

**HOOKSETT SCHOOL BOARD MEETING MINUTES**  
**TUESDAY, December 19, 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, Vanessa Gelinis, and Lynn Baker (6:20 p.m.); and 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**

Mitchell Keller, 5th 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, Jason Hyde, seconded by Amy Tremblay, to approve the Board meeting minutes of November 21, 2023, and the motion carried unanimously.

**SUPERINTENDENT'S UPDATES**

Bill Rearick stated that they came to a tentative agreement with HESPA and that the budget committee will be reviewing the school budget again on Thursday night.

**REPORTS**

**Administrator Reports**

Jillian Godbout thanked administrators for their updates and gave kudos to staff. She said the students are very lucky to be able to participate in all the activities that are offered, and that it takes a lot of time and preparation from staff to allow that to happen. When asked by Jillian what curriculum was being used for writing, Meg Lary said it was Keys to Literacy, which is more of a process than a program.

Wayne Goertel said the bus tracking is being used. Bill Rearick stated that they have been experiencing difficulty with the quality at the school level, but it is more user-friendly for parents.

**Standing Committee Reports**

Amy Tremblay reported that a transportation issue has been resolved, and Wayne Goertel said treats had been purchased and distributed to staff.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**Approval of Warrant Articles**

Bill Rearick summarized the warrant articles and the Board discussed the order in which they should be listed.

Lynn Baker said she had recently received a lot of negative feedback with regard to the use of technology in the lower grades.

Motion by Amy Tremblay to list the warrant articles as follows:

- Budget
- HESPA Contract
- Lease Purchase Maintenance Agreement
- Technology Trust Fund
- Special Education Trust Fund
- Maintenance Trust Fund

With Lynn Baker abstaining, all others in favor, the motion carried.

## **Town Solar Project**

Bill Rearick said he met with Town Administrator, Andre Garron, and the two went over the Board's questions. He said the school district would be amenable to joining with the town if it would provide a benefit to the school district.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **Approval of HESPA Tentative Agreement**

This will be discussed in a non-public session.

### **Presentation**

Math Curriculum and English as a Second Language Directors', Sonia Laliberte and Meghan McLain, respectively, gave a presentation on instruction in grades K-8.

### **School Board School Visits 'Coffee with the Board'**

Wayne Goertel spoke to his hope for the Board to visit the three Hooksett schools. Jillian Godbout asked about the amount of time students are using technology, to which both Sonia and Meghan stated that it is used as a supplemental support of direct teacher instruction and helps students problem solve.

Motion by Jillian Godbout, seconded by Wayne Goertel, to create an information session for staff to review warrant articles, and the motion carried unanimously.

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

Motion by Wayne Goertel, seconded by Amy Tremblay, to enter into a non-public meeting at 7:10 p.m. A roll call vote was taken. With all in favor, the motion carried.

The Board resumed their public meeting at 7:30 p.m.

Motion by Amy Tremblay, seconded by Wayne Goertel, to approve the HESPA Tentative Agreement from 7/2024-6/2027, pending ratification by voters and HESPA. A roll call vote was taken. With all in favor, the motion carried.

## **PERSONNEL**

### **Mentor Nominations**

Motion by Amy Tremblay, seconded by Lynn Baker, to approve the New Teacher Mentors as presented. A roll call vote was taken. With all in favor, the motion carried unanimously.

## **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 second reading/adoption. Motion by Jason Hyde, seconded by Amy Tremblay, to accept the second reading/adoption of the policies as presented, and the motion carried unanimously.

Policies GCCBC FMLA and EBCC Bomb Threats, were in the packet for a first reading.

Motion by Wayne Goertel, seconded by Jason Hyde, to accept the first of the policies as presented, and the motion carried unanimously.

## **FINANCIALS**

### **Expenditure Report**

The expenditure report was in the packet for review.

Motion by Wayne Goertel, seconded by Amy Tremblay, to approve the manifest of 10/10-24/23 in the amount of \$1,133,711.42. 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 11/5/23-12/08/23 in the amount of \$1,376,908.96. A roll call vote was taken. With all in favor, the motion carried.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Motion by Amy Tremblay, seconded by Jillian Godbout, to adjourn the meeting at 7:55 p.m., and the motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Rebecca McCarthy

School Board Recorder

The Hooksett School Board will meet on Tuesday, January 16, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. at the David R. Cawley Middle School Media Center.