

HOOKSETT SCHOOL BOARD MEETING – December 21, 2021

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HOOKSETT SCHOOL BOARD MEETING TUESDAY, DECEMBER 21, 2021 6:00 pm. DAVID R. CAWLEY MIDDLE SCHOOL MEDIA CENTER

CALL TO ORDER

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ATTENDANCE

Greg Martakos, Chair, Jill Godbout, Wayne Goertel, Jason Hyde, Lindsey Laliberte, Jim Sullivan, and Amy Tremblay

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

PROOF OF POSTING

William Rearick, Superintendent of Schools provided proof of posting.

LIAISON-Aiden Gravina

Aiden Gravina gave a brief report on Pinkerton Academy which included flex time for help sessions for students struggling, first day of giving which raised \$40,000, and school spirit week is going on for the holidays. Pinkerton Player and the Chorus had their holiday performances. The Winter Sports have started. Students participated in career days.

MINUTES

Approval of November 16, 2021 Board Meeting Minutes.

W. Goertel motioned to approve the minutes of November 16, 2021. Seconded by L. Laliberte. Vote unanimously in favor. J. Hyde abstained

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No comments

SUPERINTENDENT'S UPDATES*- Bill Rearick

- ▲ The 5th grade students at Memorial were recognized on WMUR, Gift of Giving segment for collecting donations of stuffed animals to be donated to Dartmouth Hitchcock Hospital
- ▲ COVID update
 - 7-day positivity rate 12.6%
 - Average number of active cases 184
 - 14 day new case average is 106
 - To date this month (Dec. 1 – 21) Underhill - 15 positive cases; Memorial – 18 positive cases; Cawley – 14 positive cases for a total of 47.

REPORTS

Reports of Administrators

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Reports of Sub-Committees

FINANCE

Manifest Approvals

A. Tremblay motioned to approve the manifest for December 6th to December 17th, 2021 in the amount of \$1,926,692.79. Seconded L. Laliberte.

Roll Call Vote

J. Sullivan Yes

W. Goertel Yes

J. Godbout Yes

L. Laliberte Yes

A. Tremblay Yes

J. Hyde Yes

G. Martakos Yes

Vote unanimously in favor

A. Tremblay motioned to approve the manifest for November 15th to December 3rd, 2021 in the amount of \$663,859.09 . Seconded L. Laliberte.

Roll Call Vote

J. Sullivan Yes

W. Goertel Yes

J. Godbout Yes

L. Laliberte Yes

A. Tremblay Yes

J. Hyde Yes

G. Martakos Yes

Vote unanimously in favor

Expenditure Report

No comments

NEW BUSINESS

Draft Warrant Articles

W. Rearick recommends not placing so much in the articles since we are looking to fund them with fund balance, there will be little remaining.

J. Godbout asked if the Board would like to change the articles to fund them out of taxation. There are many warrant articles on the town side. The Budget Committee also cut the School Budget by \$64,600. The motion was made by the chair with a 6-5 vote. Their reason stated that they cut all other departments.

W. Rearick stated that he felt the meetings with the Budget Committee were productive and cordial and if \$64,000 is all that is reduce, it would be a good thing for us.

J. Hyde stated that \$64,000 is not a lot of money and it is the least they have cut in a long time.

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With regard to Warrant Articles, \$575,000 is a lot and we may end up getting the warrant articles and not the budget. If we take it out of fund balance, we are saying we plan to have \$600,000 left at the end of the year.

W. Goertel motioned to revise the warrant articles for Maintenance Trust Funds, Special Education and Technology to be \$75,000 (each) not from fund balance and to not offer the retirement trust fund article. Seconded by J. Sullivan

W. Goertel: The Budget Committee is trying to represent the taxpayers and the \$64,000 tells me they trust our work. We have the warrant articles on for a smaller amount to not scare people away and helps get the budget passed.

J. Sullivan stated he liked the idea and Special Education is a good case to say it is expensive. I would be happy to have \$100,000 from fund balance for Special Education. If we are going to consider fund balance, it would be Special Ed. We could get rid of Article 5 and have Article 3 be \$75,000.

A. Tremblay asked with regard to the \$64,000, did the Budget Committee actually cut from every other department?

J. Godbout: They said they had pretty much cut from every other department and want to help the taxpayers. They did not cut from every department.

A. Tremblay: In looking at the warrant articles it might be wise to take \$25,000 from the Technology Trust Fund and move it into the Special Ed Trust Fund. The State has gotten a lot of federal funding for technology; so \$75,000 in Maintenance, \$100,000 for Special Education, and \$50,000 for Technology.

A. Tremblay motioned to amend the motion to put \$75,000 for Maintenance Trust, \$100,000 for the Special Education Trust and \$50,000 for the Technology Trust fund. Seconded by J. Sullivan.

J. Godbout: I understand we want our budget after two years of default, but we have a giant list for maintenance including roofs and parking lots. Special Education emergency fund is not even enough now and we have gone one-to-one on technology. We shouldn't shoot ourselves in the foot. We never have had many warrant articles. Since we have had so many defaults, we are already behind. If we cut these numbers down, we will never get a roof at \$75,000 per year.

A. Ransom a Performance Contract which could be considered to cover all the maintenance issues will be discussed for next year.

Roll Call Vote on amendment

<i>J. Sullivan</i>	<i>Yes</i>
<i>W. Goertel</i>	<i>Yes</i>
<i>J. Godbout</i>	<i>Yes</i>
<i>L. Laliberte</i>	<i>Yes</i>
<i>A. Tremblay</i>	<i>Yes</i>

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J. Hyde *Yes*
G. Martakos *Yes*
Vote unanimously in favor

Roll Call Vote on amended motion

J. Sullivan *Yes*
W. Goertel *Yes*
J. Godbout *Yes*
L. Laliberte *Yes*
A. Tremblay *Yes*
J. Hyde *Yes*
G. Martakos *Yes*
Vote unanimously in favor

W. Goertel motioned to remove the Retirement Trust Fund Article. Seconded by J. Sullivan.

J. Hyde motioned to amend the motion to \$100,000 to be raised from taxation. Seconded by G. Martakos.

J. Hyde: We have an aging population and I would like to give the voters the opportunity to get ahead of it.

G. Martakos agreed.

A. Tremblay: With regard to the retirement, where does the money come from?

G. Martakos: It comes from the operating budget.

L. Laliberte: If it is from taxation, I agree to let the voters decide.

J. Sullivan: Last year the town approved a warrant article for retirement for the town side for \$150,000.

Roll Call Vote on amendment

J. Sullivan *Yes*
W. Goertel *No*
J. Godbout *No*
L. Laliberte *Yes*
A. Tremblay *Yes*
J. Hyde *Yes*
G. Martakos *Yes*
Vote 5:2 motion carried

Roll Call Vote on amended motion.

J. Sullivan *Yes*
W. Goertel *No*

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J. Godbout *Yes*
L. Laliberte *No*
A. Tremblay *No*
J. Hyde *Yes*
G. Martakos *Yes*
Vote 4:3 motion carried

J. Sullivan motioned to add Warrant Article 7 regarding changes to RSA 198:14. Seconded by W. Goertel.

Roll Call Vote

J. Sullivan *Yes*
W. Goertel *Yes*
J. Godbout *Yes*
L. Laliberte *Yes*
A. Tremblay *Yes*
J. Hyde *Yes*
G. Martakos *Yes*

Vote unanimously in favor

W. Goertel motioned to update the School District's Operating Budget Article to include the absolute tax rate impact as well as the differing impact. Seconded by J. Hyde.

W. Goertel stated that the town budget book page 3 states the tax rate impact of the warrant article and the School Ballot states the incremental cost. I would like to see both figures, the total impact and the increase. I would also like to see the town ballot do the same.

J. Hyde stated that he agrees.

L. Laliberte stated that less is more and if people do their homework they will know the impact.

J. Hyde stated he does not agree that we will confuse taxpayers by giving more information,. To give the tax rate and the increase is more clear.

L. Laliberte: I just think it is one or the other.

W. Goertel withdrew the motion. J. Hyde withdrew his second.

W. Goertel motioned to amend the School District's Operating Budget Article to specify the estimated tax impact in the same manner as the Town's Operating Budget. Seconded by L. Laliberte.

Roll Call Vote

J. Sullivan *Yes*
W. Goertel *Yes*
J. Godbout *Yes*
L. Laliberte *Yes*
A. Tremblay *Yes*

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J. Hyde *Yes*
G. Martakos *Yes*
Vote unanimously in favor

2022/2023 Draft School Calendar

W. Rearick presented an explained the changes in the School District Calendar for 2022/2023.
W. Rearick asked the Board to consider combining the Parent Teacher Conference Day with the November election and combine the PD Day and election day in March. That would take two days off the back end of the calendar end school on June 20.

A. Tremblay motioned to hold the Parent Teacher Conference on November 8th and the March PD Day on March 14th. Seconded by L. Laliberte.
Vote unanimously in favor

OLD BUSINESS

Goals

2022/2023 Budget Updates

Health and Safety MOU – To be discussed in non-public

Technology MOU- To be discussed in non-public

PERSONNEL

Superintendent's Nomination

Kristen-Marie Madison-Richard – Special Education Teacher

A. Tremblay motioned to accept the nomination of Kristen-Marie Madison-Richard as Memorial's Special Education Teacher. Seconded by W. Goertel.
Vote unanimously in favor

Co-Curricular Assignments

J. Godbout motioned to approve the co-curricular/athletic assignment nominations as presented. Seconded by A. Tremblay
Vote unanimously in favor

POLICIES

First Reading

BEDH Public Participation at Board Meetings – Language changed to state there will be two times set aside for citizens to address the Board.

KED Grievance procedure- Link to Civil Rights corrected. Revising policy which adds a grievance procedure a required.

JLF Reporting child Abuse/Neglect – Required by Law. New legislation (HB1240) changing language in reporting.

JICD Student Conduct/Discipline – Required by Law. New legislation. Sample policy drafted by district's attorney for Special Education.

EEBB Use of Private Vehicles to Transport Students – Due to bus shortage, consider allowing parents to carpool.

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J. Sullivan motioned to approve the first reading of Policy BEDH, KED, JLF, JICD, and EEBB and waive the second reading for Policy EEBB. Seconded by J. Hyde.

Vote unanimously in favor.

J. Sullivan motioned to approve EEBB. Seconded by J. Hyde

Vote unanimously in favor.

W. Rearick stated they would like to create an RFP to cover items talked about in Hooksett as well as Auburn and Candia. They would like to send it out as an SAU. We would like to bring a draft to the Board for approval and present to the SAU Board in February and get it out in April.

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No comments

NON-PUBLIC SESSION: RSA 91-A:3 Section II

G. Martakos motioned to enter into non-public session per RSA 91-A:3 Section II (c) at 7:30 pm.

Seconded by L. Laliberte

The Board resumed their public session at 7:50 pm.

J. Sullivan motioned to seal the no-public minutes in perpetuity. Seconded by W. Goertel.

Vote unanimously in favor.

J. Sullivan motioned to approve the HEA Technology MOU. Seconded by W. Goertel.

Vote unanimously in favor.

ADJOURNMENT

A. Tremblay motioned to adjourn at 7:50 pm. Seconded by J. Godbout.

Vote unanimously in favor.

The next regular meeting of the Hooksett School Board will be held on Tuesday, January 18, 2021 at 6:00 pm. at the David R. Cawley Middle School Media Center.

Please note: In addition to the items listed on the agenda, the Board may consider other matters not on the posted agenda and they may enter a non-public session or convene in non-meeting session in accordance with RSA 91-A if the need arises.

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Guidelines when addressing the Hooksett School Board under OPPORTUNITY FOR THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE BOARD section of the Hooksett School Board meeting agenda:

1. Public comment will occur at the beginning and the end of each School Board meeting.
2. Each individual wishing to speak will be given 3 minutes. Everyone is expected to be courteous and polite.
3. Questions for the School Board will be taken under advisement and will be addressed as soon as possible in a manner deemed appropriate by the Board.
4. Members of the public that would like to be included in a current discussion of the Board (at a time other than the Opportunity for the Public to Address the Board) will be allowed to do so only if the entire Board agrees to it.