

**The State of New Hampshire
Town of Hinsdale
School District Warrant**

To the inhabitants of the Town of Hinsdale qualified to vote in School District affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Hinsdale Millstream Community Center on Tuesday the 9th day of March 2021, at 10:00 o'clock in the forenoon to act on the following subjects:

ELECTION WARRANT:

Ballot: To cast your ballot for all necessary school district officers
2,899 Registered voters- 242 votes cast- 8.3 % turnout

School Board for three years vote for two:

Holly Kennedy	120 votes	Declared Elected
Michael Darcy	85 votes	
Krystal Gaffney	75 votes	
Kaylah Hemlow	118 votes	Declared Elected

The following part of the School District meeting shall be adjourned until Saturday, May 1, 2021, at 9:00 o'clock in the Robin Beaugard Gymnasium of Hinsdale Middle High School.

The Town Check List was available for use throughout the meeting. Present in addition to the Moderator Richard Johnson and School District Clerk Ann Marie Diorio were Supervisors of the Check List and Ballot Clerks, Maria Shaw, Nancy Clem, Kelly Savory, and Karen Johnson. Also, present were School Board Members: Holly Kennedy, Julia Kilelee, Kaylah Hemlow, James O'Malley, and Sean Leary. Administrators present were Wayne Woolridge, Superintendent, Thomas O' Connor, Business Administrator

Moderator Richard S. Johnson, Jr. called the meeting to order May 1, 2021, at 9:07 am, in the Robin Beaugard Gymnasium of Hinsdale High School.

Moderator Richard Johnson thanked everyone for coming out to participate in the meeting.

Moderator Johnson asked Chief Rataj to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

Moderator Johnson stated the rules of the meeting.

Motion was made and seconded to dispense with the reading of the articles and take each one as presented.

Moderator Johnson introduced Sean Leary Board, Chair. S. Leary pointed out several key factors for 2021-2022 budget. First was the shift in the instructional model we saw in March of 2020. Unlike other agencies who also were remote, it is important to note that ALL of our

biggest cost drivers remained in effect. Although our students weren't in the buildings, they were still receiving instruction from our staff. In many cases, our teachers and paras were working more hours than they would have in the traditional instructional model. There was no break in our payroll obligations, which typically accounts for roughly 75% of our overall budget.

The summer months are when our teaching staff has a time to wind down, reflect and recharge for the return of students in the fall. During the summer months of 2020, many of our staff gave up this "down time" in order to figure out how the 2020 / 2021 was going to work. They were facing a school year where none of the standard norms seemed to apply.

In the end, the decision was made to return with a combination of in-person and remote instruction. Teacher and paras were thrown into a situation where they were providing instruction and support for multiple classrooms simultaneously.

Our paras, who deal most closely with our most challenging student behaviors and needs in the district, struggled daily with the challenges of providing one to one support while trying to minimize their potential risk of exposure to the virus.

Our custodial staff also found themselves with a ton of extra work as they met the facility requirements handed down from the state and the CDC. Each positive COVID case we had in the district was followed up by a deep cleaning conducted by our custodians.

Our technology department was run ragged setting up the infrastructure to support our instructional plan. And they provided support every day to not only our on campus learners but our off campus learners as well.

All of these efforts were supported by our administrators who stepped in at every level to provide support wherever it was needed.

The second factor of significant importance is the recent increase in the district's Special Services obligation. The district currently has a greater number of out of district placements than we have seen in several years. These placements are costly and we are required to provide them where necessary. This is not a requirement that is unique to Hinsdale and other districts across the state face this challenge as well.

The third main item of note as it pertains to budget is the expenditures surrounding COVID-19. Hinsdale has been receiving a number of COVID related grant funds that are assisting us in covering our COVID expenses.

S. Leary acknowledge the following retirees: Tom OConnor, Business Administrator, Julie Fenrich, Director of Special Services, Inder Khalsa, Director of Title One, middle school teacher Bill Wahlstrom, and elementary school teacher Dolores Keane.

S. Leary introduce Business Administrator Tom OConnor to review budget highlights. T. OConnor reviewed the cost drivers of Article One the School Budget, which is \$67,354 over last

year's article. Article Two is the cost of the support staff increase which is for the three years of the contract at 3.50%, 3.57% and 3.58%.

ARTICLE ONE: OPERATING BUDGET

To see if the Hinsdale School District will vote to raise and appropriate the budget committee's recommended amount of \$14,218,291 for the support of schools, for the payment of salaries for the school district officials and agents, and for the payment for the statutory obligations of the district. This article does not include appropriations contained in special or individual articles addressed separately. The school board recommends this appropriation by a 4-1-0 vote. The budget committee recommends this appropriation by a 6-3-1 vote. (Majority vote required) Motion was made and seconded to accept Article One as printed.

Discussion followed, statements from the public were received, and questions were answered.

Moderator Johnson asked if there were any other questions; motion made and seconded to call the question.

By voice vote, it was declared in the affirmative, Article One passes.

ARTICLE TWO: NEGOTIATED COST ITEMS

(NOTE: It was noted that the information in the Annual Report was incorrect the below are the correct votes for this article)

To see if the school district will vote to approve the cost items included in the collective bargaining agreement reached between the Hinsdale School Board and the Hinsdale Support Staff Association which calls for the following increases in salaries and benefits at the current staffing level:

Fiscal Year	Estimated Increase
2022	\$44,465
2023	\$40,783
2024	\$42,272

and further to raise and appropriate \$44,465 for the current fiscal year, such sum representing the additional costs attributable to the increase in salaries and benefits required by the new agreement over those that would be paid at current staffing levels. The school board recommends this appropriation by a 4-0-1 vote. The budget committee recommends this appropriation by a 6-3-1 vote. (Majority vote required)

Motion was made and seconded to accept Article Two as printed.

Discussion followed, statements from the public were received, and questions were answered.

Moderator Johnson asked if there were any other questions; motion made and seconded to call the question.

By voice vote, it was declared in the affirmative, Article Two passes.

ARTICLE THREE: The Moderator read Article Three; Shall the Hinsdale School District receive the reports of its agents, auditors, committees, and officers?

Karen Johnson asked when the audit would be ready. T. OConnor explained that it should be ready soon, there were some delays due to COVID restrictions.

By voice vote, it was declared in the affirmative, Article Three passes.

ARTICLE FOUR: The Moderator read Article Four as printed: To transact any other business as may lawfully come before the meeting.

Senator Jay Kahn thanked the body for being present he reviewed work that the legislators were working on. He also recognized the Hinsdale Girls Basketball Team for their perseverance during a pandemic for winning the Division IV title. Members of team are: Delaney Wilcox, Kleay Steever, Angelina Nardolillo, Olivia Pangilinan , Audrey Martin, Addy Nardolillo, Brooke Pagach, Lily Briggs, Lilee Taylor, Aleah Owen, Megan Roberts, Coaches ,Terry Bonnette and Sam Kilelee.

Motion made and seconded to adjourn the meeting at 9:34 AM.

For the record, at this May 1, 2021 meeting, the Hinsdale School District voted to raise and appropriate a total of (\$14,262,756.00) fourteen million, two hundred sixty-two thousand, and seven hundred and fifty-six dollars.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann Marie Diorio, District Clerk