

**Hinsdale School Board Meeting  
SAU Conference Room  
August 16, 2023  
6:00 PM**

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

**Administration Present:** John Barth, Principal; Jane Fortson, Business Administrator; Dr. David Ryan, Interim Superintendent; and Karen Thompson, Director of Teaching and Learning

**Administration Excused:** Joe Boggio, Principal; Christopher Ponce, HMHS Assistant Principal; and Justin Therieau, Director of Technology

**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.

A. Anderson welcomed Dr. Ryan and Jane Fortson, new Business Administrator.

**Review of the Manifests:**

The Board signed the manifests. There were no questions.

**Minutes:**

Reviewed the following:

1. Public and non-public minutes of June 13, 2023.
2. Public minutes of June 20, 2023.
3. Public and non-public minutes of July 25, 2023.
4. Public minutes of August 1, 2023.

After discussion, the following motions were made:

**J. Woodbury MOVED to accept the public and non-public minutes of June 13, 2023, the public minutes of June 20, 2023, the public and non-public minutes of July 25, 2023, and**

**the public minutes of August 1, 2023. H. Kennedy SECONDED. 5-0-0-MOTION PASSED.**

**Citizens' Comments:**

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

M. Webb asked each of the citizens attending via Zoom if they had comments. Sean Leary Expressed that the job descriptions that are to be reviewed have been reviewed in the past. Asked the Board to consider tabling discussion of the job descriptions and referring them back to the Personnel Committee for further discussion. The Board noted that they would take this under advisement.

**Interim Superintendent's Report:** D. Ryan his report with the Board. He met individually with each Board Member, officials in the community and Town Offices, HSD Administrators, as well as other area Superintendents and HSD students. He requested to join the Board in a Board Retreat. Stressed that he is looking for ways to best help the Board toward the goals. Scheduled for Wednesday, September 6<sup>th</sup>, 5:00 – 9:00 PM. An offsite location will be selected.

Discussed possible dates for an Ed306 Task Force presentation with Fred Bramante. Discussed possible dates: 9/13th, 9/19th and 9/21<sup>st</sup>.

Discussed a NH School Funding Fairness Project Presentation in October. D. Ryan will extend the invitation and schedule around the October School Board Meeting.

D. Ryan shared the plan from Chief Rataj for having an SRO on campus. A new MOU will be drafted.

The Board expressed thanks to D. Ryan for being engaged with the community from the start and for meeting with the Board Members.

D. Ryan shared with the Board that opening day convocation activities for the staff will be held in the Town Office.

J. Fortson reviewed the changes to the state adequacy funding formula. An increase in adequacy for free and reduced should result in \$186,000 for the district.

**Teaching & Learning Report:** K. Thompson reviewed her report with the Board. The Opening Day Convocation will be student-focused. There will be an MOU with the Hinsdale PD through the OSTCP grant to help fund career-connected learning for HMHS students.

The Core Committee for The Portrait of a Learner will begin in September. The plan is to have a Portrait to present to the Board by May. H. Kennedy has volunteered to participate. Caroline Eastman from NHLI will be conducting community focus groups.

The kick-off for the Core Committee is in the process of being scheduled.

**Principals' Reports:** J. Barth reviewed his report with the Board. Noted recruiting challenges this summer. New hire teachers are in the process of completing their certifications. Shared regarding the Edmentum Enhanced Virtual Learning program for Math as we do not have a Math teacher and this is a critical need. This program would be for Algebra I (9<sup>th</sup> grade) and Algebra II (11<sup>th</sup> grade). J. Barth shared a quote for three days per week. We could opt for five days per week, but that is a higher expense.

The Board discussed concerns with the program. Discussed to what extent the current Math teachers could help, such as for two days per week. D. Ryan and J. Barth agreed to review the Master Schedule to see what possibilities exist.

J. Barth noted that should we hire a Math teacher, we could prorate the Edmentum contract.

J. Barth shared the plan for covering the Special Education Case Manager position. The Case Managers will be taking on the additional IEPs.

The Board reviewed J. Boggio's report. Discussed the ESSER III projects ending in September. K. Thompson shared that Patty Wallace and J. Boggio have been working on this.

**Technology Report:** The Board reviewed J. Therieau's report. Discussed the new PA system.

### **New Board Business:**

#### **2023-2024 School Board Meeting Dates:**

Discussed the 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday. The Board chose to move to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday, starting with the September Board Meeting.

Discussed confirming the goal setting date after the Board Retreat.

### **Superintendent Search Discussion:**

The Board directed M. Webb to contact the committee members to see if they can continue to participate. The earliest the committee will start is late September.

### **Free and Reduced Meal Prices for 2023-2024:**

The Board reviewed and approved the prices. They will be added to the Handbook.

### **Job Descriptions – Final Readings:**

1. Business Administrator
2. Director of Personalized Learning
3. Curriculum Coordinator

4. Administrative Assistant Curriculum/HR/Business Office

D. Ryan requested to table the job descriptions until a permanent Superintendent is hired as we are still working through the reorganization.

D. Ryan noted that K. Thompson will be focused on student work, regardless of her title.

After discussion the following motions were made:

**H. Kennedy MOVED to table the four job descriptions until after the Superintendent is hired. J. Woodbury SECONDED. 5-0-0-MOTION PASSED.**

**Policy Final Reading: JFAB – Admission of Tuition and Non-Resident Students:**

After discussion the following motions were made:

**K. Hemlow MOVED to approve the policy with some edits. J. Woodbury SECONDED. 5-0-0-MOTION PASSED.**

**Other Business:**

J. Woodbury asked if the HMHS teachers had been given their assignments at this time. J. Barth indicated that they have.

**Committee Reports:**

Discussed committees that are required by law and policy.

Decided to not include a Board Member on the Joint Loss Committee.

K. Thompson noted that there should be a Board member on the Staff Development Committee. There will only need to be one. K. Hemlow will report to the Board on this Committee.

Discussed the School Board meeting with the Selectboard during the year.

**Personnel Committee:** Meeting on August 22<sup>nd</sup>.

**Health and Wellness:** The Health Fair is planned for September 16<sup>th</sup>.

**Budget Committee:** Meeting on August 17<sup>th</sup>.

**Staff Development:** Will schedule for October and have four meetings during the school year.

**Legislation/NHSBA:** H. Kennedy shared that the delegate assembly is on October 14<sup>th</sup>. H. Kennedy volunteered to attend. H. Kennedy shared regarding upcoming webinars via the NHSBA that Board Members can attend.

**HASP Advisory Board:** No update.

**Board of Selectman:** No update.

**Facilities Maintenance/ Emergency:** Met July 21st. H. Kennedy noted that she will not be able to attend going forward. K. Hemlow will be the back-up going forward.

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

**Behavioral Support Team:** Plan to meet during the 2<sup>nd</sup> week of September.

**Joint Loss Committee:** Next meeting will be scheduled for September when the staff return.

**Policy Committee:** Will schedule a meeting. Plan to start with the dress code policy and discuss involving the student leadership team.

**Superintendent Search Committee:** Will resume the search committee. The Board directed M. Webb to contact the current members to determine who will continue.

**Tuition Exploratory Committee:** Meeting with Winchester on August 17<sup>th</sup>, 4:30 PM.

**Citizens' Comments:**

A. Anderson asked the citizens attending in the room for any comments.

Wayne Dingman asked how much money was sent back to the town. Asked for expenditures. Can submit a Right to Know Request. Asked for the out-of-district tuition rate. This is posted on the website in the minutes. Asked when the Edmentum contract can be signed with school starting soon.

Alex Duso, attending online, asked regarding the substitute that will be in the classroom during the Edmentum Math class. Discussed how the class will be interactive. Expressed concern regarding students who may have difficulty with that type of format.

Heather Jutras, attending in-person, asked regarding how after-school tutoring will be handled for those students who need additional support in Math. J. Barth noted that this is being discussed with the other Math teachers.

Sean Leary thanked the Board for the discussion on the job descriptions. Expressed that remote learning may pose problems for some of the students. Donna Foster noted that this program is organized and is a good solution. Feels that the teachers will support the students.

**Non-Public Session:**

There were no items for non-public discussion.

**J. Woodbury MOVED to adjourn the meeting at 7:40 pm. K. Hemlow SECONDED. VOTE: 5-0-0, MOTION PASSED.**

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

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Maria A. Webb

approved on \_\_\_\_\_