

**HOOKSETT SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
TUESDAY, April 16, 2024 6:00 pm.
David R. Cawley Middle School Media Center**

Unapproved

CALL TO ORDER

Jillian Godbout, Board Vice Chair, called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. as Board Chair, Wayne Goertel, who was also in attendance, was having difficulty speaking. Those in attendance were Board members Amy Tremblay, Vanessa Gelinias, Jim Sullivan, Jonah Schulte, Lynn Baker, and Superintendent of Schools, William (Bill) Rearick.

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Jillian Godbout led the attendees in the Pledge of Allegiance.

PROOF OF POSTING

Bill Rearick provided proof of posting.

OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

Sarah Mackey, Joanne Drive-Asked if anyone has come to the root of the current financial issue, what's in place for procedure, policy and training to prevent this from happening again.

Bill Rearick stated that the greatest change will be having a qualified Business Administrator with experience who pays attention and understands the entire budget and who will oversee the purchase order process. We will make it a practice to encumber all known expected expenditures and will stay on top of what is going on. The principal's will also meet with the Business Administrator on a regular basis.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Jim Sullivan, seconded by Lynn Baker, to approve the Board's meeting minutes of March 19, 2024, and the motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Jim Sullivan, seconded by Vanessa Gelinias, to approve the Board's meeting minutes of April 2, 2024, as amended (adjournment) and the motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Jim Sullivan, seconded by Amy Tremblay, to approve the Board's meeting minutes of April 10, 2024, and the motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Jillian Godbout, seconded by Lynn Baker, to approve the Board's non-public meeting minutes of March 14, 2024, and the motion carried unanimously.

SUPERINTENDENT'S UDATES

Bill Rearick stated that he had no updates, and that he has just recently returned to work after having been out ill.

REPORTS

Administrator Reports

Administrator's reports were in the packet for review. Jim Sullivan thanked administration for their thorough reports.

OLD BUSINESS

2024/2025 Budget Discussion

Bill Rearick summarized the worksheet Interim Business Administrator Karen Lessard provided outlining what steps the Board has taken on the 2024/2025 budget. Some discussion ensued. Regarding moving Cawley staff as was done during the pandemic, Jim Sullivan asked if it were in the purview of the Board to weigh in on staff movement and Amy Tremblay asked what impacts those movements would have. Matt Benson said the goal was to keep teachers. Jim Sullivan stated that having to work in a default budget will cause impacts on all students. Amy Tremblay said nothing is ideal, and that the Board is doing their best; there are no good answers. Jim Sullivan said that he would not have voted in the affirmative for reorganization in the middle school if it were put to a vote.

NEW BUSINESS

Facilities Committee

Bill Rearick said they need to form a sub-committee of about 7-9 people which would include the Facilities Director, Superintendent, two Board Members and those from the public with knowledge in the field. The charge would be to make recommendations to the Board on the evaluations of all three facilities and how to go about carrying out the necessary work on each.

Jillian Godbout and Dean Farmer both said the CIP was sent to the town last year.

Deliberative Session #1 Date

Motion by Amy Tremblay, seconded by Wayne Goertel, to set the Deliberative Session date to Friday, February 7, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. and the motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Wayne Goertel, seconded by Jillian Godbout, to add the Deliberative Session date on the school calendar and to not allow use of any of the three schools for the evening of the Deliberative Session, and the motion carried unanimously.

Retreat Date

The Board set their retreat for 5:00 p.m. on June 18, 2024 prior to their regularly scheduled Board meeting.

Field Trip Request

Motion by Jim Sullivan, seconded by Jillian Godbout, to approve the overnight trip to MiTeNa on 6/5/24-6/7/24 to be funded by parents, and the motion carried unanimously.

School Tours

Wayne Goertel will send out date options to Board members. Jim Sullivan suggested inviting a budget committee member as well.

Impact Fees

Some discussion ensued relative to impact fees and how they apply to school districts. Jim Sullivan suggested inviting Hooksett Town Planner, Elizabeth Robidoux to the next Board meeting for clarification on impact fees and how to access them. Wayne Goertel suggested this be an item for the NHSBA's annual call for resolutions.

PERSONNEL

Resignation

Motion by Lynn Baker, seconded by Amy Tremblay to accept the resignation of Stephanie Kelly, and the motion carried unanimously.

Nomination

Motion by Jillian Godbout, seconded by Jim Sullivan, to approve hiring Sonia Laliberte as a 1st grade teacher, and Meghan McLain as a 5th grade teacher, 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 second reading/adoption. Motion by Wayne Goertel, seconded by Lynn Baker, to approve the policies as presented, and the motion carried unanimously.

Policies JLCC-R Pediculosis Control, JIH Student Searches, KI Visitors to the Schools, LDA Student Teaching, and LK Legislative Representative were in the packet for a first reading. Some discussion on JLCC-R and clarification will be before the Board at their next regularly scheduled meeting.

Motion by Amy Tremblay, seconded by Jillian Godbout, to approve the first reading policies and the motion carried unanimously.

FINANCIALS

Expenditure Report

The expenditure report was in the packet for review.

Manifest Approval

Motion by Amy Tremblay, seconded by Jillian Godbout, to approve the 3/16-4/2 manifest in the amount of \$3,438,509.22. A roll call vote was taken. With all in favor, the motion carried.

Motion by Amy Tremblay, seconded by Wayne Goertel, to approve the SAU manifest of 3/30-4/12 in the amount of \$95,479.22. A roll call vote was taken. With all in favor, the motion carried.

Motion by Amy Tremblay, seconded by Lynn Baker, to approve the 4/3-4/12 manifest in the amount of \$1,336,601.30. A roll call vote was taken. With all in favor, the motion carried.

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No participation.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Wayne Goertel, seconded by Jonah Schulte, to adjourn the meeting at 7:20 p.m., and the motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Rebecca McCarthy
School Board Recorder

The Hooksett School Board will meet on Tuesday, May 21, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. at the David R. Cawley Middle School Media Center.

The SAU Board will meet at the David R. Cawley Middle School on Thursday, May 30, 2024 at 6:30 p.m.