

**HOOKSETT SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
MINUTES**

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 18, 2018

LOCATION OF MEETING: David R. Cawley Middle School Media Center

APPROVED

CALL TO ORDER

L. Laliberte, Acting Chair called the meeting to order at 6:03 pm.

Pledge of Allegiance – George Kalampalikis-Grade 8, Cawley Middle School

ATTENDANCE

Lindsey Laliberte, Vice-Chair, Adam Gianunzio, Greg Martakos, Mike Somers, and James Sullivan.

Absent: Phil Denbow and Kara Salvas

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

PROOF OF POSTING

Proof of posting was provided by Dr. Charles P. Littlefield

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Approval of December 4, 2018 Minutes

G. Martakos motioned to approve the minutes of December 4, 2018. Seconded by A. Gianunzio. Vote unanimously in favor

OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

Wayne Goertel, 33 Park Lane: I am a member of the Budget Committee and a resident of Hooksett. I listened and watched the last School Board meeting and was interested in the Warrant articles presented. I support Adams initiative to create a sub-committee to work on the School Budget presentation. I would like to share some information which I put together. (Copies were distributed to the Board) There are two (2) copies. One is the Town Budget which we receive ahead of time along with the books. The Budget is broken down by department with actual and previous years budgets as well as Administrative cuts and Council's cuts. Their backup easy to follow and view. The challenge with the school budget was we were surprised to receive no books along with the excel file this year. The following meeting we met with the staff but the challenge was the accounts didn't match the books. I generated a new copy of the excel budget by school and account. I thought this would provide some background. The school board video I watch discussed the warrant articles. Due to the Revaluation in town, the tax burden has shifted to residential, the community will have a different focus on the budget than in past years.

A. Gianunzio: I appreciate Mr. Goertel coming to the School Board meeting. It is a statement of the future and I think we have worked well together and we have been on the same page. This is

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the first time that a Budget Committee member has come to a School Board meeting and I look forward to the future

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

No updates

PRESENTATION-ALPS Update

The Principals from Cawley, Memorial, and Underhill gave an update on the ALPS Program and the ALPS teachers shared a video of the students' projects.

REPORTS

Reports of Standing Committees

L. Laliberte, Communication Committee: The Committee now has a Facebook Page and they are working on a website which will soon go live.

FINANCE

Review of Manifest and Action Relating Thereto

G. Martakos motioned to approve the Budget Adjustments for December 18, 2018, 2018 in the amount of \$932,376.20. Seconded by A. Gianunzio.

Vote unanimously in favor.

Budget Adjustment

G. Martakos motioned to approve the Budget Adjustments for December 18, 2018 in the amount of \$19,376.28. Seconded by A. Gianunzio.

Vote unanimously in favor

OLD BUSINESS

Goals – The Administration will meet tomorrow to review the goals and updates will be made for the first meeting of the month.

NEW BUSINESS

Warrant Articles*

2. Shall the Hooksett School District vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$4,806,455 for the purpose of constructing and equipping an addition/renovation at the Fred C. Underhill School to address security, safety, and accessibility deficiencies; as well as the capacity to offer full day kindergarten and to authorize the issuance of not more than \$4,806,455 of bonds or notes under and in compliance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act (RSA33 et.seq., as amended); and to authorize the Hooksett School Board to apply for, accept and expend federal, state or other aid, if any, which may be available for said project and to comply with all laws applicable to said project; and to authorize the Hooksett School Board to issue, negotiate, sell and deliver such bonds or notes and to determine the rate of interest thereon and the maturity and other terms thereof; and to authorize the Hooksett School Board to take any action or to pass any other vote relative thereto; and further to raise and appropriate and addition sum of \$_____ for the first year's payment on the bond. (3/5 ballot vote required)

K. Lessard: We need to wait for the final budget numbers from the Budget Committee.

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3. Shall the Hooksett School District raise and appropriate as an operating budget, not including appropriations by special warrant articles and other appropriations voted separately, the amounts set forth on the budget posted with the warrant or as amended by vote of the first session, for the purpose set forth therein, totaling \$_____? Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be \$_____, which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the Hooksett School District or by law; or the governing body may hold one special meeting, in accordance with RSA 40:13, X and XVI, to take up the issue of a revised operating budget only.

K. Lessard: The bond requires a public hearing which must be held between January 11, 2019 and January 15, 2019.

A public hearing will be held at the Cawley Middle School on Monday, January 14th, 2019 at 6:00 pm

4. Shall the Hooksett School District raise and appropriate the sum of \$95,500 to be added to the Construction and Equipment Capital Reserve Fund established in March of 1990? This sum to come from June 30, 2019 fund balance available for transfer on July 1, 2019. No amount to be raised from taxation. NOTE: This is the fourth payment of a four year plan to acquire the funds needed to replace the roof on the Fred C. Underhill School.

Draft Calendar

Dr. Littlefield suggested that the School Board form a sub-committee to look at the school calendar. There was a Calendar Committee in place a few years ago which made recommendations and reviewed the day vs hourly calendar.

Dr. Littlefield will add it to the list of committee to be assigned by the Board next year.

G. Martakos motioned to table the Draft Calendar. Seconded by J. Sullivan.

Vote unanimously in favor.

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ADJOURNMENT

G. Martakos motioned to adjourn at 7:15 pm. Seconded by M. Somers.

Vote unanimously in favor

Respectfully submitted,

Lee Ann Moynihan

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Hooksett School Board is Tuesday, January 8, 2019, at 6:00 p.m. at the David R. Cawley Middle School.