

HOOKSETT SCHOOL BOARD MEETING 6:00 p.m.
Tuesday April 21, 2026
DAVID R. CAWLEY MIDDLE SCHOOL MEDIA CENTER
Draft – Unapproved

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, Amy Tremblay, John Ciempa and Todd Lizotte. William Rearick – superintendent, Cindy Bourgeault-Business Administrator, Heather Tremblay, interim assistant superintendent, principals and administrators.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – Nur Zimic, Madelyn Watkins (unavailable) and Dalia Cosic (unavailable) eighth graders from Cawley led the attendees in the pledge of allegiance. Principal Benson recognized them for staying calm during a teacher health issue and getting help calmly and quickly.

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 – Leah Curran 6 Goonan Rd- leads an organization dedicated to addressing the impact of social media on children. Central to their mission is ‘taking the pledge’ to delay smartphone use, tackling the common fear that children will face social isolation without early access to digital platforms.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- A. Approval of March 24, 2024 Board Meeting Minutes – Motion by Bob Barker seconded by John Ciempa to approve the March 24, 2026 Hooksett School Board Minutes and the motion carried unanimously.

SUPERINTENDANT’S UPDATES – Superintendent Rearick: The Memorial Principal Search Committee is scheduled to convene for its inaugural meeting this Thursday, April 22. Following this, interviews for the two Assistant Superintendent semifinalists will take place on May 5. Bill met with consultants for the strategic plan this past Friday; formal proposals are expected for review shortly. Finally, we are proud to recognize the academic achievement of five Hooksett students who have been named to Pinkerton Academy’s Top 10 Students.

ADMINISTRATOR’S and BOARD CHAIR REPORTS – Our recent district updates highlight both student success and a proactive approach to operations. We are proud to report that 94% of the Cawley student body participated in the school play, reflecting the vibrant community spirit fostered by our staff. Our students also excelled at the regional Invention Convention, showcasing their innovative talents.

As we look toward the future of technology, the Board would like to thank Dan Roma for his comprehensive reports on 3D printing and AI. Our priority remains twofold: ensuring the absolute security of student data and verifying that new technologies provide meaningful support for our frontline staff. In facilities news, the maintenance department is managing \$74,500 in emergency repairs, with specialized work at Memorial School slated for completion before students return from vacation.

OLD BUSINESS

Deliberative Session Process Review – The 2026 election cycle was marked by a highly successful and cooperative Deliberative Session. Moderated by Corri Wilson, the session saw 155 voters move all warrant articles forward to the ballot. On March 10, the district successfully managed 2,331 voters, with operations running more smoothly than the previous year due to improved transparency and outreach.

To ensure long-term operational excellence, Mrs. Wilson has developed formal job descriptions for the Moderator and Clerk roles. These updates are vital for maintaining compliance with state regulations; as noted during the session, the integrity of the ballot process is paramount to avoiding legal repercussions and ensuring the district remains in good standing.

Renovation Project and Bond Update Discussion – The HSD continues to make significant progress on our long-term facility goals. Today marked a key financial milestone with the submission of our NHMBB application, ensuring we are on track for our projected Spring 2027 construction start.

Following recent outreach efforts, the Facilities Committee will meet again on May 4 to finalize the next steps in our renovation timeline. We are also pleased to announce that our Capital Improvement Plan (CIP)—which outlines district needs is now available for public review on our website

NEW BUSINESS

- A. Teacher Appreciation Committee Update – Jillian Godbout handed out a description of what was purchased and pricing.

Fund Balance Process – Discussion: Todd Lizotte would like to evaluate and potentially update the Fund Balance Policy. The board is considering developing a specialized report, specifically regarding the fund balance.

- B. Board Retreat Date – June 2, 2026 at 5:00 p.m.
- C. Sound Equipment Donation – M. Benson: Principal Benson and the Hooksett School Board would like to thank Adam Godbout for the generous donation of sound equipment. Motion by Amy Tremblay seconded by Todd Lizotte to accept the generous donation and the motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.
- D. School District Deputy Treasurer – Cindy Bourgeault: The admin assistant at Cawley has agreed to be sworn in as the deputy treasurer. Motion by Bob Barker to approve Regina Parcel as the deputy treasurer seconded by John Ciempa and the motion passed unanimously.
- E. Old, Sealed Minutes Review – The board reviewed old, sealed minutes. Motion by Jillian Godbout seconded by Bob Barker to keep the old sealed minutes sealed and the motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

PERSONNEL (if necessary)

- A. Motion by Amy Tremblay seconded by Todd Lizotte to accept the nominations as presented and the motion passed 5-1 (Amy Tremblay-yes, Jillian Godbout-yes, Todd Lizotte-yes, Wayne Goertel-yes, John Ciempa-yes, Bob Barker-no)

POLICIES

- A. First Reading: Motion by Wayne Goertel seconded by Jillian Godbout to approve the first reading of policies DBI Budget Implementation, BCA Board Ethics, JLIA Supervision of Students, BEDG Minutes and IHAG Artificial Intelligence as presented and the motion carried unanimously. Robust discussion ensued pertaining to line items and expenditures regarding the policy DBI Budget Implementation.

FINANCIAL

- A. Manifest approvals – Motion by John Ciempa seconded by Wayne Goertel to accept the manifest dated March 14-27, 2026 in the amount of \$882,429.63, and the motion carried unanimously by roll call vote. Motion by John Ciempa seconded by Wayne Goertel to accept the manifest dated March 28 – April 10, 2026 in the amount of \$3,750,497.03 and the motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.
- B. Summary/Expenditure Report/SPED expenditure Report –Cindy Bourgeault expressed that we have anticipated excess revenue of \$460,063.41 that is included in the fund balance.

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
Info: 2026/2027 Standing Committees

Info: 2026/2027 Board Meeting Dates

ADJOURNMENT – Motion by Jillian Godbout seconded by Todd Lizotte to adjourn the meeting at 7:51 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, May 19, 2026 at 6:00 p.m. at the David R. Cawley Middle School Media Center.