

NEGOTIATIONS SUB-COMMITTEE MEETING-December 15, 2014

HOOKSETT SCHOOL BOARD TUITION NEGOTIATION SUB-COMMITTEE MEETING with PINKERTON MINUTES

Monday December 15, 2014

Location of Meeting: Pinkerton Academy

CALL TO ORDER

J. McHugh called the Sub-committee Meeting to order at 2:04 pm.

ATTENDANCE

Hooksett Members: Dr. Phil Littlefield, Joanne McHugh, Amy Boilard, and Michael Berry

Pinkerton Members: Griffin Morse.

PROOF OF POSTING

Dr. Littlefield provided proof of posting.

NEW BUSINESS

J. McHugh stated that the proposed Pinkerton Contract was received by Hooksett and reviewed by the Hooksett School Board. The Board requested some changes to the language.

Griffin Morse reviewed the following changes:

- Hooksett voted to consider minimums - passed.
- Hooksett voted to bring the contract to public forum – passed.
- Hooksett requested language to include that if Pinkerton were to lose their accreditation. Pinkerton has always been accredited and there is no such language in any other contract.

J. McHugh stated that the change is a result of Pinkerton becoming a school of record and it was in the original contact with Manchester.

Dr. Littlefield stated that he believes the Hooksett public would like to see the language regarding accreditation in the contract.

Griffin Morse: Pinkerton would likely agree to the language change and add it to all other contracts as well.

- If the contract is not extended, all remaining Hooksett students would be allowed to complete at a tuition rate which is calculated in accordance with the contract. Pinkerton would be in agreement
- Hooksett would like clarification on the minimum enrollment calculation to be based on the average percent of 8th grade students selecting Pinkerton for 3 years.

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J. McHugh asked if Pinkerton would consider a rolling average.

Mr. Morse stated that was unlikely due to planning needs.

- Hooksett requested that Pinkerton consider designating 2 Trustees from Hooksett in the 4th year.
Pinkerton would prefer to discuss this issue in the 5th year once enrollments have been established.
- Are there any future construction plans
Pinkerton has no major construction plans for the near future. Currently there is work being done to the air circulation in the “Oval”. Over the summer, ACT will move for ground level access and the Saltmarsh Library is need of a new roof.
- Hooksett would like to know if the Derry SAU has any oversight at Pinkerton.
Derry does not. No town does.
- Hooksett would like reasonable access to educational records as well as issues regarding safety and operation of the school.
Pinkerton agrees to reasonable access.
- Hooksett proposed 10% of the 8th grade enrollment be set as the minimum.
Pinkerton’s response was very cold. Pinkerton thought that they were close to an agreement with the percentage being set by families. Taking an arbitrary number would not be like any other contract.

J. McHugh stated that there are Hooksett Board members that want to offer choice and we need to arrive at something acceptable to the Board and the public.

G. Morse: Clarified that the calculation to determine minimum enrollments is based on the percentage of 8th grade students and not high school students averaged over 3 consecutive years. That language will be cleaned up in the contract.

- November 1st deadline for selection.
- Hooksett was receptive to the 10 year contract with a 5 year rolling option.

G. Morse stated that he would immediately send an explanation of the minimum enrollment calculations and look at new wording and committed to having it to Hooksett by December 16th for their next Board meeting.

J. McHugh suggested the enrollments be based on 4 years of data with a 5th year fixed minimum.

- Hooksett requested that Pinkerton direct all students enrolling at Pinkerton during the summer be redirected to the Hooksett SAU

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Pinkerton was in agreement

- Appendix changes were noted

ADJOURNMENT

J. McHugh adjourned the meeting at 3:12 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Lee Ann Moynihan