

HOOKSETT SCHOOL BOARD MEETING – September 19, 2017

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HOOKSETT SCHOOL BOARD MEETING MINUTES Tuesday, September 19, 2017 – 6:00 p.m. David R. Cawley Middle School Media Center

CALL TO ORDER

Phil Denbow, Chair called the meeting to order at 6:08 pm.

Pledge of Allegiance - – Kiareese Perez, Grade 5, Hooksett Memorial School

ATTENDANCE

Phil Denbow, Chairman, Adam Gianunzio, Lindsey Laliberte, Kara Salvas, James Sullivan and Allan Whatley.

Absent: Greg Martakos

Dr. Phil Littlefield, Superintendent, Marge Polak, Assistant Superintendent, and Karen Lessard, Business Administrator.

PROOF OF POSTING

Dr. Charles P. Littlefield provided proof of posting.

APPROVAL OF MINUTE

Approval of September 5, 2017 Minutes

J. Sullivan motioned to approve the minutes of September 5, 2017 as presented.

Seconded by K. Salvas.

Vote unanimously in favor

OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

No public comment at this time.

REPORTS

Reports of Standing Committee

K. Salvas reported that SERESC is going through some reorganization because the building is being sold.

UPDATES FROM DR. CHARLES P. LITTLEFIELD, Superintendent of Schools

PRESENTATION – Learning Enhancement Plan #1

S. HARRISES, B. LOI, and M. BENSON made the presentation.

See attached overview

PERSONNEL

Co-Curricular Nominations

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*J. Sullivan motioned to approve the co-curricular nomination for Memorial and Underhill as presented (Abigail Levy – Band; Karen Murray and Susan Salcito– Professional Development). Seconded by K. Salvas
Vote unanimously in favor*

FINANCE

Review of Manifest and Action Relating Thereto

K. Salvas motioned to approve the manifest for September 19, 2017 in the amount of \$740,043.99. Seconded by L. Laliberte.

Vote unanimously in favor.

Budget Adjustments

J. Sullivan motioned to approve the Budget Adjustments in the amount of \$17,353.59. Seconded by A. Whatley.

Vote unanimously in favor.

OLD BUSINESS

Hooksett School Board Goals

The Board reviewed the progress on the goals.

Full-Day Kindergarten (discussion)

This is an ongoing agenda item.

Dr. Littlefield: The Board needs to start discussing their commitment to all day kindergarten and what the timeline will be.

What would be the steps?

Dr. Littlefield: We would engage the Turner Group to do an estimate and finalize this maybe even expand on it a little more. This is conceptual. Bring someone in like Bonnet, Page, and Stone to look at the architectural design and come up with a hard and fast number. They estimated 3-5 million dollars; that is a wide range. Then the Board could put a warrant article on. One way is to have a warrant article in March to engage the architect to do construction plans and then the following year, you would seek to have a warrant article approved for the actual construction. Another way is in March to have a warrant article for the addition that would include the construction and design cost. There would have to be some discussion to include the fields at Cawley and the upgrades at Underhill. I was pleased that the take on Underhill wasn't millions of dollars to catch up. The addition to the building and the field; do you package it into three (3) warrants or one (1) each year? There are a number of options. There needs to be some discussion once you know the direction you want to go. Do you do a four (4) million dollar 10 year bond or you could do 20 years. The warrant article would have to pass by a 60% vote.

P. Denbow: Can you word the article to say that it is tied to Kindergarten?

L. Laliberte: Can we do Kindergarten without an addition?

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Dr. Littlefield: There are not enough classrooms. We have three (3) Kindergarten classrooms and we would need 7 or 8.

Allan Whatley suggested dealing with the fields in the budget.

A. Whatley: We have to sell the Kindergarten program. We should suggest all-day Kindergarten with a full curriculum upgrade.

I suggest we contact UNH and do what they've done with energy and technology.

P. Denbow: I agree that the fields should be done within the operating budget. I also think you should tie the Underhill upgrades to Kindergarten.

Dr. Littlefield: If you want the field's addressed, we need to engage Turner for more work. What they gave us is only conceptual.

K. Salvas motioned to authorize the Administration to work with the Turner Group to come up with final costs for the field to become part of the 2018-2019 operating budget. Seconded by A. Whatley.

Vote 5:1 motion carried

J. Sullivan: I vote no because I haven't seen the cost or the budget to know if I would support this as a part of the operating budget or as a warrant article. I want to know the actual operating budget.

Dr. Littlefield: You may want to in parallel, pursue things the way they are normally done. If you want to look at UNH, do that independently. There are standards for Energy Efficient schools. On another project in another district we would have gotten a high amount of building aid if it was LEAD Certified but the payback was 735 years so we did not do that.

The warrant article for the roof is specific for the roof so that money can only be used for the roof at Underhill.

Dr. Littlefield: You have taken action on the fields. If you move on the addition as well, we can look at the report and have another discussion. If you do \$300,000 for the fields and a warrant for the addition, you may decide in subsequent years you may subsidize the \$300,000 and don't bond this. Then the roof is already taken of. The only thing you are borrowing for is the addition and you are using the savings in the capital cost to manage these other items.

You need to make a decision on whether you want to pursue all day Kindergarten.

If so, you need more space and you need to get rid of the portable classrooms.

K. Salvas motioned to allow the Administration to engage the Turner Group to further refine this addition and come up with a cost for the project. Seconded by J. Sullivan.

Vote 5:1.

Dr. Littlefield reminded the Board that they have a goal already set for all day kindergarten which has five (5) initiatives that were established at the Board's Retreat.

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A. Gianunzio motioned to have A. Whatley engage with UNH's alternative energy program in parallel with our discussion with the Turner Group to see if it is feasible and pursue grants. Seconded by K. Salvas.

Vote unanimously in favor.

J. Sullivan motioned that the School Board supports the implementation of a full day kindergarten program. Seconded by L. Laliberte.

Vote unanimously in favor

NEW BUSINESS

Description of Turner Group Reports (discussion)

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NO public comment

ADJOURNMENT

K. Salvas motioned to adjourn. Seconded by L. Laliberte.

Vote unanimously in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Lee Ann Moynihan

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Hooksett School Board is **Tuesday, October 3, 2017** at 6:00 p.m. at David R. Cawley Middle School Media Center