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**HOOKSETT SCHOOL BOARD MEETING  
MINUTES  
TUESDAY, January 18, 2022 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 p.m. Those in attendance were Board members Jillian Godbout, Jason Hyde, Jim Sullivan and Wayne Goertel. Amy Tremblay joined via Zoom. Also in attendance was Superintendent William (Bill) Rearick.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Greg Martakos led the attendees in the Pledge of Allegiance

**PROOF OF POSTING**

William Rearick provided proof of posting.

**SCHOOL DISTRICT MODERATOR AND CLERK**

School District Moderator Kathy Bobay was in attendance to review the warrant and to go over seating for the Deliberative Session.

**PINKERTON LIAISON**

Pinkerton Liaison Aiden Gravina reported on the following:

- 2<sup>nd</sup> Semester began
- Midterms/Finals
- Course Selection Process
- Grade 8 Preview Night
- Virtual Course Night
- Food for Thought
- Scholastic Art Awards-Stockbridge Theater

**FINANCIALS**

Motion by Wayne Goertel, seconded by Jim Sullivan, to approve the 12/22/21-12/31/21 manifest in the amount of \$597,489.04. A roll call vote was taken. With all in favor, the motion carried.

Motion by Wayne Goertel, seconded by Jim Sullivan to approve the 12/29/21-1/12/22 manifest in the amount of \$1,277,408.37. A roll call vote was taken. With all in favor, the motion carried.

Motion by Jillian Godbout, seconded by Wayne Goertel, to approve the budget as presented in the amount of \$37,456,481. A roll call vote was taken. With all in favor, the motion carried.

Jason Hyde asked for clarification in terms of approving the budget versus recommending the budget. Greg Martakos said the approval by the Board serves as their recommendation.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Motion by Jim Sullivan, seconded by Wayne Goertel, to approve the meeting minutes of December 21, 2021 after amending the spelling of 'Goertel', and the motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Wayne Goertel, seconded by Jim Sullivan, to approve the sealed, non-public minutes of December 21, 2021. With Amy Tremblay abstaining, all others in favor, the motion carried.

**OPPORTUNITY FOR THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE BOARD**

Resident Dawn Derusseau asked the Board to overturn the mask mandates that have been in effect because of high positivity rates.

**SUPERINTENDENT'S UPDATES**

Bill Rearick summarized his report adding that Human Resources Director, Michele Garon, has submitted her letter of resignation and is now training Joyce Fishwick for that position. Bill updated the Board with the

newest COVID positive cases since writing his report. When asked about staff shortages, Bill said many were due to either testing positive or being a close household contact. Some discussion ensued. Bill said he wasn't prepared to change protocols at this meeting and that it can be added to an upcoming agenda.

## REPORTS

The reports were in the packet for review.

Jillian Godbout asked what efforts are being made to fill shortages in staffing, to which Bill Rearick stated that it is an ongoing problem. It said open positions are being advertised and that the Director of Student Services has reached out to local agencies for their assistance as well. Bill said they can consider reaching out to parents. Amy Tremblay suggested reaching out to SNHU, to which Assistant Superintendent Marge Polak stated that she has done so with SNHU, Rivier University, St. Anselm College and Plymouth State University.

Jim Sullivan asked how students' progress is monitored if they opt out of state testing, to which Bill Rearick stated that NWEA, DIBELS, and other internal assessments measure data points. Some discussion ensued relative to possible changes in the ability to 'room and zoom'. Bill said they are waiting for clarification before making any changes.

Jillian Godbout reported that the communications sub-committee met and are working on explanations for warrant articles to be published in the Deliberative Session booklet.

## NEW BUSINESS

### Update on DHHS Protocols

Bill Rearick stated that DHHS has changed their recommendations for the length of quarantine time for those who are close household contacts or for those who have tested positive for COVID.

### Warrant Articles and Who Will Speak to Them

Jillian Godbout reported the following budget committee votes on the school district's warrant articles:

#2 6/4

#3 10/0

#4 10/0

#5 10/0

#6 3/7

#7 no action as it didn't deal with funding

The Board discussed warrant articles and who will speak to them.

#2 Jillian will motion, Wayne will second.

#3 Jim will motion, Wayne will second.

#4 Amy will motion, Lindsey will second.

#5 Wayne will motion, Jason will second.

#6 Jason will motion, Jim will second.

#7 Wayne will motion, Jason will second.

The Board took roll call votes on the following items:

#2 To approve the budget in the amount of \$37,456,481. Unanimously in favor.

#3 To recommend and change to \$100,000. Unanimously in favor.

#4 To approve \$100,000. Unanimously in favor.

#5 To recommend as presented. Unanimously in favor.

#6 To change and recommend \$100,000. Wayne Goertel and Jillian Godbout, NO, all others in favor.

#7 To recommend as presented. Unanimously in favor.

#8 No action as it is a petition warrant article.

### Personnel Collaboration with Candia

Bill Rearick said the Technology Director in Candia has resigned and asked the Board if they would consider allowing him to look into the feasibility of sharing Hooksett's technology resources with Candia.

Jason Hyde asked if this position would then be considered an SAU position to which Mr. Rearick stated that, from an organizational standpoint, it would be much easier to combine director positions. Jim Sullivan asked how the Hooksett tech team would divide their time and how Candia would compensate Hooksett.

Bill Rearick said these are the things his team would look into with Board approval.

Motion by Jim Sullivan, seconded by Wayne Goertel, to have the Superintendent look into the feasibility of

sharing technology resources with Candia, and the motion carried unanimously.

**Website**

Greg Martakos stated that he asked for this to be put on the agenda as the current website is in need of a makeover. Considerable discussion ensued.

Motion by Greg Martakos, seconded by Jim Sullivan, to approve the Superintendent to look into revamping the website options, and the motion carried unanimously.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**Goals**

Goals were in the packet for review.

**Health and Safety MOU with HEA**

This will be discussed in a non-public session later in the meeting.

**PERSONNEL (if needed)**

A last minute resignation was before the Board.

Motion by Greg Martakos, seconded by Wayne Goertel, to accept the resignation of K-8 Language Arts Coordinator, Cheryl Violette, and the motion carried unanimously.

**POLICIES**

Motion by Jim Sullivan, seconded by Jason Hyde, to approve policies KED Grievance procedure, JLF Reporting child Abuse/Neglect, JICD Student Conduct/Discipline, and BEDH Public Participation at Board Meetings as presented, and the motion carried unanimously.

**OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE BOARD**

No participation.

**NON-PUBLIC SESSION (if necessary)**

At 7:20 p.m., Wayne Goertel motioned, seconded by Jillian Godbout to enter into non-public per RSA91-A:3 Section II a, and c. With all in favor, the motion carried.

The Board reconvened into a public session at 7:45 p.m.

Motion by Jim Sullivan, seconded by Wayne Goertel, to seal the minutes in perpetuity, with the exception of discussion on the MOU, and the motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Jim Sullivan, seconded by Amy Tremblay, to approve the Health and Safety MOU, striking section 2.7, and the motion carried unanimously.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion by Jillian Godbout, seconded by Wayne Goertel, to adjourn the meeting at 7:50 p.m. and the motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Rebecca McCarthy  
School Board Recorder

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Hooksett School Board is Tuesday, February 15, 2022 at 6:00 pm. at the David R. Cawley Middle School Media Center.