

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

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Meeting ID: 837 2506 7396

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

Board Members Excused: Kendra Gardner

Board Members Absent Unexcused: Addison Garcia

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

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:

Reviewed the public and non-public minutes of November 8, 2023

The following motions were made:

H. Kennedy MOVED to accept the public and non-public minutes of November 8, 2023. J. Woodbury SECONDED. 4-0-0, MOTION PASSED.

Citizens' Comments:

A. Anderson opened citizen comments for 30 minutes. Alex Duso commented that his children reported teachers are telling them that the school cannot afford things. Does not feel that is appropriate.

M. Webb asked the citizen attending via Zoom for any comments. There were no comments at this time.

Beable Career Pathways Presentation:

T. Diorio presented along with sixth grade students. Demonstrated the program and answered questions from the Board. This is free as part of the OSTCP grant. The students shared examples of what they enjoy about the program and noted that they feel they are always learning something. The students like how it shows them careers that fit them. Noted that sixth graders are using the program and there has been a Lexile score growth between 60-100+ points in Career Readiness and Future Readiness. We would like to use the program with the other grades.

Student Board Member Items:

A. Garcia was not in attendance. J. Barth shared that A. Garcia has been participating in the dress code policy work.

Interim Superintendent's Report:

D. Ryan reviewed his report with the Board. Topics included:

- Campus Crisis Response Team
- The Pacer Promise
- NHSAS Assessment Data
- National Association for Behavioral Intervention and Threat Assessment (NABITA)
- Geoffrey Holt Trust and the NH Charitable Foundation
- Rural Schools Advanced Placement Network
- Covid Protocols and Testing Update
- Visit to the Cheshire Career Center at Keene High School

D. Ryan asked the Board what they would like to do regarding the Covid testing. The Board was in agreement with offering testing.

A. Anderson volunteered to represent the Board on the Geoffrey Holt Trust steering team.

Business Administrator's Report:

J. Fortson reviewed her report with the Board. The Board said they generally approve the budget to go to the Budget Committee at this meeting. J. Fortson shared where we are in the process.

Personalized Learning Report:

K. Thompson reviewed her report with the Board. H. Kennedy noted that she is on the Portrait of a Learner committee.

Principals' Reports:

J. Barth reviewed his report with the Board. Reviewed PSAT results from last spring along with NH SAS results from the past three years.

D. Ryan shared regarding the Summary of Answers and Skills report that we will have in the spring.

J. Boggio reviewed his report with the Board. Shared the dates of the holiday performances. The Board reviewed the SEL attachments.

Technology Report:

The Board reviewed J. Therieau's report. Shared some new features on the website, including a video and a language translation tool.

Facilities Report:

No update this month.

Budget Planning Discussion:

J. Fortson shared that we are using an evidence-based process this year and so administrators have been given some tasks to complete. Provided examples of how this process works to help with budget cuts and to provide the programming we need. Noted rising health costs.

D. Ryan shared ways we are looking to find lower prices on some items that are needed, such as fuel. Researching the true cost per pupil. Also looking for additional efficiencies in the SAU office.

Scheduled the budget work session for Wednesday, Dec. 20th, 6:30 – 8:30 PM.

Covid Testing:

Discussed above.

Alma Information:

J. Therieau shared that the state has contracted with Alma to replace i4See. Shared that he scheduled a presentation for teachers and administration and provided the opportunity for feedback.

Noted that after researching our options further, we are not going to pursue Alma for 2024-2025. We are going to continue with PowerSchool for the next school year.

Crowdfunding Request:

J. Boggio shared that L and O Automotive would like to offer a holiday fundraiser for the Needy Fund at HES in December. This fund is used to purchase clothing and other items that families are in need of.

After discussion, the following motions were made:

K. Hemlow MOVED to accept a donation from L and O Automotive. H. Kennedy SECONDED. 4-0-0-MOTION PASSED.

J. Boggio shared regarding a Scholastic program that allows us to purchase books for students who are not able to purchase them. We may have approximately \$50.00 to purchase books for students. The Board did not need to act on this item.

Other Business:

There was no other business.

J. Barth and K. Thompson were excused from the meeting at 7:20 PM.

Committee Reports:

1. **Behavioral Support Team** (J. Woodbury, K. Hemlow) – Meeting Feb. 1st.
2. **Budget Committee** (A. Anderson, K. Gardner = alternate) – Meeting with Selectboard on Dec. 11th.
3. **Community Connections** (A. Anderson, Holly Kennedy) – Please send information for postings to A. Anderson and H. Kennedy.
4. **Facilities Maintenance/Emergency** (A. Anderson, alternate = K. Hemlow) – Meeting Jan. 19th.
5. **HASP Advisory Board** (K. Gardner, A. Anderson) – Meeting Jan. 10th
6. **Legislation/NHSBA** (H. Kennedy) - No update.
7. **Personnel Committee** (A. Anderson, H. Kennedy) – Met Nov. 28th and are in the process of negotiations with the HSSA.
8. **Policy Committee** (H. Kennedy) – Meeting Jan. 16th.
9. **Selectboard** (K. Gardner) – No update.
10. **Staff Development** (K. Hemlow, K. Gardner = alternate) – No update.
11. **Superintendent Search Committee** (H. Kennedy, A. Anderson) – Meeting Jan. 8th to review applications.
12. **Tuition Exploratory Committee** (J. Woodbury, K. Gardner) - No update.
13. **Wellness** (J. Woodbury, K. Hemlow) – Planning a meeting for Jan.

Citizens' Comments:

Alex Duso asked if it is possible to post the honor roll announcements on Community Connections.

Brittany Howard, attending online, congratulated both teams for their wins and to the HMHS student for his 1000 points in the basketball game last night. Also thanked the staff who attended the game to show support.

Non-Public Session:

H. Kennedy MOVED to go into a nonpublic session according to RSA 91 A:3 II (a)(b)(c) at 7:29 pm. J. Woodbury SECONDED. Roll Call: A. Anderson – yes, K. Hemlow – yes, H. Kennedy – yes, and J. Woodbury - yes. VOTE: 4-0-0, MOTION PASSED.

J. Woodbury MOVED to reconvene the public session at 8:12 pm. H. Kennedy SECONDED. Roll Call: A. Anderson – yes, K. Hemlow – yes, H. Kennedy – yes, and J. Woodbury - yes. VOTE: 4-0-0, MOTION PASSED.

J. Woodbury MOVED to adjourn the meeting at 8:12 pm. K. Hemlow SECONDED. VOTE: 4-0-0, MOTION PASSED.

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

Maria A. Webb

approved on _____