

**AUBURN PUBLIC SCHOOLS**  
**MINUTES from April 9, 2020**  
**Virtual Meeting**  
**1:30 p.m.**

**In attendance:**

George Scobie  
Jessie Harrington  
Gail Holloway  
Dottie Kauffman  
Meghan McCrillis

Maryellen Brunelle

Thanking everyone for joining remotely, at 1:33 p.m., Mr. Scobie called the meeting to order.

**SUPERINTENDENT'S MEMO:**  
**2019-2020 School Year Calendar**

Dr. Brunelle shared that the Commissioner of Education was leaving it in Districts' own decision-making as to whether April vacation week be cancelled and virtual/remote learning continued from Tuesday to Friday of that week.

Dr. Brunelle shared that the AEA had surveyed their members and 85% of them stated that absolutely, April vacation should be used for remote learning. They were also surveyed as to whether they wanted to continue learning on only Tuesday through Thursday of that week, allowing for two long weekends on either end. Feeling that the consistency is better for their students, 64% voted to work Tuesday through Friday. With this information, Dr. Brunelle sought the Committee's approval to eliminate April vacation week, keeping only Monday, April 20, 2020, Patriots' Day, as a day off.

Dr. McCrillis made that motion; Mrs. Holloway seconded it and a roll call vote was taken:

*Roll call vote: Dr. McCrillis - Yes; Mrs. Kauffman - Yes; Mrs. Holloway - Yes; Mrs. Harrington - Yes; Mr. Scobie - Yes.*

Dr. Brunelle noted that the students' last day would be Monday, June 15<sup>th</sup>, with the teachers' last day being Wednesday, June 17<sup>th</sup>.

**Medicaid Warrant Article**

Dr. Brunelle shared that Mr. Kazanovicz, Town CFO, had outreached her regarding the Medicaid Warrant Article for Town Meeting, the amount having been left blank. Dr. Brunelle noted that over the last couple of years, \$180,000 had been requested, with \$200,000 being requested in the 2019-2020 school year. Medicaid is going to fall short this year so the amount being requested for reimbursement will be \$150,000. Dr. Brunelle sought the Committee's approval of this.

Mrs. Harrington made a motion to approve a \$150,000 reimbursement in Medicaid funds for FY 2021; Mrs. Holloway seconded the motion and a roll call vote was taken:

*Roll call vote: Dr. McCrillis - Yes; Mrs. Kauffman - Yes; Mrs. Holloway - Yes; Mrs. Harrington - Yes; Mr. Scobie - Yes.*

**Reschedule of Public Hearing**

Dr. Brunelle recommended that the School Department's Public Hearing on the draft FY 2021 budget be rescheduled for Monday, April 27<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m.

Mrs. Harrington made that motion; Dr. McCrillis seconded it and a roll call vote was taken:

*Roll call vote: Dr. McCrillis - Yes; Mrs. Kauffman - Yes; Mrs. Holloway - Yes; Mrs. Harrington - Yes; Mr. Scobie - Yes.*

At 1:47 p.m., there being no further business to conduct, Mrs. Holloway made a motion to adjourn; Dr. McCrillis seconded the motion and a roll call vote was taken:

*Roll call vote: Dr. McCrillis - Yes; Mrs. Kauffman - Yes; Mrs. Holloway - Yes; Mrs. Harrington - Yes; Mr. Scobie - Yes.*

The Zoom meeting ended at 5:58 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ailaine Zautner  
Recording Secretary

**Referenced Documents:**  
School Year Calendar