

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

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September 8, 2021

6:15 pm

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

Board member attending remotely: Julia Kilelee, from Avon, CT, due to being out of town, not accompanied by anyone else.

Administration Present: Wayne Woolridge, Superintendent; Ann Freitag, Principal; Joseph Boggio, Principal; Jodie Holmquist, Business Administrator; Deborah Child Trabucco, Director of Technology; Karen Thompson, Director of Curriculum, Instruction, and Assessment; Christopher Ponce, MHS Assistant Principal

Administration attending remotely: Patricia Wallace, Director of Student Services

S. Leary called the meeting to order at 6:16 pm

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

H. Kennedy – MOVED to approve the public and nonpublic minutes of August 18, 2021, and August 24, 2021, J. O'Malley SECONDED. 4-0-0 MOTION PASSED.

New Board Business

Review of Letters of Intent for the position on School Board:

S. Leary acknowledged that the Board received four letters of intent and thanked everyone for submitting the letter and expressing interest.

J. O' Malley, H. Kennedy, J. Kilelee echoed S. Leary and thanked all four candidates for taking the time, sharing their information, and showing interest to be part of the Hinsdale School Board.

The Board agreed to have the discussion moved to the nonpublic portion of the meeting, and the Board will nominate the candidate in the public portion of the meeting.

Update on School Re-Opening:

From his view, W. Woolridge shared with the Board that school re-opening went well; he observed a lot of visibly happy parents and students but requested principals to speak for the individual buildings.

J. Boggio shared with the Board; it was nice to have an open house at the elementary building; re-opening felt very welcoming. Teachers and custodian staff worked hard to prepare for re-opening.

A. Freitag shared the back to school workshops were very beneficial; we have a good foundation for the rest of the year. The students were exceptional, and the parents were very supportive.

W. Woolridge agreed workshops went well and were helpful, and staff members feel supported.

A discussion was held regarding the spread of COVID-19 in the community and clarification on guidelines for social distancing.

Both principals shared current spacing arrangements in the cafeteria during lunch, and both principals agreed the nurses are doing a great job with close contact.

H. Kennedy shared she feels there is still stress related to COVID-19 spread among us but at a much lower level compared to last year as last year was so unknown.

S. Leary asked J. Boggio regarding open house and how it went at Hinsdale Elementary School. J. Boggio replied, open house was well received. It was not overly crowded; just over 50% of grade K and Grade 1 parents and ten new families attended. Girls Scouts participated in recruiting new members.

S. Leary reviewed with the Board guidelines for notification to the Board of positive cases in the school community. S. Leary explained these guidelines, and the parent message template would help to know when to call, when not to call.

After discussion following motion was made:

J. O'Malley – MOVED to accept the communication amendment as presented. H. Kennedy SECONDED. 4-0-0 MOTION PASSED.

Update on ESSER II and III:

W. Woolridge reviewed with the Board ESSER I, II, III allocations, end dates, current expenditure amounts under each approved activity.

Set a date for Board and Administration Goals Setting:

S. Leary proposed to the Board postponing goal setting until Spring. S. Leary explained there are multiple reasons for this consideration. It would be unfair to push another item upon the Administration Team, we have tangible goals in place that we can carry forward, and it may not be productive to set goals.

J. Boggio and A. Freitag both shared, that the current goals are valid and focused.

All Board members agreed and supported the proposal.

Discussion regarding a joint meeting with Selectmen 9-20-21:

S. Leary explained to the Board, he is working with the Selectmen and will get information and agenda to the Board after finalizing the details.

Old Business:

J. O'Malley shared dog tag selection is due on October 8 and thanked all those who will participate.

Financial Report: J. Holmquist reviewed her report with the Board.

Curriculum Report: K. Thompson reviewed her report with the Board.

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

Principal's Report: A. Freitag reviewed her report with the Board.

J. Boggio reviewed his report with the Board and shared Alan Gong, a former professor from Keene State College and member of the Harvard Innovation Labs Venture program and is doing some exciting work around the development of innovative ways for students to master math content. Alan is interested in coming to HES to do some math tutoring in the classroom for individual or small groups of students, at no cost. The Board supported the idea and felt it's a win-win situation.

S. Leary asked J. Boggio if he needs the Board's support regarding a parental concern mentioned in his report. J. Boggio explained that a meeting with the parent before school opening regarding face covering which are required for the common good and safety of everyone. We are doing everything we can so students feel comfortable, including mask breaks and water breaks. He feels there are different opinions regarding mask requirements, which is understandable and was expected.

Superintendent's Report: W. Woolridge reviewed his report with the Board.

Committee Reports:

Personal Committee- S. Leary updated the Board; Committee met on August 20 to review the SAU manual and current language. Set a date for negotiations September 13.

Health and Wellness- No update

Finance/ Budget Committee- Working on scheduling a meeting.

Staff Development- No update

Legislation/ NHSBA- J. O'Malley reviewed NHSBA 2021 Proposed Resolutions and Recommendation with the Board.

After discussion following motion was made:

H. Kennedy – MOVED to accept NHSBA proposed resolutions and recommendations. J. Kilelee SECONDED. 4-0-0 MOTION PASSED.

HASP Advisory Board- H. Kennedy shared that HASP started this week; enrollment numbers are low but will pick up. The summer school program went well, and this year the District will be able to roll over \$40K unused funds.

Selectmen- S. Leary shared with the Board, infrastructure funds the town is expected to receive will cover the unexpected infrastructure expense town faced this summer.

Emergency/ Facilities Maintenance- J. O'Malley reviewed with the Board. Facilities are addressing indoor air quality issues caused due to excessive humidity, and the Director of Facilities has begun working on becoming certified in asbestos detection and mitigation.

Community Connections- No update

Tuition Committee- No Update

Windham Career Center- No update

Behavioral Support Team- No update

Joint Loss Committee- next meeting September 27

Citizens Comments:

None

J. O'Malley MOVED to go into nonpublic session according to RSA 91 A:3 II (a) (b) (c) at 7:04 pm; H. Kennedy SECONDED. Roll Call -S. Leary– yes, H. Kennedy- yes, J. O'Malley- yes, and J. Kilelee- yes. VOTE: 4-0-0, MOTION PASSED

H. Kennedy MOVED to go out of non-public session at 7:39 PM. J. O'Malley SECONDED. Roll S. Leary–yes, H. Kennedy- yes, J. O'Malley- yes, and J. Kilelee- yes. VOTE: 4-0-0, MOTION PASSED

H. Kennedy – MOVED to nominate April Anderson to fill in the open vacancy on the Hinsdale School Board until the Elections in March 2022. J. O'Malley SECONDED. 4-0-0 MOTION PASSED.

S. Leary informed the Board that he would be stepping down as chair at the October meeting. Discussion was held regarding re-organizing and committee assignments.

J. Kilelee MOVED to adjourn the meeting at 7:42 PM. H. Kennedy SECONDED. VOTE: 4-0-0, MOTION PASSED

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

_____ approved on _____
Palak Patel

_____ approved on _____
Ann Marie Diorio