

**Hinsdale School Board Meeting
Hinsdale School District
SAU Conference Room
August 18, 2021**

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6:15 pm

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

Administration Present: Wayne Woolridge, Superintendent; Ann Freitag, Principal; Tom O'Connor, Business Administrator; Karen Thompson, Director of Curriculum, Instruction, and Assessment; Christopher Ponce, Assistant Principal, Deborah Child-Trabucco, Director of Technology

Administration attending remotely: Julie Fenrich, Director of Special Services; Patricia Wallace, Special Services Director

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

Minutes

H. Kennedy MOVED to approve public and nonpublic minutes of June 9, 2021, and July 12, 2021. SECONDED J. Kilelee. 4-0-0 MOTION PASSED.

New Board Business

S. Leary read the formal resignation from Board member Kaylah Hemlow; after discussion, the following motion was made:

J. O'Malley moved to accept the resignation of Kaylah Hemlow with regret. SECONDED H. Kennedy. 4-0-0 MOTION PASSED.

Further discussion regarding this matter will come under other business.

S. Leary explained the procedure that was followed regarding documentation from people concerning the draft reopening and that citizen's comments would be moved to right after the discussion.

ESSER II- and ESSER III -Discussion

W. Woolridge reviewed with the Board the catch-up that was done in both schools over the summer. W. Woolridge reviewed the plan that will be in place to help students with recovery due to loss of learning during the pandemic. Social-emotional learning will be a significant focus with the entire staff working with Eric Mann. After school tutoring, and math and literacy interventionist during the day are a large part of the grants funds, professional development for

staff, and a grant manager for the project. W. Woolridge stated that the administration is always looking for feedback from staff and the public regarding these grants.

Discussion of joint Selectmen and School Board in September:

S. Leary will set up a meeting to discuss a date with the Selectmen, to discuss budget issues, memorandum of understanding with the town, and capital improvement plan.

Approval of Amendments to the Emergency Plan:

C. Ponce reviewed the updates to the emergency plan that was provided to the Board in their packet. The State of New Hampshire has asked that the plan be separated between the two schools and the titles of people updated.

After discussion, the following motion was made:

H. Kennedy moved to accept the proposed changes to the Emergency Plan contingent on the review of the Facilities Committee. SECONDED J. Kilelee. 4-0-0 MOTION PASSED.

Review and Approve DOE-25

T. OConnor reviewed the MS-25 and DOE-25 with Board. The school district will be turning back \$466,695.30 to the Town of Hinsdale to defer taxes.

After discussion, the following motion was made:

J. Kilelee MOVED to approve the MS-25 and the DOE-25 as presented. SECONDED H. Kennedy. 4-0-0 MOTION PASSED.

Motion to approve Vachon, Clukay, and Company for 2020-2021 Audit

T. OConnor reviewed with the Board the MS-60a that needs to be filed with the State appointing our auditors for the 2020-2021 fiscal year.

After discussion, the following motion was made:

H. Kennedy MOVED to retain Vachon, Clukay, and Company to perform the 2020 to 2021 audit. SECONDED J. O'Malley. 4-0-0 MOTION PASSED.

Review Letter from Hinsdale Federation of Teachers Union

The Board reviews the letter from the Hinsdale Federation of Teachers to start the negotiations process.

J. O'Malley MOVED to accept and begin negotiations with the Hinsdale Federation of Teachers. SECONDED H. Kennedy. 4-0-0 MOTION PASSED.

Discussion of Goal Setting Date

The Board discussed a goal-setting date with the administration; after discussion, the following motion was made:

J. O'Malley MOVED to table the discussion of the goal-setting date. SECONDED H. Kennedy. 4-0-0 MOTION PASSED.

Review of request concerning Outdoor Hinsdale

The Board reviewed a letter from Kathryn Lynch regarding a request to use school vans for Outdoor Hinsdale; after discussion, the following motion was made:

H. Kennedy MOVED to allow the Town of Hinsdale to use the school's vans for Outdoor Hinsdale. SECONDED J. O'Malley. 4-0-0 MOTION PASSED.

COVID-19- Discussion/Approval of Re-Opening Plan

W. Woolridge reviewed with the Board the plan that the administration was presenting for the draft reopening of the school (please see attached)

The Board discussed and asked questions of administration regarding the following:

- DHHS and CDC Tool Kit for Schools
 - Yes, the administration has reviewed the guidelines, they came out after this plan was made.
- What would be the trigger for closing school?
 - The school nurses would work with DHHS to determine this; at this time, Governor Sununu is not recommending school closures.
- What happens if the need for remote learning happens in the future?
- Verifying the no mask outside, but everyone needs to wear a mask in the school building.
- Reviewed that there would be school five days a week no early closure on Fridays.
- Board was concerned that mixed messages were being conveyed in the field trips and athletic category.
- Home Screening/ Temperature checks
 - E. Cote reviewed with the Board the new protocols regarding screening and quarantining.
- Discussion of benchmarks, communications, and specific guidelines regarding quarantine and state mandates.

Citizens Comments:

S. Leary informed citizens that wanted to make a citizen's comment that they would have one minute to do so.

The Board accepted statements from citizens via in-person and Zoom.

The Board thanked everyone for their comment and involvement in the process.

The Board accepted the petition from Jason Kolakoski.

S. Leary asked the Board if they had any additional comments:

J. Kilelee thanked all participants for their time and appreciates everyone advocating for children. The Board is four people who have to keep in mind all children regardless of their personal views on the reopening plan. She believes that more detail needs to be put into the plan before it can be approved.

J. O'Malley agreed with J. Kilelee; we need to firm up the remote backup plan. Everyone will not like the decision, but the Board's responsibility is to protect all the district's children.

H. Kennedy echoed J. Kilelee and J. O'Malley; she thanked all the people who took the time to email their concerns. The goal of the Board is to keep children safe. The new guidance came out after this plan was written, and it needs to have more detail.

S. Leary stated that we were starting another school year mired in controversy over the district reopening protocols during the COVID 19 pandemic. Once again, the Board needs to decide and will only satisfy about half of our stakeholders. The Board has received feedback from parents, community members, and staff. Public opinion is split right down the middle. The Board will, as always, base its decision on the available information, legal opinion, and the best judgment of a majority of its members. S. Leary went down every category of the reopening plan and stated what he needed to approve a reopening plan.

After further discussion, the Board and administration agreed to meet in the SAU conference room on Tuesday, August 24, 2021, at 6:00 pm to review the updated reopening plan.

Discussion with Athletic Director- Sam Kilelee

S Kilelee stated that he had 96 students sign up for fall sports. The NHIAA is not offering any specific guidelines concerning sports this year; they have gone back to setting up games etc., based on the 2019-2020 school year. He stated students would be expected to wear masks on the busses to games. There would be no more regional games but division games. The Board asked S. Kilelee to come back with a written plan for next Tuesday.

Other Business:

S. Leary stated that "Letters of Intent" to serve on the School Board would be accepted, and the Board would appoint at their September meeting. Letters would be accepted until Friday, September 3, 2021, at noon. A discussion was held regarding committee assignments; it was

decided to appoint new committee assignments at the October meeting. K. Hemlow would be removed from Community Connections and replaced with H. Kennedy.

After further discussion, the following motion was made:

J. O'Malley MOVED to appoint H. Kennedy as interim vice-chair until the October meeting. SECONDED J. Kilelee. 4-0-0 MOTION PASSED.

J. O'Malley reviewed with the Board this year's dog license program.

Financial Report: T. O' Connor reviewed his report with the Board. The Board thanked him and recognized his years of service to the Hinsdale School District and wished him well in his retirement.

Curriculum Report K. Thompson thanked the Board for their confidence in her. She is excited to start her new role. Questions were asked and answered concerning the first day of school.

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

Principal's Report:

HMHS:

A. Freitag reviewed her report and indicated that the student enrollment has increased by eleven in the past several days.

HES:

The Board reviewed J. Boggio's report.

Superintendent's Report:

Superintendent Woolridge reviewed his report with the Board.

Committee Reports:

Personnel Committee- We will meet on August 20, 2021, to review the SAU manual and set dates for negotiations.

Health and Wellness- Will be meeting in September.

Finance/Budget Committee- no report- will start meeting in early October

Staff Development- no update

Legislation/ NHSBA- J. O'Malley updated the Board on the delegate assembly. The resolutions will be included in the September meeting.

Selectmen- S. Leary updated the Board on the infrastructure issues this summer.

Emergency/Facilities Maintenance- Will be meeting on Friday, August 20, 2021

Community Connections- N/A
Behavioral Support Team- No update

Joint Loss Committee- no update

H. Kennedy MOVED to go into nonpublic session according to RSA 91 A:3 II (a) (b) (c) at 9:08 pm; J. O'Malley SECONDED. Roll Call -S. Leary– yes, H. Kennedy- yes, J. O'Malley- yes, and J. Kilelee-yes. VOTE: 4-0-0, MOTION PASSED

J. Kilelee MOVED to go out of the nonpublic session at 9:40 pm. H. Kennedy SECONDED. Roll S. Leary–yes, H. Kennedy- yes, J. O'Malley- yes, and J. Kilelee-yes. VOTE: 4-0-0, MOTION PASSED

J. Kilelee MOVED to adjourn the meeting at 9:41 pm. H. Kennedy SECONDED. VOTE: 4-0-0, MOTION PASSED

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

_____ approved on _____
Ann Marie Diorio