

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

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**January 12, 2022
6:15 pm**

Board Members Present: James O'Malley, April Anderson, and Julia Kilelee

Board members attending remotely: Holly Kennedy is attending remotely from her residence in Hinsdale, NH waiting for COVID PCR test results, not accompanied by anyone else. Due to work commitment, Sean Leary is attending remotely from Portsmouth, NH, 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; Christopher Ponce, MHS Assistant Principal; Kody Crawford, HHS Counselor

H. Kennedy called the meeting to order at 6:15 pm.

H. Kennedy reviewed the guidelines for holding the Zoom meeting.

S. Leary MOVED to approve the public minutes of December 8, 2021. A. Anderson SECONDED. 5-0-0 MOTION PASSED.

S. Leary MOVED to approve the public minutes of January 5, 2022. J. O'Malley SECONDED.

After discussion following motion was made.

S. Leary MOVED to approve the public minutes of January 5, 2022, as amended J. O'Malley SECONDED. 5-0-0 MOTION PASSED.

A discussion was held regarding nonpublic minutes of December 8, 2021, not included in the Board package.

After discussion following motion was made.

S. Leary MOVED to table the nonpublic minutes of December 8, 2021, J. O'Malley SECONDED. 5-0-0 MOTION PASSED.

New Board Business

Update on COVID-19 related items:

W. Woolridge informed the Board this is a challenging time for our schools. Without extraordinary efforts from staff and parents' support, we could not continue in-person learning. W. Woolridge shared the current COVID -19 positivity rate in Cheshire County and the school community.

HES Nurse Elyse Cote reviewed proposed changes to the current reopening plan.

The most significant changes included:

- Special Education Services and 504 meetings would only be held remotely at this time. This would be reviewed/updated monthly.
- Update reopening plan to reflect current isolation or quarantine guidelines from CDC and DHHS- From 10 days to 5 days.
- Being “Up to date” on COVID -19 vaccination instead of "fully vaccinated." A person is "up to date" on COVID-19 vaccination after completing a primary COVID19 vaccine series (the single-dose J&J vaccine, or a 2- dose series of the Pfizer- BioNTech or Moderna Vaccine) AND any booster shots which they are eligible for and recommended to receive.
- Recommended testing on day five (5) after being exposed to someone with COVID- 19. Hinsdale School District participates in Rapid Antigen COVID- 19 Testing for symptomatic students and staff.

Nurse Cote further explained the benefits of Rapid Antigen testing as a part of the Safer at School Screening Program.

Questions were asked and answered.

After discussion following motion was made.

J. O’Malley MOVED to approve the proposed recommendations to the current reopening plan. S. Leary SECONDED. 5-0-0 MOTION PASSED.

H. Kennedy thanked everyone involved in the process.

Winter Sports Plan:

S. Kilelee presented a request to permit two (2) guests per visiting team player. S. Kilelee explained that currently, all the schools in the area allow spectators from visiting teams, and we have spacing to accommodate this.

W. Woolridge mentioned that given the sitting capacity in the gym, it should not compromise health safety.

S. Kilelee explained visiting team AD would provide a list of all guest spectators for contact tracing purposes.

After discussion following motion was made.

A. Anderson MOVED to approve the recommendation. J. O’ Malley SECONDED. 5-0-0 MOTION PASSED.

H. Kennedy acknowledged a letter from 2021-2022 Student Council proposing a modification to the mask requirements for HHS varsity basketball players on the court during games.

M. Strom, the student council advisor, shared students did their due diligence and required research and wished just to present the request.

Questions were asked and answered.

A discussion was held regarding the current rapid spread of COVID- 19 and the Omicron variant.

H. Kennedy thanked the student council for inputting the student's voice, and the Board appreciated hearing from the student body.

OSTCP Presentation:

W. Woolridge introduced and requested Taylor Patterson and Sean Leary to present the OSTCP (Out Of School Time Career Pathway) proposal to the Board.

S. Leary discussed the OSTCP grant, grant goals, platforms, and parent information center with the Board. S. Leary explained a vital component of the OSTCP grant is creating a communication plan. The plan's purpose is to outline strategies for informing the public of the Hinsdale ELO program and engaging parents and students around OSTCP.

S. Leary proposed permission for the OSTCP advisory team to create the Hinsdale school district ELO website separate from the HNHS D website and employ social media (Instagram and TikTok) to reach all student population best.

Questions were asked and answered.

Per H. Kennedy's request D. Trabucco, Director of Technology, shared her input.

After discussion the following motion was made:

A. Anderson MOVED to approve the OSTCP advisory team to create a stand-alone website for the purposes stated in this presentation and to understand that all the district policies on electronic presence be followed. This site is to be under the direct supervision of the Director of Curriculum and Instruction and the District's ELO Coordinator. Expenses tied to this site would be paid out of grant funds. J. Kilelee SECONDED. 5-0-0 MOTION PASSED.

Discussion followed on the second proposal.

After discussion following motion was made:

A. Anderson MOVED to approve OSTCP advisory team to employ Instagram to reach the student body regarding ELO opportunities as stated in this presentation. This platform is to be under the direct supervision of the Director of Curriculum and Instruction and the

District's ELO Coordinator. The Board reserves the right to discontinue the use of this platform at any time for any reason J. O'Malley SECONDED. 5-0-0 MOTION PASSED.

H. Kennedy thanked S. Leary, T. Patterson, T. Diorio, and D. Trabucco for their input.

Discussion regarding Budget:

H. Kennedy thanked the school administration team for participating in the joint Budget committee meeting on January 5, 2022.

The Budget Committee will meet on January 19 at 6:30 at the Town Hall regarding the next step. J. Holmquist will attend the meeting with H. Kennedy.

Policy Update- Final Reading- EEAE, EEAE-R, EEAG, FAA, GBCD:

After discussion following motion was made:

S. Leary MOVED to accept Final Reading of policy: EEAE, EEAE-R, EEAG, FAA, GBCD. J. Kilelee SECONDED. 5-0-0 MOTION PASSED.

Policy Update- First Reading-GBI, IB, IGE, IHBG, IHCD/LED:

After discussion following motion was made:

S. Leary MOVED to accept First Reading of policy: GBI, IB, IGE, IHBG, IHCD/LED A. Anderson SECONDED. 5-0-0 MOTION PASSED.

Other Business:

J. O'Malley congratulated Megan Roberts for *Home Town Hero* recognition.

J. O'Malley shared Jocey Marshall, a Hinsdale Alumni, passed away and suggested a moment of silence in her honor.

J. Holmquist provided updates on the gym bleachers. J. Holmquist shared she currently has three (3) quotes from 2 companies, and the facilities committee is working out details with the vendor and Athletic Director. Repair costs and annual inspection costs for bleachers were discussed. J. Holmquist pointed out it is both a safety and ADA compliance issue. J. O'Malley shared facility aspects.

The possibility of repurposing the bleacher woods for coach and thousand-point club athletes' awards was suggested.

J. Boggio presented a request from PTA. Mr. Boggio explained due to some concerns from the community over recent social media posts; it would be beneficial to remind parents of the emergency plan expectations in the event of an emergency. The Board reviewed the draft letter. Communication would be sent out to parents.

J. O'Malley suggested having a tech representative on the facility committee. The Board favored the addition. W. Woolridge will work with D. Trabucco to pull that together.

H. Kennedy shared the Board received an anonymous letter expressing concern about Board members being on search committees. In response to the letter, H. Kennedy clarified it is legal in NH and regular practice for the Board members to be on different administrative search committees.

Financial Report: J. Holmquist reviewed her report with the Board. J. O'Malley shared as of the current agreement; the hydro rebate amount is expected to increase from approximately \$4400 to \$7700/ year.

Curriculum Report: W. Woolridge reviewed the Curriculum report with the Board on behalf of K. Thompson.

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

Principal's Report: A. Freitag reviewed her report with the Board and thanked the National Honor Society advisors Mr. Hughes and Mrs. Hammett for hosting the fall NHS Induction. She explained the program continues to support the End 68 Hours of Hunger. This is a group that makes a lot of community connections throughout the year.

Ms. Freitag introduced and requested that Mr. Crawford, HHS Counselor, review a proposed draft of the 2022-2023 Program of Studies.

After discussion following motion was made:

S. Leary MOVED to approve proposed 2022-2023 Program of Studies J. O'Malley SECONDED. 5-0-0 MOTION PASSED.

J. Boggio reviewed his report with the Board.

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

Committee Reports:

Personal Committee- Getting ready for the District meeting

Health and Wellness- No update

Finance/ Budget Committee- No update

Staff Development- No update

Legislation/ NHSBA- J. O'Malley provided information on House Bill 214 regarding construction and renovation project grants.

HASP Advisory Board- No update

Selectmen- R. Johnson informed the Board the committee is working on a joint HR Directors position. A discussion was held regarding the district moderator’s position.

Emergency/ Facilities Maintenance- J. O’Malley shared the State inspection is scheduled on January 24. To improve security and accountability a key control policy was updated.

Community Connections- A. Anderson acknowledged receiving a few responses to questions regarding the questionnaire.

Tuition Committee- No update

Behavioral Support Team- No update

Joint Loss Committee- Discussed accident reports. Safety manual to be discussed next meeting.

Citizens Comments:

Question/concern regarding eliminating the use of cloth masks, and use surgical masks was shared with the Board.

J. O’Malley shared in addition to completing his term as a Board member, he would be stepping away from HEF at the end of the year. He informed Ann Diorio would be the chairperson for the Hinsdale Education Foundation.

H. Kennedy congratulated A. Diorio, and thanked J. O’Malley for his service, and stated the program would not be anywhere near as successful as it has been under his leadership.

S. Leary MOVED to go into nonpublic session according to RSA 91 A:3 II (a) (b) (c) at 8:43 pm; A. Anderson SECONDED. Roll Call -S. Leary– yes, H. Kennedy- yes, J. O’Malley-yes, J. Kilelee- yes, A. Anderson- yes VOTE: 5-0-0, MOTION PASSED

S. Leary MOVED to go out of the nonpublic session at 9:21 pm. J. Kilelee SECONDED. Roll S. Leary–yes, H. Kennedy- yes, J. O’Malley- yes, and J. Kilelee- yes. A. Anderson- yes VOTE: 5-0-0, MOTION PASSED

J. O’Malley MOVED to adjourn the meeting at 9:22 pm. A. Anderson 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