5:05
  - Discussed generalities of conflict of interest
  - Reviewed state law and board policy (BCD). Board policy is a higher standard as it includes “appearance of a conflict of interest.”
  - Discussed differences if board is acting in legislative or quasi-judicial capacity.
    - Member should disqualify themselves if there is a conflict of interest – if disqualified member voted anyways and board is acting in a legislative capacity, the vote is only invalidated if that members vote changes the outcome. If the board is acting in a quasi-judicial vote, the vote is invalidated regardless of outcome.
  - Discussed how all board members are bound by anything that is deemed confidential. In addition to voting, disqualified individuals should not be part of the discussion and should not be on correspondence.
  - Superintendent Russell exited at 5:21 pm
  - Discussed Ms. Gorrow’s role
  - Discussed some specific situations related to recent events in the district including - board meetings, board members, district personnel, email correspondence etc. How things have been handled vs. how they should be handled going forward.
  - Motion by Ms. Langlais to exit non-public and adjourn. Second by Mr. Gasdia. Motion approved 4-0, Mr. Beals abstained.
- Adjourned 6:27 pm