

**Hinsdale School Board Meeting
SAU Conference Room
September 13, 2023
6:00 PM**

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Meeting ID: 837 2506 7396

Board Members Present: April Anderson, Kendra Gardner, and Jeana Woodbury

Board Members Excused: Kaylah Hemlow and Holly Kennedy

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

Administration Excused: 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.

D. Ryan welcomed the new Student Board Member, freshman, Addison Garcia.

Review of the Manifests:

The Board signed the manifests. There were no questions.

Minutes:

Reviewed the public minutes of August 16, 2023.

After discussion, the following motions were made:

J. Woodbury MOVED to accept the public minutes of August 16, 2023. K. Gardner SECONDED. 3-0-0-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. Heather Jutras from the PTSA asked regarding animals at the Fall Festival and the metal dumpster in October.

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

Student Board Member Items:

A. Garcia did not have items to share. This was his first meeting as the new Student Board Member. J. Barth shared regarding the election process and the positive comments students wrote regarding A. Garcia.

Interim Superintendent's Report: D. Ryan his report with the Board. Reviewed opening day activities and the positive start to the new school year. Asked all staff to consider ways to promote the culture of kindness initiative.

Reviewed the guidelines for out of district students enrolling in Hinsdale.

NH School Fair Funding Project Presentation is proposed for October 18, 2023.

Met with the school nurses and reviewed current covid protocols. Information for families will be forthcoming. We will continue with the protocols that were in place last year.

A. Anderson noted that November 13th is World Kindness Day.

Business Administrator's Report: J. Fortson reviewed her report with the Board. The reconciliations have been caught up and we have received an extension for the MS25/DOE25.

J. Fortson will begin working full-time for Hinsdale starting in early October.

The auditors are scheduled to come on Wednesday to begin the annual audit.

Teaching & Learning Report: K. Thompson reviewed her report with the Board. Reiterated the positive climate from opening day.

The Ed306 Task Force presentation with Fred Bramante is scheduled for September 19, 2023.

Carolyn Eastman from NHLI kicked off the Portrait of a Learner on District PD Day.

Principals' Reports:

J. Barth reviewed his report with the Board. Some homecoming activities were postponed due to the weather, but the dance went well.

Monadnock Family Services will be here weekly starting next Thursday as a resource for students and families.

Band Club is starting this week and Drama Club is starting soon. The SRO is on-campus full-time now and this has already had a positive impact on the start to the school day.

J. Boggio reviewed his report with the Board.

Technology Report: J. Therieau reviewed his report with the Board. There is a large volume of help tickets that the IT staff are resolving.

New Board Business:

Charitable Foundation Presentation

Edwin Smith presented regarding the Geoffrey L. Holt Charitable Foundation. The trust is approximately \$3.8 million dollars for the following in Hinsdale:

- Education
- Culture
- Health, and
- Recreation

Mr. Smith would advocate for the Town Clock, for example, so that taxpayers would not have to fund this. Also noted that Mr. Holt was a driver ed teacher in Winchester for one year. Noted that driver ed training may be something that could be incorporated, or an online course, for example.

Any 501(c)(3) organization in Hinsdale may apply for funds via the trust.

Edwin Smith and John Smith are advisors to the fund.

There will be an application process.

Board Goal Setting Date

Wednesday, September 27th at 5:00 PM.

Will reschedule the Board Retreat with D. Ryan. Discussed possible venues.

Board Nomination Forms

Presented as informational.

NHSBA 2023 Proposed Resolutions and Proposed Bylaw Changes

Will discuss at the next monthly meeting.

Superintendent Search Committee

Will review the potential members in non-public.

HSSA Letter of Intent to Negotiate

Informational.

HHS Math Coverage Update

J. Barth reviewed the plan for coverage as there is an open math teacher position. Current math teachers have offered to teach additional periods to cover. The Board expressed appreciation to the teachers who have offered to cover.

School Board Email Addresses

D. Ryan shared the reasons for board members to have district-issued email addresses as opposed to using personal email addresses. J. Therieau shared options for the board to consider. The Board agreed with using the district-issued email addresses.

Covid Protocols

No additional information.

Other Business:

D. Ryan presented the updated version of the MOU with the Hinsdale Police Department for the School Resource Officer (SRO).

J. Fortson shared an update on adequacy funding for our school district. We will receive approximately \$186,000 in additional funding for this year. Presented the options for the funding. D. Ryan advised putting this into the unassigned fund balance to go back to the Town. There is no action required by the Board in that case.

J. Barth, J. Boggio, J. Therieau and K. Thompson were excused from the meeting at 7:14 PM.

Committee Reports:

1. **Behavioral Support Team** (J. Woodbury, K. Hemlow) - Met Sept. 9th. J. Woodbury reviewed upcoming activities.
2. **Budget Committee** (A. Anderson, K. Gardner = alternate) - The last meeting was cancelled and has not been rescheduled yet.

3. **Community Connections** (A. Anderson, Holly Kennedy) - A. Anderson is posting upcoming events.
4. **Facilities Maintenance/Emergency** (A. Anderson, K. Hemlow) - Meeting on Oct. 20th.
5. **HASP Advisory Board** (K. Gardner, A. Anderson) - Met earlier today. K. Gardner noted issues with staffing and students being on a waiting list. Next meeting is in November.
6. **Legislation/NHSBA** (H. Kennedy) - A. Anderson shared regarding upcoming training.
7. **Personnel Committee** (A. Anderson, H. Kennedy) - Meeting Sept. 26th.
8. **Policy Committee** (H. Kennedy) - Will be working on the dress code and involving students.
9. **Selectboard** (K. Gardner) - K. Gardner will attend the next meeting.
10. **Staff Development** (K. Hemlow, K. Gardner = alternate) - No update.
11. **Superintendent Search Committee** (H. Kennedy, A. Anderson) - Will resume soon.
12. **Tuition Exploratory Committee** (J. Woodbury, K. Gardner) - Meeting on Sept. 27th.
13. **Wellness** (J. Woodbury, K. Hemlow) - Health Fair on Sept. 16th.

Citizens' Comments:

A. Anderson asked the citizens attending in the room for any comments. There were no longer citizens attending in the room.

One citizen attending online asked regarding vape sensors and the Board noted that we will have them in the schools.

J. Fortson was excused at 7:31 PM.

Non-Public Session:

J. Woodbury MOVED to go into a nonpublic session according to RSA 91 A:3 II (c) at 7:27 pm. K. Gardner SECONDED. Roll Call: A. Anderson – yes, K. Gardner – yes, and J. Woodbury - yes. VOTE: 3-0-0, MOTION PASSED.

J. Woodbury MOVED to reconvene the public session at 7:38 pm. K. Gardner SECONDED. Roll Call: A. Anderson – yes, K. Gardner – yes, and J. Woodbury - yes. VOTE: 3-0-0, MOTION PASSED.

The Board directed M. Webb to notify those who were accepted onto the Superintendent Search Committee:

- Community Member: Michael Carrier
- HES: Donna Foster
- HMHS: Theresa Diorio

The Board reviewed a recent incident at HMHS involving a physical altercation between students. D. Ryan reviewed the process that administration is following to address the issues and that mediation is being scheduled for the students involved.

**J. Woodbury MOVED to adjourn the meeting at 7:47 pm. K. Gardner SECONDED.
VOTE: 3-0-0, MOTION PASSED.**

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

_____ approved on _____
Maria A. Webb