

**HOOKSETT SCHOOL BOARD MEETING  
MINUTES  
Tuesday, January 17, 2023 6:00 pm.  
David R. Cawley Middle School Media Center**

Approved

**CALL TO ORDER**

Wayne Goertel, Board Chair, called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Those in attendance were Board members Jillian Godbout, Amy Tremblay, Jim Sullivan, Jason Hyde, and Alexis Quinlan (6:05 p.m.). Also in attendance was Superintendent of Schools, William (Bill) Rearick.

The Assistant Superintendent, Business Administrator, Principals and staff were also present.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Brad Largy introduced 5th grader Dominic Buca who led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**PROOF OF POSTING**

Bill Rearick provided proof of posting.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Motion by Jim Sullivan, seconded by Jillian Godbout, to approve the Board's meeting minutes of December 20, 2022, and the motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Wayne Goertel, seconded by Amy Tremblay, to approve the Board's non-public, sealed, meeting minutes of December 20, 2022, and the motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Wayne Goertel, seconded by Jillian Godbout, to approve the Board's meeting minutes of January 9, 2023, and the motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Wayne Goertel, seconded by Jillian Godbout, to approve the Board's non-public, sealed, meeting minutes of January 9, 2023. With Jason Hyde abstaining, all others in favor, the motion carried.

**PINKERTON LIAISON**

Aiden Gravina gave a brief update to events at Pinkerton which included:

- 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Preview Night
- Thursday Course Night
- Electives Day-upcoming
- Course Selections due 2/3/23
- Successful Air Force JROTC clothing drive
- Mid-terms are next week.
- Boys' varsity basketball 8-0
- Girls' varsity basketball 6-2

**SCHOOL DISTRICT CLERK / REVIEW OF WARRANT ARTICLES**

School District Clerk Jen Campo was present. The Board decided who would move each motion and who would second.

Article 2-Jillian Godbout/Alexis Quinlan

Article 3-Wayne Goertel/Amy Tremblay

Article 4-Amy Tremblay/Wayne Goertel

Article 5-Alexis Quinlan/Jason Hyde

Article 6-Jillian Godbout/Wayne Goertel

Article 7-Lynn Baker/Jason Hyde

Discussion ensued relative to each warrant article. Bill Rearick stated that Jillian Godbout put in a lot of time and effort working with the budget committee. Jillian said she was happy that the committee didn't tweak the budget, though she would have liked to have had higher recommendation numbers. Bill Rearick thanked teachers for their willingness to work together to be able to get a fair agreement, and gave kudos

to the Board for their perseverance. Jillian Godbout mentioned that the budget committee seemed positive to hear that the Board is taking care of their employees.

Motion by Wayne Goertel, seconded by Jillian Godbout, to approve the Warrant Article 2 as presented. Board Clerk Amy Tremblay took a roll call vote. With all in favor, the motion carried.

Motion by Wayne Goertel, seconded by Amy Tremblay, to approve the Warrant Article 3 as presented. Board Clerk Amy Tremblay took a roll call vote. With all in favor, the motion carried.

Motion by Wayne Goertel, seconded by Jim Sullivan, to approve the Warrant Article 4 as presented. Board Clerk Amy Tremblay took a roll call vote. With all in favor, the motion carried.

Motion by Jim Sullivan, seconded by Alexis Quinlan, to approve the Warrant Article 5 as presented. Board Clerk Amy Tremblay took a roll call vote. With all in favor, the motion carried.

Motion by Wayne Goertel, seconded by Amy Tremblay, to approve the Warrant Article 6 as presented. Board Clerk Amy Tremblay took a roll call vote. With all in favor, the motion carried.

Motion by Wayne Goertel, seconded by Jillian Godbout, to approve the Warrant Article 7 as presented. Board Clerk Amy Tremblay took a roll call vote. With all in favor, the motion carried.

## **PUBLIC INPUT**

No participation.

## **SUPERINTENDENT'S UPDATES**

Bill Rearick stated that he met with Sonia Laliberte and Meg Largy regarding initiatives and learning gaps and met with SAU principals on Friday to develop a plan to communicate to students, parents and staff that words matter. He said the Pinkerton dinner is next Thursday at 6:30 p.m., and that the SAU Board meeting will be on February 8 at 6:30 p.m. in Auburn.

Wayne Goertel told Board members to send any agenda ideas for the Pinkerton meeting to Becki McCarthy.

## **REPORTS**

### **Reports of Administrators and Board Chair**

Reports of the administrators and Board Chair were in the packet for review.

Marge Polak stated that ESSR III allocation information is online. Wayne Goertel summarized his report, and said that page 2 bullet 2 should be struck. Jim Sullivan commended Mr. Goertel on his report, saying it clearly explained the process of negotiations. Jillian Godbout asked Dan Roma if fixing Chromebooks too time-consuming, to which Dan responded that it takes up the majority of his day. He has fixed 260 at Cawley so far this year. Jillian asked if there was anything that could be done to help out Mr. Roma now. Jason Hyde suggested student involvement with computer repairs.

Amy Tremblay said that she and Jillian Godbout are only at the point of gathering information for a mentoring program and are not ready to move forward yet. Surveys will be sent to staff and administration as to their opinion of what is needed to begin a mentoring program.

Jillian Godbout said surveys will be going out to families and community members and will be brought to the next meeting.

Jason Hyde summarized the administration survey responses. He said some items are already being worked on, while the Board will try to address other items.

## **FINANCIALS**

Motion by Wayne Goertel seconded by Jim Sullivan, to approve the manifest dated 12/10/22 – 12/23/23 in the amount of \$1,403,103.91. Board Clerk Amy Tremblay took a roll call vote and the motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Wayne Goertel, seconded by Amy Tremblay, to approve the manifest dated 12/24/22-1/6/23 in the amount of \$1,312,219.56. Board Clerk Amy Tremblay took a roll call vote and the motion carried unanimously.

Wayne Goertel thanked Lynn Baker for approving the manifest.

### **Expenditure Report**

The expenditure report was in the packet for review.

Jason Hyde asked Cory Izbicki how the fund balance looked, to which Cory said he would provide a full analysis at the next meeting.

Motion by Wayne Goertel, seconded by Jillian Godbout, to change the order of the agenda to allow for the testing presentation, and the motion carried unanimously.

### **Testing Presentation**

Meg Largy, Sonia Laliberte, Ben Loi, Matt Benson, and Brad Largy each presented a piece of the test assessment used and what is done with that information.

Motion by Wayne Goertel, seconded by Amy Tremblay, to take a 5 minute break, and the motion carried unanimously.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### **MOU Criteria**

Bill Rearick stated that the full Board should determine criteria necessary to establish a policy governing Memorandum's of Understanding with high schools other than the one of record. Board member input included:

- School must be under the auspices of the NH Department of Education regarding assessments, standards and student support system
- Should allow everyone regardless of socio-economic status
- No entrance exam necessary
- No minimum or maximum number attached
- Have finances transparent
- Governing body transparent
- Admissions timeline must align with Hooksett's practice
- Accept same tuition as what tuition is charged by school of record
- Allow as many students as we want to send
- Must be properly accredited

Jason Hyde warned the Board to not make too many restrictions.

### **2023/2024 Draft School Calendar**

Motion by Jim Sullivan, seconded by Wayne Goertel, to un-table the school calendar, and the motion carried unanimously. Some discussion ensued relative to professional development days. Bill Rearick stated that teachers indicated on the surveys that they wanted more days, and they are written as part of the HEA contract. Bill explained how his is not in favor of early release days, saying after dismissals are done, teachers only get a couple hours at the end of their day. He said they could consider funding teachers to do professional development over the summer.

Motion by Jim Sullivan, seconded by Alexis Quinlan, to accept the 2023/2024 calendar as presented, and the motion carried unanimously.

Alexis Quinlan exited the meeting at 8:30 p.m.

### **Class Size**

Jim Sullivan said the Superintendent is keenly aware of increased class size and has put in for an additional teacher. He said the policy states that the district will strive to keep at certain numbers by grade levels but that occasionally those numbers aren't attainable. Amy Tremblay warned not to cut positions based on a small groups and that small groups will always grow. Jason Hyde asked about allocating positions. He said cutting staff only makes sense when the issue is significant and only when warranted. Bill Rearick said he is not recommending cutting any position. He will provide an overview of how Cawley is staffed at the next meeting. Bill said the time to talk about reallocation would be at the August meeting. Jillian Godbout said she would like to decrease the class size numbers in the policy and stressed that the Board do a strategic plan, hiring someone to facilitate it.

## **POLICIES**

Policies EEA Student Transportation Services, DAF Administration of Federal Grant Funds, ADB/GBEC Drug-Free Workplace/Drug-Free Schools, and JCB-R High School Requests, IJB Class Size, BGB Policy Adoption, and IHBG/IHBG-R Home Education were reviewed for a second reading/adoption.

Motion by Jim Sullivan, seconded by Jillian Godbout to approve the policies as presented, and the motion carried unanimously.  
Jason Hyde clarified the motion by stated each policy name and code.

Jim Sullivan updated the Board on a recent transportation issue and said that Churchill Street has officially been approved by the Town Council.

**PUBLIC INPUT**

No participation.

**NON-PUBLIC SESSION: RSA 91-A:3 Section II (if necessary)**

At 9:00 p.m., motion by Wayne Goertel, seconded by Amy Tremblay, to enter into a non-public session under RSA 91-A:3 Section II a & c. A roll call vote was taken. With all in favor, the motion carried.

The Board resumed their public meeting at 9:35 p.m.

Motion by Jillian Godbout, seconded by Wayne Goertel, to seal the non-public minutes in perpetuity, and the motion carried unanimously.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion by Jason Hyde, seconded by Jillian Godbout, to adjourn the meeting at 9:35 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 21, 2023 at 6:00 pm. at the David R. Cawley Middle School Media Center.