

Hooksett School Board

Chair’s Report
May 2024



2024 Staff Retirements

The Hooksett School Board will host a recognition for retirees at the start of our May 21 meeting, following a social event at 5:30p.

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| 1. Maria Lourdes Donahoe | Fred C. Underhill School | English Speakers of Other Languages |
| 2. Michelle Fuller | Cawley Middle School | Art |
| 3. Laurel Levesque | Hooksett Memorial School | Grade 5 |
| 4. Debra Lyscars | Fred C. Underhill School | Grade 1 |

We are saddened to lose some of our valuable staff members at the end of this year, but happy they are beginning new adventures. Thank you, retirees, for your dedicated service to the Hooksett School community!

Last year, our Staff Appreciation committee (Jillian Godbout, Amy Tremblay, and Alexis Quinlan) created a “Legacy Wall” plaque for each school, honoring retirees starting in 2020. This year’s retirees will be posted there shortly.



School Board Tours of Schools

In recent years, the School Board Members have made a specific effort to visit the three Hooksett schools during the school day, and this month featured another round of administrator-led tours.



Lynn Baker, Jonah Schulte, and I were able to tour David R. Cawley School and Fred C. Underhill school on May 14th, and Hooksett Memorial School will be toured on May 16th. The tours provide a unique opportunity to visit with staff and students. Although many of us have children in school, and everyone attends events at the schools outside of school hours, it’s uniquely rewarding to visit the schools during the school day.

Led by the school Principals, we have opportunities to observe classroom instruction – depending on the class or activity, either discretely or quite hands on! It’s wonderful to interact with teachers, assistants, support staff, and students. We also get to see operations like the

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lunchroom, activities in the gymnasiums, and visit the grounds around the schools. Finally, the tours provide opportunity to review and discuss facilities infrastructure and building security.

It was encouraging to see some of the technology use in the schools, either supplementing instruction or as core skills that were a focus of the instruction. For example, middle school students at Cawley School were receiving a lesson on computer spreadsheets – these kinds of skills are important for students as well as future work force members. Students were quite engaged, and at the risk of using fuzzy terms, we all felt the schools all had excellent “energy”.

We appreciate everyone who visited with us and let us their join their activities.

Facilities Maintenance Committee – Soliciting Community Members

The Hooksett School Board is currently forming a committee to focus on the Hooksett Schools’ facilities. We are looking for 3-5 community members who would be willing to join this School Facilities Committee, preferably community members who have a background in construction or facilities who could bring their knowledge and expertise to our group. Interested individuals would need to be able to meet in person at one of the Hooksett schools one to two times a month for the next 6 months.

The committee will be working to identify and prioritize needed facilities improvements, culminating with a report to the School Board in October 2024 to provide guidance on project scope, planning, and budgeting, ultimately influencing warrant articles for the 2025 school district ballot. Meetings would be held late afternoon or early evenings. If this is something you would be interested in, or have any questions, please email the Hooksett School Board at hsb@sau15.net. The Committee would like to get started by June.

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Respectfully submitted,

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Hooksett School Board Chair

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