

**HOOKSETT SCHOOL BOARD MEETING 6:00 p.m.**  
**Tuesday February 17, 2026**  
**DAVID R. CAWLEY MIDDLE SCHOOL MEDIA CENTER**  
**Approved**

CALL TO ORDER – Wayne Goertel, Board Chair called the meeting to order at 6:01 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 – Paige Reed, seventh grader of the David R. Cawley Middle School led the attendees in the pledge of allegiance. Paige is very joyful and loves public speaking.

PROOF OF POSTING – William Rearick provided proof of posting.

PINKERTON LIASON – Teyla Kellett was not in attendance. Elise Harnisch from Pinkerton spoke to the board about the freshman experience. Freshman Academy houses most of the freshman classes. This makes adjusting to the large campus easier. Freshman are assigned to a flex class with 10-14 students and the same advisor for their full 4 years while at Pinkerton. This lends itself to the one trusted adult philosophy. Pinkerton now offers concurrent college credit courses which is a college course taught at Pinkerton. If you pass the course you receive college credit for the course.

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

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- A. Approval of January 20, 2026 Board Meeting Minutes – Motion by James Sullivan seconded by John Ciempa to approve the January 20, 2026 Hooksett School Board Minutes and the motion carried unanimously.

SUPERINTENDANT’S UPDATES – The attorneys and the administrators are working on finalizing the SPED transportation contract. Bill went to this year’s superintendents conference. He attended multiple workshops two on AI. How to plan for it and what to think about before AI implementation. Bill also took workshops on project based learning, security and leadership. He enjoyed his time.

ADMINISTRATOR’S and BOARD CHAIR REPORTS – John Ciempa requested a little feedback on Memorials Invention Convention. Mr. Lary and Mr. Loi shared how it’s always a highlight every year. The freethinking of the students is impressive to witness. Over 20 inventions were showcased. Thanks to Mrs. Ruest and all the volunteers for organizing and supporting the Invention Convention. Mrs. Ruest goes above and beyond to make this event happen.

**OLD BUSINESS**

- A. Open Enrollment Laws Discussion – If the law passes as is the districts would have to create their own vacancy and capacity lists and post the districts vacancies. Sending districts will pay no less than 80% or more than 100% of the sending districts per pupil cost. If the sending districts cost is less than our districts per pupil cost the parents would have to pay the difference. If the bill passes it goes into effect on passage. Local control would go away with the passage of this bill. Mr. Rearick thinks it would create a burden on the school district. Wayne encourages the board to write their legislature regarding this bill.
- B. 2024-2025 NHSAS Results – tabled until the next HSB meeting.
- C. Communications Charter – Wayne is looking for feedback from the board. James Sullivan said the key is to be sure anything sent for publication has to be board approved and public funds can’t be used. Anything sent out should be reviewed by the superintendent. A finalized charter will be put forth to vote on at a future HSB meeting.
- D. Board Goals Update – Jillian requested a check in on where we are at. Each goal was reviewed and discussed. The board is planning on inviting a state representative(s) to a future school board meeting.

**NEW BUSINESS**

- A. Deliberative Session Feedback – Wayne felt the deliberative went well. The moderator ran it well. The voters’ guide was informative. There was a good turnout with various perspectives presented.
- B. Camera Donation for Cawley - Motion by Bob Barker seconded by Amy Tremblay to accept the generous donation by Geskus Photography of two digital cameras in approximate value of \$350.00 each and the motion carried unanimously.

PERSONNEL

FINANCIAL

- A. Manifest approvals – Motion by Bob Barker seconded by Jillian Godbout to accept the manifest dated January 17-30, 2026 in the amount of \$925,197.13 and the motion carried unanimously by roll call vote. Motion by Bob Barker seconded by John Ciempa to accept the manifest dated January 31 – February 13, 2026 in the amount of \$4,424,639.77 and the motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.
- B. Summary/Expenditure Report/SPED Expenditure Report – Cindy Bourgeault provided a brief summary of the expenditure report and the fund balance. There was some discussion regarding the possible fund balance.

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James Sullivan would like to thank the board for the granite statue he was given in honor of his service on the school board. Jim loves this town. He has had the pleasure of working beside many great townsmen including past and present school board members, superintendents and principals. He is proud of the way the board and the staff handled covid. He feels it’s the district’s greatest accomplishment.

NON-PUBLIC SESSION RSA 91-A:3 Section II(a&c) – Motion by Wayne Goertel seconded by John Ciempa to enter into a non-public session at 7:45 p.m. and the motion passed unanimously.

At 9:04 p.m. the board returned from their non-public session.

Returning to the public meeting, a motion to seal the minutes was made by Jim Sullivan, seconded by John Ciempa. Roll call vote was unanimous for the motion.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS and CORRESPONDENCE

Enrollments-in the packet for review

Upcoming: Board Reorganization –The board will reorganize at the next Hooksett School Board meeting.

ADJOURNMENT – Motion by Jillian Godbout seconded by Wayne Goertel, to adjourn the meeting at 9:05 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, March 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.

