

HOOKSETT SCHOOL BOARD MEETING – August 12, 2020

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HOOKSETT SCHOOL BOARD MEETING MINUTES WEDNESDAY, August 12, 2020 – 5:00 pm. David R. Cawley Middle School Media Center

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Denbow called the meeting to order at 5:00 pm.

PROOF OF POSTING – William Rearick, Superintendent of Schools provided proof of posting.

ATTENDANCE

Chair Phil Denbow, Jillian Godbout, Wayne Goertel, Lindsay Laliberte, Greg Martakos, and Kara Salvas

Staff: William Rearick, Superintendent, Marge Polak, Assistant Superintendent, Amy Ransom, Business Administrator, Principals Ben Loi, Matt Benson, and Steve Harris. Dean Farmer, Maintenance Director Dean Farmer.

OLD BUSINESS

Re-Entry to School –Discussion

Health and Safety Protocols

Superintendent Rearick gave a power point presentation of the procedures and policies for students and parents when re-entering school.

M. Benson stated that all teachers are required to wear masks as well as students grades 2-8. They are encouraged to be worn in grades PreK -1. There will be multiple mask breaks throughout the day. Student will wear masks on the bus and will be available for students on the buses. Outdoor classes will be encouraged as much as possible. Protocol for masks will be discussed at Professional Development. All classrooms will have 3 feet of social distancing. Students will be in the same assigned seat for the entire day. CDC guidelines will be followed for cleaning and sanitizing. Each school will develop a traffic pattern for arrival and dismissal. There will be structured recess and students will eat lunch in their classroom. The Board discussed the option of teachers taking temperatures of students in school.

G. Martakos and W. Goertel believe that temperatures should be taken.

L. Laliberte does not believe that temperature taking would be beneficial. She stated that there will be videos going out for training and it would be beneficial to train children on when to wear the masks and when you can take it off as well as how to approach others.

Instructional Update

M. Benson presented the instructional time schedule for remote learning as well as in school learning. Traditional grading system will be used for both options.

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Superintendent Rearick stated that there may be the option for teachers to enroll their children in Hooksett schools if they are required to do remote learning in their community and are in need of child care.

G. Martakos asked if there was a plan for remote teachers if they are sick?

M. Benson stated if a teacher is out sick, they will leave something on their management page and there will be a message that there will be no remote learning on that day.

S. Harris stated that their procedures are very similar to that being practiced at Cawley.

B. Loi presented an overview of the classroom instruction at Underhill. Unified Arts will be offered in a pre-recorded format to be completed during the week. It will be available for remote students as well. Grading will be traditional for all grades.

The Board review the option for testing this year.

M. Benson stated that there is a framework for sixth grade orientation.

D. Roma reported that there are enough devices for one to one at Cawley. Memorial and Underhill have enough devices for one grade level.

Superintendent Rearick stated that it is still possible that the September 1st date could get pushed out.

G. Martakos motioned to approve the Re-Opening Protocols for 2021 with the change of cloth coverings or face masks. Seconded by W. Goertel.

Vote unanimously in favor.

Sub Rate of Pay

Currently there is a \$75 substitute rate and we discussed increasing the rate to make Hooksett more desirable. This will change as other districts will be doing the same.

G. Martakos motioned to increase the sub rate of pay to \$80/day; after 20 days the rate will be \$90/day. Seconded by W. Goertel.

W. Goertel motioned to amend to \$90/day across the board. Seconded by G. Martakos.

J. Godbout asked if there was a separate rate for a para-professional subs?

L. Laliberte asked if there is a rate for substitute nurses.

G. Martakos stated currently the rates are as follows:

Certified teacher	\$75/day
Non certified teachers	\$65/day
Lic. Nurses	\$125/day
Maintenance/Office	\$10/hour

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Food Service

\$10/hour

Superintendent Rearick: I would like to hire at least three (3) more custodians as well as (3) three LNA's to help with temperature checks.

Vote on amendment

1:5 amendment failed

K. Salvas motioned to amend the motion to \$80/day for substitute teachers and \$90/day for certified teachers; after 20 days the rate for both will increase \$10. Seconded by G. Martakos.

Vote on amendment

Unanimously in favor.

Vote on amended motion

Unanimously in favor.

Building Use of Facilities-Outside Groups

Superintendent Rearick stated that the policy needs to be amended. We are currently restricting access to the building to parents for pick up and emergency needs for repair.

P. Denbow: We are trying to decide the primary things at this time and this is something that can be decided at a later time.

J. Godbout: Is New Morning After School included in this discussion because that will help parents decide on which option they are taking for school. Parents need to plan.

Superintendent Rearick: Candia for example is providing New Morning and they will provide us with their plans. I recommend that you check that box and say yes because it will impact our parents decisions.

G. Martakos motioned to approve New Morning Schools to use our facilities and will be required to provide the district with their policy for COVID-19. Seconded by L. Laliberte. Vote unanimously in favor

Athletics

M. Benson stated that High School Athletics (tri-county) will start September 8th with some competitions starting by September 10th and most by September 21st. They are offering Boys and Girls Soccer, Girls Field Hockey and Cross Country. We decide who will play with an open tournament at the end of the season. As the home team, we decide who will attend. It is up to the Board on how to move forward. We have a comprehensive plan for all 4 sports with a COVID plan.

M. Benson there are three (3) categories for low, moderate and high risk. Cross Country is low and the other two are moderate. We also develop our own schedule.

L. Laliberte asked if a survey would be beneficial.

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Superintendent Rearick: We need the Board to approve the sports to move forward if there is an interest. If we can run it, we will if we have enough kids.

J. Godbout: Do we know if we have coaches interested if we move forward?

M. Benson stated that there are coaches interested.

*L. Laliberte motioned to move forward with Fall Sports. Seconded by W. Goertel.
Vote unanimously in favor*

Superintendent Rearick requested approval of the appointment for Computer Science Teacher *G. Martakos motioned to approve the appointment of Andrea Meyer as Computer Science teacher in Hooksett. Seconded by L. Laliberte
Vote unanimously in favor*

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No comments

ADJOURNMENT

*L. Laliberte motioned to adjourn. Seconded by G. Martakos.
Vote unanimously in favor*

Respectfully submitted,

Lee Ann Moynihan