

**Hinsdale School Board Meeting
Hinsdale School District
SAU Building
February 10, 2015
6:15 PM**

Board Members Present: Holly Kennedy, Jeana Woodbury, James O'Malley and Sean Leary

Excused: Tina McCosker

Student Representative: Nicholas Yialiades

Administration Present: Patricia Bassett, Interim Superintendent; Tom OConnor, Business Administrator; Ann Freitag, Principal; Joe Boggio, Principal; Deborah Child-Trabucco, Technology Coordinator; Sue Taft, Director of Curriculum and Instruction; Jeffrey Kenney, Vice Principal

The meeting was called to order by H. Kennedy at 6:15 PM.

MINUTES:

**S. Leary -MOVED to approve the public minutes of January 14, 2015; SECONDED J. O'Malley.
VOTE: 4-0-0 MOTION PASSED**

**S. Leary -MOVED to approve the nonpublic minutes of January 14, 2015; SECONDED J. O'Malley.
VOTE: 4-0-0 MOTION PASSED**

**J. O'Malley -MOVED to approve the public minutes of January 28, 2015; SECONDED S. Leary.
VOTE: 4-0-0 MOTION PASSED**

**J. Major -MOVED to approve the public minutes of February 4, 2015; SECONDED J O'Malley.
VOTE: 4-0-0 MOTION PASSED**

Citizens Comments:

April Anderson updated the Board on the activities of the PTA including Literacy Bingo on February 11 and a Fun Run Color Walk/Run May 9, 2015.

Board Business:

Student Representatives:

N. Yialiades updated the Board on the senior trip to Granite Gorge. Seniors and the National Honor Society will be selling flowers and candy for Valentine's Day. There will also be a pep rally on Friday the 13 for basketball, a lip synching contest and other things planned. The Semi Formal will be held at the Town Hall Saturday February 14th from 8 to 11 pm. Nick also gave kudos to the middle school cheerleaders and their advisors Kristina Mercure and Tammy Stebbins. They are performing with the varsity cheerleaders at half time. The middle school girls' basketball team participated in a tournament over the weekend and won three out of four of their games. They have the next round on Thursday.

Presentation Common Core

S. Taft reviewed a short video that explained what common core is; questions were asked and answered.

Job Description Review:

P. Bassett reviewed the job descriptions for Superintendent, Staff Accountant and Athletic Director. She stated that she has reviewed with the staff the job descriptions to make sure they are up to date. After discussion the following motion was made:

S. Leary - MOVED to approve the job descriptions of Superintendent, Staff Accountant and Athletic Director as presented. J. O'Malley SECONDED. VOTE4 -0-0 MOTION PASSED

Update on Superintendent Search:

S. Leary updated the Board on the search; they have three candidates that they will be interviewing on February 19, 2015.

Program of Study Approval:

The Board was presented with the program of Study for the Middle High School questions were asked and answered. After discussion the following motion was made:

S. Leary - MOVED to approve the Program of Study as presented. J. Woodbury SECONDED. VOTE4 -0-0 MOTION PASSED

Discussion of Community Forum March 3, 2015:

The Board discussed the community forum and what the format would be. This will be held March 3, 2015 in the High School Library at 6:30 pm. There will be food and child care provided. A flyer will be going home through the mail to inform the public regarding the forum.

Life of an Athlete review of pages 11-15:

The Board reviewed the current pages 11-15; discussion followed. Next month will be the last of the review then the Board will vote on the entire policy to be implemented for the 2015-2016 school year.

School Board Policy Updates:

The Board reviewed policy, GEBD- Employee use of Social media, JICJ- Unauthorized Communications Device (students) JKAA – Use of Restraints and Seclusion, JLCJ- Concussion and Head Injuries. After discussion the following motion was made;

J. Woodbury - MOVED to approve the policies GEBD- Employee use of Social media, JICJ- Unauthorized Communications Device (students) JKAA – Use of Restraints and Seclusion, JLCJ- Concussion and Head Injuries as a Final Reading. S. Leary SECONDED. VOTE 4-0-0 MOTION PASSED

Other Business to come before the Board:

J. O'Malley reviewed the Teacher of the Year information and a Kohls Scholarship.

H. Kennedy reviewed with the Board the PTA meeting to be held February 25, 2015 at 6:00 pm at the Elementary School; the Board will review the budget and warrant articles.

S. Leary asked about VLACS courses. N. Yialiades reviewed his work with VLACS and E Start, which gives him college credit while still in high school.

Financial Report:

T' OConnor reviewed his report with the Board; questions were asked and answered

Curriculum Report:

S. Taft reviewed her report with the Board; questions were asked and answered

Technology Report:

D. Trabucco reviewed her report with the Board; questions were asked and answered.

Principal Reports:

J. Boggio reviewed his report with the Board; questions were asked and answered.

A. Freitag reviewed her report with the Board; questions were asked and answered.

Superintendent's Report:

P. Bassett reviewed her report with the Board; questions were asked and answered. P. Bassett noted that we were in the process of a food service audit and it seemed to be going well.

Citizens Comments:

April Anderson stated she believed that Life of an Athlete was something that was in the Brattleboro schools for several years. Her husband is a coach and as a parent she supported the contract; we should hold the people that represent our schools to a higher standard.

Committee Reports:

Selectmen Update: J. O'Malley updated the Board.

Negotiations: completed

Wellness: nothing to report

Budget Committee: nothing to report

Staff Development: no updates

Legislative Committee: no updates

NHSBA: H. Kennedy and J. Woodbury will be attending a workshop tomorrow on Building an Effective Relationship with the Superintendent.

Windham Regional Career Center: next meeting Tuesday March 17, 2014

Crisis/Emergency Management: no updates

Arts: meeting to be scheduled

HASP Advisory: S. Leary reviewed information at the meeting that was held; next meeting will be

March 11, 2015 at 5:30 in the SAU offices.

J. Woodbury MOVED to adjourn the meeting at 7:50 PM. J. O'Malley SECONDED. VOTE: 4-0-0, MOTION PASSED.

I attest that this a true copy of the minutes:

_____ approved on _____
Ann Marie Diorio