

**Hinsdale School Board Meeting  
Hinsdale School District  
SAU Building  
November 4, 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 September 23, 2015; SECONDED J. Woodbury  
VOTE: 5-0-0 MOTION PASSED**

**S. Leary -MOVED to approve the public minutes of October 14, 2015; SECONDED J. Woodbury  
VOTE: 5-0-0 MOTION PASSED**

**S. Leary -MOVED to approve the non- public minutes of October 14, 2015; SECONDED J.  
Woodbury VOTE: 5-0-0 MOTION PASSED**

**Citizens Comments:**

Malorie Smith, teacher at the High School, thanked the Board for the workshops that were held in October. M. Smith also gave an update on the cross country team's accomplishments for the fall season.

**Board Business:**

**Discussion with Monadnock Fence:**

Nick, the representative from Monadnock Fence, answered the Board's questions regarding the fence. The conclusions of the discussion were; Monadnock Fence will get a quote to stain the fence, S. Leary will check with the Lion's Club to see if they would consider it a service project.

**Student Representatives:**

Skye Drake, Junior Class President and Rebecca Thomas, Sophomore Class President. The students thanked the Board for the opportunity to go to various places for field trips. The students thanked the Board for allowing all the sophomores to tackle the PSAT. Skye wished that she had that chance when she was a sophomore. A suggestion was made to have a new class that would help teach lifelong skills to students, such as how to apply for a student loan, how to change a tire. Rebecca thanked the Board for enlarging the music space; it has helped the students prepare for concerts and have the space to practice together. The students also made the Board aware of the homework load they are carrying. The Board and Administration will be discussing the homework policy at the next Board meeting.

### **Social Emotional Curriculum Presentation:**

Rob Breckinridge, Student Assistance Program Counselor, Terri Drogue, School Psychologist and Alicia Elliot, Elementary School Counselor gave a presentation regarding a social emotional curriculum that they are requesting for the school district. It would be using the same messaging throughout the campus. The funds have been put into this year's budget to extend the curriculum through the middle and high school. Questions were asked and answered.

### **Space issues at the Elementary School:**

M. Taft reviewed with the Board the enrollment figures projected for the Hinsdale Elementary School. There is a space issue in regards to the fact that there are only 4 class rooms available on the ground floor. The projection shows a continued need for 6 classrooms. Discussion followed regarding the safety issues that this represents and the need to develop a warrant article for this coming March to address the fire escape issue with a longer range plan for the future. It will become a priority of the Facilities Committee to investigate.

### **Community Forum Preparations:**

H. Kennedy informed the Board that December will be a forum with the Superintendent candidates. In January the focus will be on the new superintendent and the goals of the District. The Community Connections Committee will be meeting on Friday.

### **Review of Goals:**

The Board reviewed the updated goals and will be reviewing with the public at the public forum in January.

### **Policy Updates:**

Policies: GBJ- Personnel Records, ILDA, Non Educational Questionnaire, Surveys and Research, JCA- Change of School or Assignment and JICCD- Discipline/Out of School actions were presented as a final reading after discussion the following motion was made:

**S. Leary - MOVED to approve Policies GBJ- Personnel Records, ILDA, Non Educational Questionnaire, Surveys and Research, JCA- Change of School or Assignment and JICCD- Discipline/Out of School action as a final reading. T. Woodbury SECONDED. VOTE 5 -0-0 MOTION PASSED**

### **Committee Reports:**

**Personnel Committee:** negotiations session to be held on Friday November 6, 2015.

**Health, Safety and Wellness:** next meeting will be January 26, 2015.

**Town Budget Committee:** T. McCosker stated she has received the town's budget.

**Staff Development:** no updates

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

**Windham Regional Career Center:** M. Taft reviewed the meeting on Tuesday with the Board.

**Crisis/Emergency Management:** no updates

**HASP Advisory:** S, Leary updated the Board on the meeting that was held today. Next meeting will be December 9, 2015 at 5:30 pm.

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

**Facilities/Maintenance:** J. O'Malley and S. Leary reviewed the meeting that was held in October 30. The next meeting is scheduled for December 4, 2015.

**Community Connections:** next forum will be scheduled in December. A meeting will be held Friday November 6, 2015.

**Financial Report:**

T. OConnor reviewed his report with the Board; questions were asked and answered. T. OConnor passed out the 2015 tax rate that is down nineteen cents.

**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.

**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.

**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

**Citizens Comments:**

**None**

**J. Woodbury MOVED to adjourn the meeting at 8:38 PM. T. McCosker SECONDED. VOTE: 5-0-0, MOTION PASSED.**

I attest that this a true copy of the minutes:

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Ann Marie Diorio

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