

HOOKSETT SCHOOL BOARD MEETING 6:00 p.m.
Tuesday March 24, 2026
DAVID R. CAWLEY MIDDLE SCHOOL MEDIA CENTER
Approved

CALL TO ORDER –William Rearick, Superintendent of Schools called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Those in attendance were school board members Wayne Goertel, Jillian Godbout, Bob Barker, Mike Dullen, Amy Tremblay, John Ciempa and Todd Lizotte. William Rearick – superintendent, Cindy Bourgeault-Business Administrator, principals and administrators.

- A. Board Reorganization: Motion by John Ciempa seconded by Bob Barker to nominate Wayne Goertel as Hooksett School Board Chair and the motion passed 5-2 (Amy Tremblay and Jillian Godbout – no). Motion by Bob Barker seconded by Todd Lizotte to nominate John Ciempa for the position of Vice Chair and the motion carried 5-2 (Amy Tremblay and Jillian Godbout – no). Motion by Amy Tremblay seconded by Mike Dullen to nominate Amy Tremblay for the position of Hooksett School Board Clerk and the motion carried unanimously.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – Kayleigh Papineau, second grader at Underhill led the attendees in the pledge of allegiance. Kayleigh is a great role model. She is kind, friendly and hard working. Kayleigh enjoys meeting new people and always leaves a positive impression.

PROOF OF POSTING – William Rearick provided proof of posting.

PINKERTON LIASON – Teyla Kellett was not in attendance.

NH STATE REPRESENTATIVES – Tom Walsh and Yuri Polozov: Robust conversation regarding defining open enrollment for regular education and SPED with state guidance.

Rep. Walsh: He views Open Enrollment as a potential benefit for districts and children. He encouraged the board to meet with the representatives again after December.

Rep. Polozov: He thanked the board for their work and expressed confidence that the school district will retain local control under the proposal.

Administrative & Board Concerns

Operational Challenges: Superintendent Rearick and board members highlighted "vagaries" regarding student capacity. They emphasized that districts need a "ramp-up" period before they can realistically accept out-of-district students.

Financial Impact: Concerns were raised regarding local funding and how money might shift between districts. There is a request for clarity on SPED Reimbursement.

Legal & Policy Risks: School Board Member John Ciempa expressed concerns about litigation risks.

School Board Member Amy Tremblay requested the specific publication source for the article referenced during the discussion.

OPPORTUNITY FOR THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE BOARD – John Pieroni 44 Moose Pond Terrace wants to comment on all the bills listed in the agenda. He states America has been great it started out imperfect. America has gotten better over the years. Public education has been the great equalizer in this country. These efforts are a Trojan horse to education. Any child can get a great quality education.

Ed Groves 59 Sherwood Dr. thanks Wayne and Jillian for their time at the polls. We send high school kids to multiple high schools. Can we lock in one contract for our high school students? He feels there is a waste of busses going here there and everywhere. Public schools are unbelievable here. If open enrollment happens Hooksett will be inundated. He is frustrated. Wayne Goertel explained our Pinkerton contract and bussing.

Kathy Mclain Dale Rd – The town of Derry has a tax cap. House bill 1331. Please voice your opinion. Her opinion is that this is a book ban.

Johah Schulte 26 Autumn Run- Johah questions the volume of bills going through the senate noting there are 30. He encourages the public to call your senator.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- A. Approval of February 17, 2026 Board Meeting Minutes – Motion by Bob Barker seconded by Mike Dullen to approve the February 17, 2026 Hooksett School Board Minutes and the motion carried 6-1. Todd Lizotte abstained.
- B. Approval of February 17, 2026 Non-public Hooksett School Board Meeting Minutes – Motion by Amy Tremblay seconded by Jillian Godbout to approve the February 17, 2026 non-public Hooksett School Board Minutes as presented and the motion carried 6-1. Todd Lizotte abstained.

SUPERINTENDANT'S UPDATES – Superintendent Rearick noted that the budget passed and the renovation budget passed. Thanks to all who came out and voted in favor. The facilities meeting is next Monday. The project will get up and running shortly.

ADMINISTRATOR'S and BOARD CHAIR REPORTS – Wayne Goertel: Thank you for the professional development updates. Jillian Godbout: The district has expended \$55,000 in emergency maintenance so far this school year.

OLD BUSINESS

2025 NHSAS Results (tabled from 2-17-26) – a brief PowerPoint was presented. The three school principals elaborated on the results and the response to the data. Discussions regarding NHSAS test data revealed a debate over its reliability, with some members questioning the validity of a single, one-time snapshot, while others expressed concern over declining class performance trends. Proposals included utilizing content-level experts to share best practices, shifting focus toward aggregated data, and identifying better metrics for informed decision-making.

Goals – status update was in the packet for review.

At 8:38 pm the meeting stopped for a 10-minute break.

Motion by Wayne Goertel seconded by Jillian Godbout to move up the financials and resignation in the agenda and the motion carried.

Resignation – Motion by Mike Dullen seconded by Amy Tremblay to approve the resignation of Brad Largy with regret as presented and the motion carried unanimously.

FINANCIAL

- A. Manifest approvals – Motion by Bob Barker seconded by Mike Dullen to accept the manifest dated February 14-27, 2026 in the amount of \$861,511.39 and the motion carried 6-1 with Todd Lizotte abstaining by roll call vote. Motion by Bob Barker seconded by Mike Dullen to accept the manifest dated February 28 – March 13, 2026 in the amount of \$1,577,908.29 and the motion carried 6-1 with Todd Lizotte abstaining by roll call vote.
- B. Summary/Expenditure Report/SPED expenditure Report – John Ciempa requested an updated fund balance to which Cindy responded the current fund balance after the warrant articles are removed is \$1,800,333.00.

NEW BUSINESS

- A. Hooksett State Legislative Update – previously discussed.
- B. Appoint Board member to Assistant Superintendent Interview Committee – Jillian Godbout
- C. Standing Committees – see attached
- D. Proposed 2026/2027 Board Meeting Schedule – attached in packet
- E. Set Retreat Date – June 13 or 20, 2026 tentatively
- F. Old, Sealed Minutes Review – not at this time
- G. Camp MiTeNa Trip Approval – Motion by Mike Dullen seconded by Jillian Godbout to approve the Camp MiTeNa trip and the motion passed unanimously.

- H. New Morning Contract Renewal – Motion by Bob Barker seconded by John Ciempa to approve the New Morning Contract as presented. Motion by Bob Barker seconded by Wayne Goertel to table this until next month and the motion carried 6-1 with John Ciempa-no.
- I. Staff Appreciation – the staff appreciation committee will discuss this further. Motion by Mike Dullen seconded by Amy Tremblay to put \$4000 into a budget line to fund staff appreciation in the event that one does not exist. If one exists this will be null and the motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

PERSONNEL

- A. Nominations
 - 1. Underhill Staff – Motion by Jillian Godbout seconded by Todd Lizotte to approve the Underhill nominations as presented and the motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.
 - 2. Memorial Staff – Motion by Amy Tremblay seconded by Bob Barker to approve the Memorial nominations as presented and the motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.
 - 3. Cawley Staff – Motion by Wayne Goertel seconded by Mike Dullen to approve the Cawley nominations as presented and the motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.
 - 4. Administration – Motion by Mike Dullen seconded by Jillian Godbout to approve the administration nominations as presented and the motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.
 - 5. Athletic – Motion by John Ciempa seconded by Mike Dullen to approve the athletic nomination as presented and the motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

POLICIES

Motion by Wayne Goertel seconded by Bob Barker to table the first reading of the below policies until the next Hooksett School Board meeting and the motion carried unanimously.

- A. First Reading: DBI Budget Implementation, BCA Board Ethics, JLIA Supervision of Students, BEDG Minutes and IHAG Artificial Intelligence

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

NON-PUBLIC SESSION RSA 91-A:3 Section II(a-l) – none needed

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS and CORRESPONDENCE

Enrollments-in the packet for review
House Bills – see above
CIP Schedule – tabled

ADJOURNMENT – Motion by Mike Dullen seconded by Bob Barker to adjourn the meeting at 9:32 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, April 21, 2026 at 6:00 p.m.at the David R. Cawley Middle School Media Center.

