

**ANDOVER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
ANDOVER, CT 06232
Regular Board of Education Meeting
Wednesday May 14, 2025
Virtual Meeting/School Library**

PRESENT: Chairperson Caitlin Greenhouse, Gerard Cremé, Shannon Loudon, Eric Becker, Mike Beckwith, Brianne Lanzieri, Celeste Willard

ADMINISTRATION: Valerie Bruneau, Superintendent
Taylor Parker, Principal
Terry Smith, Finance Director

OTHERS: Amanda Beloin, Doris Maldonado, Liz Lokiec, Anne Cremé, Kirstina Frazier, Kim Person, Scott Sauyet, Beata Gadowski, Haley Proto, Courtney Hill, Jennifer LaRosee, Katie Dixon, Holly Maiorano, Jen McGoldrick, Jennie Morrell, Charlene DelMastro, Carrie Gilbert, Alexandria Curvelo

1. Call to order/ Pledge of Allegiance

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 p.m., followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. Comments from the Public

Amanda Beloin – Thank you to the Board for all you do.

Doris Maldonado – A parent and a substitute.

Liz Lokiec – Just hear to listen.

3. Communications – None.

4. Student/Other Celebrations

Student Celebration – Met our inventors for Invention Convention, they presented at state finals at UCONN.

5. Approval of Minutes

G. Cremé made a motion to approve the minutes from the Board of Education Meeting of March 12, 2025, M. Beckwith seconded, no changes.

7-0-0 (PASSED)

6. Opportunity to Add or Delete Agenda Items – None.

7. Reports

A. Chairperson's Oral Report

Town budget failed. There was a Town meeting last night; the increase to the BOE budget has been decreased by the BOF from 8% to 5%. This will go to referendum in two weeks, on May 27.

B. Superintendent's Report: Addressed the Rivereast insert. Misinformation. Thanked Scott Sauyet for his assistance disproving that anonymous insert that affected election.

Grant Updates: Will be reapplying for the After-School Grant in a few days, this is a two-year grant. Hopefully there will be more money available for smaller districts. The IDEA Special Education Grant is filled out and will be sent in. Smart Start and School Readiness will continue.

Facility Updates: Scott is doing a great job. PM has been done in several areas: filters and belts, sprinklers flushed, asbestos testing, and kitchen checks. Several rooms were worked on to make added classrooms for next year.

Capital Update: Same three focus projects: Bathroom Renovation, Elevator, Driveway.

C. Principal's Report

Professional Development: Professional Day in May making it a busy month.

SBAC and iReady testing going on in May.

Dibbles testing for K and 1 grade.

Memorial Day Parade – AES Band and Chorus.

June 12 – Sixth Grade Step-Up.

D. Financial Report: T. Smith reported on the financials as presented.

E. Liaison Reports

Preschool Changes: See BOE packet for details. Addressed all information regarding Pre-k.

PTA: C. Willard reported they had the last PTA meeting. Upcoming events – Ribbon Cutting for the New Playground and Talent Show.

Town Meetings: None

8. Executive Session – For the Purposes of Legal Matter, Personnel Matter, Student Matter

C. Willard made a motion to move into Executive Session at 8:38 p.m. for the purpose of the Legal Matter, Personnel Matter, Student Matter, further move to invite Supt. Bruneau T. Parker and T. Smith to join the meeting, seconded S. Loudon. No discussion.

7-0-0 (PASSED)

Board exited Executive Session at 9:10 p.m.

9. Items for Discussion & Actions

A. Bathroom Project Update/Report

Plans were shown for the bathroom project. Next step would be going out for bid. Eric thought with the economy the way it is, possibly should increase the budget. Surplus in the Capital Account should cover the increase. Changed the name to Major Renovation Project on our agenda.

B. Solar Project Update

Town attorney working with school attorney for updated amendment. Special meeting will be scheduled to vote on the updated amendment.

C. Surplus – Additional Expenditures

Could be looking at up to \$100,000 surplus. Possibly use some of the surplus for help with the lawnmower which is old and breaking down.

S. Louden made a motion to allow the BOE to buy a new lawn mower from Preuss & Sons for up to \$15,000.00, seconded by G. Cremé.

7-0-0 (PASSED)

D. Audit Update – See packet.

10. Comments from the Public – None.

11. Other Action Items – None.

12. Upcoming Meeting

Regular Board Meeting – June 11, 2025

13. Adjournment

S. Louden made a motion to adjourn at 9:36 p.m., seconded by C. Willard.

7-0-0 (PASSED)

Respectfully Submitted,

**Gretchen L. Stein
Andover BOE Board Clerk**