

Hinsdale School Board Work Session
Hinsdale School District
SAU Conference Room
August 1, 2023
6:00 PM

Board Members Present: Holly Kennedy, Jeana Woodbury, Kaylah Hemlow, and Kendra Gardner

Board Member Excused: April Anderson

Administration Present: Dr. David Ryan, Interim Superintendent; John Barth, HMHS Principal; Joe Boggio, HES Principal

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

Citizen's Comments: H. Kennedy opened citizen's comments for 30 minutes. There were no citizens present.

Code of Conduct:

D. Ryan reviewed an email from Meghan Glynn, attorney with Drummond Woodsum, discussing her recommendations regarding updates to the code of conduct and student handbook. The Board reiterated the importance of building administration and faculty following policies regarding behavior expectations. D. Ryan spoke about enforcement of the code of conduct and will work with the administrative team regarding follow through, what the process will look like in applying the code of conduct uniformly and equitably.

J. Barth spoke to the HMHS section in the Code of Conduct. The majority of the document has remained the same. J. Boggio reviewed discipline in the HES section

J. Woodbury MOVED to approve the updated Code of Conduct. K. Hemlow SECONDED. 4-0-0-MOTION PASSED.

Student Handbook:

J. Barth explained the process of the HMHS administrative team's review of the student handbook.

J. Barth and J. Boggio reviewed a list of proposed changes.

Board members offered proposed changes, reviewed corrections/omissions and asked questions. Administration will review changes made and an updated copy of the student handbook will be sent to the Board.

Discussed the use of the standard diploma – H. Kennedy and J. Woodbury gave the history of the Board's intent regarding the use of the standard diploma and that an increasing number of seniors have been approved for this diploma in recent years. Administration will look into the use of the standard diploma and bring a recommendation to the Board at a future meeting.

Discussed the number of high school credits needed to advance to the next grade, including participating in grade level activities/events prior to attainment of the requisite number of credits. The administration will bring a proposal to potentially update the credit section at the September or October meeting.

K. Hemlow MOVED to approve the amended Student Handbook. K. Gardner SECONDED. 4-0-0-MOTION PASSED.

Tuition Discussion with the Winchester Board Chair:

D. Ryan met with Winchester's Superintendent, Lynn Carey last week. D. Ryan requested the Board authorize a meeting between Hinsdale and Winchester's Board Chairs, Superintendents, and Business Administrators to discuss next steps in the ongoing discussion regarding possibly entering into a tuition agreement with Winchester. Proposed dates for the meeting are August 8 or August 9, 2023.

After discussion the following motion was made:

K. Hemlow MOVED to authorize a meeting between A. Anderson, D. Ryan, and J. Fortson with their counterparts in the Winchester School District to discuss next steps in the ongoing discussion regarding possibly entering into a tuition agreement with Winchester. J. Woodbury SECONDED. 4-0-0-MOTION PASSED.

SAU Office Assistant Job Description:

D. Ryan explained that there has not been a formal job description for the SAU Office Assistant, which is now vacant following the retirement of Shirley Wolfe.

After discussion the following motion was made:

J. Woodbury MOVED to approve the office assistant job description. K. Hemlow SECONDED. 4-0-0-MOTION PASSED.

Other Board Business:

D. Ryan reviewed a request by Business Administrator J. Fortson to occasionally work remotely when working on large projects. The Board was agreeable to the request and D. Ryan will work with J. Fortson regarding scheduling of remote workdays.

D. Ryan informed the Board the HES Nurse had rescinded the letter of resignation she submitted in June.

D. Ryan reviewed a request by J. Barth to hire Kleay Steever for the position of Girls Middle School Soccer Coach. Per Board policy, coaches must be at least 21 years old; K. Steever will turn 21 in October 2023.

After discussion the following motion was made:

K. Hemlow MOVED to waive the age requirement and hire Kleay Steever for the position of Girls Middle School Soccer Coach. K. Gardner SECONDED. 4-0-0-MOTION PASSED.

J. Woodbury MOVED to adjourn the meeting at 7:43 PM. K. Hemlow SECONDED. VOTE: 4-0-0, MOTION PASSED.

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

_____ approved on _____
Holly Kennedy