

HOOKSETT SCHOOL BOARD MEETING – January 19, 2021

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HOOKSETT SCHOOL BOARD MEETING MINUTES TUESDAY, January 19, 2021 6:00 p.m. David R. Cawley Middle School Media Center

CALL TO ORDER

Acting Chair, Greg Martakos called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ATTENDANCE

G. Martakos, W. Goertel, J. Godbout, (virtually) L. Laliberte, K. Salvas, and J. Sullivan
Superintendent Rearick and Assistant Superintendent Polak
Principals Loi, Harris and Benson. Special Ed Director Gialousis

PROOF OF POSTING

William Rearick, Superintendent of Schools provided proof of posting.

MINUTES

Approval of December 15, 2020 Board Meeting Minutes

K. Salvas motioned to approve the minutes of December 15th, 2020 as presented. Seconded by W. Goertel.

Roll Call Vote unanimously in favor.

Approval of Non-public, Sealed Minutes of December 15, 2020 meeting.

J. Sullivan motioned to approve the minutes of December 15th, 2020 as presented. Seconded by K. Salvas.

Vote unanimously in favor.

OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

No comments

SUPERINTENDENT'S UPDATES*- Bill Rearick

Superintendent Rearick review the process for the Deliberative Session. There is a meeting this Friday to review the set up. It will be set up in the gymnasium with the overflow in the cafeteria. Non-residents will be in the media center and there will be a designated area for anyone that does not wear a mask. Mr. Roma has contacted an audio company to handle the issue of multiple locations.

Last week I participated in the State Renovation Project for Rte. 3 meeting.

New higher quality Chrome books are being delivered and will be swapped out.

REPORTS

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Reports of Administrators

K. Salvas asked Principal Loi if the process for Kindergarten selection will be the same as last year?

B. Loi stated it will be the same with a virtual online format. The request will be online and they will indicate full day or half day. The information night will be via zoom and information on the program as well as the lottery process will be explained.

J. Sullivan asked about the report for Special Services out of district placement numbers.

C. Gialousis: These are projections we knew were going to happen. We have some court involved and more extreme behavior issues with substances happening at the high school. This also showcases the Charter Schools; with remote learning some chose Charter Schools, and some chose home schooling.

Reports of Sub-Committees

W. Goertel stated the NHSBA Delegate Assembly is Saturday, virtually and asked the Board for their input.

K. Salvas suggested sending the resolutions to the Board via email for review and if anyone has an issue, they can make comments; otherwise, it is up to you, Wayne as the designee to vote.

FINANCE

Manifest Approval

W. Goertel motioned to approve the manifest of December 15, 2020 in the amount of \$2,165,045.57. Seconded by K. Salvas.

W. Goertel Yes

L. Laliberte Yes

K. Salvas Yes

J. Godbout Yes

J. Sullivan Yes

G. Martakos Yes

Vote 6:0 motion carried.

Expenditure Report

Proposed Budget

This will be addressed under Warrant Articles.

\$35,522,192 vs \$35,342,0192

OLD BUSINESS

Goals

W. Rearick: In Auburn, we are looking at developing a strategic plan for the district rather than goals. It is easier to see when people go on the website. I am more familiar with that

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process. It gives the Administration and teachers direction but also helps drive budget costs.

With regards to goals update tonight, Technology is ongoing and fluid: cameras with a wider view, microphones and headsets were purchased.

Deliberative Session Format – Bill Rearick

Superintendent stated that the district will go forward with an in-person session while observing social distancing and masks will be available. We will also meet with the Town regarding the audio set up. Everything will be cleaned Friday night to be ready for the Town on Saturday. All information will be posted on the website.

W. Goertel asked if the Budget Committee could be seated in front of the public as well.

NEW BUSINESS

Approval of Warrant Articles

Article 2 Contract

W. Goertel motioned to recommend Article 2 as written. Seconded by J. Sullivan.

W. Goertel Yes

L. Laliberte Yes

K. Salvas Yes

J. Godbout Yes

J. Sullivan Yes

G. Martakos Yes

Vote 6:0 motion carried.

Article 3 – Operating Budget

K. Salvas motioned to recommend Article 3 as written. Seconded by J. Sullivan.

W. Goertel stated that this article shows a tax impact of .17 increases verses the town's tax impact which shows the actual total impact, and it would be better if they both were the same. This would be easier for the public in making their decisions at the polls.

W. Rearick stated that is Amy Ransom's area of expertise and possibly this can be addressed next year in preparing the warrants.

J. Sullivan stated that the way the School Board shows the tax as an increase is clearer than the way the town does it.

W. Goertel No

L. Laliberte No

K. Salvas No

J. Godbout No

J. Sullivan No

G. Martakos No

Vote 0:6 motion fails. (Not Recommended)

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Article 4 – Technology Trust Fund

L. Laliberte motioned to recommend Article 4 as written. Seconded by W. Goertel.

W. Goertel Yes

L. Laliberte Yes

K. Salvas Yes

J. Godbout Yes

J. Sullivan Yes

G. Martakos Yes

Vote 6:0 motion carried.

Article 5 – Construction Trust Fund

L. Laliberte motioned to recommend Article 5. Seconded K. Salvas.

W. Goertel Yes

L. Laliberte Yes

K. Salvas Yes

J. Godbout Yes

J. Sullivan Yes

G. Martakos Yes

Vote 6:0 motion carried.

Motions to be made at Deliberative Session.

Article 2 - G. Martakos/ W. Goertel

Article 3 - K. Salvas/J. Godbout

Article 4 - W. Goertel/J. Sullivan

Article 5 - P. Denbow/L. Laliberte

Website Discussion – Greg Martakos

G. Martakos asked for this to be put on the agenda to start the discussion to make the website more user friendly and Would like to give the Administration guidance so they can get RFPs.

M. Polak stated that the difficulty with the website is that we are an SAU, but we don't function as an SAU. This was developed at a time when one of the districts was looking to withdraw. That made things complicated and we do agree with everything that you and Greg have talked about but we need to determine who uses the website. Many parents just want their tweeter and Facebook pages. It is not a bad idea, but we don't have any money in the budget. The website design is housed in the SAU budget. We can look at getting RFP's and get some Board feedback. We will then have to look at this and talk to the other Boards and bring it up at an SAU Board meeting. We then have the issue with social media and what are our policies regarding this.

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W. Rearick: With most of our parents getting their information from tweeter, Facebook and Bright Arrow, how much do we want to invest in this. We need to know that it is something that will be used more frequently.

L. Laliberte stated that people are getting their information from tweeter or Facebook, but the follow required is to find forms or documents on the website.

G. Martakos: Even if the other towns don't want to do it, we should update Hooksett.

W. Goertel suggested establishing a working group to start the process.

Superintendent's Evaluation – Non-public

2021/2022 School Start Date – Discussion

Superintendent Rearick stated that he will begin to build the calendar for next year and wants to address the question of “before or after Labor Day” start. The hope is that we will be back to normal by September.

K. Salvas suggested before Labor Day since it is on the 6th of September which is late.

L. Laliberte stated the teachers would start on August 30, 31st and September 1st and students would return on the 2nd and 3rd.

M. Benson stated that Cawley does their open house on the 31st and it is a night event.

Superintendent Rearick will prepare a draft calendar for the Board's review and approval.

Pinkerton Academy Contract - Discussion

W. Goertel: Greg Martakos along with colleagues for Auburn and Candia got together after winter break to talk about the Pinkerton Contract which is up for renewal this year. We had members of the Pinkerton Board of Trustees present at that meeting. We discussed budget availability. For specific details of what was discussed, we should be in non-public session.

PERSONNEL

No action.

POLICIES

Second Reading

JLDBB Suicide Prevention -

KBA Public Information Program

K. Salvas motioned to approve the 2nd reading of policies JLDBB and KBA as presented.

Seconded by L. Laliberte.

W. Goertel Yes

L. Laliberte Yes

K. Salvas Yes

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J. Godbout *Yes*

J. Sullivan *Yes*

G. Martakos *Yes*

Vote 6:0 motion carried.

First Reading

JLCJ Concussions and Head Injuries-added language; state requires a policy and protocols which each school has in place.

CFB Building Principals/Special Education Director Evaluation-This is to account for other members of Admin. Team.

J. Sullivan corrected punctuation in CFB.

K. Salvas motioned to approve the 1st reading of JLCJ and CFB. Seconded by J. Sullivan.

W. Goertel *Yes*

L. Laliberte *Yes*

K. Salvas *Yes*

J. Godbout *Yes*

J. Sullivan *Yes*

G. Martakos *Yes*

Vote 6:0 motion carried.

J. Sullivan stated that the committee discussed the protocol when the Board receives a concern or question from a citizen as well as who is responsible for responding to Facebook and School Board emails. Kara provided information from a workshop.

W. Rearick: A draft will be submitted at the next meeting.

OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

B. Soucy, Budget Committee, 500 West River Rd: Thank you for all that you do. You have worked with us this year very well, and I appreciate that. We all understand how difficult it is to put budgets together and anticipate what is coming 18 months in advance. I'd like to ask someone on the Board to forward to me your Moderator's information. The website is awful and I'm pretty sure that information isn't on there. In reference to an earlier discussion regarding the tax impact; I had a discussion with Amy, and she stated that she as the Business Administrator gets to choose which way that she presents it and both ways are correct. You can either identify the full tax rate or you can identify the change in the tax rate. That is at her and your discretion. I would like to see the full impact, but I understand Mr. Sullivan's points. I think it shows more clearly what it will cost the taxpayer. I think we showed the recommendation numbers on the ballot last year. It could have been two years ago that we changed it. It could be beneficial for the voter.

M. Benson: I wanted to ask Mr. Rearick to put on the agenda the 8th Grade trip to Washington DC. We are currently planning the four (4) day before April vacation so I would

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like to discuss that. There are many questions from parents and as of today the trip is still planned.

J. Sullivan stated that he understands that this was pushed to April this year, but assumed it will revert back to the Fall next year.

M. Benson: The Board had requested we move the event to October this year and we moved to April due to the Pandemic. It will be up to Board to move forward or reschedule to June. We have not yet discussed it with the Board, but we planned to bring the trip forward to April for 2022 as well.

NON-PUBLIC SESSION: RSA 91-A:3 Section II c and I

G. Martakos motioned to enter into non-public session under RSA 91-A:3 Section II c and I. Seconded by K. Salvas.

W. Goertel Yes

L. Laliberte Yes

K. Salvas Yes

J. Godbout Yes

J. Sullivan Yes

G. Martakos Yes

Vote 6:0 motion carried to enter into non-public session.

ADJOURNMENT

Respectfully submitted,

Lee Ann Moynihan

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Hooksett School Board is Tuesday, February 16, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. at the David R. Cawley Middle School Media Center.

The SAU Board will meet on February 17, 2021 at 6:30 p.m. This will be a remote meeting via Zoom.

The Hooksett School Board's Deliberative Session #1 will be held on February 5, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. at the David R. Cawley Middle School. The Board will schedule a meeting prior to the Deliberative Session to conduct related business.

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