

HOOKSETT SCHOOL BOARD MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, March 19, 2024 6:00 pm.
David R. Cawley Middle School Media Center

Approved

CALL TO ORDER

William (Bill) Rearick called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Those in attendance were Board members Wayne Goertel, Jillian Godbout, Lynn Baker, Amy Tremblay, Jim Sullivan and Jonah Schulte.

The Director of Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment, Business Administrator, Principals and staff were also in attendance.

Bill entertained a motion for Board Chair.

Motion by Lynn Baker, seconded by Jim Sullivan, to nominate Wayne Goertel as Chair. With all in favor, the motion carried.

Mr. Goertel then took over the meeting.

Motion by Amy Tremblay, seconded by Jim Sullivan, to nominate Jillian Godbout as Vice Chair. With all in favor, the motion carried.

Motion by Jillian Godbout, seconded by Lynn Baker, to nominate Amy Tremblay as Board Clerk. With all in favor, the motion carried.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Hooksett Memorial Principal Brad Largy introduced 4th grader, Sam Gregory, who led the attendees in the Pledge of Allegiance.

PROOF OF POSTING

Bill Rearick provided proof of posting.

Wayne Goertel introduced newly elected officers: School Board member, Jonah Schulte, School District Moderator, Corri Wilson, School District Clerk, Kristen Kotrlik.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by, Amy Tremblay, seconded by Jillian Godbout, to approve the Board meeting minutes of February 20, 2024, and the motion carried unanimously.

Motion by, Lynn Baker, seconded by Jillian Godbout, to approve the Board meeting minutes of March 5, 2024, and the motion carried unanimously.

Motion by, Jim Sullivan, seconded by Amy Tremblay, to approve the Board meeting minutes of March 14, 2024, and the motion carried unanimously.

Motion by, Jim Sullivan, seconded by Amy Tremblay, to approve the sealed meeting minutes of February 20, 2024, and the motion carried unanimously.

Wayne Goertel opened the public hearing on accepting a donation over \$5,000.

OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

No participation.

SUPERINTENDENT'S UPDATES

Bill Rearick stated that he met with First Student Representatives who are looking into the possibility of consolidating high school and middle school runs.

REPORTS

Administrator Reports

Jillian Godbout thanked the staff for all they do by going above and beyond, including participation in things such as ALPS, Invention Convention, and Mystery Days.

OLD BUSINESS

2024/2025 Budget Adjustments

Jim Sullivan felt that a worksheet showing extrapolated information would be a valuable tool to convey the

impact of having to run on a default budget. Jillian Godbout said that the budget was not inflated or padded and that as much as the budget is level-funded, but the incoming bills aren't. Lynn Baker stated there is an impact having to run on the default in not being able to properly maintaining the buildings. All three schools have leaks in their roofs and now there are no resources to fix them. Amy Tremblay stated that it is important for taxpayers to understand that the Hooksett teachers do an amazing job and work with the resources they have. The district asks for more money annually as costs are always increasing.

Strategic Plan Update

Bill Rearick stated that he received a proposal from the NHSBA. He said, though it is a good proposal, he didn't feel it was the right time financially for the district to enter into an agreement. The base cost would be \$40,000. Jillian Godbout stated she hoped the district can find a way to fund this very important strategic plan.

Cawley Principal, Matt Benson spoke to the Board saying that due to a staffing shortage at FisherCats Stadium, the 8th grade graduation would have to change from in years past. A handout was presented to the Board outlining options. After some discussion, it was the consensus of the Board that the ceremony would be more personal and community-based if it returned to Cawley. Matt will notify parents of the change in venue.

NEW BUSINESS

Standing Committee Assignments

School Board Representative to the Budget Committee- Member: Lynn Baker/Alternate: Jillian Godbout
NHSBA Delegate and NHSBA Legislative Advocacy Network Representations-Member: Wayne Goertel/
Alternate: Jonah Schulte

Policy-Jim Sullivan

Sick Leave Bank-Lynn Baker

Staff Appreciation-Jillian Godbout, Vanessa Gelinis, Amy Tremblay

Transportation-Wayne Goertel, Amy Tremblay

Communications-Wayne Goertel, Jillian Godbout, Vanessa Gelinis

Capital Improvement-Jillian Godbout

Mentorship-Lynn Baker and Amy Tremblay

HESPA Negotiations-Wayne Goertel

Pinkerton Start Time-Wayne Goertel

Pinkerton Building-Amy Tremblay

Manifest- April/May/June: Amy Tremblay

July/Aug./Sept.: Jillian Godbout

Oct/Nov./Dec.: Jonah Schulte

Jan/Feb./Mar.: Vanessa Gelinis

Wayne Goertel will be back-up for the manifest

Board Meeting Schedule

The Board reviewed the draft meeting schedule in their packet. There were no objections. The Board will determine their Deliberative Session date at the April 16 meeting.

Set Retreat Date

Manchester Tuition Language Changes due 7/2024

Bill Rearick notified the Board if they have any changes for the Manchester tuition agreement language, it must be done so by July 2024.

FINANCIALS

12/23/24-1/5/24: Motion by Jim Sullivan, seconded by Amy Tremblay in the amount of 1,344,798.41. Roll call vote, unanimously in favor.

1/20/24-2/2/24: Motion by Jim Sullivan, seconded by Lynn Baker in the amount of \$1,497,840.82. Roll call vote, unanimously in favor.

2/3/24-2/16/24: Motion by Jim Sullivan, seconded by Wayne Goertel in the amount of \$1,198,600.93. Roll call vote, unanimously in favor.

2/17/24-3/1/24: Motion by Jim Sullivan, seconded by Jillian Godbout in the amount of \$4,198,569.77. Roll call vote, unanimously in favor.

3/2/24-3/15/24: Motion by Wayne Goertel, seconded by Jillian Godbout, in the amount of \$900,114.48. Roll call vote, unanimously in favor.

Expenditure Report

The expenditure report was in the packet for review.

Bill Rearick introduced Karen Lessard, former Business Administrator for SAU #15, who is currently working as the interim BA. Bill said Karen has many years of experience and is providing a wealth of information. Karen told the Board the next expenditure report will show an over expenditure, mainly due to unanticipated special education costs. Bill said there is a shortfall in revenue as well, but they are working on a plan. Bill suggested tabling the staff nominations tonight in order to take time to get a better understanding of where they are with the budget. Jillian Godbout made clear that teachers will be paid and all contractual agreements will be met. The Board will meet again on April 2, at 6:00 p.m. at Cawley. The sub-committee meeting will be on April 9, 2024 at 6:30 p.m. at Cawley.

PERSONNEL

Staff Nominations/Administration Nominations-Tabled until April 2, 2024.

Co-Curricular Nominations

Motion by Jillian Godbout, seconded by Wayne Goertel, to approve the boy's baseball and girl's lacrosse coach nominations as presented, and the motion carried unanimously.

POLICIES

Policies JCB Placement of High School Students, JJF Student Activity fund Management, DM Cash in Schools, and JJG Non-School Sponsored Contests, were in the packet for a first reading.

Motion by Jillian Godbout, seconded by Lynn Baker, to accept the first reading of the policies as presented, and the motion carried unanimously.

OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

Corri Wilson, Joanne Drive-Glad graduation was moved back to Cawley. Thanked the Board for all the hard work on behalf of all children. Whether you have kids in school or not, it is the responsibility of the community to educate them.

Mr. Goertel closed the public hearing.

Motion by Amy Tremblay, seconded by Jim Sullivan, to accept a donation in the amount of \$20,000 from Greens Marine, with extreme gratitude, to help eliminate student food service debt, and the motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Jonah Schulte, seconded by Lynn Baker, to adjourn the meeting at 8:50 p.m., and the motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Rebecca McCarthy
School Board Recorder

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