

Approved

**HOOKSETT SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
MINUTES
TUESDAY, April 18, 2023 6:00 pm.
David R. Cawley Middle School Media Center**

CALL TO ORDER

Superintendent William (Bill) Rearick called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Those in attendance were Board members Wayne Goertel, Jillian Godbout, Jim Sullivan, Alexis Quinlan, Evelyn (Lynn) Baker and Jason Hyde (6:07 p.m.)

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Hooksett Principal Brad Largy introduced 5th graders Lily Fitzpatrick and Paige Reed, who spoke of their field trip to the McAuliffe-Shepard Discovery Center and their re-creations of a planetarium, then led the attendees in the Pledge of Allegiance

Bill Rearick opened the floor for nominations for Board Chair.

Motion by Lynn Baker, seconded by Jason Hyde, to nominate Wayne Goertel as Board Chair, and the motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Goertel took over the meeting as Chair.

Motion by Jim Sullivan, seconded by Alexis Quinlan, to nominate Jillian Godbout as Board Vice Chair, and the motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Jillian Godbout, seconded by Wayne Goertel, to nominate Amy Tremblay as Board Clerk, and the motion carried unanimously.

PROOF OF POSTING

Bill Rearick provided proof of posting.

PINKERTON LIAISON

Pinkerton Liaison Aiden Gravina, after giving a Shout-Out to Lily and Paige for their composure while speaking to the Board earlier, reported on the following:

- World Language Honor Society Induction
- Neurodiversity Week
- Astrothon raised \$21,780 for Boston Children's Hospital
- LCA Mental Health Awareness
- JROTC 1st Place in the State Meet
- Southern NH College Fair
- Spring Sports
- ESports Teams (beat Londonderry)
- NH's first showing of Anastasia
- Finals are coming up

Hooksett Residents (and Pinkerton Students) Wendy Parcel, Luke Parcel and Carson Walls, spoke to the Board about their Destination Imagination (DI) Team, which has won a spot at Globals in Kansas City Missouri. Since Pinkerton does not have a team, they along with Nathaniel Baron, have established their own independent team. Because of the difficulty fundraising without a tax id number, they asked the Board to consider donating to their team to help defray costs. Each described their DI challenge. Some discussion ensued.

Motion by Jillian Godbout, seconded by Wayne Goertel, to approve a \$325 donation to each member of this DI team. With Jim Sullivan voting no, all others in favor, the motion carried. Mr. Sullivan explained that he agreed with the donation, but thought it was against current policy to do so.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Jillian Godbout, seconded by Alexis Quinlan, to approve the meeting minutes of March 21, 2023,

the motion carried unanimously.

OPPORTUNITY FOR THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

No participation.

SUPERINTENDENT'S UPDATES

Bill Rearick updated the Board on the selection process for the Director of Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment position and his expectation to bring the candidate before the SAU Board in May. Bill also updated the Board that 16 of the current STA drivers have applied for driving spots with First Student and 7 current First Student drivers plan on transferring to the Hooksett terminal.

REPORTS

The reports were in the packet for review.

Jim Sullivan commented on the number of student activities and Jillian Godbout gave kudos to staff who put a lot of time and effort into school events.

Wayne Goertel said the election results were good and that everything on the ballot passed.

The Staff Recognition group met and things are moving forward

Lynn Baker spoke of the importance of relationship-building in a mentorship program.

Jillian Godbout reviewed some of the surveys and that they provided good feedback. Jason Hyde said there is a conflict between what some survey responses say they want for professional development and what the contract allows.

Bill Rearick said some of the comments on the surveys regarding the contract language are inaccurate and that he doesn't know why teachers are not reaching out to their leadership or to him at his Meet and Greets.

NEW BUSINESS

Standing Committee Assignments

School Board Representative to the Budget Committee- Member: Lynn Baker/Alternate: Jillian Godbout

NHSBA Delegate and NHSBA Legislative Advocacy Network Representations-Member: Wayne

Goertel/Alternate: Jason Hyde

Policy-Jim Sullivan and Jason Hyde

Sick Leave Bank-Lynn Baker

Staff Appreciation-Jillian Godbout, Alexis Quinlan, Amy Tremblay

Transportation-Amy Tremblay and Wayne Goertel

Communications-Wayne Goertel, Jillian Godbout, Alexis Quinlan

Capital Improvement-Jillian Godbout

Mentorship-Jillian Godbout and Amy Tremblay

HESPA Negotiations-Wayne Goertel and Amy Tremblay

Pinkerton Start Time-Wayne Goertel

Pinkerton Building-Amy Tremblay

Manifest- April/May/June: Alexis Quinlan

July/Aug./Sept.: Amy Tremblay

Oct/Nov./Dec.: Wayne Goertel

Jan/Feb./Mar.: Jason Hyde

Motion by Wayne Goertel, seconded by Jillian Godbout, to accept the standing committee assignments as determined, and the motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Jim Sullivan, seconded by Alexis Quinlan to move the agenda items, and the motion carried unanimously.

Board Meeting Schedule

Motion by Jillian Godbout, seconded by Wayne Goertel, to approve the School Board Calendar for 2023/2024 adding sub-committee meeting dates, and the motion carried unanimously.

Camp MiTeNa Field Trip Approval

Motion by Jillian Godbout, seconded by Alexis Quinlan, to approve the Field Trip to Camp MiTeNa as presented, and the motion carried unanimously.

Lynn Baker spoke of resident Donna Amato, who watches the Board meetings online and asked that speakers speak slower and more clearly into the microphones.

FINANCIALS

Motion by Wayne Goertel, seconded by Jim Sullivan, to approve the manifest dated 3/18/23-3/31/23 in the amount of \$1,604,971.19. A roll call vote was taken, and the motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Wayne Goertel, seconded by Jim Sullivan, to approve the manifest dated 4/1/23-4/14/23 in the amount of \$3,192,444.97. A roll call vote was taken, and the motion carried unanimously.

Jason Hyde questioned what the current fund balance is and asked about the recent audit. Business Administrator, Cory Izbicki explained that audits are done annually and that practice does not indicate issues in the district. He will report back to the Board with regard to an audit question.

The Board took a five minute break at 7:45 p.m.

Maintenance Director, Dean Farmer spoke of a sinkhole in the Cawley driveway which will need to be replaced. The quote for the work is \$44,000.

Renewal of MOU Schools

Bill Rearick asked the Board if they wanted to extend the MOU contracts with the current MOU schools. He said Londonderry's renewal is already in progress. Considerable discussion ensued relative to allowing high school students to attend schools other than that high school of record, tuition differentials, and the possible effect on those petitioning to MOU schools now that the Board has increased the tuition rate being paid to those districts.

Motion by Jillian Godbout, seconded by Lynn Baker, to enter into MOU negotiations with the Pembroke, Londonderry, and Bow School Districts. With Jason Hyde voting no, all others in favor, the motion carried. Discussion ensued relative to extending the contract with Goffstown.

Motion by Jim Sullivan, seconded by Jillian Godbout, to enter into contract negotiations with the Goffstown School District. With Jason Hyde and Wayne Goertel opposed, all others in favor, the motion carried.

PERSONNEL

Superintendent's Nomination

Motion by Jim Sullivan, seconded by Lynn Baker, to accept the Superintendent's nominations of Sofia Barassi and Kendall Frizzell as presented, and the motion carried unanimously.

POLICIES

Motion by Jillian Godbout, seconded by Alexis Quinlan, to approve the first reading of policies JECD Assignment of Kindergarten Pupils to Classes, BGF Waiver of Policies, DH Bonded Employees, DIE Audits, DJ Purchasing, DJB Purchasing Procedures, DJC Petty Cash Accounts, and DM Cash in School Buildings, as presented, and the motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Jason Hyde, seconded by Jillian Godbout to eliminate policy JICM Personal Device Usage.

After a motion by Jim Sullivan, seconded by Alexis Quinlan, to waive the requirement for a second reading and to eliminate Policy JICM, and the motion carried unanimously, Jason and Jillian removed their motion request.

OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

No participation.

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

At 8:40 p.m., motion by Wayne Goertel, seconded by Jillian Godbout, to enter into a non-public session under RSA 91-A:3 Section II a. A roll call vote was taken. With all in favor, the motion carried.

The Board reconvened into a public session at 9:25 p.m.

Motion by Jim Sullivan, seconded by Wayne Goertel, to seal the non-public minutes, and the motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Sullivan summarized a motion made in the non-public session to increase the salaries of the Maintenance Director in the amount of \$15,000, the Technology Director in the amount of \$20,000, and Director of Student Services in the amount of \$20,000 beginning July 1, 2024. With Jason Hyde voting no, all others in favor, the motion carried.

The Board decided to move their June 20 meeting to June 6 and to cancel their previously scheduled sub-committee meeting scheduled for that evening.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Jim Sullivan, seconded by Jason Hyde, to adjourn the meeting at 9:25 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, May 16, 2023 at 6:00 pm. at the David R. Cawley Middle School Media Center.

The SAU Board will meet on Wednesday, May 17, 2023 at 6:30 at the Henry W. Moore School in Candia.