

**Hinsdale School Board Meeting
Hinsdale School District
SAU Conference Room**

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**March 10, 2021
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

Administration attending remotely: Tom O'Connor, Business Administrator; Deborah Child-Trabucco, Director of Technology; Catlin McLaughlin, Director of Curriculum, Instruction, and Assessment; Patricia Wallace, SPED Coordinator HES; Karen Thompson, K-12 Director of Personalized learning; Sean Robinson, Assistant Principal HMHS

S. Leary called the meeting to order at 6:15 PM

S. Leary reviewed the guidelines for holding the Zoom meeting.

Minutes

J. Kilelee MOVED to approve the public minutes of February 8, 2021, and public minutes of February 10, 2021, K. Hemlow SECONDED.

After discussion, the following motion was made:

J. Kilelee MOVED to approve the public minutes of February 8, 2021, and public minutes of February 10, 2021, as amended K. Hemlow SECONDED. 5-0-0 MOTION PASSED.

New Business

The setting of Graduation Date/ Information from Senior Class representatives:

W. Woolridge purposed to the Board Saturday, June 12, 2021, as graduation day on behalf of the senior class.

**K. Hemlow MOVED to accept June 12, 2021, as a graduation day for the class of 2021
J. O'Malley SECONDED. 5-0-0 MOTION PASSED.**

A Freitag introduced, Oliva Pangelinan and Kleay Steever, Class President and Vice President of the HMHS Class of 2021. They reviewed with the Board, the Class of 2021 requests for class day and graduation. The class would like to have both ceremonies as normal as possible. It was proposed to hold Class day in the HMHS Gymnasium and only invite high school students and family members of seniors. COVID- 19 safety guidelines of 6 feet distance would be followed for seating. Family members can be assigned seating pods to maximize space usage. Guest speakers may also be limited to accommodate seating space on the stage.

The senior class proposed to hold a graduation ceremony outside by the pavilion with a family pod setup for each senior student. Each senior would be able to invite a certain number of family members.

For sitting arrangements purposes and better event management, requesting guests to RSVP was recommended.

Board agreed with the general proposed plan and the senior class would present additional information on pod setup, the number of people expected, and plan for rain day during the May Board meeting.

Proposal concerning Prom- Junior Class Representatives:

K. Fleury, Junior Class Representative reviewed the proposal concerning Prom. The Class of 2022 requested to hold prom on May 15th, at Northfield Golf Club, Northfield, MA. The proposal outlined several precaution and safety guidelines to ensure the safety of the students and staff.

J. O'Malley MOVED to accept the proposal for Junior Class Prom K. Hemlow SECONDED. 5-0-0 MOTION PASSED.

Proposal Heart and Sole- Karyn Hammond- Hinsdale Parks and Recreation:

Karyn Hammond reviewed how the Girls on the Run and Heart and Sole program has been developed in NH this season due to COVID. Karyn educated the Board on how the program has been modified to offer in-person and virtual models.

After a detailed explanation, the proposal was presented to the Board to offer Heart & Sole at HMS this season. For this year only 9th-grade girls possibly would be able to register since the program was cut short last season. Girls on the Run would be offered at HES depending on coaching availability in the fall.

After discussion the following motion was made:

K. Hemlow MOVED to approve Girls On the Run/Heart & Soul to use school facilities for the spring of 2021. H. Kennedy SECONDED. 5-0-0 MOTION PASSED.

Review of Letter in support of School Street Grant:

S. Leary reviewed a letter of support addressed to the NHDOT Bureau of Planning & Community Assistance regarding the Town of Hinsdale TAP Application for improvements to School Street and the pursuit of this grant opportunity.

J. Kilelee MOVED to approve that the Board Chair sign the letter of support for the School Street Grant. K. Hemlow SECONDED. 5-0-0 MOTION PASSED.

Proposal Concerning Spring Sports:

Sam Kilelee, Athletic Director discussed with the Board preliminary details and requested the Board's authorization to move forward with spring sports. S. Kilelee explained all necessary safety protocols purposed by NHIAA will be followed as it was during soccer and basketball seasons. Such as wearing masks, sanitizing equipment after every single use, temperatures, and hand sanitation stations.

The official spring sports schedule and definitive plan will be presented to the Board for review during the April meeting as some of the details are still in development.

J. O'Malley MOVED to approve the spring sports proposal as presented. K. Hemlow SECONDED. 5-0-0 MOTION PASSED.

Ad for Year Book:

S. Leary explained each year the Board publishes a half-page ad for the graduating class in the high school yearbook. This year an additional 1/4-page ad is proposed to reflect gratitude to staff and teachers for all their hard work during the pandemic. Drafts with different designs and messages were presented for review. Prices for an ad would be half-page color- \$175; quarter-page color- \$100.

After discussion, the following motion was made:

K. Hemlow MOVED to approve a half-page ad for the class of 2021 and a quarter-page ad for teachers and staff. SECONDED J. Kilelee VOTE: 5-0-0 MOTION PASSED.

The final reading of Policy EBBB, JLCH, JICI:

After review, the following motion was made:

J. O'Malley MOVED to approve the final reading of policy EBBB, JLCH, JICI. SECONDED H. Kennedy VOTE: 5-0-0 MOTION PASSED.

COVID- 19 Discussion:

W. Woolridge reviewed the February meeting discussion regarding reevaluating current protocols for closing school, in the event of a positive COVID case in the school community.

All agreed much has changed relative to our knowledge of how transmission occurs, and it is time to reevaluate the current model with a focus on the current understanding of the true risk to staff and students.

Per the Board's request, a task force has put together some recommendations that better reflect best practices, for 2021 rather than when the policy was approved in 2020.

W. Woolridge explained the task force reviewed CDC, and NH Department of Human Services guidelines and two different metrics were considered in the recommendation plan. One was the rate of transmission in Cheshire County and the indicators for community transmission as defined by the CDC to determine school closing. The rate of transmission is defined by the total number of new cases per 100,000 in the past seven days and the percentage of COVID- 19 positive tests over the past seven days.

The second was the number of cases in a given location.

The task force recommended contact tracing and asking students and staff to quarantine if health care professionals determine it as an appropriate course of action.

In addition to the adoption of the ‘risk of community transmission model’, mandated quarantines, closing HES classroom for two days, and closing entire middle/high school for two days in the event of a positive case was recommended by the task force committee.

Recently established Governor Executive order # 85 was discussed. Under the Governor’s order, schools must provide at least two days of in-person instruction per week and can only close schools for 48 hours as a reaction to a positive case.

A discussion was held regarding the Governor’s emergency order 64 requiring Special Education services in person during remote learning. Questions were asked and answered.

After discussion, the following motion was made:

K. Hemlow MOVED to accept the new plan as presented SECONDED H. Kennedy VOTE: 5-0-0 MOTION PASSED.

A message will be sent to parents communicating changes.

A. Diorio pointed out to the Board today, March 10th was 113 day of school. Out of which HES had 75 days and HMHS had 76 days of in-person learning.

J Kilelee thanked the entire staff and administration team for all the hard work She pointed out. it’s very impressive and a big accomplishment.

A. Diorio updated the Board on the vaccine for staff members. She explained out of almost 200 school members who were eligible for the vaccine, 175 had signed up for or already had their first dose of the vaccine. A. Diorio explained she is working with a representative at the Greater Monadnock Public Health Network to scheduled appointments. She anticipates staff members will be able to start getting their vaccine as early as next week and by April vacation everyone should have a second dose of vaccine.

S. Leary gave Ann Diorio a big shout-out and thanked Ann for working tirelessly and spending the time in preparation for the school staff vaccination plan. Ann’s hard work is big deal and greatly appreciated by all.

Other Business:

Financial Report: T. OConnor reviewed his report with the Board

Curriculum Report: C. McLaughlin reviewed her report with the Board.
Curriculum Workshop meeting session scheduled for March 31st at 6:00 to review 2021-2026 Hinsdale School District Strategic Plan

Technology Report: D. Trabucco reviewed her report with the Board

Principal's Report: A. Freitag reviewed her report and grades 6-10 NWEA Winter MAP Reading and Math data with the Board. A. Freitag pointed out the HMHS population of remote learners continues to decline, as of March 10, HMHS is at 17% remote.

J. Boggio reviewed his report and documents received from Homeland Security with the Board. A detailed report was presented for Board's further review. J. Boggio pointed out the Facilities Committee has begun to review the next steps and a written plan will be submitted to the state before the September 1, 2021, due date. Meetings will be scheduled with the Police Chief, Fire Chief, Town of Hinsdale Emergency Management to develop a plan.

Superintendent's Report:

Superintendent Woolridge reviewed his report with the Board, questions were asked and answered. Technology goal, Security goal, Facilities goal sections were reviewed verbally with the Board due to page missing from the report.
Questions were asked and answered.

Committee Reports:

Personal Committee- No update

Health and Wellness- Next meeting scheduled for March 22, 2021

Town Budget Committee- No update

Staff Development- No update

Legislation/ NHSBA- No update

Emergency Management- No update

Windham Career Center- A. Freitag pointed out Windham Career Center possibly eliminating some courses from the program next year due to budget cuts.

HASP Advisory Board- No update

Selectmen- S. Leary shared with the Board Kathryn Lynch has put out a lot of information regarding the electronic sign. Jill was able to review the Parks and Recreation budget and the selectmen voted to spend \$2000 for the digital sign because it would help the town. S. Leary has a meeting on 23rd with a potential donation group.

Facilities Maintenance- J. O'Malley shared with the Board Kathryn Lynch's timeline vision for digital signage has expedited the process more than the district anticipated. J. O'Malley shared a vision of a digital sign. A meeting is scheduled with company representatives on March 26, 2021

J. O'Malley also pointed out Hydro Rebate continues; fiscal year to date district has received a little over \$2,300.00 in deposit.

Community Connections- S. Leary and K. Hemlow recognize the need for an online forum and purposed using Community Connection Facebook page to take a poll survey. For the online poll purpose, the commenting section would be turned on, and comments would be reviewed/authorized.

Behavioral Support Team- Next meeting April 14, 2021

Joint Loss Committee- No update

Citizens Comments:

W. Woolridge addressed a question regarding the Free and Reduced lunch applications and the impact on funding from the state.

J. O'Malley MOVED to go into non-public session according to RSA 91 -A:3 II (a) (b) (c) at 7:54 pm; H. Kennedy SECONDED. 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

J. Kilelee MOVED to go out of the non-public session at 8:22 pm. K. Hemlow SECONDED. 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 adjourn the meeting at 8:23 PM. J. Kilelee 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