

**Hinsdale School Board Meeting
Hinsdale School District
SAU Building
August 21, 2019
6:15 PM**

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

Administration Present: Wayne Woolridge, Superintendent; Ann Freitag, Principal; Tom OConnor, Business Administrator; Joseph Boggio, Principal; Tom Ronning, Vice Principal; and Deborah Child-Trabucco, Director of Technology

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

The Hinsdale School Board will hold a Public Hearing Regarding the Withdrawal of Funds from the Hinsdale School District Special Education Expendable Trust Fund and from the Hinsdale School District Building Maintenance Expendable Trust Fund

H. Kennedy read the notice of public hearing for the withdrawal of funds from the Special Education Expendable Trust in the amount of \$150,000.00 and from the Building Maintenance Expendable Trust in the amount of \$20,000.00. She asked if there were any comments from the public.

Peter Ohmart asked why this was being done, H. Kennedy explained that this was discussed at the Hinsdale School District meeting in March. The funds are being used as a revenue to offset taxes.

H. Kennedy asked if the Board had any questions, the answer was in the negative.

H. Kennedy closed the public hearing at 6:18 PM

S. Leary – MOVED to approve the withdrawal of \$150,000.00 from the Special Education Expendable Fund and \$20,000.00 from the Building Maintenance Expendable Trust. J. O'Malley SECONDED VOTE: 5-0-0 MOTION PASSED

Minutes

J. Woodbury – MOVED to approve the public minutes and nonpublic of June 5 2019 and the public minutes of June 17, 2019 J. O'Malley SECONDED

Discussion:

S. Leary discussed the wording of the June 5, 2019 minutes regarding the discussion under the Technology Directors report. S. Leary questions the wording of “verbally agreed to changes in the Technology Plan”. A. Diorio looked back to her notes and stated that she had noted the

Board had verbally agreed to changes in the 3 to 1 plan. After further discussion it was agreed that a sentence would be added to read the following: S. Leary expressed concerns going forward with the plan as presented without an official vote.

Discussion was held regarding the taping of future minutes so that this would be avoided in the future.

Also, noted there was an error in the number of Board members listed as voting in the June 17, 2019 minutes.

H. Kennedy called the question:

J. Woodbury – MOVED to approve the public minutes and nonpublic of June 5, 2019 and the public minutes of June 17, 2019 as amended. J. O’Malley SECONDED VOTE: 5-0-0 MOTION PASSED.

Citizens Comments

Peter Ohmart thanked the Board and Administration for the attention to detail that the Hinsdale School District has shown in regards to the safety of the students. Further discussion was held regarding some safety points, Mr. Ohmart was asked to make an appointment to speak to A. Freitag or T. Ronning regarding that information.

Board Business

Jill Collins- Grant Discussion

Jill Collins, Town Administrator, reviewed with the Board the new grant that she is writing concerning School Street. The grant is from Community Multi-Scale Air Quality Model (CMAQ) from the United States Environmental Protection Agency (US EPA). Mrs. Collins stated that the Town of Hinsdale would receive 80% funding for this grant which will be approximately one million dollars for total completion. The town currently has \$50,000.00 in trust funds that has been allocated for this project. If this grant is not approved there is the possibility to apply for a TAP grant in the spring. Questions were asked and answered; after discussion the following motion was made:

S. Leary – MOVED to approve the chair signing the letter of support regarding the grant request to CMAQ. J. O’Malley SECONDED VOTE: 5-0-0 MOTION PASSED

Funding Letter to Legislators and Governor

W. Woolridge reviewed with the Board information Mike Abbott, State Legislator shared concerning how Hinsdale is effected by the budget stalemate. He has suggested that Board members and the Superintendent write letters to the legislators he has indicated. After discussion it was decided to the Board will come up with talking points and review at the Board Retreat.

School Board Retreat

Discussion was held regarding the Board and Superintendent holding a Board Retreat, it was decided to hold it in the Middle High School library on September 22, 2019 at 10:00 am.

Review of School Security Assessment of the Hinsdale Middle School

The Board reviewed the School Security Assessment plan after discussion this will be taken up by the Facilities Committee to make recommendations. S. Leary would like it noted that J. O'Malley has made this on the forefront of the committee's work, he would like to commend J. O'Malley for his perseverance in this matter.

Adoption of District Goals

The board reviewed the District Goals that the administration updated and added to. Questions were asked and answered. After discussion the following motion was made:

**J. Woodbury – MOVED to approve the District Goals as presented. K. Hemlow
SECONDED VOTE: 5-0-0 MOTION PASSED.**

Review and Approval Amendments to Technology Plan

D. Trabucco reviewed the update Technology Plan with the Board, one error was discovered on page 6 of 13 bullet 3. Should read grade 4 classes not grade 3, there will be no change to the budget. D. Trabucco explained the difficulty in trying to budget five years out in the changing environment. D. Trabucco explained again, the philosophy that the Tech Group has come to regarding students being able to take laptops home. This year high school students will be able to take them home. We are one of the few districts in the state that do not allow students to take them home. Some teachers are moving to web based content without books and it is imperative that we provide the tools that the students need. There will be a parent meeting in September to review rules, regulation and consequences.

**J. O'Malley – MOVED to approve the Technology Plan update as presented. SECONDED
J. Woodbury**

Discussion:

S. Leary wants it noted that in the future he would like all the information concerning changes to the plan, budgeting etc. before a vote. D. Trabucco explained the difficulty in trying to budget five years out in the changing environment. After discussion the vote was as follows:

VOTE: 5-0-0 MOTION PASSED.

Policy BDC: Board Officials

Discussion was had regarding variances in the New Hampshire School Board Policy and the Hinsdale version of this policy. The Board received copies of the NHSBA Policy and the RSA concerning Board Officials. After discussion the Board will revisit this policy in September.

New Policy: Policy DAF

The Board reviewed policy DAF- Administration of Federal Grants fund after discussion the following motion was made:

S. Leary – MOVED to approve policy DAF Administration of Federal Grants as a first reading. SECONDED K. Hemlow VOTE: 5-0-0 MOTION PASSED.

Other Business

W. Woolridge reviewed the General Assurances, Requirements, and Definitions for Participation in Federal Programs that the Board received via e mail that needs to be approved to receive federal funds for the 2019-2020 school year. After discussion the following motion was made:

S. Leary – MOVED to approve the General Assurances, Requirements, and Definitions for Participation in Federal Program. SECONDED K. Hemlow VOTE: 5-0-0 MOTION PASSED.

J. O'Malley reviewed with the Board that he had received the information from the town clerk regarding the dog license contest. J. Boggio will pass on the information to Mrs. King.

J. O'Malley also reviewed with the Board a time capsule idea that elementary school students would write a letter and store it in a time capsule and when they are seniors it would be opened.

Financial Report: T. O'Connor's report was reviewed. T. OConnor informed the Board that the amount of the fund balance to offset taxes was \$252,059.58.

Curriculum Report: K. Craig's report was reviewed. W. Woolridge noted that the welcome back breakfast will be at the elementary school gym.

Technology Report: D. Trabucco's report was reviewed. D. Trabucco informed the Board of a data breach concerning Aimsweb which is a Pearson product. The teachers will be notified at the workshop on Monday, then a notice will be posted on the website. The data breach was considered minor for the Hinsdale School District.

Principal's Report: A. Freitag reviewed her report with the Board. 6th grade orientation will be held tomorrow Thursday, also there will be a cross country meet, tomorrow.

J. Boggio reviewed his report with the Board. It was a busy summer but nothing like last year during the building project.

Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Woolridge reviewed his report with the Board. K. Hemlow asked about the para shortage. W. Woolridge reviewed what has been done this summer and the advertising plan that will happen in September for both para's and substitute teachers.

Committee Reports

Personnel: No updates

Health Safety and Wellness Meeting scheduled for September 9, 2019 at 6:00 pm.

Town Budget Committee: no updates

Staff Development: no updates

Legislation/NHSBA: J. O'Malley discussed Kidder Law Conferences. Board members should notify A. Diorio by Monday if they are interested in attending. H. Kennedy updated the Board on information from Barret Christina regarding a policy, she will update the Board after the NHSBA meeting.

Emergency Management: no updates

Windham Career Center: no updates

HASP Advisory Board: no updates

Selectmen: H. Kennedy will be updating the letter that was previously sent to the Select Board regarding the parking ordinances. Discussion centered around the public hearing regarding School Street being one way. The time is now 7:00 am to 6:00 pm, signs should be here soon. Discussion was held regarding the bushes in front of the Elementary school. It was decided that this would be discussed at the facilities meeting.

Facilities Maintenance: Meeting will be held Friday August 23, 2019

Community Connections: Things will be ramping up for the new year, discussion will be happening with Inder Khalsa regarding the Welcome Wagon project.

Behavioral Support Team: The team has held two meetings over the summer, at their next meeting they will be reviewing data and current procedures to see if they can meld pieces together.

Tuition Exploratory Committee: First meeting will be September 4 at 6:00 pm

Citizens Comments:

Peter Ohmart gave suggestions regarding the bushes at the elementary school.

S. Leary MOVED to go into non-public session according to RSA 91 -A:3 II (c) at 8:30 pm; K. Hemlow SECONDED. Roll Call -S. Leary- yes, H. Kennedy- yes, K. Hemlow -yes, J. Woodbury- yes, and J. O'Malley- yes VOTE: 5-0-0, MOTION PASSED.

J. Woodbury MOVED to go out of non-public session at 8:39 PM. S. Leary SECONDED. Roll Call S. Leary-yes, H. Kennedy- yes, K. Hemlow- yes, J. Woodbury- yes, and J. O'Malley-yes VOTE: 5-0-0, MOTION PASSED.

J. Woodbury MOVED to adjourn the meeting at 8:40 PM. K. Hemlow SECONDED. VOTE: 5-0-0, MOTION PASSED.

I attest that this is a true copy of the minutes:

Ann Marie Diorio

approved on _____