

Cape Elizabeth School Board
Monday August 16, 2021
6:30 p.m. Regular Business Meeting
Town Hall Council Chambers
[MINUTES VIDEO LINK](#)

Strategic Plan Goals:

Health and Well-Being

Our schools will provide a supportive learning environment in which physical, social, and emotional well-being are valued and promoted.

Global Competency

Our students will be personally responsible, aware, empathetic, and engaged local and global citizens.

Multiple Pathways and Definitions of Success

Our schools will value, promote, and celebrate multiple pathways and definitions of success.

Safe, Sustainable, and Effective Facilities

Our schools will be safe and effective facilities. They will be updated and maintained to meet the needs of students and staff in accordance with long-term financial planning.

Environmental Responsibility

The school department will prioritize environmental responsibility, including stewardship and sustainability.

Roll Call:

☒Heather
Altenburg

☐Kimberly
Carr

☒Philip
Saucier

☐Elizabeth
Scifres

☒Cynthia
Voltz

☒Jennifer
McVeigh

☐Laura
deNino

☐Ellie Gagne

☐Katherine
Clay

AGENDA

Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance
6:30 p.m.

- I. Adjustments to Agenda - None
- II. Approval of Minutes June 8, 2021 – Regular Business Meeting

Motion:	Jennifer McVeigh	Second:	Cynthia Voltz	Vote:	Unanimous
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Heather Altenburg: Yay ☒ Nay ☐	Kimberly Carr: Yay ☐ Nay ☐	Philip Saucier: Yay ☒ Nay ☐	Elizabeth Scifres: Yay ☐ Nay ☐
Cindy Voltz: Yay ☒ Nay ☐	Jennifer McVeigh: Yay ☒ Nay ☐	Laura DeNino: Yay ☐ Nay ☐	

- III. Approval of Minutes June 15, 2021 – Emergency Business Meeting

Motion:	Jennifer McVeigh	Second:	Cynthia Voltz	Vote:	Unanimous
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Heather Altenburg: Yay ☒ Nay ☐	Kimberly Carr: Yay ☐ Nay ☐	Philip Saucier: Yay ☒ Nay ☐	Elizabeth Scifres: Yay ☐ Nay ☐
Cindy Voltz: Yay ☒ Nay ☐	Jennifer McVeigh: Yay ☒ Nay ☐	Laura DeNino: Yay ☐ Nay ☐	

IV. Approval of Minutes June 29, 2021 – Special Business Meeting

Motion:	Jennifer McVeigh	Second:	Cynthia Voltz	Vote:	Unanimous
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Heather Altenburg: Yay ☒ Nay ☐	Kimberly Carr: Yay ☐ Nay ☐	Philip Saucier: Yay ☒ Nay ☐	Elizabeth Scifres: Yay ☐ Nay ☐
Cindy Voltz: Yay ☒ Nay ☐	Jennifer McVeigh: Yay ☒ Nay ☐	Laura DeNino: Yay ☐ Nay ☐	

V. Approval of Minutes July 13, 2021 – Special Business Meeting and Executive Session

Motion:	Jennifer McVeigh	Second:	Cynthia Voltz	Vote:	Unanimous
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Heather Altenburg: Yay ☒ Nay ☐	Kimberly Carr: Yay ☐ Nay ☐	Philip Saucier: Yay ☒ Nay ☐	Elizabeth Scifres: Yay ☐ Nay ☐
Cindy Voltz: Yay ☒ Nay ☐	Jennifer McVeigh: Yay ☒ Nay ☐	Laura DeNino: Yay ☐ Nay ☐	

VI. Comments from Public on Agenda Items (per SB BEDH) - None

VII. COVID Update – Superintendent Record

- Report starts at 16:09: Dr. Record thanks the nurses. He discusses the work that had been done over the summer by the District Planning Committee along with the administrators, nurses, and the district physician. He speaks of the data that has been used to guide their recommendations, one of which is universal masking. He spoke of the multi-layered mitigation strategy, in which masking, pooled testing and distancing when possible are all important factors of. He also spoke of the importance of the adults of community uniting to get back to teaching and learning and bringing the focus to the kids.
- Nurse Presentation: Can be viewed starting at 36:28

VIII. New Business

- A. Consideration to approve the recommendation presented by the District Planning Team regarding our approach to Covid-19 mitigation strategies for SY21-22
- Mr. Saucier thanks the people who were involved in the work, and is strongly supportive of the guidance. Ms. McVeigh seconds this, as does Ms. Voltz.
 - Ms. Altenburg reiterates that the pooled testing is a voluntary experience and that those parents who had concerns surrounding that can opt-out.

Motion:	Cynthia Voltz	Second:	Phil Saucier	Vote:	Unanimous
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Cindy Voltz: Yay ☒ Nay ☐	Jennifer McVeigh: Yay ☒ Nay ☐	Laura DeNino: Yay ☐ Nay ☐	

IX. First Reading – Policy BHD – Remote Participation at Board Meetings

- Ms. McVeigh explains the need for the policy, that the emergency practice of allowing the board to vote via Zoom set by Governor Mills expired July 30, 2021. The discussion begins at 1:09:52 of the video.

X. School Board Agenda Requests

XI. Consideration to Adjourn

Motion:	Phil Saucier	Second:	Cynthia Voltz	Vote:	Unanimous
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Cindy Voltz: Yay ☒ Nay ☐	Jennifer McVeigh: Yay ☒ Nay ☐	Laura DeNino: Yay ☐ Nay ☐	

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION AT BOARD MEETINGS

BEDH

Regular, special and emergency meetings of the Board are open to the public. The Board wishes to provide opportunities for citizens to express their interests, concerns and suggestions related to matters under consideration by the Board. The public is cordially invited to attend and participate in these meetings as set forth in this policy.

In order that the Board may fairly and adequately discharge its overall responsibilities, citizens or groups wishing to address the Board on a topic not otherwise on the agenda must submit a request in writing to the Superintendent at least one full week in advance of the scheduled meeting. The Superintendent and/or Board Chair may add the item to the agenda at their discretion.

As the elected representative body of the school unit, the Board conducts meetings to carry out the official business of the schools. These meetings are not public forums, but are meetings at which the Board does its business in public. An agenda is prepared and published in advance of each meeting in accordance with Board policy. Anyone desiring additional information about any item on the agenda should direct inquiries to the Superintendent's Office.

Generally, opportunities for the public to speak on agenda items will take place prior to the Board's vote on those items.

The Board Chairperson is responsible for ensuring the orderly conduct of Board meetings. The following ground rules shall guide public participation at Board meetings:

- A. Citizens, employees, students and others with a legitimate interest in the Board's business is welcome to participate as provided in this policy.
- B. Orderly conduct of a meeting does not permit spontaneous discussion from the audience. Speakers are to identify themselves by name before they begin speaking and to direct their comments and questions to the Board Chairperson. Board members wishing to address a speaker are asked to direct their comments through the Board Chairperson.
- C. In order to make the most efficient use of meeting time, groups or organizations are asked to designate spokespersons to present their comments. Speakers are also requested to avoid duplication or repetition of remarks made by others. The Board Chairperson has the prerogative to limit the time allotted for comments on a particular topic as well as the time each individual may speak.
- D. Gossip, defamatory comments, and abusive, vulgar, or threatening language are not permitted. The Board Chairperson has the prerogative to stop any presentation which violates this rule or which would violate the privacy interests of any individual
- E. Complaints concerning individual students or employees will not be aired in public at Board meetings, but will be referred to the administration for resolution as appropriate.

- F. Employees and employee groups may not discuss matters at Board meetings for which other, more appropriate forums are provided by law or contract.

Legal Reference: 1 M.R.S.A. Section 401 et seq.
20-A M.R.S.A. Section 1001

Cross Reference: BEDB – Agenda

ADOPTED: March 8, 2005 (Replaced original BEDH)
Revised: June 14, 2011
April 9, 2013