

**Hinsdale School Board Meeting  
SAU Conference Room  
May 3, 2023  
6:00 PM**

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Meeting ID: 961 9301 7942

**Board Members Present:** April Anderson, Holly Kennedy, Kendra Gardner, Kaylah Hemlow, and Connor Sengaloun

**Board Members Excused:** Jeana Woodbury

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

**Administration Attending Remotely:** Christopher Ponce, HMHS Assistant Principal

**Minutes Recorded by:** Maria Webb, Executive Assistant

**Call to Order:**

A. Anderson called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

A. Anderson reviewed the guidelines for holding the Zoom meeting.

**Review of the Manifests:**

The Board signed the manifests. There were no questions.

**Minutes:**

After discussion the following motions were made:

**H. Kennedy MOVED to accept the public and non-public minutes of April 5, 2023, as amended. K. Hemlow SECONDED. 4-0-0-MOTION PASSED.**

**H. Kennedy MOVED to accept the public minutes of April 11, 2023. K. Hemlow SECONDED. 4-0-0-MOTION PASSED.**

**Citizens' Comments:**

A. Anderson opened citizen comments for 30 minutes. There were no citizens attending in the room at this time.

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. Highlighted areas of work in process, including the following:

- 2023-2024 Budget & Reorganization
- HMHS Master Schedule
- Student Handbook
- Professional Development
- Tuition Exploratory Committee
- Board Communications
- Culture-Climate-Community

**Financial Report:** J. Holmquist reviewed her report with the Board. Discussed free and reduced statistics.

**Teaching & Learning Report:** K. Thompson reviewed her report with the Board. Noted that the ELO Exhibition that was planned for May 11<sup>th</sup> has been moved to May 23<sup>rd</sup> due to the weather forecast.

**Principals' Reports:**

J. Barth reviewed his report for HMHS with the Board. Noted that we didn't budget for senior banners this year and we will not receive any help from the town. Seniors can request their preferred names on their diplomas and there has been one request so far. Shared the results of a student poll regarding elective courses they would be interested in. There will be a vaping sensor in the restrooms on a 30-day trial basis to demo a product. Would like to have a camera in the hallway going to the cafeteria. This will not be facing the restrooms. The Board agreed to the placement of the camera. NH SAS testing began today, and attendance was very good.

J. Boggio reviewed his report for HES with the Board.

Invited Jeanne Sturges and Donna Foster to present on the ELA curriculum adoption process. The committee is piloting two programs: MyView (MyPerspectives) from SAVVAS and EL Education (formerly Expeditionary Learning). The committee would like to present the final choice to the Board at the June meeting.

**Technology Report:** J. Therieau reviewed his report with the Board. Discussed the format of the dashboard.

**New Board Business:**

**School Board Initiative:**

H. Kennedy explained the background of the initiative and discussed the expectation that it was to be a priority for the remainder of the school year. Discussed the implementation process. Would like to align with the Portrait of a Learner process.

Discussed the staff survey process. J. Barth noted that he and J. Boggio will have more information for the June Board meeting from the Department of Education.

**Travel Club & Life Skills Field Trip Requests:**

The Board reviewed the request form for the Puerto Rico trip in April 2025. This was accepted by the Board at the April 2023 meeting.

The Board reviewed the request for the Life Skills Field Trip to visit historical sites in Salem, MA

After discussion the following motions were made:

**H. Kennedy MOVED to accept the Life Skills Field Trip request. K. Hemlow SECONDED. 4-0-0-MOTION PASSED.**

**Donations for Recycled Percussion, May 8th:**

The Board reviewed three requests for donations over \$500.00.

After discussion the following motions were made:

**H. Kennedy MOVED to accept the \$1,000.00 donation from 2K3 Standing Seam Specialist. K. Hemlow SECONDED. 4-0-0-MOTION PASSED.**

**K. Hemlow MOVED to accept the \$1,000.00 donation from the Hinsdale PTA. H. Kennedy SECONDED. 4-0-0-MOTION PASSED.**

**H. Kennedy MOVED to accept the \$1,000.00 donation from the Hinsdale PTSA. K. Hemlow SECONDED. 4-0-0-MOTION PASSED.**

The Board expressed appreciation to Ericka Kilelee for her work coordinating the event.

**Superintendent Search:**

Will be discussed in the non-public session.

**Vacancies – Moderator & School District Clerk:**

The vacancies were posted in The Keene Sentinel and on Facebook via Community Connections.

**Policy First Reading: JICJ – Electronic Communication Devices:**

Discussed some edits regarding school sponsored transportation. Plan to discuss the Final Reading at the June meeting.

After discussion the following motions were made:

**H. Kennedy MOVED to accept the First Reading of Policy JICJ – Electronic Communication Devices. K. Hemlow SECONDED. 4-0-0-MOTION PASSED.**

**Presentation of the NHSBA Student Board Representative Scholarship:**

H. Kennedy presented the NHSBA Student Board Representative Scholarship to Hinsdale Senior and Student Board Member, Connor Sengaloun.

**Student Board Member Items:**

No updates.

**Other Business:**

H. Kennedy shared a request for the HMHS Library to be dedicated to Doris B. Smith, the school district's first librarian. H. Kennedy shared a letter dated April 29, 2023, from Melissa L. Smith, Doris B. Smith's granddaughter, who was attending the meeting remotely.

Melissa Smith requested Board approval to display the plaque her grandmother received at her retirement.

Melissa Smith noted that she would be presenting a scholarship on Class Day.

After discussion the following motions were made:

**K. Hemlow MOVED to accept the dedication of the HMHS Library to Doris B. Smith. H. Kennedy SECONDED. 4-0-0-MOTION PASSED.**

The Board discussed moving the June Board Meeting to Tuesday, June 13, 2023. All agreed.

**Committee Reports:**

**Personnel Committee:** Meeting May 23<sup>rd</sup>, 4:30 PM

**Health and Wellness:** Met April 12<sup>th</sup>. The next meeting is on May 8<sup>th</sup>, 3:30 PM. Discussed seeking additional community members. The Health Fair is planned for September 16<sup>th</sup>. The committee will be requesting donations from the community for prizes. Also looking for student participation. K. Thompson noted that ELO students may be able to assist.

**Finance/Budget Committee:** No update.

**Staff Development:** Meeting June 7<sup>th</sup> at 3:45 PM.

**Legislation/NHSBA:** H. Kennedy shared that the delegate assembly is 10/14/23. The deadline to submit proposals to the NHSBA is July 28, 2023. Part III of the Right to Know webinar is May 17, 2023. SAU 29 is having a presentation on 5/11<sup>th</sup> at KMS which is open to the public regarding proposed changes to Ed306. Shared the status of Senate Bill 226. Noted that this could impact minimum standards and funding.

**HASP Advisory Board:** Met May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 5:15 PM. Maryanne O'Malley should know the amount of the grant by May 8<sup>th</sup>. June 13<sup>th</sup> is the next meeting.

**Board of Selectman:** K. Hemlow will attend an upcoming meeting.

**Facilities Maintenance/ Emergency:** Meeting May 19<sup>th</sup>, 2:15 PM. Will need a Zoom link for this meeting.

**Community Connections:** Please send any information on end of the school year events to A. Anderson and H. Kennedy

**Behavioral Support Team:** Met May 2<sup>nd</sup>. K. Hemlow shared an overview of the meeting.

**Joint Loss Committee:** Meeting 5/22<sup>nd</sup> at 3:30 PM.

**Policy Committee:** Meeting May 8<sup>th</sup>, 4:00 PM

**Superintendent Search Committee:** No update.

**Tuition Exploratory Committee:** Meeting date/time to be determined. K. Caron will consult with legal counsel regarding the plan for this committee.

### **Citizens' Comments:**

A. Anderson asked those attending in person for any comments. Marilyn Strom had joined the meeting and asked regarding whether and when HHS teachers would be apprised of the ELA curriculum adoption process. Discussed including this in the PD days at the start of the school year.

M. Webb asked the citizens attending online for any comments. A question was asked regarding the superintendent search. The Board shared that we are currently looking for an interim superintendent. This will allow additional time to revisit the parameters of the position.

Theresa Diorio congratulated C. Sengaloun on receiving the NHSBA Scholarship. Asked regarding coach buses for sports events. Also commented on cell phone use on school sponsored transportation in policy JICJ. Advocated for students to be able to use devices on the buses.

**Non-Public Session:**

**H. Kennedy MOVED to go into a nonpublic session according to RSA 91 A:3 II (a) (b) (c) at 8:17 pm. K. Hemlow SECONDED. Roll Call: H. Kennedy – yes, A. Anderson – yes, K. Gardner – yes, and K. Hemlow – yes. VOTE: 4-0-0, MOTION PASSED.**

**H. Kennedy MOVED to reconvene the public session at 9:58 pm. K. Hemlow SECONDED. Roll Call: H. Kennedy – yes, A. Anderson – yes, K. Gardner – yes, and K. Hemlow – yes. VOTE: 4-0-0, MOTION PASSED.**

**K. Gardner MOVED to adjourn the meeting at 9:58 pm. H. Kennedy SECONDED. VOTE: 4-0-0, MOTION PASSED.**

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

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Maria A. Webb