

**Hinsdale School Board Meeting  
Hinsdale School District  
SAU Building  
August 19, 2015  
6:15 PM**

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

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

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

**MINUTES:**

**S. Leary -MOVED to approve the public minutes of June 10, 2015; SECONDED T. McCosker. VOTE: 4-0-1 MOTION PASSED**

**S. Leary -MOVED to approve the non- public minutes of June 10, 2015; SECONDED T. McCosker. VOTE: 4-0-1 MOTION PASSED**

**Citizens Comments:**

H. Kennedy reviewed Board policy regarding chain of command.

Krystal Gaffney expressed her disappointment regarding the middle school summer project decision to have the project count as extra credit as opposed to a grade. Discussion followed with P. Bassett and J. Kenney and board members.

Michelle Calderwood also expressed her concerns regarding the project, further discussion followed.

**Board Business:**

**New Teacher Agenda/Teacher Workshop:**

S. Taft reviewed with the Board the training that is being conducted for new teachers and returning teachers.

**Information concerning Andrew Kellar- Selectmen's meeting August31, 2015:**

The Board has been invited to the Selectmen's meeting on August 31, 2015 to review with Andrew Kellar, representative from nhsolargarden, the solar project that is being built in town and how the school and town may benefit.

**Fence Review**

T. OConnor reviewed with the Board a meeting held with Monadnock Fence, concerning what type of fence to have around the soccer field. A PO was issued for the installation of a 5ft chain link fence. Discussion followed regarding this or keeping the present fence and doing repairs. After discussion it was decided to table this discussion until the September meeting.

### **Job Description Review:**

P. Bassett reviewed the job descriptions for Psychologist, Custodian, Maintenance, and Title One Tutor. 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:

**J. Woodbury - MOVED to approve the job descriptions of Psychologist, Custodian, Maintenance, and Title One Tutor as presented. J. O'Malley SECONDED. VOTE 5 -0-0 MOTION PASSED**

### **Other Business to come before the Board:**

T. OConnor reviewed the DOE- 25 and the MS-25 with the Board, he explained that the Hinsdale School District will be returning \$652,381.00 to reduce taxes. T. O'Connor then explained the process to the Board on why this occurred. T. OConnor reviewed the improvements that were made at the school, and the revenue forecast from the state that happened at different times over the course of March to July. Lengthy discussion followed, T. OConnor will be present at the next budget committee meeting to explain this.

J. O'Malley asked for clarification on the letter concerning Property-Liability Trust (PLT) regarding coverage they provide. T. OConnor clarified the information.

S. Leary reviewed the plan that is being developed by the EPA and the Town for a rain garden in the vicinity of the post office. S. Leary is hoping that students may be involved: information will be forwarded to the staff. .

### **Financial Report:**

Items were covered in other business.

### **Curriculum Report:**

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

### **Technology Report:**

The Board reviewed D. Trabucco's report. Questions were asked and answered. S. Leary asked about the Community Forum Information, A. Diorio will have it posted soon. J. O'Malley discussed the school board having a school e mail. H. Kennedy will ask M. Upton about this. D. Trabucco reviewed the additional findings of the e rate audit.

### **Principal Reports:**

J. Boggio reviewed his report with the Board; questions were asked and answered. J. Boggio reviewed the need for there to be a switch to three kindergartens and the move of the library and shared space for the two first grades in the old library space.

A. Freitag reviewed her report with the Board; questions were asked and answered. A. Freitag explained the changes in the school for the current school year. Discussion was had regarding hiring an Athletic Trainer for the home games. After discussion the Board would like this placed on the agenda for September.

### **Assistant Superintendent's Report:**

M. Taft reviewed his 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. Bassett shared the achievements that have happened in the district concerning the community forum topics. P. Bassett also reviewed with the Board that due to the heroin epidemic the school was working with the police department to have on hand a supply of Narcan in the event of an overdose. Discussion was also had concerning the superintendent's search.

### **Citizens Comments:**

Krystal Gaffney stated her support for an athletic trainer's position. She also had a questions concerning why was money issued for a down payment of the fence. T OConnor addressed her concern.

Mike Darcy asked about using the school for a cooking class connected with the Hinsdale Farmers Market. The Board said they would review a proposal if it was presented. T. OConnor suggested that due to federal funds being used for the project this will have to have further investigation.

### **Committee Reports:**

**Personnel Committee:** no updates

**Health Safety and Wellness:** Meeting schedule September 14 at 2:45 in the high school conference room

**Town Budget Committee:** will be meeting in September 18, 2015

**Staff Development:** no updates

**Legislative Committee/NHSBA:** J. O'Malley reviewed information he had received. A. Diorio asked the Board to review the information from the NHSBA and e mail if you would like to attend any workshops.

**Windham Regional Career Center:** no updates

**Crisis/Emergency Management:** no updates

**HASP Advisory:** no updates

**Selectmen:** J. O'Malley reviewed information with the Board.

**Facilities/Maintenance:** no updates, the Board would like to schedule a walkthrough of the schools, it will be on the agenda for the next meeting of the Board.

**Community Connections:** next forum will be schedule in October.

**J. Woodbury MOVED to go into non-public session according to RSA 91 A: 3 (a) (b) at 9:06 pm T. McCosker SECONDED. Roll Call – H. Kennedy- yes, S. Leary– yes, J. O'Malley-yes, T. McCosker-yes, J. Woodbury –yes VOTE: 5-0-0, MOTION PASSED.**

**J. Woodbury MOVED to go out of non-public session at 9:20 PM. S. Leary SECONDED. Roll Call S. Leary–yes, H. Kennedy yes- J. O'Malley- yes, T. McCosker, yes VOTE: 5-0-0, MOTION PASSED.**

**S. Leary MOVED to adjourn the meeting at 9:21 PM. J. O'Malley SECONDED. VOTE: 5-0-0, MOTION PASSED.**

I attest that this a true copy of the minutes:

\_\_\_\_\_ approved on \_\_\_\_\_  
Ann Marie Diorio