

HOOKSETT SCHOOL BOARD MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, November 21, 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 6:05 p.m. Those in attendance were Board members Jillian Godbout, Jason Hyde, Amy Tremblay, Jim Sullivan and Vanessa Gelinas. 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

Nicholas Zagaris, Cawley Middle School 8th grader, led the attendees in the Pledge of Allegiance.

PROOF OF POSTING

Bill Rearick provided proof of posting.

OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

No participation.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by, Jillian Godbout, seconded by Amy Tremblay, to approve the Board meeting minutes of October 17, 2023, and the motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Jim Sullivan, seconded by Amy Tremblay, to approve the Board's non-public, sealed minutes of October 17, 2023, and the motion carried unanimously.

Motion by, Amy Tremblay, seconded by Jillian Godbout, to approve the Board meeting minutes of November 7, 2023, and the motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Amy Tremblay, seconded by Jillian Godbout, to approve the Board's non-public, sealed minutes of November 7, 2023, and the motion carried unanimously.

SUPERINTENDENT'S UPDATES

Bill Rearick stated that School Resource Officer Angela Bergeron has left the Hooksett Police Department for another position.

RE-VISION SOLAR PRESENTATION

Dan Weeks, Vice President of ReVision Energy Development addressed the Board. He said Re-Vision is proposing installing solar panels on town property. However, because the town doesn't use enough energy on its own, they would like to add the school district's energy use into their usage numbers. When asked what direct benefit the school district would have, Mr. Weeks stated none, it would all go to the town. He said the school district could work out an agreement with the town for compensation. Representatives of ReVision said that they were not looking to enter into an agreement tonight but stressed how the town would benefit from the school district's participation. Many questions were fielded by the representatives. Jason Hyde asked what the three school building's value was to the town and who are the investors, how are they investing, and why are they investing. Considerable discussion ensued regarding having a signed agreement with the town in order for the school district to benefit from its' participation. Bill Rearick asked if the school district could back out at any time, to which he was told they could. The Board will discuss this item further at their December meeting.

REPORTS

Jim Sullivan asked for the timeline for the SAFE grant. Bill Rearick said priority will be given to districts who hadn't received it previously. Bill said we have already submitted for round three. Chris Osborne, Director of Student Services, explained the formula the state uses to determine how catastrophic aide is prorated and distributed to districts.

Amy Tremblay congratulated the Cawley Middle School for making U.S. News and World Report's top 40% middle schools in the U.S.

Bill Rearick stated that Board reps met with the Hooksett budget committee and will meet again on 12/7/23. Wayne Goertel stated that he attended the Pinkerton start time meeting where they are considering an earlier start time. Bill Rearick said the impact on the sending districts depends on how much the delay will be.

OLD BUSINESS

Budget 2024-2025

Motion by Jim Sullivan, seconded by Wayne Goertel, to approve the default budget for 24/25 in the amount of \$40,829,858. A roll call vote was taken. With all in favor, the motion carried.

Motion by Jim Sullivan, seconded by Wayne Goertel, to approve the proposed budget in the amount of \$41,521,294. A roll call vote was taken. With all in favor, the motion carried.

Teacher Mentoring

Bill Rearick shared a Teacher Mentoring draft with Amy Tremblay and Lynn Baker. This was created with the help of Kevin Fleury, Anita Field, Mel Godbout and Meghan Largy. Meghan then handed out a revised copy. Bill Rearick said it is a place to start and more details would be added as necessary.

Motion by Amy Tremblay, seconded by Jim Sullivan to approve the Hooksett School District Mentorship Program as revised and presented, and the motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

Primary Day 2024

Bill Rearick stated that the New Hampshire Secretary of State announced that the NH primary will be held on January 23, 2024 and asked the Board to consider making it a no-school day.

Motion by Amy Tremblay, seconded by Jillian Godbout, to amend the 2023/2024 school calendar to have January 23, 2024 as a no-school day, and the motion carried unanimously.

Washington DC Field Trip Approval

Motion by Jim Sullivan, seconded by Amy Tremblay, to approve the 8th grade field trip to Washington, DC as presented, and the motion carried unanimously.

Draft Warrant Articles

Draft warrant articles were in the packet for review and discussion. Bill Rearick asked the Board if they wanted to continue to fund the Building Maintenance Expendable Trust Fund, the Special Education Expendable Trust Fund and/or the Technology Expendable Trust Fund as they did last year. Some discussion ensued.

Motion by Jim Sullivan, seconded by Jason Hyde, to approve \$240,000 from the fund balance for the Special Education Expendable Trust fund.

Motion by Jason Hyde, seconded by Jim Sullivan, to amend the motion and change the amount to \$150,000, and the vote to amend was unanimously in favor. A roll call vote was taken on the amended motion. A roll call vote was taken on the motion. With all in favor, the motion carried.

Motion by Jason Hyde, seconded by Jim Sullivan, to approve \$100,000 from the fund balance to the Building Maintenance Expendable Trust Fund. A roll call vote was taken. With Jillian Godbout and Wayne Goertel voting no, all others in favor, the motion carried.

Motion by Jim Sullivan, seconded by Wayne Goertel, to approve \$100,000 for the Technology Expendable Trust Fund. A roll call vote was taken. With all in favor, the motion carried.

POLICIES

Policies GBCD Background Investigations and Criminal Records Check, ACN Nursing Mothers Accommodation, and GCF-A Administrative Staff Hiring were in the packet for a first reading.

Motion by Amy Tremblay, seconded by Jim Sullivan to accept the first reading of the policies as presented and amended, and the motion carried unanimously.

FINANCIALS

Expenditure Report

The expenditure report was in the packet for review.

Motion by Wayne Goertel, seconded by Jason Hyde, to approve the manifest of 10/18/23 in the amount of \$1,09,470.58. 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 10/25/23-11/10/23 in the amount of \$1,675,800.61. A roll call vote was taken. With all in favor, the motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Jillian Godbout, seconded by Wayne Goertel, to adjourn the meeting at 7:50 p.m., and the motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Rebecca McCarthy
School Board Recorder

The Hooksett School Board will meet on Tuesday, December 19, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. at the David R. Cawley Middle School Media Center.