

HOOKSETT SCHOOL BOARD MEETING 6:00 p.m.
Tuesday January 20, 2026
DAVID R. CAWLEY MIDDLE SCHOOL MEDIA CENTER
Draft – Unapproved

CALL TO ORDER –Wayne Goertel, Board Chair called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m. Those in attendance were school board members Jillian Godbout, Bob Barker, Mike Dullen, Amy Tremblay, James Sullivan and John Ciempa. William Rearick – superintendent, Cindy Bourgeault-Business Administrator, principals and administrators.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – Giuliana Potthoff, fifth grader of the Hooksett Memorial School led the attendees in the pledge of allegiance. Giuliana loves math and is a great role model for the other students.

PROOF OF POSTING – William Rearick provided proof of posting.

PINKERTON LIASON – Teyla Kellett was not in attendance.

OPPORTUNITY FOR THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE BOARD – No public participation.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- A. Approval of December 22, 2025 Board Meeting Minutes – Motion by James Sullivan seconded by John Ciempa to approve the December 22, 2025 Hooksett School Board Minutes and the motion carried unanimously.
- B. Approval of Non-Public Minutes of December 22, 2025 – Motion by Amy Tremblay seconded by Jillian Godbout to approve the Non-public minutes of December 22, 2025 and the motion carried unanimously.
- C. Approval of January 12, 2026 Board Meeting Minutes – Motion by John Ciempa seconded by Jillian Godbout to approve the January 12, 2026 Hooksett School Board Minutes and the motion carried unanimously.
- D. Approval of January 12, 2026 Non-public Board Meeting Minutes – Motion by Amy Tremblay seconded by John Ciempa to approve the January 12, 2026 Non-public Hooksett School Board Minutes and the motion carried unanimously.

SUPERINTENDANT’S UPDATES – An RFP for a SPED transportation contract was put out. We received 6 bids. There is a draft contract awaiting approval that will save the district money. A candidate for interim assistant superintendent was interviewed. The interview went well. The candidate is only available 15-20 hours per week. John Ciempa is looking for a briefing on health insurance information. Bill provided the board with an update. John voiced concerns with School Care. Discussion regarding School Care ensued.

ADMINISTRATOR’S and BOARD CHAIR REPORTS – Robust reports were in the packet. Its Invention Convention season at the schools.

OLD BUSINESS

- A. HEA Tentative Agreement - Wayne Goertel presented an informational PowerPoint regarding the HEA Contract 2026-2029.

NEW BUSINESS

- A. NHSAS Results – The Hooksett School Board was provided with the results. Discussion ensued. Continued discussion of the results is being tabled until the next school board meeting.
- B. Pinkerton Contract Language-Discussion – Wayne Goertel is looking to have a school board member volunteer to take the lead on Pinkerton contract language. John Ciempa and Amy Tremblay have volunteered.
- C. Draft 26/27 School Calendar – An updated draft calendar was sent out this morning to the school board. Motion by James Sullivan seconded by Amy Tremblay to approve the amended calendar for 2026/27 as presented. Motion by Amy Tremblay seconded by James Sullivan to amend the calendar to reflect the deliberative session to be on Tuesday, February 2, 2027 at 6:00 p.m. the vote was 5-2 (Mike Dullen-no, James Sullivan-no, Jillian Godbout-yes, Bob Barker-yes, Amy Tremblay-yes, John Ciempa-yes, Wayne Goertel-yes). Robust discussion

ensued. Amy Tremblay and James Sullivan rescinded their previous motions. Motion by Jillian Godbout seconded by Wayne Goertel to have the deliberative date stricken from the 2026-2027 school calendar and the motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Jillian Godbout seconded by Mike Dullen to add two new topics to the agenda under new business and the motion carried unanimously.

New Clerk - Jillian Godbout informed the board that as of last Thursday the school district clerk resigned. It's not advised to go through voting season without a clerk. An interim clerk can be appointed. Motion by Wayne Goertel seconded by Bob Barker to recommend Karina Towne (town clerk) be appointed as the school district clerk and to authorize a \$150.00 payment for minute taking at the deliberative session and the motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Donation – Brad Largy informed the board that a parent donated \$1000.00 worth of Legos to the Hooksett School District. Motion by Amy Tremblay seconded by Mike Dullen to accept with gratitude the Legos donation and the motion carried unanimously.

- D. Deliberative Session and Election Preparation -Discussion – An informational packet was handed out to those in attendance. The voter's guide will be available to the public at the deliberative session. Discussion ensued. The voters' guide will be finalized and online shortly.
- E. District Officer Stipends –Discussion – Wayne Goertel: should the stipends be tweaked? Mike Dullen feels participating in civics should not be a stipend position. The board discussed this but made no decisions.

Motion by Mike Dullen seconded by John Ciempa to add another topic to New Business and the motion carried unanimously.

IDEA grant position - Motion by Mike Dullen seconded by John Ciempa to allocate \$95,000.00 to cover the IDEA grant position in the 26-27 school year. Cindy Bourgeault, business administrator brought up the fact that the new money goes into fund balance and fund balance cannot be used for positions. Mike Dullen would like to secure \$95,000 to continue to support this position. After further discussion Mike Dullen withdrew the motion.

PERSONNEL

POLICIES

- A. Second Reading – IHBBA-IHBBA R Limited English Proficiency Instruction, JFABD Admission of Homeless Students, JFAA Admission of Resident Students. Motion by Bob Barker seconded by Jillian Godbout to accept the second reading of polices IHBBA-IHBBA R Limited English Proficiency Instruction, JFABD Admission of Homeless Students, JFAA Admission of Resident Students as presented and the motion carried unanimously.

FINANCIAL

- A. Manifest approvals – Motion by Bob Barker seconded by Mike Dullen to accept the manifest dated December 20-31, 2025 in the amount of \$1,121,679.06 and the motion carried unanimously by roll call vote. Motion by Bob Barker seconded by Amy Tremblay to accept the manifest dated January 1-16, 2026 in the amount of \$1,860,822.69 and the motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.
- B. Summary/Expenditure Report/SPED Expenditure Report – There was some discussion regarding the expenditure report.
Trending 2-year Expenditures – Cindy Bourgeault, business administrator spoke to the trending report stating the Hooksett School District is consistently getting in purchase orders asap.

OPPORTUNITY FOR THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE BOARD – No public participation.

NON-PUBLIC SESSION RSA 91-A:3 Section II(a-l) – no session needed.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS and CORRESPONDENCE

Bond Schedule – in the packet for review

Enrollments-in the packet for review

ADJOURNMENT – Motion by Jillian Godbout seconded by Amy Tremblay to adjourn the meeting at 8:20 p.m. and the motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Patricia Jobin-Carey

School Board Recorder

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Hooksett School Board is Tuesday, February 17, 2026 at 6:00 p.m. at the David R. Cawley Middle School Media Center.

The SAU Board will meet on February 19, 2026 at 6:30 p.m. at the Auburn Village School in Auburn.