

HOOKSETT SCHOOL BOARD MEETING and PUBLIC HEARING

Tuesday August 18, 2026 6:00 p.m.

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, Todd Lizotte and John Ciempa. Also, in attendance were William Rearick, superintendent, Cindy Bourgeault, business administrator, Heather Cummings, assistant superintendent, principals and administrators.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – Wayne Goertel, board chair led the attendees in the pledge of allegiance.

PROOF OF POSTING – William Rearick provided proof of posting.

UPDATE from PINKERTON ACADEMY – Dr. Timothy Powers: Dr. Powers presented a PowerPoint about the freshman experience at Pinkerton. Members of the board requested metrics from Pinkerton regarding Hooksett students.

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APPROVAL OF MINUTES –

- A. Motion by Bob Barker seconded by John Ciempa to approve the June 16, 2026 board meeting minutes as amended and the motion carried 5-2 (Amy Tremblay-no, Jillian Godbout-abstain)
- B. Motion by Amy Tremblay seconded by Jillian Godbout to approve the June 16, 2026 non-public board meeting minutes and the motion carried 6-1 with Todd Lizotte-abstaining. Motion by Bob Barker seconded by Mike Dullen to unseal the non-public minutes from June 16, 2026 and the motion passed 6-1 with Todd Lizotte-abstaining.
- C. Motion by Bob Barker seconded by John Ciempa to approve the June 22, 2026 board meeting minutes and the motion carried 5-2 (Amy Tremblay-no, Jillian Godbout-abstain)
- D. Motion by Bob Barker seconded by John Ciempa to approve the June 27, 2026 board meeting minutes and the motion carried 5-2 (Amy Tremblay-no, Jillian Godbout-abstain)

SUPERINTENDENT’S UPDATES – Superintendent Rearick provided an update on the status of a couple important bills that we were tracking at the end of last year. He highlighted the bill regarding a possible tax cap. There was considerable discussion by the board. Mr. Rearick officially introduced the new Memorial School Principal Amy Gentile.

OLD BUSINESS

- A. School Care Update – Kristen Bourgeault, (Human resources) researched other opportunities and a comparison has been provided to the board. Cross insurance was super helpful but recommended we stay with School Care. Risk Strategies agreed. Health Trust and CGI had rates higher than School Care. Everyone that HR met with currently has higher rates than School Care. The board will discuss this further at a future HSB meeting.
- B. Staffing Update – Mr. Rearick is pleased to report that we have one open position that is due to be wrapped up shortly. There is one staff interested in leaving but is not being hired by the new district until they have been replaced here.
- C. Calendar Revision – Motion by John Ciempa seconded by Amy Tremblay to accept the revised 26-27 HSD calendar as presented and the motion carried unanimously.
- D. Insurance Plan – See above (School Care update)

NEW BUSINESS

- A. Handbook Change (AI policy) – Motion by Bob Barker seconded by Todd Lizotte to accept the Handbook Change (AI policy) as amended and the motion carried 6-1 with John Ciempa-abstaining.
- B. Instructional Time Schedule – the information was presented to the board.

- C. Post-Issuance Compliance Policy/Resolution – Wayne Goertel advised that our bond money has been deposited into our checking account. The IRS requested that we have a Post-Issuance Compliance Policy. Motion by Bob Barker seconded by Jillian Godbout to adopt the Post Issuance Compliance Policy/Resolution with the amendment naming the business administrator as the compliance coordinator and the motion carried unanimously. There was some discussion by the board. Motion by Bob Barker seconded by Jillian Godbout to amend his motion to include waiving the first reading of this policy and the motion carried unanimously.

PERSONNEL

- A. Co-Curricular Nominations – Motion by Jillian Godbout seconded by Mike Dullen to accept the co-curricular nominations as presented and the motion carried 6-1 (Bob Barker-no).

POLICIES

- A. JICK Pupil Safety and Violence Prevention-Bullying – Motion by Amy Tremblay seconded by Wayne Goertel to waive the first reading of policy JICK Pupil Safety and Violence Prevention-Bullying and approve the policy as presented and the motion carried 6-1 (Amy Tremblay –no). Motion by Bob Barker seconded by John Ciempa to amend the current motion that any addition of a waiver of parent notification from section E3 be reported to the board in a non-public session and the motion carried unanimously.

FINANCIAL

- A. Manifest Approvals –

Motion by Todd Lizotte seconded by John Ciempa to approve the manifest dated June 6-19, 2026 in the amount of \$2,348,622.74 and the motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Motion by Todd Lizotte seconded by John Ciempa to approve the manifest dated June 20-30, 2026 in the amount of \$238,966.08 and the motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Motion by Todd Lizotte seconded by Jillian Godbout to approve the manifest date July 1-17, 2026 in the amount of \$3,183,913.19 and the motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Motion by Todd Lizotte seconded by Mike Dullen to approve the manifest dated July 18-31, 2026 in the amount of \$571,982.35 and the motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Motion by Todd Lizotte seconded by Mike Dullen to approve the manifest dated August 1-14, 2026 in the amount of \$850,750.19 and the motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

- B. 2025-2026 Financial Recap (will be walked in) – Cindy Bourgeault, business administrator went over the current un-audited fund balance of \$186,767.00. Food Service expenses were discussed. The 2025-2026 Financial Recap was distributed to the board.

- C. Finalize 25/26 Fund Balance – (see above)

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NON-PUBLIC SESSION: RSA 91-a:3 Section II(L) The board opted not to have a non-public session.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS AND CORRESPONDENCE

Informational: 2026-2027 Meeting Dates/Standing Committees/SAU Board Meeting Dates – provided to the board

Upcoming: Reports of Administrators and Standing Committees

ADJOURNMENT – Motion by Mike Dullen seconded by John Ciempa to adjourn the meeting at 8:25 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, September 15, 2026 at 6:00 p.m.at the David R. Cawley Middle School Media Center.

The SAU Board will meet on September 24, 2026 at 6:30 p.m. in the David R. Cawley Middle School