

BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

VIDEO-CONFERENCING

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 2021

6:30 P.M.

MINUTES

I. **Call to Order:** In accordance with the provisions of the New Jersey Open Public Meeting Act of 1975, the Audubon Board of Education transmitted notice of this video-conferencing meeting, scheduled at 6:30 P.M. to the Retrospect newspaper and the Borough Clerk and by postings on the Audubon Public School District website and at the Main and the Pine Street entrance of the Junior-Senior High School.

II. **Roll Call**

SY 2019-2021

James Blumenstein Allison Cox Ralph Gilmore

SY 2020-2022

Ammie Davis Joseph Ryan Tara Sullivan-Butrica

SY 2021-2023

Joseph Miller Christopher Proulx Everett Simpson

SY 2021 Mt. Ephraim Representative

Nancy Schiavo

Motion by Mr. Gilmore seconded by Mrs. Cox to approve the resolution for board to enter into closed Authorizing Executive session at 6:30 pm for the following purposes.

Motion approved by unanimous roll call (10-0)

III. **Authorizing Executive Session:**

WHEREAS, while the Sen. Byron M. Baer Open Public Meetings Act (N.J.S.A. 10:4-12 et seq.) requires all meetings of the **Audubon Board of Education** to be held in public, N.J.S.A. 10:4-12(b) sets forth nine types of matters that may lawfully be discussed in Executive Session," i.e. without the public being permitted to attend; and

WHEREAS, the **Audubon Board of Education** has deemed it necessary to go into closed session to discuss certain matters which are exempted from the Public; and

WHEREAS, the nine exceptions to public meetings set forth in N.J.S.A. 10:4-12(b) are listed below, and next to each exception is a box within which the number of issues to be privately discussed that fall within that exception shall be written, and after each exception is a space where additional information that will disclose as much information about the decision as possible without undermining the purpose of the exception shall be written.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the **Audubon Board of Education** will go into closed session for the following reason(s) as outlined in N.J.S.A. 10:4-12(b):

Any matter which, by express provision of Federal Law, State Statute or Rule of Court shall be rendered confidential or excluded from discussion in public;

_____ Any matter in which the release of information would impair a right to receive funds from the federal government;

X Any material the disclosure of which constitutes an unwarranted invasion of individual privacy such as any records, data, reports, recommendations, or other personal material of any educational, training, social service, medical, health, custodial, child protection, rehabilitation, legal defense, welfare, housing, relocation, insurance and similar program or institution operated by a public body pertaining to any specific individual admitted to or served by such institution or program, including but not limited to information relative to the individual's personal and family circumstances, and any material pertaining to admission, discharge, treatment, progress or condition of any individual, unless the individual concerned (or, in the case of a minor or incompetent, his guardian) shall request in writing that the same be disclosed publically;

_____ Any collective bargaining agreement, or the terms and conditions of which are proposed for inclusion in any collective bargaining agreement, including the negotiation of terms and conditions with employees or representatives of employees of the public body

_____ Any matter involving the purchase lease or acquisition of real property with public funds, the setting of bank rates or investment of public funds where it could adversely affect the public interest if discussion of such matters were disclosed;

_____ Any tactics and techniques utilized in protecting the safety and property of the public provided that their disclosure could impair such protection;

X Any investigations of violations or possible violations of the law;

_____ Any pending or anticipated litigation or contract negotiation in which the public body is or may become a party. Any matters falling within the attorney-client privilege, to the extent that confidentiality is required in order for the attorney to exercise his ethical duties as a lawyer;

X Any matter involving the employment, appointment, termination of employment, terms and conditions of employment, evaluation of the performance, promotion or disciplining of any specific prospective public officer or employee or current public officer or employee employed or appointed by the public body, unless all individual employees or appointees whose rights could be adversely affected request in writing that such matter or matters be discussed at a public; Specifically the evaluation of the Superintendent

_____ Any deliberation of a public body occurring after a public hearing that may result in the imposition of a specific civil penalty upon the responding party or the suspension or loss of a license or permit belonging to the responding party as a result of an act of omission for which the responding party bears responsibility;

WHEREAS, the length of the Executive Session is undetermined; however, the **Audubon Board of Education** will make every attempt to estimate the time of the session prior to convening the session after which the public meeting shall reconvene and the **Audubon Board of Education** will proceed with business.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the **Audubon Board of Education** will go into Executive Session for only the above stated reasons;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the **Audubon Board of Education** hereby declares that its discussion of the aforementioned subject(s) may be made public at a time when the **Audubon Board of Education** attorney advises that the disclosure of the discussion will not detrimentally affect any right, interest or duty of the school district or any other entity with respect to said discussion.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the **Board of Education**, for the aforementioned reasons, hereby declares that the public is excluded from the portion of the meeting during which the above discussion shall

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take place and hereby directs the board secretary to take the appropriate action to effectuate the terms of this resolution.

Motion by Mr. Gilmore seconded by Mrs. Cox to adjourn closed Authorizing Executive session at 7:00pm.
 Motion approved by unanimous roll call 10-0

IV. Call Meeting to Order

V. Flag Salute

VI. Spotlight Program:

THE AUDUBON BOARD OF EDUCATION SPOTLIGHT PROGRAM RECOGNIZES THE FOLLOWING STUDENTS OF THE MONTH FOR JANUARY 2021:

<u>Pre-Kindergarten</u> Ethan Rivera DiCristo	<u>Kindergarten</u> Christopher Marcucci	<u>Grade One</u> James Gushue
<u>Grade Two</u> Trevor Gregoire	<u>Grade Three</u> Joseph Calixto	<u>Grade Four</u> Emma Kelly
<u>Grade Five</u> Joshua Ferrell	<u>Grade Six</u> Lydia Gravante	<u>Grade Seven</u> Abigail Whalen
<u>Grade Eight</u> Giovanni Quarles	<u>Freshman Class</u> Nadia Cruz	<u>Sophomore Class</u> Dominick Perry
<u>Junior Class</u> Kristopher Hoover	<u>Senior Class</u> Tysere Joseph	

VII. Presentation(s):

- I. **June 30, 2020 Audit Report, Rob Inverso**
- II. **State of the District – Review of Pandemic Response Team Meeting(s)**
- III. **SSDS**

The Audubon Board of Education took a Five Minute Break.

VIII. Approval of Board Minutes:

1. Motion by Mr. Simpson and seconded by Mr. Ryan to approve the following minutes:

January 6, 2021 Public Session
 January 13, 2021 Public Session
 January 20, 2021 Public Session
 January 20, 2021 Executive Session

Motion to Approve: E. Simpson Second: J. Ryan

Roll Call

X James Blumenstein X Allison Cox X Ralph Gilmore X Nancy Schiavo
(Abstained 1/20/21)
X Ammie Davis X Joseph Ryan X Tara Butrica
X Joseph Miller X Christopher Proulx X Everett Simpson

VOTE FOR ITEM 1

Motion approved by unanimous roll call (10-0), with the exception of January 20, 2021 (9-0) Board Member Blumenstein abstained

IX. Participation: (Agenda Items Only) - NONE

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All motions are voted on by all members unless otherwise marked with a +.

X. GOVERNANCE: Chairperson: Mr. Blumenstein – Committee Members: Mr. Miller, Mr. Ryan, Mr. Simpson, Alternate: Mr. Proulx

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XI. OPERATIONS: Chairperson: Mrs. Cox – Committee Members: Ms. Butrica, Ms. Davis, Mr. Gilmore, Alternate: Mr. Miller

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MOTION TO APPROVE ITEMS 1-9

Motion by Mr. Gilmore and seconded by Mr. Ryan

1. Board Secretary's Report in accordance with 18A: 17-36 and 18A: 17-9 for the month of December 2020. The Board Secretary certifies that no line item account has been over expended in violation of N.J.A.C. 6A: 23A – 16.10 (c) 3 and that sufficient funds are available to meet the district's financial obligations for the remainder of the fiscal year.

December Board Secretary's Report

2. Cash Reconciliation Report in accordance with 18A:17-36 and 18A:17-9 for the month of December 2020. The Cash Reconciliation Report and Secretary's reports are in agreement for the month of December 2020.

December Cash Reconciliation Report

3. Board Secretary in accordance with N.J.A.C. 6A:23A – 16.10 (c) 2 certifies that there are no changes in anticipated revenue amounts or revenue sources.

4. Board of Education Certification – pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:23A – 16.10 (c) 4 We certify that after review of the secretary's monthly financial report (appropriations section) and upon consultation with the appropriate district officials, that to the best of our knowledge no major accounts or fund has been over expended in violation of N.J.A.C. 6A:23A – 16.10 (b) and that sufficient funds are available to meet the district's financial obligations for the remainder of the fiscal year.

5. Motion to approve line item transfers for the month of December 2020.

Line Item Transfers

6. Motion to approve the bills payable list for February 2021 in the amount of \$564,825.13 when certified.

February Bill List

7. Motion to acknowledge Safety Drills conducted in the District Schools:

Haviland Avenue School

January 20, 2021

Fire Drill Audible (Green Cohort)

- January 22, 2021 Fire Drill Audible (Gold Cohort)
- January 19, 2021 Fire Drill Evacuation (Gold Cohort)
- January 25, 2021 Fire Drill Evacuation (Green Cohort)
- January 21, 2021 Lockdown Drill (Gold Cohort)
- January 26, 2021 Lockdown Drill (Green Cohort)

Mansion Avenue School

- January 25, 2021 Fire Drill Stay in Place (Green Cohort)
- January 26, 2021 Lockdown Stay in Place (Green Cohort)
- January 28, 2021 Fire Drill Stay in Place (Gold Cohort)
- January 29, 2021 Lockdown Drill Stay in Place (Gold Cohort)

Audubon High School

- January 14, 2021 Fire Drill
- January 15, 2021 Lockout Drill

- 8. Motion to recognize and accept the New Jersey School-Based Mental Health Grant Award through the Camden County Educational Services Commission in partnership with School-Based Care Solutions Network.

Dr. Davis thanked Mrs. Kasey Bobo for applying for this grant.

- 9. Motion to accept the June 30, 2020 audit report.

2020 Audit Report Synopsis

Motion to Approve Item(s) 1 through 9: R. Gilmore Second: J. Ryan

Roll Call

- X James Blumenstein X Allison Cox X Ralph Gilmore X Nancy Schiavo
- X Ammie Davis X Joseph Ryan X Tara Butrica
- X Joseph Miller X Christopher Proulx X Everett Simpson

VOTE FOR ITEMS 1-9

Motion approved by unanimous roll call (10-0)

- XII. EDUCATION: Chairperson: Ms. Schiavo - Committee Members: Mr. Blumenstein, Ms. Butrica, Mr. Proulx, Alternate: Mr. Simpson**

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MOTION TO APPROVE ITEMS 1-7

Motion by Mr. Simpson and seconded by Mrs. Schiavo

1. Motion to approve the issuance of written decisions affirming, rejecting, or modifying the Superintendent’s determination in regard to incident(s) reported at the January 20, 2021 meeting of the Board of Education.

School	Incident Report Number	Board Determination
HS	N/A	N/A
HAS	N/A	N/A
MAS	N/A	N/A

2. + Student Statistics February 2021

Date	Haviland Avenue	Mansion Avenue	Audubon Jr./Sr. HS	Out of District	Total
2/1/21	249	370	814	22	1455
1/4/21	246	370	813	22	1451
2/3/20	273	392	806	25	1496

3. **Approval of Attendance at Conferences and Workshops for the 2020-2021 School Year**

WHEREAS, certain **Audubon Public School District employees** have requested authorization to attend the conference(s)/Workshop(s) listed below, and

WHEREAS, the attendance of each employee at the specified conference/workshop is educationally necessary, fiscally prudent and 1) directly related to and within the scope of the employee’s current responsibilities and the **District’s Professional Learning Plan**, and 2) critical to the instructional needs of the District or furthers the efficient operation of the District;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the **Audubon Board of Education** authorizes the attendance of the employees at the specified conferences/workshops listed below, and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the **Board** hereby determines that the estimated expenses related to the authorized travel listed below are justified and

THEREFORE, authorizes payment of any registration fees and statutorily authorized travel expenditures to the designated employees, not to exceed District budgetary limitations and to be in accordance with the provisions of *N.J.S.A. 18A:11-12*, the District’s travel policy and procedures, State travel payment guidelines established by the Department of Treasury in NJOMB circular letter 08-13-OMB, and with the guidelines established by the federal Office of Management and Budget:

Participant	Conference Title & Location	Date(s)	Cost
Maria Pousatis	NJ Children’s System of Care Virtual Town Hall	February 11, 201	N/A
Donna Stack	IXL Live Virtual Conference	February 17, 2021	\$60.00
Debbie Roncace	Understanding School Ethics Virtual Workshop	February 23, 2021	\$25.00
Maria Pousatis	Psychotherapy Networker Symposium- Creating Meaningful Change: The Quest	March 18 & 19, 2021	\$299.00

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	for Healing in an Anxious Time		
Debbie Roncace	Purchasing Update/Best Practices Virtual Workshop	March 16, 2021	\$50.00
Penny Bigelow	NJALC Spring Conference 2021 Topic: WIAT 4	April 16, 2021	\$100.00
Kelly Reising	Restorative Discipline Practices	N/A – Recorded	\$279.00

4. Motion to approve the following use of facilities requests:

School	Location	Activity	Start/End Date(s)	Time(s)	Contact
AHS	Varsity Baseball Field	Audubon Blue Sox Men's Baseball	3/1/21 – 11/15/21	9:00 am – 12:00 pm	Brian Kulak
AHS	Varsity Baseball Field	Audubon Little League	3/1/21 – end of season	Nights & weekends after AHS Baseball practice	Kevin Donnelly
AHS	Minor/Major League Fields	Audubon Little League	3/1/21 – end of season	Varied	Rachel Negro

5. Motion to approve homebound instruction for the following student(s):

STUDENT ID#	DATE
01981	Home Instruction effective retroactive to January 28, 2021 – February 12, 2021

6. Motion to approve the 2021-2022 District calendar.

District Calendar 2021-2022

7. Motion to approve SSDS Semi-Annual Report for Period One for the 2020-2021 school as presented for and submission of the report and related documents to the New Jersey Department of Education.

SSDS Presentation

Motion to Approve Items 1 through 7: E. Simpson Second: N. Schiavo

Roll Call

- X James Blumenstein X Allison Cox X Ralph Gilmore X Nancy Schiavo
X Ammie Davis X Joseph Ryan X Tara Butrica
X Joseph Miller X Christopher Proulx X Everett Simpson

VOTE FOR ITEMS 1-7

Motion approved by unanimous roll call (10-0)

XIII. HUMAN RESOURCES: Chairperson: Mrs. Davis, Committee Members: Mrs. Cox, Mr. Gilmore, Mrs. Schiavo, Alternate: Mr. Ryan

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MOTION TO APPROVE ITEMS 1-15

Motion by Mrs. Davis and seconded by Mr. Gilmore

1. + Motion to approve the contract for and the employment of Robin Jones as a custodial staff member at Mansion Avenue School for the 2020-2021 school year starting on March 1, 2021 for 5 hours 5 days per week (25 hours/week) at Step 2 in accordance with the 2018-2021 negotiated contract between the Audubon Board of Education and the Audubon Education Association at the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools pending the completion of all New Jersey Department of Education and Audubon Board of Education requirements. Timesheets to be submitted.

2. Motion to approve a request from employee #1527, to invoke the Federal Family Medical Leave Act, effective February 2, 2021 to March 30, 2021.

February 2, 2021 through March 30, 2021	Paid Leave (40 days)
February 2, 2021 through March 30, 2021	Federal FMLA (8 weeks)

3. Motion to approve the long-term substitute Teacher of English contract for Jim D’Arpino on or before March 1, 2021 through April 2, 2021 at \$260.00 per diem, no benefits; time worked does not count towards the acquisition of tenure. Final approval is pending the completion of all Audubon Board of Education and New Jersey Department of Education requirements, as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools.

4. Motion to approve the long-term substitute Teacher of English contract for Kiersten Campbell on or before March 1, 2021 through June 18, 2021 at \$260.00 per diem, no benefits; time worked does not count towards the acquisition of tenure. Final approval is pending the completion of all Audubon Board of Education and New Jersey Department of Education requirements, as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools.

5. Motion to approve \$12.89 per hour as the rate of pay for substitute Secretaries effective retroactive to January 1, 2021.

6. Motion to approve \$12.00 per hour as the rate of pay for substitute Custodians effective retroactive to January 1, 2021.

7. Motion to approve \$12.00 per hour as the rate of pay for Student Technology Assistants effective retroactive to January 1, 2021.

8. Motion to approve \$12.00 per hour as the rate of pay for Student Maintenance Workers effective retroactive to January 1, 2021.

9. Motion to rescind William C. Scully as a part time General Education Aide at the high school at Step 1, \$14.06 per hour upon the execution and approval of timesheets, not to include benefits, effective October 22, 2020 through the 2020 Winter Wrestling season, at the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools.

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10. Motion to appoint Elizabeth L. Scotto Di Perta, Substance Awareness Coordinator through Family First Counseling, LLC, as the Audubon Public School District Municipal Alliance Coordinator for the term commencing July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021 at a stipend of \$1,400.00. Compensation for duties will be through the Grant and paid in two equal installments on February 24, 2021 and June 15, 2021.
11. Motion to appoint Elizabeth L. Scotto Di Perta, Substance Awareness Coordinator through Family First Counseling, LLC, as the Audubon Public School District Intergenerational Advisor for the term commencing July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021 at a stipend of \$1,400.00. Compensation for duties will be through the Municipal Alliance Grant and paid in two equal installments on February 24, 2021 and June 15, 2021.
12. Motion to approve the following four (4) Student Maintenance Workers at the hourly rate of \$12.00. The workers will fill positions for up to 4.0 hours per day, up to four days per week for a total program cost of \$192.00 per day or \$768.00 per week, effective February 16, 2021 through June 18, 2021 with executed time sheets at the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools. To be reimbursed through FEMA or paid through C.A.R.E.S.:
 - a. Xavier Rangel
 - b. Damian Gentile
 - c. Christopher DeVoe
 - d. Abigail Moore
13. Motion to approve the following paid spring coaching positions for the 2020-2021 school year based on the negotiated agreement between the Audubon Education Association and the Audubon Board of Education, pending the completion of all Audubon Board of Education and New Jersey Department of Education requirements, at the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools.

As a result of the health-related closures due to COVID-19, payments and stipends may be impacted by cancellation of events, school closures, hybrid schedules, etc. The following stipends will be compensated as follows for the 2021-2022 school year:

Cancellation of Season/Event	
When notified; one week or more prior to the start of the season or three days prior to the event	0.0%
School Closure & Hybrid Schedules	
Greater Than 50% of Season or Event Occurred	100.0%
Greater Than or Equal to 25% and Less Than or Equal to 50%	50.0%
Greater than 7 practices and Less Than 25%	25.0%

- Athletic Season = First official practice to sectional start or school closure
- Extracurricular Season = First official practice to culminating event or school closure

NAME	POSITION	AMOUNT
Rich Horan	Baseball Varsity Coach	\$7,649.00

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*Ryan Knaul	Baseball Asst. Varsity	\$2,530.00
*Tyler Inkster	Baseball Asst. Varsity	\$2,530.00
*Zachary Jakubowski	Baseball Asst. Varsity	\$2,530.00
*Keith Allen	Baseball Junior Varsity	\$2,530.00
*Randolph Callaway	Baseball Freshman	\$2,530.00
Luke Collazzo	Golf Varsity	\$5,500.00
Paul Frantz	Golf Asst. Varsity	\$881.25 25%
Matthew Harter	Golf Asst. Varsity	\$2,643.75 75%
Erin Small	Softball Varsity	\$7,649.00
Maddy Meehan	Softball Asst. Varsity	\$5,056.00
Erica Wenzel	Softball Junior Varsity	\$5,056.00
Dan Carter	Softball Freshman	\$2,539.00
Chris Sylvester	Boys Tennis Varsity	\$6,175.00
Diane Bay	Boys Tennis Assistant	\$4,000.00
Steve Ireland	Boys Track & Field Varsity	\$7,649.00
Adam Cramer	Girls Track & Field Varsity	50% Varsity Stipend 50% Assistant Stipend \$6,352.50
Daniel Cosenza	Girls Track & Field Varsity	50% Varsity Stipend 50% Assistant Stipend \$6,352.50
Daniel Reed	Track & Field Assistant Boys	\$5,056.00
Roger Houghkirk	Track & Field Assistant Boys	\$5,056.00
Kimberly E. Johnson	Track & Field Assistant Girls	\$5,056.00
Krista Little	7/8 Grade Coed Track & Field	\$2,603.00
Patrice Kilvington	7/8 Grade Coed Track & Field As	\$1,225.00
Chris Harris	Spring Weight Training	\$1,461.60 60%
Dave Niglio	Spring Weight Training	\$974.40 40%
Scott LaPayover	Spring Athletic Trainer	\$5,253.00
John Walsh	Spring Asst. Athletic Director	\$2,825.29

SCHOOL	Confirmed HIB	Non-HIB	Total
AHS	0	0	0
HAS	0	0	0
MAS	0	0	0

XVI. Superintendent’s Report: Dr. Davis stated that the school district will continue the conversations of moving forward with bringing students back into the schools on a more regular basis.

XVII. Special Program Representatives:
 A. CCESC Rep. Rotation: **James Blumenstein** (Rolling)
 B. CCSBA Rep. Rotation: **Ammie Davis**

XVIII. Board Member Comments: Board Member Proulx stated that he attended a Sustainability workshop through NJSBA.

XIX. **Public Participation:** (Open Discussion):

The following questions were asked by the Public regarding the Pandemic Response Team Presentation:

Nicole Phillippi: What is being done for the students to return in September?

Cindy Nolan: Made a comment regarding the use of face shields for students to allow more in classroom.

Kevin Moran: Can we utilize spaces in other areas of the Community? Mr. Moran feels students are not being pushed enough.

Kelly Tomeo: What agency is advising the wearing of masks? What is the timeline for senior trip?

Vicki Hoover: If the district brings students back full-time, how will lunches be handled?

Audubon Education Association: On behalf of the AEA, we would like to thank Dr. Davis for including all our members in the Pandemic Response Team meetings. The AEA is in full support of exploring our options regarding Audubon Public School District’s Reopening Plan. Our common goal is to ensure the safety of students and staff alike. The true question we need to be asking and seeking answers to is how, where, and under what conditions all three of our schools can expand our day safely, so as to not endanger the lives of our beloved students, their caregivers, and each community’s educators.

Nicole Szymanski: I have concerns with the possibility of eating in the classroom. The virus can remain in the air for a number of hours and there are some new recommendations to double mask due to virus variants that are more contagious. Considering this, how can we allow kids to eat unmasked indoors when some classrooms are already not keeping kids 6 ft. apart?

Kevin Moran: The District needs to make bold decisions.

Kelly Kingler: If Wednesday is not a deep cleaning day, why is it not a school day?

Cindy Nolan: How many parents on the Pandemic Response Team are in the healthcare Industry?

Kate Gregoire: Does the Pandemic Response Team meet once monthly? Do we think this is aggressive enough?

Dr. Davis responded to some of the above questions as follows:

- Camden County Department of Health will come to our District and evaluate and we will add face shields to the conversation.
- Presentation will be posted on website
- The Administration team will meet and discuss “thinking outside the Box.”
- The earliest date for any change to school day will be March 22, 2021.
- The Senior trip is not officially cancelled but the date of trip has been moved to June.

Other public comments are below:

Mrs. Deich asked why the District is not teaching Science and Social Studies? Dr. Davis responded.

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XX. ADJOURNMENT

1. The next Board of Education meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, March 17, 2021 via video-conferencing at 6:30 PM.
2. Motion by Mr. Simpson seconded by Mr. Gilmore to adjourn meeting at approximately 9:48 pm.
Motion approved by unanimous roll call (10-0)

Motion to Approve: E. Simpson Second: R. Gilmore

Roll Call

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Deborah Roncace
Business Administrator/Board Secretary

The Audubon Board of Education reserves the right to add and/or delete motions or make changes to motions in this agenda up to the time of the meeting and during the actual meeting.