

**HOOKSETT SCHOOL BOARD MEETING  
MINUTES  
Tuesday, November 15, 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, Jason Hyde Alexis Quinlan, and Evelyn (Lynn) Baker. Also in attendance was Superintendent of Schools, William (Bill) Rearick. The Assistant Superintendent, Business Administrator, Principals and staff were also present.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Cawley Principal, Matt Benson introduced the Boys State Soccer Champs who led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**PROOF OF POSTING**

Bill Rearick provided proof of posting.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Motion by Amy Tremblay, seconded by Jillian Godbout, to approve the Board's meeting minutes of October 18, 2022, and the motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Wayne Goertel, seconded by Amy Tremblay, to approve the Board's meeting minutes of October 25, 2022, and the motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Jim Sullivan, seconded by Alexis Tremblay, to approve the Board's non-public, sealed minutes of October 18, 2022, and the motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Amy Tremblay, seconded by Jillian Godbout, to approve the Board's non-public, sealed minutes of October 25, 2022, and the motion carried unanimously.

**PINKERTON LIAISON**

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

- Varsity football in semi-finals against Londonderry (away game)
- Varsity / Jr. Varsity Cheer teams both won state championship
- National Honor Society Cleanup Derry Day
- Veterans Breakfast
- World Language Honor Society Clothing Drive
- Pinkerton Players-Glass Menagerie
- Annual Talent Show
- Senior Cap and Gown fittings

**PUBLIC INPUT**

Resident Adam Gianunzio (Lennox St.) asked the Board to consider funding students attending Trinity High School, citing changes in June 2022 to NH law. Mr. Gianunzio spoke to the benefits he feels Trinity has brought other Hooksett families.

Residents Kathy Rice and Randi Evans echoed Mr. Gianunzio's statements and spoke of their personal experiences as parents of Trinity students.

**SUPERINTENDENT'S UPDATES**

Bill Rearick stated he recently held Meet and Greets with each of the three schools. He updated the Board on the new interim Human Resources Director, Kathy Ferguson who he said brings a wealth of information to SAU 15. Bill said two bus drivers have completed their tests and have begun driving. At the fall Board of Trustees Meeting at Pinkerton, the districts were notified that tuition rates would increase by 10%, which affects the draft budget, and HEA negotiations are ongoing.

## **REPORTS**

### **Reports of Administrators**

Reports of the administrators were in the packet for review.

Jillian Godbout commended administration on their reports and for those who go above and beyond to make schools awesome. Dean Farmer updated the Board on the progress of the Underhill playground project.

### **Reports of Board Chair**

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

Wayne Goertel said that fourteen buses are using the pilot so far.

### **Reports of Sub-Committees**

Amy Tremblay said the Transportation Committee met, but has had no resolution to a recent bus stop request. Jillian Godbout said that staff surveys went out, but the timing was poor and participation was light. Jason Hyde went through each survey question and their responses. Amy Tremblay said low class size should be a priority.

The Board decided to have Meet and Greets on November 29-7:00 a.m. at Cawley, 8:00 a.m. at Underhill, and 3:30 p.m. at Memorial.

They will have coffee with Administration on December 20 at 5:30 p.m., prior to their regular Board meeting.

## **FINANCIALS**

Motion by Lynn Baker seconded by Jillian Godbout, to approve the manifest dated 10/15-10/28 in the amount of \$1,082,736.71. Board Clerk, Amy Tremblay took a roll call vote, and the motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Lynn Baker, seconded by Wayne Goertel, to approve the manifest dated 10/28-11/11 in the amount of \$1,522,431.57. 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**

### **2023/2024 Budget**

Bill Rearick stated changes were made due to the tuition increase and changes in health and dental rates. Bill stated that the updated default budget is \$38,108,853, and the operating budget is 38,762,784.

Motion by Amy Tremblay, seconded by Jillian Godbout, to approve the default and operating budgets as presented by the Superintendent. Board Clerk, Amy Tremblay, took a roll call vote and the motion carried unanimously.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **Pinkerton Academy Contracted Percentage Alternative**

Wayne Goertel explained his thoughts on creating a policy to address MOU tuition rates. Discussion ensued.

## **PERSONNEL**

### **Co-Curricular Nominations**

Motion by Jim Sullivan, seconded by Lynn Baker, to approve the co-curricular nominations as presented, and the motion carried unanimously.

## **PUBLIC INPUT**

There was no participation.

Motion by Jillian Godbout, seconded by Alexis Quinlan, to amend the agenda to review warrant articles. The motion carried unanimously.

Bill Rearick reviewed the Warrant Articles.

- Election of district officers
- Budget
- \$75,000 to the Building Maintenance Expendable Trust Fund

- \$100,000 to the Special Education Expendable Trust Fund
- \$50,000 to the Technology Expendable Trust Fund

Motion by Jim Sullivan, seconded by Wayne Goertel, to add \$75,000 to the Building Maintenance Expendable Trust Fund.

Motion by Jason Hyde, seconded by Jim Sullivan to amend the motion to include "from trust fund balance", and it carried unanimously.

Amy Tremblay took a roll call vote on the amended motion, and it carried unanimously.

Motion by Jim Sullivan, seconded by Amy Tremblay to add \$100,000 to the Special Education Trust Fund out of fund balance. Amy Tremblay took a roll call vote. With all in favor, the motion carried.

Motion by Jim Sullivan, seconded by Wayne Goertel, to add \$50,000 to the Technology Expendable Trust Fund to be funded by taxation. Jim restated his motion, increasing the amount to \$75,000 instead of \$50,000. This was seconded by Wayne Goertel. Discussion ensued relative to using fund balance for warrant articles.

A roll call vote was taken. With Amy Tremblay no, all others in favor, the motion carried.

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

At 7:55 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. A roll call vote was taken. With all in favor, the motion carried.

The Board resumed their public meeting at 8:40 p.m.

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

Motion by Amy Tremblay, seconded by Jillian Godbout, to increase the HESPA hourly rate by \$4.00 for the 2023/2024 contract. A roll call vote was taken. With all in favor, the motion carried.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

Motion by Jason Hyde, seconded by Amy Tremblay, to adjourn the meeting at 8:40 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, December 20, 2022 at 6:00 pm. at the David R. Cawley Middle School Media Center.