

**Hinsdale School Board Meeting  
SAU Conference Room  
March 1, 2023  
6:00 PM**

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Meeting ID: 961 9301 7942

**Board Members Present:** Holly Kennedy, Sean Leary, April Anderson, and Julia Kilelee

**Board Members Excused:** Jeana Woodbury and Connor Sengaloun

**Administration Present:** John Barth, Principal; Joe Boggio, Principal; Kim Caron, Interim Superintendent; Jodie Holmquist, Business Administrator; Christopher Ponce, HMHS Assistant Principal; Justin Therieau, Director of Technology; and Karen Thompson, Director of Teaching and Learning

**Administration Attending Remotely:** Sarah Tatro, Human Resources Manager

**Minutes Recorded by:** Maria Webb, Executive Assistant to the Superintendent

**Call to Order:**

H. Kennedy called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

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

H. Kennedy thanked S. Leary and J. Kilelee for all their time and work on the Board as this was their last monthly Board meeting.

**Review of the Manifests:**

The Board signed the manifests. There were no questions.

**Minutes:**

**S. Leary MOVED to approve the public minutes of February 1, 2023, as amended, and the non-public minutes of February 1, 2023; the public and non-public minutes of February 6, 2023; and the public and non-public minutes of February 9, 2023. J. Kilelee SECONDED. 4-0-0 MOTION PASSED.**

### **Citizens' Comments:**

H. Kennedy opened citizen comments for 30 minutes. Chief Rataj from the Hinsdale Police Department was present and shared that he feels there is a positive working relationship with the police and the school district. He thanked K. Caron for the collaboration.

M. Webb asked each of the citizens attending via Zoom if they had comments. There were no comments.

### **Interim Superintendent's Report:** K. Caron his report with the Board.

- **Climate & Safety:** K. Caron welcomed Chief Rataj of the Hinsdale Police Department to the meeting and thanked the Police Department for all their collaboration with the school district. Noted that the faculty, staff, and administration, along with the Hinsdale Police Department, will continue to act out of an abundance of caution to ensure that our schools are safe and productive learning environments.
- K. Caron noted the upcoming professional development day on March 13, 2023.
- **Budget:** K. Caron and J. Holmquist provided a budget presentation at HES earlier today and will present at HMHS tomorrow.
- **Tuition Exploratory Committee:** Discussed reaching out to the Winchester School District to explore their potential interest in a tuition agreement with Hinsdale.
- **Professional Development:** K. Caron expressed that more professional development time is needed. H. Kennedy noted that if additional PD days are considered, this would be a change in the contract and would need to be handled during negotiations. The Board members would need to be involved.
- **Board Communications:** Reviewed the dashboard created by J. Therieau to provide information to the Board. J. Kilelee thanked the Administration for the increase in communication recently.
- **21<sup>st</sup> Century Grant:** K. Caron noted the district is in the process of reapplying for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Grant which funds our HASP program. The services provided by HASP are critical for the students and families.
- **NEASC:** The school will complete self-reflection during the 2023-2024 school year and then host the Collaborative Conference in either the spring or fall of 2024.
- **Community:** The Board approved for K. Caron to begin planning community conversations around important topics within the school and greater community.

**Financial Report:** J. Holmquist reviewed her report with the Board. She has received the financial audit report.

**Teaching & Learning Report:** K. Thompson reviewed her report with the Board. There were no questions.

**Principals' Reports:**

J. Barth reviewed his report for HMHS with the Board. Reviewed MAPS scores. Has formed an advisory group that will meet every two weeks to discuss areas needing improvement as well as areas we are successful in. Administered the student wellness survey and will have the results for the April Board meeting. C. Ponce shared the work in progress regarding sharing the documentation of incidents.

The Board asked how the MAPS scores compare to our past years' scores. C. Ponce noted that there has been slight growth in some areas. The Board noted that there is a lot of work to do, but there is some improvement.

The Board asked J. Barth how the students have adjusted to being allowed to use cell phones during certain times of the day. J. Barth noted that there is a need for training for students in using social media. J. Barth and C. Ponce noted that there are times they see the students choosing to have conversations and not be on their cell phones, especially the high school students.

J. Boggio reviewed his report for HES with the Board. There were no questions.

**Technology Report:** J. Therieau reviewed his report with the Board. The Board expressed positive feedback on the website design.

**Human Resources Report:** S. Tatro reviewed her report with the Board. There were no questions.

**New Board Business:**

**Discussion of School District Meeting:**

J. Woodbury will not be able to attend. S. Leary will attend. Staff may volunteer to assist with providing childcare with the students.

H. Kennedy noted that we need election counters. H. Kennedy and A. Anderson volunteered to help with that.

**2023-2024 School Year Calendar:**

Agreed to align the April vacation week with Brattleboro, Keene and Monadnock.

After discussion the following motions were made:

**S. Leary MOVED to approve the 2023-2024 calendar as edited. A. Anderson SECONDED. 4-0-0-MOTION PASSED.**

**Setting of Graduation Date, Prom & Class Trip Information:**

J. Barth reviewed the upcoming events:

- May 13<sup>th</sup> – Prom at Stonewall Farm.
- June 2<sup>nd</sup> – Senior Trip to NYC. The date has changed since J. Barth submitted his report.
- June 17<sup>th</sup> – Graduation Date.

After discussion the following motions were made:

**S. Leary MOVED to approve the three events. J. Killee SECONDED. 4-0-0-MOTION PASSED.**

**Yearbook Ad:**

H. Kennedy reviewed the price list and sample yearbook ads.

After discussion the following motions were made:

**S. Leary MOVED to approve the two ads. A. Anderson SECONDED. 4-0-0-MOTION PASSED.**

**Student Board Member Items:**

C. Sengaloun was not present due to a class he was attending.

**Other Business:**

The Board Retreat was scheduled for on 3/5/23 at the HMHS Library, 11:00 AM – 1:00 PM.

**Committee Reports:**

**Personnel Committee:** Met 2/24/23. S. Leary shared that the committee is compiling a list of topics for upcoming negotiations. The committee is working on the SAU Manual updates.

**Health and Wellness:** Met 2/15/23 via Zoom. Sarah Hudon is the new Committee Chair. Working on a Wellness Fair.

**Finance/Budget Committee:** A. Anderson noted plans to prepare for the Budget Forum and the District Meeting.

**Staff Development:** Meeting on 3/22/23.

**Legislation/NHSBA:** H. Kennedy will attend a national conference in Tampa, FL at the end of this month.

**HASP Advisory Board:** Met 3/1/23. Working on the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Grant. Due 3/17/23.

**Board of Selectman:** S. Leary noted there was a public hearing recently. There are some unanticipated funds from the rooms and meal taxes.

**Facilities Maintenance/ Emergency:** Met 2/24/23. S. Leary shared that they are working on the CIP. The diseased trees at HES were taken down. Students will plant seven new maple trees. Each grade will have a tree to plant.

**Community Connections:** A. Anderson will post the budget forum and other budget information.

**Behavioral Support Team:** No update.

**Joint Loss Committee:** A. Anderson noted the next meeting is 3/20/23.

**Policy Committee:** H. Kennedy shared that the committee is meeting monthly and working on the cell phone policy. Noted that C. Sengaloun did an excellent job at the first meeting.

**Citizens' Comments:**

H. Kennedy asked Chief Rataj, attending in person, if he had any questions, and he did not.

M. Webb asked the citizens attending online for any comments. K. Hammond noted that the prom is from 7:00 PM – 10:00 PM. Asked a question about the graduation date. The Board noted that if there are three more snow days, that would push Graduation to the following week.

**Non-Public Session:**

**S. Leary MOVED to go into a nonpublic session according to RSA 91 A:3 II (a) (b) (c) at 7:17 pm. J. Kilelee SECONDED. Roll Call: S. Leary – yes, H. Kennedy – yes, A. Anderson – yes, J. Kilelee - yes. VOTE: 4-0-0, MOTION PASSED.**

**S. Leary MOVED to reconvene the public session at 7:37 pm. J. Kilelee SECONDED. Roll Call: S. Leary – yes, H. Kennedy – yes, A. Anderson – yes, J. Kilelee - yes. VOTE: 4-0-0, MOTION PASSED.**

**S. Leary MOVD to seal the non-public minutes according to RSA 91 A:3 II (a) (b) (c) at 7:37 pm. A. Anderson SECONDED. Roll Call: S. Leary – yes, H. Kennedy – yes, A. Anderson – yes, J. Kilelee - yes. VOTE: 4-0-0, MOTION PASSED.**

**S. Leary MOVED to go into a nonpublic session according to RSA 91 A:3 II (a) (b) (c) at 7:38 pm. J. Kilelee SECONDED. Roll Call: S. Leary – yes, H. Kennedy – yes, A. Anderson – yes, J. Kilelee - yes. VOTE: 4-0-0, MOTION PASSED.**

**J. Kilelee MOVED to reconvene the public session at 8:45 pm. S. Leary SECONDED. Roll Call: S. Leary – yes, H. Kennedy – yes, A. Anderson – yes, J. Kilelee - yes. VOTE: 4-0-0, MOTION PASSED.**

**J. Kilelee MOVED to adjourn the meeting at 8:45 pm. S. Leary SECONDED. VOTE: 4-0-0, MOTION PASSED.**

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

\_\_\_\_\_ approved on \_\_\_\_\_  
Maria A. Webb