

**HOOKSETT SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
MINUTES
TUESDAY, October 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, Jason Hyde, Amy Tremblay, Jim Sullivan, Evelyn (Lynn) Baker and Vanessa Gelin. Also in attendance was Superintendent of Schools, William (Bill) Rearick. The Director of Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment, Business Administrator, Principals and staff were also in attendance.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Wayne Goertel led the attendees in the Pledge of Allegiance.

PROOF OF POSTING

Bill Rearick provided proof of posting.

PINKERTON LIAISON

Alyssa Stephenson updated the Board on events at Pinkerton that included:

- Educators Rising Book Drive
- Poetry Out Loud Competition
- Sophomore HOBY Leadership Seminar
- Play Antigone in Munich
- Launching Stem Club
- New building construction is on target

OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

No participation.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by, Jim Sullivan, seconded by Jillian Godbout, to approve the Board meeting minutes of September 19, 2023, with the following amendment: Add: "The Board discussed the Facilities Goal and the sub-committee dedicated to it" before listing the sub-committee members, and the motion carried unanimously. Motion by Jim Sullivan, seconded by Amy Tremblay, to approve the Board's non-public, minutes of August 15, 2023, and the motion carried unanimously. In non-public the HESPA was discussed and no action was taken.

SUPERINTENDENT'S UPDATES

Bill Rearick summarized his report and added that the morning bus routes are running well and after many revisions, the afternoon runs are much better. Bill said budget conversations are ongoing.

REPORTS

Wayne Goertel said budget talks have started and Jillian Godbout said after the Board finalizes the budget, it will be posted on the website and social media to introduce facility's needs.

OLD BUSINESS

GOALS

Strategic Plan

Jillian Godbout stated that she will update the board when she gets feedback from the Board regarding the Strategic Plan.

Facilities Needs

Considerable discussion ensued relative to the facilities needs listed in the communication committee's

report. Jason Hyde suggested putting items out to bid, to which Jillian Godbout stated she suggested the same last year and it got no traction from the Board. She said by pushing it off too far in the future will only result in even higher costs. Jim Sullivan asked for the list to be prioritized, and Lynn Baker suggested that be done by Maintenance Director, Dean Farmer. Jillian Godbout stated that Dean has been consulted in depth for a number of years and the expected increase in costs per year is 7%-10%. Bill Rearick said that he and Dean will bring their recommendations to the Board at their budget workshop on October 24.

School Safety, Wellness and Communication

Jim Sullivan stated that there is already a Wellness committee and there is no need to reinvent the wheel or to revisit something that is already being done.

Mentoring

Amy Tremblay stated that she and Lynn Baker met with Memorial teacher Melanie Godbout and Principal Brad Largy and discovered that Melanie has been running a mentoring program for ten years. They would like to expand this to Underhill and Cawley as well. Meg Largy, Director of Curriculum, Instruction and Assessments spoke to mentoring plans which were discussed at a South Central meeting, saying most plans are for two years. Amy Tremblay stated that whatever plan is put in place should be something that will work for the teachers.

NEW BUSINESS

Field Trip Donation

Bill Rearick stated that a donation has been made to defray the cost of attendance on the Washington DC field trip. He said the donation is over the \$500 allowed by policy, so the Board must vote to accept it. Motion by Jim Sullivan, seconded by Amy Tremblay to accept with thanks, the anonymous donation, and the motion carried unanimously. Lynn Baker stated that it is a wonderful reminder that people are good and generous.

It was the consensus of the Board to add 'MOU with the HEA' to the agenda.

Because NWEA testing on the general student population was eliminated by the Board, the number of domains for measuring student learning was decreased.

Motion by Jim Sullivan, seconded by Jillian Godbout, to accept the MOU change, and the motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Jillian Godbout, seconded by Jim Sullivan, to approve the MOU that NWEA testing is no longer attached to teacher evaluations, and the motion carried unanimously.

PERSONNEL

Retirement

Motion with a heavy heart, by Jillian Godbout, seconded by Jim Sullivan, to accept the retirements of Debra Lyscars and Maria Lourdes Donahoe as presented, and the motion carried unanimously.

Co-Curricular/Athletic Nominations

Motion by Amy Tremblay, seconded by Lynn Baker, to accept the co-curricular nominations as presented in the packet, and the motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Wayne Goertel, seconded by Amy Tremblay, to accept the co-curricular nominations that were walked in to the meeting, and the motion carried unanimously.

POLICIES

Policies AD Educational Philosophy, JLCE First Aid and Emergency Medical Care, JLCJA Emergency Plan for Sports Related Injuries and Additional Protocols for Athletics Participation, IKB Homework, JEA Compulsory Attendance Age, IMC Speakers and Programs, IL Evaluation of Instructional Programs, IKG Awards and Scholarships, and ILD Non-Educational Questionnaires, Surveys, Research were in the packet for a second reading/adoption.

Motion by Jim Sullivan, seconded by Jillian Godbout to accept the second reading/adoption of the policies as presented and amended, and the motion carried unanimously.

Policy IL was revised striking 'He/she' in the second paragraph being replaced with 'The Superintendent or designee'.

Some discussion ensued relative to Lynn Baker's request to have instruction/testing results' presentation at future meetings.

FINANCIALS

Budget Discussion

Bill Rearick stated that the drivers of the 2024/2025 budget are salaries and special education costs. The expenditure report was in the packet for review.

Jason Hyde asked the Board to consider spending some of the expected fund balance to defray costs for some of the facilities needs.

Motion by Amy Tremblay, seconded by Wayne Goertel, to approve the manifest of 9/15-29/23 in the amount of \$1,182,958.28. A roll call vote was taken. With all in favor, the motion carried.

Motion by Wayne Goertel, seconded by Amy Tremblay, to approve the manifest of 9/3/23-10/17/23 in the amount of \$5,479,378.24. A roll call vote was taken. With all in favor, the motion carried.

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

Motion by Wayne Goertel seconded by Amy Tremblay at 7:30 p.m., to enter into a non-public session (i). A roll call vote was taken. With all in favor, the motion carried.

The Board resumed their public session at 7:40 p.m.

Motion by Jim Sullivan, seconded by Jillian Godbout, 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 7:40 p.m., and the motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Rebecca McCarthy
School Board Recorder

The Hooksett School Board will meet for a Budget Workshop on Tuesday, October 24, 2023 at 5:30 p.m. at the David R. Cawley Middle School Media Center.

The SAU Board will meet on Wednesday, October 25 at 6:30 p.m. at the Auburn Village School.