

### David R. Cawley Middle School Graduation!

One of the joys of being on the School Board is having front row seats to the David R. Cawley Middle School graduation ceremony at Northeast Delta Dental Stadium. This was my second year attending. The weather was beautiful, and the students, families, and school staff were enthusiastic and fantastic.



The program recognized all the graduates for their achievements, and some members of the class received additional acknowledgements. Laura Palazzo sang our National Anthem, and Class President Jadyn Piccolo gave an excellent speech. Principal Matt Benson was a fabulous host and emcee, and he and teacher Lori Adams ran a tight ship. Several teachers helped students get queued for their procession. I was thankful to have an opportunity to speak before certificates were awarded, to recognize students, staff, families, our community, and to offer a little advice. The festive, action-packed event concluded in one hour, sharp. Congratulations, graduates!



### School Safety

The news from Texas on May 24 about the school attack there was heart-wrenching. Hooksett School District staff, administration, and School Board Members fielded many inquiries about Hooksett Schools' safety preparations.

On May 25, I toured Underhill School with Principal Loi to examine and discuss security, then reviewed the Hooksett School District Homeland Security audits with Superintendent Rearick. These conversations left me reassured about Hooksett Schools' preparedness level. Our administration is



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well-informed on security topics, and has received state and federal level training and consulting. The entire Board communicated that day, and I sent out a summary to staff and parents.

I want to extend my appreciation to current school administration, staff, and Board colleagues, and the past school administration and School Boards, too. We're in a good position because of all their work. The School Board will be reviewing security audits and discussing other security details in non-public session at our June 21 meeting.

Unfortunately, much of the media right after a school attack is speculative, political, and sensational. Reporting is often corrected days and weeks later. I've personally found more value in looking at past reports, such as the detailed report on Parkland: <https://www.fdle.state.fl.us/MSDHS/Home.aspx>. Looking broadly, we see trends of mental health issues, bullying, inadequate building access controls/discipline, delayed response, and disturbed individuals being motivated by previous sensational media. There is reason to believe several of these problems can be addressed by SRO-oriented programs as well as practical social skill programs, but the specific details of those programs matter greatly.

### **Coffees, and Snacks & Social, with the Board**

The Hooksett School Board continued its casual outreach program since the May Board meeting. After launching Coffee with the Board at Cawley Middle School on May 11, Alexis Quinlan and I hosted another enjoyable visit with staff at Hooksett Memorial School on May 18, and Jillian Godbout, Lynn Baker, and I appreciated a visit with staff at Fred C. Underhill School on June 1. These school events had about 15-18 attendees, each. Most of the Board hosted our evening event at Underhill School meant for parents on June 9 which was more sparsely attended but still worthwhile.

It's been enjoyable, and informative, getting better acquainted with our staff and community in these informal settings. Their input is a factor for the goals we pursue in the upcoming school year as well as providing helpful operational feedback.

### **BusWhere School Bus Software planned for implementation in 2022-23**

The bus monitoring software project for 2022-23 was approved by the School Board at our May meeting, and we've since received approval from Student Transportation of America to extend our monitoring from three buses to eighteen for the next school year.

### **Retirees**

We are saddened to lose some of our valuable staff members at the end of this year, but happy they are beginning new adventures.

1. Donna Amato
2. Maryann Boucher
3. Janet Champagne
4. Patricia D'Aloia
5. Karen Landsman
6. Cindy Libby

**Hooksett School Board  
Chair's Report  
June, 2022**



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| 7. Lisa Pollard   | 10. Julie Dubois     |
| 8. Donna Tremblay | 11. Linda Williams   |
| 9. Phyllis Dina   | 12. Colleen Mousseau |

Schools are hosting retirement celebration events, and the Hooksett School Board will additionally be hosting its own recognition at the start of our June 21 meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Wayne Goertel  
Hooksett School Board Chair

*The mission of the Hooksett School District is to develop a community of learners who are intellectually curious, resourceful, and respectful of self and others. Academic achievement, through constantly improving standards, is the District's highest priority.*