

**HOOKSETT SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
MINUTES
Tuesday, October 18, 2022 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, Alexis Quinlan, Jason Hyde and Evelyn (Lynn) Baker. Also in attendance was Superintendent of Schools, Bill Rearick.

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Wayne Goertel said the Board is excited to have students return to leading the Pledge of Allegiance. Hooksett Memorial Principal Brad Largy introduced fourth grader Easton Daley who led the attendees in 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 September 20, 2022, and the motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Jim Sullivan, seconded by Amy Tremblay, to approve the Board's non-public, sealed minutes of September 20, 2022, and the motion carried unanimously.

PINKERTON LIAISON and SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER (SRO)

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

- Great start to the year
- Athletics have been fantastic
- Retaining Mack Plaque
- Air Force JROTC received Cognia accreditation
- Spirit Week
- Homecoming Dance/Week
- Exchange program (from Spain)
- Upcoming Costa Rica trip
- Red Ribbon Week
- HOSA and FBA Breast Cancer Walk

Wayne Goertel asked if Pinkerton was assisting students with navigating the college process, to which Aiden said they are.

Wayne stated that the Board of Trustees will be meeting in person for the first time in a while.

Angela Bergeron, Hooksett's School Resource Officer was in attendance to introduce herself and to summarize what benefits her job provides, which included

- Protector
- EMT for all three schools
- Certified in defense instruction and 'unstop the bleed'
- Fosters relationships with students and staff
- Visibility
- Monitors schools' security systems
- Informal counselor and educator

Bill Rearick stated that both Auburn and Candia are considering adding an SRO to their school.

PUBLIC INPUT

Mr. Kowak (Grandview) stated that he was very pleased that on one occasion Officer Bergeron stayed with his daughter at school when it unexpectedly let out early one day.

Mr. Levesque (Morrill) expressed his concern with class size and referenced HSB Policy IJB which hasn't been updated since 2002. He said it was odd to have higher class sizes in the lower grades than in upper grades. He also asked if Hooksett is shifting funds out of the budget to freedom of education accounts. Bill Rearick said he will email the information. With regard to class size, he stated that the budget includes adding a teaching position at Memorial. Lynn Baker stated that much consideration was put into reviewing the budget.

SUPERINTENDENT'S UPDATES

Bill Rearick stated that though transportation for K-8 has been consistent, they are experiencing driver shortages on afternoon high school runs. He said a few drivers are awaiting testing at the state. In addition to delays in testing at the state level, Bill said it is taking an inordinate amount of time to get back fingerprint results from the state as well. When asked by Wayne Goertel if the Board should write to the DOE, Bill suggested they write to their state representatives instead.

Bill added that Cawley Principal, Matt Benson, was recently awarded the Lion's Club Citizen of the Year award.

REPORTS

Reports of Administrators

Reports of the administrators were in the packet for review.

Reports of Board Chair

The Board Chair's report was in the packet for review.

Reports of Sub-Committees

Wayne Goertel stated that the first sub-committee meeting seemed beneficial.

Amy Tremblay spoke of three bus issues that were brought to the attention of Alexis Quinlan and herself. Bill Rearick explained the appeals process and the responsibility of the Transportation Committee. They will meet to discuss.

FINANCIALS

Motion by Wayne Goertel seconded by Jillian Godbout, to approve the manifest dated 9/8-9/20 in the amount of \$1,232,236.03. Board Clerk, Amy Tremblay took a roll call vote, and the motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Wayne Goertel, seconded by Alexis Quinlan, to approve the manifest dated 9/21-9/30 in the amount of \$877,461.99. 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 10/1-10/14 in the amount of \$5,765,087.54. Board Clerk, Amy Tremblay took a roll call vote, and the motion carried unanimously.

Expenditure Report

The expenditure report was in the packet for review.

OLD BUSINESS

Deliberative Session Date

Jillian Godbout stated that it may be beneficial to have both the town and school deliberative session on the same day. Bill Rearick stated it was fine, but to have it in the afternoon, as he and his administration will be at Auburn's Deliberative Session that morning.

Motion by Jillian Godbout, seconded by Wayne Goertel, to have the School District Deliberative Session #1 in the afternoon of February 4, 2023, and the motion carried unanimously.

Bus Software Rollout Plan

It was the consensus of the Board to roll out the software one bus at a time

NEW BUSINESS

Staff Mentoring

Amy Tremblay stressed that a good mentoring program should start with feedback from administration and

current staff in order to be a cohesive program, and suggested that they take this year to map it out.

Upcoming School Community Engagement

The Board agreed to do small Board group visits to the schools.

POLICIES

First Reading

EBBD Indoor Air Quality, GBCD Background Investigation and Criminal Records Check, IHBAE Evaluation Requirements for Children with Special Needs, JLCF Wellness, JLDDB Suicide Prevention, JLCB and JLCB-R Immunization Requirements, JFAA Enrollment and Admission of Resident Students, and BEC Non-Public Meetings were reviewed for a first reading. Motion by Jim Sullivan, seconded by Alexis Quinlan, to accept the policies as presented as a first reading, and the motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Jason Hyde, seconded by Lynn Baker, to waive the second readings of the approved policies. With Jim Sullivan and Amy Tremblay voting no, all others in favor, the motion carried.

PERSONNEL

Retirements

Motion by Amy Tremblay, seconded by Lynn Baker, to accept the retirements as presented, and the motion carried unanimously.

Board members spoke of the retirees and their respective contributions over the years.

Co-Curricular and Athletic Nominations

Motion by Jim Sullivan, seconded by Amy Tremblay to accept the co-curricular and athletic nominations as presented, and the motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC INPUT

There was no participation.

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

At 7:50 p.m., motion by Wayne Goertel, seconded by Lynn Baker, to enter into a non-public session under RSA 91-A:3 Section II a & I. A roll call was taken. With all in favor, the motion carried.

The Board resumed their public meeting at 8:30 p.m.

Motion by Jim Sullivan, seconded by Alexis Quinlan, to seal the non-public minutes in perpetuity, and the motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Jim Sullivan, seconded by Wayne Goertel, to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 p.m. and the motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Rebecca McCarthy
School Board Recorder

The Hooksett Board will meet for a Budget Workshop on Tuesday, October 25, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. at the David. R. Cawley Middle School Media Center.

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