

**Hinsdale School Board Meeting  
Hinsdale School District  
SAU Building  
February 10, 2016  
6:15 PM**

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

Jeana Woodbury and Tina McCosker: absent

Administration Present: Wayne Woolridge, Superintendent; Tom OConnor, Business Administrator; Ann Freitag, Principal; Joe Boggio, Principal; Sue Taft, Director of Curriculum and Instruction; Deborah Child-Trabucco, Director of Technology

H. Kennedy called the meeting to order at 6:15 PM.

**MINUTES:**

**J. O'Malley -MOVED to approve the public minutes of January 6, 2016; SECONDED S. Leary VOTE: 3-0-0 MOTION PASSED**

**J. O'Malley -MOVED to approve the public minutes of January 13, 2016; SECONDED S. Leary VOTE: 3-0-0 MOTION PASSED**

**J. O'Malley -MOVED to approve the nonpublic minutes of January 13, 2016; SECONDED S. Leary VOTE: 3-0-0 MOTION PASSED**

**S. Leary -MOVED to approve the public minutes of January 14, 2016; SECONDED J. O'Malley VOTE: 3-0-0 MOTION PASSED**

**S. Leary -MOVED to approve the public minutes (TC) of January 27, 2016; SECONDED J. O'Malley VOTE: 3-0-0 MOTION PASSED**

**J. O'Malley -MOVED to approve the non- public minutes (TC) of January 27, 2016; SECONDED S. Leary VOTE: 3-0-0 MOTION PASSED**

**J. O'Malley -MOVED to approve the public forum minutes of January 27, 2016; SECONDED S. Leary VOTE: 3-0-0 MOTION PASSED**

**J. O'Malley -MOVED to approve the minutes of the budget committee joint session of January 27, 2015; SECONDED S. Leary VOTE: 3-0-0 MOTION PASSED**

**J. O'Malley -MOVED to approve the non- public minutes of December 16, 2015; SECONDED S. Leary VOTE: 3-0-0 MOTION PASSED**

**S. Leary -MOVED to approve the public minutes of February 3, 2016 ; SECONDED J. O'Malley VOTE: 3-0-0 MOTION PASSED**

H. Kennedy explained that the Board was going to move the agenda around so that the space/safety issues at the elementary school would be moved to right after the discussion on the proposed trip for the April vacation 2017. She would ask that citizens wait until after the discussion to ask questions.

**Citizens Comments:**

James MacDonell passed out a copy of the Capital Improvement Plan of the Town to the Board. He asked that this issue be discussed possible in April.

**Board Business:**

**Rebecca Sayan trip to Costa Rica, update on France trip:**

R. Sayan passed out to the Board information concerning a trip that the language club would like to take next year to Costa Rica and Nicaragua. She also updated the Board on the trip to France this April that has been revised to include various different cities. After discussion the following motion was made:

**S. Leary -MOVED to approve the Language Club trip as presented; SECONDED J. O'Malley VOTE: 3-0-0 MOTION PASSED**

**Space and safety Issues at the Elementary School:**

J. Boggio explained the work that has been a focus of the professional staff at the elementary school for the last few months concerning the space and safety issues. After discussion by the faculty, a School Structure Committee was formed. The members are: Joy Williams, Allison Mangan, Sue Baczewski, Mary Wissman, Mark Taft, Alicia Elliot and Joe Boggio. **The committee worked hard to narrow down a large number of possibilities based on the stated beliefs of the staff to present to the faculty.** Much thought was put into this process including, but not limited to, personnel, instructional time, vertical teaming, enrollment, space issues and budgeting concerns. **After careful consideration the team presented a plan to faculty based on the most critical needs; stability for students and flexibility to deal with "bubble years."** The school would be broken into 3 groups K-1, 2-3, 4-5 and within those groups there would be three class rooms, 2 regular class rooms that would have looping and one multi age classroom. Looping was explained as if your child enters kindergarten they would have the same teacher for both kindergarten and first grade. This would be beneficial to both the student and the teacher as they would become familiar with each other. **The multiage classrooms would consist of a K-1 class, a 2-3 class and a 4-5 class.** This would help alleviate the large class sizes that have been consistent in the 4-5 grade. It would also alleviate some of the budgeting concerns over hiring new teachers and the scrambling that sometimes happens when a class over the summer has an influx of students.

Members of the Board asked questions concerning the plan which were answered.

The following members of the public addressed the Board with questions and concerns; Michele Calderwood, Kendra Gardner, Amanda Sweetser, Sean Lee, Nina Honeycutt, Jessica Bills and Krystal Stockwell. Their concerns and questions were answered by J. Boggio, W. Woolridge and S. Taft.

The public was also informed that the Board will be at the PTA meeting February 24, 2016 at the Hinsdale Elementary School and will be able to answer questions again at that time.

There was also discussion concerning the next step to address the space issue at the elementary school and further discussion will be happening in the spring concerning this.

W. Woolridge stated that he was appreciative of the hard work done by the committee and staff and commended them for looking at their beliefs about learning. He also expressed his thanks to the public for their commitment to their child's education.

J. Boggio was excused from the meeting at 7:18 to watch his son Matthew score his 1,000 point as a high school athlete.

### **Student Representatives:**

Rebecca Thomas reported that middle school students felt that bullying was a problem. Discussion followed. A. Freitag will follow up with the group Creating a Good Environment (C.A.G.E.) to work on strategies concerning this matter. R. Thomas also reported on how much the students appreciated, the ELO'S, new robotics, music offerings and all the hands on opportunity for students.

### **Lunch policy regarding zero balances:**

Discussion was had regarding the -0- balance policy of the Abbey Group. Further discussion will happen at the next meeting, including review of policy.

### **Goals Review:**

W. Woolridge reviewed the goals of the Board; he updated the Board on how he would like to move forward with the implementation of the goals. They will become a monthly agenda item.

Motion to recess at 7:42 pm to watch Matthew Boggio score his 1,000 high school point.

Motion to go back into session at 7:50 pm

### **Final Reading of Policy JRB/GBEAA and JLCD:**

The Board reviewed policy JRB/GBEAA- Confidential Student Information and JLCD- Administering Medication to Students. After discussion the following motion was made;

**S. Leary - MOVED to approve the policies, JRB/GBEAA- Confidential Student Information and JLCD- Administering Medication to Students as a First Reading. J. O'Malley SECONDED. VOTE 3-0-0 MOTION PASSED**

### **First Reading of Policy EHAA, GBEBD, KD, KD-R**

The Board reviewed policy EHAA- Computer Security, E mail and Internet Communications, GBEBD- Employee Use of Social Networking Websites, KD- School District Social Media Websites, KD-R School District Media Websites- Regulations. After discussion the following motion was made;

**S. Leary - MOVED to approve the policies EHAA- Computer Security, E mail and Internet Communications, GBEBD- Employee Use of Social Networking Websites, KD- School District Social Media Websites, KD-R School District Media Websites- Regulations, as a First Reading. J. O'Malley SECONDED. VOTE 3-0-0 MOTION PASSED**

### **Community Forum Review;**

Review of the community forum that was held January 27, 2016 was conducted.

### **Any other business to be conducted before the Board:**

H. Kennedy brought a request to purchase a yearbook ad; after discussion the following motion was made:

**S. Leary -MOVED to approve a half page ad in the HMHS yearbook; SECONDED J. O'Malley VOTE: 3-0-0 MOTION PASSED**

**Committee Reports:**

**Personnel Committee:** contract has been ratified, need to have passed at Town Meeting in order to sign and have it printed.

**Health, Safety and Wellness:** J. O'Malley updated on the meeting held January 26, 2016.

**Town Budget Committee:** no updates

**Staff Development:** no updates

**Legislative Committee/NHSBA:** J. O'Malley reviewed hot topics with the Board.

**Windham Regional Career Center:** next meeting is in March

**Crisis/Emergency Management:** no updates

**HASP Advisory:** S. Leary reviewed information from the meeting that was held today

**Selectmen:** J. O'Malley updated the Board on the meeting he attended.

**Facilities/Maintenance:** J. O'Malley updated the Board on the meeting that was held January 29, 2016.

**Community Connections:** no updates

**Financial Report:**

T. O'Connor reviewed his report with the Board; questions were asked and answered. T O'Connor also discussed the Primex bid. Discussion followed copies were printed of the information and the Board will review and go back to the topic.

**Curriculum Report:**

S. Taft reviewed her report with the Board; questions were asked and answered. S. Taft also updated the Board on a survey that Ms. Sommer conducted in the middle school concerning cursive writing.

6<sup>th</sup> grade 33 out of the 34 could read a passage that she wrote

7<sup>th</sup> grade 36 out of 36 could read a passage that she wrote

8<sup>th</sup> Grade 38 out of 38 could read a passage that she wrote

6<sup>th</sup> grade 16 out of 34 could write a passage in cursive

7<sup>th</sup> grade 11 out of 36 could write a passage in cursive

8<sup>th</sup> grade 16 out of 38 could write a passage in cursive

**Premix Bid**

**J. O'Malley -MOVED to approve the Primex bid as presented ; SECONDED S. Leary VOTE: 3-0-0 MOTION PASSED**

**Technology Report:**

The Board reviewed D. Trabucco's report; questions were asked and answered.

**Principal Reports:**

J. Boggio reviewed his report with the Board; questions were asked and answered. J. Boggio reviewed the joint loss committee meeting that was held December 14, 2015

A. Freitag reviewed her report with the Board; questions were asked and answered. A .Freitag reviewed the on line registration for courses that is now being offered to students. She also reviewed the NEASC special progress report. This will be brought back to the Board in March.

J. O'Malley brought to the principals a contest that is a possibility in conjunction with the Town Clerk next year concerning the design of the town dog tag.

**Superintendent's Report:**

W. Woolridge reviewed his report with the Board, questions were asked and answered. Discussion was had concerning the safety check conducted by Steve Allen with Homeland Security. This will be an upcoming board agenda item.

**Citizens Comments:**

April Anderson reviewed with the Board her experience with the school lunch program concerning zero balances. April also invited the Board to attend the March meeting to discuss the space and safety issues including looping and multi-age classrooms.

**S. Leary MOVED to adjourn the meeting at 8:50 PM. J. O'Malley SECONDED. VOTE: 3-0-0, MOTION PASSED.**

I attest that this a true copy of the minutes:

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Ann Marie Diorio

approved on \_\_\_\_\_