

**Hinsdale School Board Meeting
Hinsdale School District
HMHS Library**

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October 14, 2020

6:15 PM

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

Administration Present: Wayne Woolridge, Superintendent; Ann Freitag, Principal; Joseph Boggio, Principal, Catlin McLaughlin, Director of Curriculum, Instruction, and Assessment

Administration attending remotely: Deborah Child-Trabucco, Director of Technology; Tom OConnor, Business Manager; Sean Robinson, Vice Principal

1. S. Leary called the meeting to order at 6:15 PM
2. S. Leary reviewed the guidelines for holding the zoom meeting.

Minutes

J. O'Malley – MOVED to approve the public and nonpublic minutes of September 3, 2020, H. Kennedy SECONDED. 5-0-0- MOTION PASSED

After discussion the following motion was made:

J. O'Malley – MOVED to approve the public and nonpublic minutes of September 9, 2020, as amended J. Kilelee SECONDED. 5-0-0 MOTION PASSED.

New Business

Election Meeting Place:

W. Woolridge introduced Edwin Smith, Hinsdale Town Moderator who presented a proposal to the Board for allowing the use of the HMHS gymnasium on November 3rd for election day. E. Smith explained to the Board, he understands this would be a disruptive situation for the school community but please review the request in consideration of the pandemic. If the gymnasium is used as the venue it would allow voters to get through more comfortably, it would be a better place to socially distance, and safe alternative due to daytime savings. E. Smith assured the Board that the town will work with the school maintenance department on deep cleaning and detailed sanitizing before students and staff return to school the next day.

W. Woolridge recommended having November 3rd as a remote learning day for all students to avoid additional day at the end of the school year.

Administration input was taken. How this accommodation would affect meal plans, after school activities, and sports situations was also discussed.

Questions were asked and answered.

After discussion, it was agreed to decide after the non-public session of the Board meeting.

Calendar Updates:

W. Woolridge explained to the Board, to allow preparation time and training time for staff, PD days were adjusted and added at the beginning of the school year. Due to this adjustment, W. Wooldridge requested the Board to review and approve changes to the 2020-2021 school calendar.

Questions were asked and answered.

After discussion, it was agreed to decide after the non-public section for the Board meeting.

COVID- update:

W. Woodridge shared with the Board how grateful and appreciative he is of the staff for doing the impossible. It is very impressive how teachers can manage both remote learning and classroom learning.

W. Woolridge expressed his concerns regarding approaching cold and flu season, as it would be difficult to sustain the current learning model due to the fact cooler weather may increase the spread of COVID-19.

W. Woolridge also shared the impact of family gatherings and travel during the holiday season as typically gathering and travel may result in increased spread of the virus.

This would also increase the current staffing issues.

W. Woolridge shared with the Board, since the beginning of school, a total of 79 students had to be dismissed due to COVID associated symptoms. 43 at HES and 36 at HMHS.

W. Woolridge also explained to the Board many of our classrooms are currently close to capacity based on maintaining social distancing. Approximately 30 students are switching to in-person learning from remote learning programs.

W. Woolridge presented an option to the Board to consider offering a remote learning option from Monday- Friday following Thanksgiving thru the Martin Luther King holiday. If this option is approved students would have five weeks of remote-only instruction.

Questions were asked and answered. The Board agreed not to go any further with this plan.

H. Kennedy updated the Board, on her knowledge and information on COVID trigger number cases as well as state recommended guidelines.

Discussion on having a protocol in place with a benchmark number of COVID cases was held. What would happen if student or staff member tests positive for COVID? The discussion was held regarding trigger number at school level vs. town level vs. county level. The board agrees on the importance of having a proactive, definite plan in place in case of a positive COVID test in the district. The Board agreed that if **there** is one positive case of a school community member of COVID-19, who is in person or has access to the school buildings, the school would switch to remote learning for 10 school days this decision would be reevaluate toward the end of the 10 days.

Discussion was held regarding who would call if there are staffing issues, and the school needed to be closed that would be Superintendent Woolridge decision this would be determined on a by building case.

Discussion followed, after discussion the following motion was made:

H. Hemlow – MOVED to accept if there is one positive case of a school community member of COVID-19, who is in person or has access to the school buildings, the school would switch to remote learning for 10 school days this decision would be reevaluate toward the end of the 10 days. SECONDED J. Kilelee VOTE: 5-0-0 MOTION PASSED.

H. Kennedy also discussed with the Board questions, concerns, and complaints she has received regarding varsity teams playing games against towns which has 7 to 8 times higher COVID cases and are over an hour from Hinsdale.

S. Kilelee, Athletic Director answered questions from the Board.

Town Dog Licenses / HES Election Results:

J. Boggio shared 4th grade 2020 Dog Tag voting contest results- Gold Paw Print.

J. Boggio commented, it was nice to do some kind of routine as it gives kids some sense of normal.

Review of Code of Conduct

The discussion was held regarding the code of conduct as presented after discussion the following motion was made:

K. Hemlow – MOVED to accept the Code of Conduct for remote learning as amended SECONDED H. Kennedy. VOTE: 5-0-0 MOTION PASSED.

Job Descriptions Update: Executive Assistant of Superintendent and Director of Technology

A discussion was held regarding job descriptions updates; Executive Assistant to Superintendent and Director of Technology as presented after discussion the following motion was made:

J. O'Malley – MOVED to accept the modified job descriptions for Executive Assistant to Superintendent/Director of Personnel and Director of Technology. SECONDED H. Kennedy. VOTE: 5-0-0 MOTION PASSED.

Other Business:

J. O'Malley shared with the Board Hinsdale 5th grade wall tile was successfully installed for the 5th grade class of 2019-2020.

J. O'Malley wanted to share with staff Hinsdale Education Foundation Mini-Grant is still in place if a teacher is seeking financial support for the education project.

J. Killee inquired about a plan in place for grades 2- 5 in case of instant remote learning as this group does not laptops. J. Boggio provided an update.

Board requested Superintendent to provide a generally updated report every 2 weeks between Board meetings.

Financial Report: T. OConnor reviewed his report with the Board, questions were asked and answered.

T. O'Connor shared with the Board USDA extended waiver for free meals for all students to the end of the school year, June 30, 2021.

Discussion was held concerning the upcoming budget session, the Board will meet with the Administration on Wednesday, December 2, 2020, to discuss.

Curriculum Report: C. McLaughlin 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. D. Trabucco shared with the board update delivery timeline of grades 2-5 laptops is now November- December

D. Trabucco shared with the Board, as of her knowledge, PowerSchool and Teams are in sync.

Principal's Report: A. Freitag reviewed her report with the Board. A. Freitag wanted to publicly extend her thanks and appreciation to staff for working diligently to teach both in-person and remotely.

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

Superintendent's Report:

Superintendent Woolridge reviewed his report with the Board.

Committee Reports:

Personal Committee- No update

Health and Wellness- Next meeting on October 19, 2020

Town Budget Committee- No update

Staff Development- No update

Legislation/ NHSBA- J. O'Malley updated the Board on the 10/8 NHSBA conference he attended thru Zoom. H. Kennedy provided an update on Delegate Assembly to the Board.

Emergency Management- No update

Windham Career Center- No update

HASP Advisory Board- No update

Selectmen- No update

Facilities Maintenance- J. O'Malley updated the Board on the meeting that was held September 17, 2020. T. OConnor will be updating the CIP list. The committee reviewed quotes for bleachers and digital signage for out by the road.

Community Connections- No update

Behavioral Support Team- W. Wayne is hoping to meet with the committee members soon.

Joint Loss Committee- The Chair and Facilities Director are setting up building walk-thru. Next meeting in January 2021

Citizens Comments:

None

K. Hemlow MOVED to go into non-public session according to RSA 91 -A:3 II (a) (b) (c) at 9:05 PM SECONDED J. Kilelee. Roll Call -S. Leary- yes, H. Kennedy- yes, K. Hemlow - yes, J. O'Malley-yes, and J. Kilelee- yes. VOTE: 5-0-0, MOTION PASSED

K. Hemlow MOVED to go out of non-public session at 10:32 PM. J. O'Malley SECONDED. Roll S. Leary-yes, H. Kennedy- yes, K. Hemlow- yes-, J. O'Malley- yes, and J. Kilelee- yes. VOTE: 5-0-0, MOTION PASSED

S. Leary explained that the Board needed to vote on the meeting place for the voting and the school calendar as amended. S. Leary also explained that the Board decided in nonpublic that the schools will be dismissed as follows, the Hinsdale Middle High School at 12:20 and the Hinsdale Elementary School at 1:00 pm on Friday's starting October 30, 2020. This time would be used for teacher planning and additional cleaning.

K. Hemlow – MOVED to accept then recommendation for the Town of Hinsdale to use the Hinsdale Middle High School Gymnasium as the voting place for the November 3, elections. SECONDED H. Kennedy. VOTE: 5-0-0 MOTION PASSED.

K. Hemlow – MOVED to accept the calendar for the 2020-2021 school year as amended. SECONDED H. Kennedy. VOTE: 5-0-0 MOTION PASSED.

Discussion was had regarding the COVID – 19 questionnaires, students will no longer be asked the question. Parents need to be answering the questionnaire.

K. Hemlow MOVED to adjourn the meeting at 10:45 pm. J. Killee SECONDED. VOTE: 5-0-0, MOTION PASSED

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

_____ approved on _____
Palak Patel

_____ approved on _____
Ann Marie Diorio