

HOOKSETT SCHOOL BOARD MEETING – November 5, 2019

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Tuesday, November 5, 2019

MINUTES

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

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Denbow called the meeting to order at 6:03 pm.

Pledge of Allegiance Trip Hanna

PROOF OF POSTING

Proof of posting provided by Superintendent Rearick

ATTENDANCE

Acting Chair Kara Salvas, Lindsay Laliberte, Michael Somers, Jim Sullivan.

Absent: Phil Denbow and Greg Martakos

Staff: William Rearick, Superintendent, Marge Polak, Assistant Superintendent, Amy Ransom, Business Administrator, Principals and Directors

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Approval of October 15, 2019 Minutes

*K. Salvas motioned to approve the Minutes of October 15, 2019. Seconded by G. Martakos
Vote unanimously in favor*

Approval of October 15, 2019 Budget Meeting Minutes

K. Salvas and greg

OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

Jillian Godbout at 7 almeda lande. I'm here to advocate for families in hooksett for bussing.

I've done a lot of research on policy and found the code of conduct buried in a student handbooks and have talked with parents. We noticed the transportation committee that the Board had is lnot working. Their governing document is over 11 years old. Did parent or clients have any say in its development. We arer not here to go after the bus drivers or anyone in particular. But here is a huge concern from parents that are not being heard. They are told when they call to call the bus company and vis vs. Their concerns are not being met and they don't get called ack. I understand the bus is a separate company but they are contracted by the school snad the majority of our families use the bus. I thyped up some suggestions on apps to beter time the schedule. What can we do get the transportation committee up and running again and getting parents

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involved in that committee. But first how can we get so our parents are being heard

Chris LaCroix: The board is aware there are issues with busing. I requested a stop be added to Grant drive. Now they pick up at Morgan and Grant and then go down to Main and over the bridge. The majority of the kids walk a long distance to the stop. They say they can't get a bus around Thompson and I think they don't want to talk to us. I would like a bus stop at the intersection of Grant drive and Short Ave. These are all first and second graders.

Cait Griffin, 23 Goffstown Road: My son was on a sped bus that was involved in an accident. I get a call from the SRO and told he was ok. He is special ed and He is not ok. The school reports to me that there is front end damage to the bus. I then saw on WMUR that it went through a light or it ran a stop sign. I get text over many things but not even a call that my son who cannot communicate that he was involved in an accident. I need communication, You owe it to me and other parents to communicate in that situation.

W. Goertel: I am here to express concern over transparency with the School Budget. I came last year and expressed concern. Looking at the town budget I can see agendas, and minutes and presentation and can watch these on video. We could do prep work after viewing the town's meetings. I could not find such information on the School website. I'm concerned that the budget was discussed without being posted and minutes taken. I did receive a note that we are getting presentation in December. Unfortunately, we are following the state mandates of reviewing the budget and hopefully will have an opportunity before December.

A. Gianounzio thank the parents for coming forward and particularly appreciated the parent of the student in the accident. We need to be aware of the specific communication issues with the students on the Special Bus.

P. Denbow: We will look to have a parent on the committee. We need a cheat sheet of what to do if you have an issue and include that in the parent packet.

G. Martakos: One of the biggest complaints is the parents call the bus company and get no help. I think the initial contact is to the SAU and the cheat sheet should be on the website. Also in drafting the policy, maybe do a survey with parents that use the bus so we can vet out the complaints early.

P. Denbow: To repeat, don't use social media to communicate. We don't know if something is wrong if you post things on social media. Contact someone or send an email.

L. Laliberte: Another frustration is after the bus company is closed and the SAU staff is gone. What should you do?

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SUPERINTENDENT'S UPDATES -William Rearick

On October 10th I attended the Pinkerton Headmaster/Superintendents meeting. Tuition rates were discussed and Mr. Powers informed us that we could expect up to a 4% increase. The new driveway to Tsienetto Road was opened on October 24th. This will allow for better access and safety on that side of campus and improve traffic flow. There was also discussion on the impact of Medicaid emergency rules on sending districts.

On October 18th I attended the NHSAA South Central Superintendents meeting. We received an update on the new Medicaid emergency rules form Mr. Henry Lipman. While the state is examining options to increase Medicaid reimbursement to school districts, it appears the emergency rules will be in place for the next few months.

I performed a walkthrough of the Cawley School on October 21st.

A principals meeting was held on October 24th to discuss various issues.

On October 25th Phil Denbow, Marge Polak and I attended the fall Pinkerton Board of Trustees meeting which was held at Pinkerton Academy. We recieved updates frm the president of the Board Dr. William Nevius and Headmaster Dr. Tim Powers.

REPORTS

Reports of Administrators

Reports of Standing Committees

PERSONNEL

FINANCE

Review of Manifest and Action Relating Thereto

M. Somers motioned to approve the manifest for November 5, 2019 in the amount of \$ 2,779,000.69 Secoded by K.Salvas

Vote unanimously in favor

OLD BUSINESS

Goals

M. Poalk updated the goals with fields, curriculum and assessments

Classroom guidelines will be discussed tonight.

Budget

A.Ransom: before the meeting I got the numbers for high school lnumbers. We budgeted evrone into Pinkerton and now I have redistributed the students and the budget went down \$78,000 as a result.

The default is .53% increase and proposed is at 2.59%

M. Somers looked at class size. We are under what our policy is. Is our policy accurate then we should be budgeting for that.

The policy is K=2 is 20 and 3-8 is 25.

W. Rearck sated those numbers were reasonable.

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W. Rearick: This is a needs based budget. The Principal advocated for additional music and art and that did not get into the budget. The budget you have is what you need and I understand that you need to do diligence. If it is cut we have the opportunity at the end of the year to use fund balance.

W. Rearick: The UA numbers are low because the students choose from 8 UA. I don't believe it is possible to combine resources without impacting programs.

P. Denbow: I reread the homeland security audit and looked at what we wanted to do. We've updated the video in all schools. They also talked about updated the entrance, specifically Underhill.

I understand the upgrades need to be made and the video aspects were done in stages (1 per year). My suggestion is Underhill this year and next year doing Memorial and the 3rd year Cawley. I think it is reasonable.

Underhill Vestibules 8389

Memorial 8297

15,882

Totl 32,568

ADA

Underhill \$64,000 (ada nurse restroom and visitor restroom) ADA push buttons \$8000.

Camera system \$4000

Memorial – push bottom vestibules 8000, push bottoms 8000 4000

Cawley 8000, 8000, 4000

P. Denbow: That would represent a savings of \$62,000 if we phase.

Remove the vestibule glass at Memorial and Cawley and Double buzzers and camera buzzers
\$\$32,179

***P. Denbow motioned to cut \$32,179 from the budget. Seconded by G. Martakos
Vote unanimously in favor***

\$35,288,103. Total for a 2.5% increase

NEW BUSINESS

Bussing Discussion

G. Martakos: I did receive calls regarding bus drivers yelling and swearing at students. I also had complaints about the company responding to issue from residents.

J. Sullivan: there are at least 7 or 8 transportation policies. When we get a request for a change it goes to the BA and then to the subcommittee.

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G. Martakos: If we are going to update the transportation guidelines, the Board should every few years review the stops.

J. Sullivan: We do approve and review the bus routes every August.

W.Rearick: I talked to the bus manager and she brought the driver in and disciplined them and stated that cannot happen again. If parents experience a similar situation tell the SAU. It is not up to the parents to battle with the bus company.

K.Salvas: I feel for the parents and have been there. I made several calls to the bus company years ago. We made changes to stops then that made more sense.I would think we should work out a procedure that makes sense.

W. Rearick: Regarding the notification of the accident, I will speak to Mr. Benson who is now on a field trip when he gets back.

L. Laliberte: If there is complaint you need to get an email. We don't always see it on social media. Typically committees are put together at the end of the year for the following year but since it has been 11 years and we now have kindergarten we may want to review these policies and procedures and change the charge of the committee.

K. Salvas motioned to approve the proposed 35,255,924. Budget as amended. Seconded by G. Martakos

Vote unanimously in favor

Field Trip Requests – Grade 6 Museum of Fin Arts, Boston on December 19, 2019

K. Salvas motioned to approve the 6th grade field trip to the Museum of Fine Arts. Seconded by G. Martakos

Vote unanimously in favor

POLICIES

First Reading JCB-R, AC, GCCBC, BBA-R, JFABD, JIA, JICD, JLCC/JLCC-R and JLF

AC – Nondiscrimination – adding language as written to be compliant with state law

GCCBC – Family Medical Leave- Adopt a new policy

BBA-R – School Board Powers and Duties = recommending that #12 be eliminated

JFABD – Admission of Homeless Students – recommending the new policy as written
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JIA – Students Due Process Rights = recommending adding a new sentence

JICD – Student Conduct, Discipline and Due Process -

JLCC – Communicable diseases

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JLCC-R Pediculosis Control Policy

JLF – Reporting Child Abuse or Neglect – add language

75% of 8th grade class chose Pinkerton which is well above the minimum number.

J. Sullivan motioned to approve the 1st reading. Seocnded by K. Salvas
Vote unanimously in favor

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V. OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

B. Soucy: My kids have been on the bus for 10 years and have been fortunate to not have any issues. The rei svideo in all those buses. I think the first line of defense is not to talk to the bus company but to the SAU> And the SAU must monitor and track these issues. The only way to effect change is to go to the Board land the SAU

Godbout Thank you for hearing our input and look forward to the changes. Netxt Tuesday, we are having coffee with the SB. Some parents think the only lreason to come t the SB is to complain and this is an ohave some back and forth discussion.pportunity to

ADJOURNMENT

*K. Salvas motioned to adjourn at 7:35 pm. Secoded by M.Somers.
Vote unanimously in favor*

Respectfully submitted

Lee Ann Moynihan

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Hooksett School Board is Tuesday, September 17, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. at the David R. Cawley Middle School Media Center.