

APPROVED MINUTES

HOOKSETT SCHOOL BOARD MEETING MINUTES

TUESDAY, MAY 7, 2019 6:00 p.m.

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

CALL TO ORDER

Board Vice-Chair, Kara Salvas, called the meeting to order at 6:01 pm.

Those in attendance were Board members Adam Gianunzio, James Sullivan and Mike Somers; Fred C. Underhill Principal, Ben Loi, Hooksett Memorial Principal, Steve HARRISES, and David R. Cawley Middle School Principal, Matt Benson; Director of Student Services, Christine GIALOUSIS, Director of Math, Assessment and Accountability, Meghan LARGY, Technology Director, Dan ROMA, and Media Director, Justine THAIN; Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Phil LITTLEFIELD; Assistant Superintendent, Marge POLAK; and Business Administrator, Karen LESSARD.

Principal Loi, introduced second grader, Nathaniel Ranier, who led the attendees in the Pledge of Allegiance.

PROOF OF POSTING

Dr. Littlefield provided the proof of posting.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Jim Sullivan, seconded by Mike Somers, to approve the minutes of April 16, 2019, and the motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Jim Sullivan, seconded by Adam Gianunzio, to approve the sealed, non-public minutes of April 16, 2019, and the motion carried unanimously.

OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

There was no participation.

PRESENTATION-Special Education

Director of Student Services, Christine GIALOUSIS presented an update on Special Education and Title I. Christine was joined by Preschool Teacher, Lisa POLLARD, as well as the three Hooksett Principals. Looking toward the future, Christine stated that discussions will need to take place about planning and supporting growing preschool needs.

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

No new updates.

REPORTS

Adam Gianunzio praised Principal's Loi and HARRISES on the recent Art Event. He said it was a great event and that there was a big improvement at Underhill compared to last year. Jim Sullivan stated that the Invention Convention Team from Memorial was on the television show Chronicle. Adam Gianunzio commended Principal Benson on having the 7th graders learn CPR, and that there is significant value to it. Some discussion ensued relative to where to place the new AED Machines. Kara Salvas thanked Marge Polak for Progress Monitoring, and said work had begun on the new Superintendent Evaluation.

FINANCE

Motion by Adam Gianunzio, seconded by, Mike Somers, to accept the May 7, 2019 manifest in the amount of \$1,435,152.46, and the motion carried unanimously.

PERSONNEL

Resignations

Motion by Jim Sullivan, seconded by Adam Gianunzio, to accept, with thanks and appreciation for services, the retirement of Music Teacher, Natalie Latham, and the motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Jim Sullivan, seconded by Mike Somers, to accept, with thanks and appreciation for services, the retirement of Teacher, Nicole Rodway, and the motion carried unanimously.

Superintendent's Nomination

Ben Loi introduced Jennifer Colantuoni, nominee for Assistant Principal, saying she was chosen out of a field of 51 applicants.

Motion by Jim Sullivan, seconded by Mike Somers, to accept the Superintendent's Nomination of Jennifer Colantuoni as Assistant Principal at the Fred C. Underhill School, and the motion carried unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

Goals

Goals were reviewed. Dr. Littlefield stated goals are all reflected in the Administrator's reports.

Full-Day Kindergarten

Kara Salvias said this item was briefly discussed at the last board meeting, and some discussion ensued relative to conducting a study, creating a steering committee, and what full-day Kindergarten would look like. Dr. Littlefield suggested it be discussed at length and by the full board at the Board Retreat in June. Should they decide to pursue full-day Kindergarten, the board will begin the process earlier than in years past.

NEW BUSINESS

School Lunch Prices

Karen Lessard stated that USDA regulations require that federally funded school lunches do not subsidize paid lunches. She said that because the federal lunch costs \$3.00 and elementary and middle school lunches cost \$2.75 and \$2.90, respectively, the district needs to show an effort moving in that direction. She suggested raising the cost to \$2.90 for elementary, and \$3.00 at middle school.

Motion by Jim Sullivan, seconded by Adam Gianunzio, to make the necessary increase in lunch fees as requested, and the motion carried unanimously.

Draft Meeting Schedule

Motion by Mike Somers, seconded by Adam Gianunzio, to accept the Meeting Schedule with the following amendment, and the motion carried unanimously. Amendment: Strike reference to Kiwanis Dinner.

Kara Salvias stated that the baseball field behind Cawley is 'currently a disaster'. She said a substantial amount of money was paid for the landscaping of the fields and they can't be used. Grading is a problem and the area is so wet that the boys can't play on the field. It is unacceptable. Dr. Littlefield stated that the field project is not complete. He said grading is an important step in the process, and must be done when the turf is dormant. November is the ideal time to grade, but since it snowed and rained in November, the equipment couldn't be used. Dr. Littlefield added that The Hooksett Parks and Recreation Department is having staffing issues, and that the Hooksett School District's custodial staff are not landscaping professionals. Maintenance Director, Ray Gagnon, is looking into hiring an outside company to assist. Dr. Littlefield added that the project is not done, therefore is not fully paid off, and that he doesn't anticipate having a problem when the project is completed.

POLICY REVIEW

Second Reading/Adoption

Policies GCI, GDM, JI, JIA, JIBA, and JICA were reviewed as a Second Reading.

Motion by Jim Sullivan, seconded by Mike Somers, to approve the policies as presented, and the motion carried unanimously. By approving the policies as presented, Policy GDM has been eliminated.

NON-PUBLIC SESSION (if needed)

Not needed.

OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

Wayne Goertel, (Park Lane) from the Hooksett Budget Committee, stated that he is excited that, should the board choose to pursue full-day Kindergarten, they will begin the process earlier, allowing for budget committee involvement. He added that he is interested in seeing a bond get through.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Mike Somers, seconded by Adam Gianunzio to adjourn at 7:40 p.m., and the motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Rebecca SJ McCarthy
Acting Board Secretary

The next regularly scheduled meeting at the Hooksett School Board is **Tuesday, May 21, 2019** at 6:00 p.m. at the David R. Cawley Middle School Media Center.