

HOOKSETT SCHOOL BOARD MEETING 6:00 p.m.
TUESDAY, November 18, 2025
DAVID R. CAWLEY MIDDLE SCHOOL MEDIA CENTER
Approved

CALL TO ORDER –Wayne Goertel, Board Chair called the meeting to order at 6:00 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, administrators and principals.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – Mohamad Mansour of the David R. Cawley Middle School led the attendees in the pledge of allegiance. Mohamad spoke about Hooksett being one of his favorite places. He speaks two different languages, English and Arabic. He loves exploring.

PROOF OF POSTING – William Rearick provided proof of posting.

--KIWANIS CHECK PRESENTATION—Members of the Hooksett Kiwanis Club presented an oversized check for a photo opportunity. The actual check has already been accepted by the district.

Wayne Goertel requested the board move the HEA check presentation up on the agenda.

Accept Donation from the HEA - The HEA presented the Hooksett School District with a check for \$1030.00. This is the second year in a row that the HEA ran a booth at Hooksett Old Home Day. They ran a dunking tank and sold raffles to slime a principal.

PINKERTON LIASON – Teyla Kellett- was unavailable. Jillian Godbout provided the following updates from Teyla in her absence. 11/5 jazz assembly, 11/11 Veteran’s Day breakfast, semi-formal, Thursday 11/20 Pinkerton’s got talent.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. Approval of October 21, 2025 Board Meeting Minutes- Motion by James Sullivan seconded by John Ciempa to approve the October 21, 2025 Hooksett School Board Minutes and the motion passed unanimously.

B. Approval of the October 28, 2025 Budget Meeting Minutes – Motion by Jillian Godbout seconded by Amy Tremblay to approve the October 28, 2025 Budget Meeting Minutes and the motion carried unanimously.

C. Approval of November 4, 2025 Budget Meeting Minutes – Motion by Wayne Goertel seconded by Mike Dullen to approve the November 4, 2025 Budget Meeting Minutes and the motion carried unanimously.

SUPERINTENDENT’S UPDATES – This past Thursday was the first meeting with the budget committee. It was a positive meeting. The School Care issue was discussed. They had four questions which were responded to the next day via email. The next meeting is this Thursday November 20, 2025 at 6:30 p.m. John Ciempa is very concerned with the School Care estimation of the insurance increase. The superintendent expressed how there will now be quarterly updates with School Care. Bob Barker thinks it would be acceptable to put the full assessment into the default budget.

ADMINISTRATOR’S and BOARD CHAIR REPORTS – Thank you to the administrative team for the robust reports. Amy Tremblay would like to point out the loss of Title II funding in the coming year. As federal funds are reduced the costs are falling on the local government and the school district. Jillian Godbout would like to note that we are already spending excess on maintenance issues. As of 9/30/25 \$117,050.00 is left in the Building Maintenance Expendable Trust Fund.

OLD BUSINESS

- A. 2026-2027 Budget Review – The board recommended changes to the budget were completed. An updated budget was provided to the school board. The default budget is \$45,155,579.00. The operating budget is \$45,847,055.00. Motion by Amy Tremblay to adjust the proposed default budget to \$45,355,579.00 and adjust

the proposed operating budget to \$45,847,055.00 seconded by Mike Dullen. Motion by John Ciempa to amend the previous budget motion and add the money that was removed in the amount of \$296,000.00 back into the default and proposed budget seconded by Mike Dullen. Robust discussion ensued. (\$184,358.12 is 1/3 of the School Care Assessment). Motion by John Ciempa to rescind the previous motion seconded by Mike Dullen. Motion by John Ciempa to amend the motion and add \$111,660.00 back into the default and proposed budget seconded by Wayne Goertel the motion passed 5-2 by roll call vote. (Mike Dullen-yes, Bob Barker-yes, Jillian Godbout-yes, James Sullivan-no, John Ciempa-yes, Amy Tremblay-no, Wayne Goertel-yes). Per the previous motion the updated default budget will be \$45,467,239.00 and the updated proposed budget will be \$45,958,715.00 the motion passed by roll call vote 5-2 (James Sullivan-yes, John Ciempa-yes, Jillian Godbout-yes, Mike Dullen-yes, Bob Barker-no, Amy Tremblay-no, Wayne Goertel-yes)

- B. BerryDunn Assessment Discussion – Alan Goodwin and Rob Smalley provided recommendations from the assessment. Nine areas were discussed. Bill and Cindy are working on plans of action regarding the findings. There were no comments or discussion.

NEW BUSINESS

- A. Facilities Sub-Committee Recommendations – Harvey/Turner provided a priority list for all three schools. The facilities committee has decided to go with priority 1 on all three schools. The committee is bringing forth a 7.25 million-dollar project (\$6,898,703.00 plus a 5% contingency. This includes priority 1,2,3 at memorial and priorities 1 for Underhill and Cawley. Motion by Jillian Godbout to go forward with the renovation project as a warrant article in the amount of 7.25 million dollars seconded by James Sullivan. Motion by Wayne Goertel seconded by John Ciempa to amend the previous motion to add that it be a level principal bond funded with a 15-year bond. The Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.
- B. Warrant Articles Discussion – A draft of the warrant articles was presented. Robust discussion ensued. Motion by Wayne Goertel to add \$125,000 per fund balance into the Building Maintenance Expendable Trust Fund. Slight discussion. Motion by Jillian Godbout seconded by James Sullivan to amend the amount to \$150,000.00 and put it on the ballot as a warrant article and the motion passed by roll call vote 4-3 (Jillian Godbout-yes, Bob Barker-no, Mike Dullen-no, James Sullivan-yes, John Ciempa-yes, Amy Tremblay-yes, Wayne Goertel-no). Motion by James Sullivan seconded by Wayne Goertel to add \$100,000.00 per fund balance into the Special Education Expendable Trust Fund as a warrant article on the ballot and the motion passed 5-2 (James Sullivan-yes, John Ciempa-yes, Jillian Godbout-yes, Bob Barker-no, Mike Dullen-no, Wayne Goertel-yes)The Tech Trust Fund is down to \$45,000.00. Motion by John Ciempa seconded by Mike Dullen to put \$150,000.00 by taxation into the Technology Expendable Trust Fund as a warrant article on the ballot. There was discussion on the motion. Dan Roma spoke to the state of the technology budget now and moving forward. The motion passed unanimously by roll call vote. Motion by John Ciempa seconded by Mike Dullen to put \$150,000.00 by taxation into the Curriculum Capital Reserve Fund on the ballot as a warrant article. Discussion ensued. The motion passed 4-3 (James Sullivan-yes, John Ciempa-yes, Amy Tremblay-yes, Jillian Godbout-yes, Bob Barker-no, Mike Dullen-no, Wayne Goertel-no)
- C. SMART Goals – There is a tracker sheet for the SMART Goals.
- D. Facilities Committee Charter Approval – Motion by Mike Dullen seconded by Bob Barker to approve the Facilities Committee Charter as presented and the motion carried unanimously.

PERSONNEL

- A. Resignation: Motion by Mike Dullen seconded by Bob Barker to accept the resignation of Cindy Nusbaum with regrets (food service director) as presented and the motion carried unanimously.
- B. Nominations: Motion by Mike Dullen seconded by Bob Barker to accept the nomination of Eleni Gagnon (food service director) as presented and the motion carried unanimously.

POLICIES

- A. Second Reading: Motion by James Sullivan seconded by Wayne Goertel to accept the second reading of JIC Student Conduct, JLCF Wellness and ECA Buildings and Grounds security as presented and the motion carried unanimously.
- B. First Reading: Motion by James Sullivan seconded by Bob Barker to accept the first reading of policies JLCD Administering Medication to Students, EBBB Accident Reports, IJO/KA Community Resources-School, Community and Home Relations, IMAH Daily Physical Activity with amendment, DAF Administration of Federal Funds as presented and the motion carried unanimously.

FINANCIAL

- A. Manifest approvals – Motion by Mike Dullen seconded by Wayne Goertel to accept the manifest dated October 11-24, 2025 in the amount of \$1,178,940.89 and the motion carried unanimously by roll call vote. Motion by Mike Dullen seconded by Wayne Goertel to accept the manifest dated October 25 – November 7, 2025 in the amount of \$1,252,437.76 and the motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.
- B. Expenditure Report and Summary – Cindy Bourgeault spoke to how SPED has put in additional transportation purchase orders. The administration is on top of all the moving numbers. John Ciempa requests that we add a column to the expenditure report listing where we were financially last year at this time.

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

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS AND CORRESPONDENCE –

Enrollments-in the packet

ADJOURNMENT – Motion by Jillian Godbout seconded by John Ciempa to adjourn the meeting at 8:21 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 December 16, 2025 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.