

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

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**May 12, 2021
6:15 pm**

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

Board member attending remotely: Holly Kennedy, from her home due to her husband's recent surgery, no one else was present in the room.

Administration Present: Wayne Woolridge, Superintendent; Ann Freitag, Principal; Joseph Boggio, Principal; Tom O'Connor, Business Administrator

Administration attending remotely: Deborah Child-Trabucco, Director of Technology; Julie Fenrich, Director of Special Services; Patricia Wallace, SPED Coordinator HES; Karen Thompson, K-12 Director of Personalized Learning; Sean Robinson, Assistant Principal HMHS; Catlin McLaughlin, Director of Curriculum, Instruction, and Assessment

W. Woolridge called the meeting to order at 6:15 pm

W. Woolridge asked for nominations for Chair:

**K. Hemlow -MOVED to nominate Sean Leary for Chair J. Kilelee SECONDED.
VOTE: 4-0-1 MOTION PASSED**

W. Woolridge turned the meeting over to Chair Leary.

S. Leary asked for nominations of Vice-Chair:

**J. Kilelee-MOVED to nominate K. Hemlow for Vice-Chair, S. Leary SECONDED.
VOTE: 3-0-2 MOTION PASSED**

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

Minutes

J. O'Malley MOVED to approve the public and non-public minutes of April 14, 2021 J. Kilelee SECONDED. 5-0-0 MOTION PASSED.

New Board Business

Schedule of Year-End Events:

Olivia Pangilinan and Kleay Steever, Class President and Vice President of the HMHS Class of 2021, reviewed the following year-end events with the Board.

- The senior class trip is scheduled for May 28 at Lake Winnepesaukee, NH.
- Senior Class day is scheduled for June 11 in the HMHS Gym. The setup would be similar to the town meeting set up with chairs spaced apart. Only high school students and

parents of senior students would be attending the event in person. Chris Roberts would stream the event for middle school students to watch from their classrooms.

- Graduation is scheduled on June 12 at the Heritage Park with chairs spaced apart. Additional chairs would be set up under a canopy for seniors or people with health conditions. Mask wearing would be recommended.

On behalf of the Class of 2021, O. Pangilinan thanked S. Leary for sponsoring to film the graduation ceremony.

Committee Assignments:

Committees were reviewed, and Board members were assigned. (see attached)

Selection of Search Committee for Business Administrator:

A discussion was held regarding the makeup of the committee. After the discussion the following motion was made:

J. O'Malley MOVED to accept Committee for Business Administrator as presented SECONDED K. Hemlow. 5-0-0 MOTION PASSED.

The Search Committee for a Business Administrator shall be comprised of:

2 members of the Hinsdale school Board- Holly Kennedy and Julia Kilelee
2 SAU # 92 Community Members- Jay Ebbighausen and Anna Edson
a Hinsdale School District Principal- Joe Boggio
1 Hinsdale School District Teacher- Patty Wallace
1 Budget Committee Member- Ken Howe
1 SAU 92 Administrator- Wayne Woolridge

Selection of Search Committee for Director of Special Services:

A discussion was held regarding the makeup of the committee. After discussion, it was agreed to move this item to the non-public section of the meeting.

J. O'Malley MOVED to move the search committee for Director of Special Services to the non-public section of the meeting. SECONDED K. Hemlow. 5-0-0 MOTION PASSED.

J. O'Malley thanked all the candidates for their interest.

Memorial Day Parade Discussion:

J. O'Malley discussed the Board marching in the Memorial Day Parade as they have done in the past. The parade would go from the cemetery past the FD to the VFW. All Board members

showed interest and excitement. A. Diorio suggested Board members can walk in front of HES students. J. O'Malley will communicate additional information with the Board as he receives it.

Remote Learning Discussion:

W. Woolridge suggested as a Director of Personalized Learning, K. Thompson would be the most appropriate person to discuss remote learning.

K. Thompson recommended that the Board communicate to parents expressing a tentative plan for remoting learning for Fall 2021. K. Thompson mentioned it would be helpful for parents and students to understand that a remote option may not be an option for the next school year.

S. Leary acknowledged receipt of a letter from the Hinsdale Federation of Teachers. The Board agreed with the letter and points included.

A discussion was held regarding the current anticipated plan. All members agreed that the safety of all students and staff and the students' education in Hinsdale is the Board's priority. Unless mandated by State, the Board anticipates full opening and have 100% in-person learning to start the 2021-2022 school year.

J. Kilelee will work with K. Thompson to send out a communication to the parents.

Discussion regarding SEL checklist:

W. Woolridge reviewed the current SEL plan and the work in progress with E. Mann

A. Freitag discussed during advisory; teams are utilizing the weekly SEL lessons from the ChooSELove program and delivering the "courage" unit

A. Freitag provided clarification and an update on the recent social media discussion about the privilege checklist. A. Freitag explained SEL counselors select lessons. The lesson in question was a 12th grade unit and was presented by a substitute teacher in error instead of 11th grade as selected by counselors.

S. Leary pointed out reference materials from 1989 and thanked W. Woolridge and A. Freitag for conversing with everyone involved.

Diversity Plan Discussion

W. Woolridge and J. Fenrich reviewed the Diversity Plan draft with the Board.

Questions were asked and answered.

The final plan with policy number will be presented during June's Board meeting for Board approval.

COVID 19 Discussion:

W. Woolridge explained that Cheshire County is currently at a 2.5% positivity rate that equals to about 14 new cases per day. We are safe from the District's perspective, and we have not had any new cases since last month.

A. Diorio is coordinating with the Cheshire Medical Center, a clinic for students the age 12-18, interested in obtaining the COVID-19 vaccine. A. Diorio mentioned it looks like District will host the clinic in HMHS Gym for students. Parents will be sent additional information and a link to register.

The final reading of Policy JLCF, JI, JIC, JICD:

After review, the following motion was made:

**J. Kilelee MOVED to approve Final reading of Policy JLCF, JI, JIC, JICD. SECONDED
K. Hemlow VOTE: 5-0-0 MOTION PASSED.**

Other Business:

J. O'Malley shared that the Hinsdale Education Foundation is hosting the third annual Richard T. McCarthy Invitational Golf Tournament, on May 15, 2021, at the Northfield Golf Club.

S. Leary led the discussion regarding the current Summer Hiring policy. It was an agreement this is necessary due to competition of similar positions in the surrounding area.

S. Leary suggested different perspective views, including student governing body to represent student voice as part of District committees, Diversity plan discussion, or job description discussion. Everyone agrees that is an excellent idea, and this could empower students and be part of a college application. A. Freitag will present the idea to upcoming 11th and 12th-grade students.

A discussion was held regarding Board representation for the Assistant Principal position. After discussion, it was agreed that it is important for the Board to represent an administrative position but may not be necessary. The decision was left to Ms. Freitag's judgment.

Financial Report: T. O' Connor reviewed his report with the Board.

Curriculum Report C. McLaughlin reviewed her report with the Board.

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

Principal's Report:

HMHS:

A. Freitag reviewed her report with the Board and thanked E. Kilelee for coming up with a creative plan on who does what under such high staff absentee numbers.

HES:

J. Boggio reviewed the PTA has decided to let 5th-grade students vote on the location of Recognition Night, Northfield Drive-in, or HMHS Gym. The action plan would be reviewed with the Board after the site is finalized.

J. Boggio proposed hosting a small end-of-year celebration for PK4 in the HES Gym. Board agreed with the safety action plan suggested and requested J. Boggio to proceed as he feels he needs to.

J. O'Malley thanked J. Boggio for his help in coordinating this year's Wall Tile Project.

Superintendent's Report:

Superintendent Woolridge reviewed his report with the Board.

Committee Reports:

Personnel Committee- No update

Health and Wellness- No update

Town Budget Committee- H. Kennedy shared next meeting is on May 19th to reorganize, elect officers, discuss budget outcome and next year's goal. K. Hemlow will attend the meeting since H. Kennedy is unable to attend.

Staff Development- The meeting is scheduled for May 20.

Legislation/ NHSBA- J. O'Malley shared annual meetings will now be in October instead of January. A discussion was held regarding the NHSBA recommendation, a motion to consider. H. Kennedy shared Board of Directors is inviting school boards to a meeting on Monday, May 17, regarding COVID funding.

Selectmen- S. Leary shared, the Selectmen are working on goal settings and reviewing communication goals. Board will be presented with a solar project proposal.

Facilities Maintenance- J. O'Malley shared the committee meeting last month, still moving along as planned with a digital sign. The District anticipates saving money since filter swapping will be done in-house now, and Johnson Control is switched to a non-proprietary agency. Solar project presentation by outsource company is on next month's agenda. A suggestion was discussed to share a presentation on all the Facilities Committee's accomplishments via Community Connections Committee.

Community Connections- S. Leary agreed with the suggestion to share the Facilities Committee's presentations. He also suggested, sharing a presentation on why the School Board does not propose as many warrant articles as the town.

Behavioral Support Team- No update

Joint Loss Committee- No update

Citizens Comments:

K. Hemlow MOVED to go into non-public session according to RSA 91 A:3 II (a) (b) (c) at 7:57 pm; J. O'Malley 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 go out of the non-public session at 8:22 pm. J. Kilelee 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