

MINUTES

SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING

Location: 5 West Street, School Committee Room

April 14, 2022 5:00 p.m.

**In Attendance:**

**Absent**

**Zoom**

George Scobie

Jessie Harrington

Gail Holloway

Meghan McCrillis

Dorothy Kauffman

Beth Chamberland

[Cecelia Wirzbicki](#)

[Karen Ballway](#)

**CALL TO ORDER:**

Mr. Scobie called the meeting to order at 5:05 p.m.

**Executive Session:** a. To discuss the reputation, character, physical condition or mental health, rather than professional competence, of an individual, or to discuss the discipline or dismissal of, or complaints or charges brought against, a public officer, employee, staff member or individual.

b. To discuss bargaining with nonunion personnel.

At 5:08pm George Scobie entertained the motion to enter executive session to discuss the reputation, character, physical condition or mental health, rather than professional competence, of an individual, or to discuss the discipline or dismissal of, or complaints or charges brought against, a public officer, employee, staff member or individual.

b. To discuss bargaining with nonunion personnel.

Meghan McCrillis made the motion to enter executive session to discuss the reputation, character, physical condition or mental health, rather than professional competence, of an individual, or to discuss the discipline or dismissal of, or complaints or charges brought against, a public officer, employee, staff member or individual.

b. To discuss bargaining with nonunion personnel. Dottie Kauffman seconded the motion, it was unanimously approved.

Returned to open session at 5:48pm.

**CITIZENS' COMMENTS:** None

**SPECIAL RECOGNITIONS:** None

**Minutes:** None

**STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES REPORT:** None

**SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:** None

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

**Update on Superintendents' Status**

George Scobie stated the committee had received a letter of resignation from Dr. Handfield on April 11, 2022. George stated he would entertain a motion to accept his resignation.

Meghan McCrillis made the motion to accept the resignation of Dr. Handfield. Gail Hollway seconded the motion. It was unanimously approved.

Gail Holloway said she was in favor of Casey doing whatever was in his best interest for his health.

George Scobie said he was grateful for the years of service Casey provided at AHS and through COVID. His heart is Auburn and he will be missed.

Jessie Harrington, Dottie Kauffman and Meghan McCrillis all wished Casey well.

Karen Ballway said, On behalf of the Auburn Education Association we would like to publicly thank Casey Handfield for his service and dedication to the students and staff of the Auburn Public Schools. We look forward to working with Dr. Chamberland and the school committee to find the next superintendent.

## **Superintendents' Position**

[George Scobie](#) said at this time he would like to appoint an Interim Superintendent. Dr. Chamberland has done a great job, and we are all thankful for the work she has done.

George Scobie entertained the motion to appoint Dr. Elizabeth Chamberland as Interim Superintendent.

Gail Holloway made the motion to appoint Dr. Elizabeth Chamberland as Interim Superintendent. Gail Holloway seconded the motion, it was unanimously approved.

George Scobie said Beth, you didn't hesitate when I asked you if you could step in, I am proud of the work you have done.

Gail Holloway said it is important to have consistency for the district.

Jessie Harrington said Beth is the right person for the job, she knows the students and staff, it is the right move.

Dottie Kauffman and Meghan McCrillis echoed that Beth was the right person for the position.

Dr. Chamberland accepted and said it was a great honor. She was overwhelmed and appreciative of the faith the committee, administration and community has in her abilities.

**NEW BUSINESS:** None

**BUSINESS/FINANCIAL REPORT:** None

At 5:55pm George Scobie entertained the motion to adjourn for the evening.

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

Meeting adjourned at 5:55pm.

**Adjournment**  
***Roll Call Vote***

Respectfully submitted,

Mandy Williams

Recording Secretary

**Approved 6-1-22**

