

**Hinsdale School Board Meeting
SAU Conference Room
January 10, 2024
6:00 PM**

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Meeting ID: 837 2506 7396

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

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:

1. Public and non-public minutes of December 6, 2023.
2. Public minutes of January 3, 2024.

D. Ryan noted that Board members must be physically present to reach a quorum. There was no quorum on December 20, 2023. Subsequently, there are no minutes to review from December 20, 2023.

The following motions were made:

H. Kennedy MOVED to accept the public and non-public minutes of December 6, 2023, as amended, and the public minutes of January 3, 2024, as amended. J. Woodbury SECONDED. 5-0-0, MOTION PASSED.

Citizens' Comments:

A. Anderson opened citizen comments for 30 minutes. There was one citizen attending. No comments at this time.

There were no citizens attending online.

Student Board Member Items:

A. Garcia was not present but had submitted a report to the Board. J. Barth will see if A. Garcia can attend via Zoom in the future.

Interim Superintendent's Report:

D. Ryan reviewed his report with the Board. Highlighted the following topics:

- Kindness 101
- Advanced Placement Program
- Visit to Cheshire Career Center at Keene High School

Discussed the Cheshire Career Center at Keene High School as an alternative to the Windham Regional Career Center in Brattleboro, Vermont.

H. Kennedy MOVED that we pursue 2024 membership in CTE Region 13 and schedule an information session for parents and the community. K. Hemlow SECONDED. 5-0-0-MOTION PASSED.

Business Administrator's Report:

J. Fortson reviewed the proposed 2024-2025 budget handouts with the Board. Is currently working on a tax impact document. There will be cross-training with the SAU Office Assistant that will be beneficial for the Business Office.

Discussed HES budget items.

Discussed warrant articles for the District Meeting.

Personalized Learning Report:

K. Thompson reviewed her report with the Board. NEASC will be 2026-2027.

Principals' Reports:

J. Barth reviewed his report with the Board. Discussed the mid-term exam schedule and MAPS testing schedule. There will be a Winter Concert on February 7th at 6:30 PM. Driver's Education started this month at HMHS.

Discussed that bullying and discipline data were on the dashboard previously. The Board requested quarterly reports in the Board packets. Will provide them in April and June 2024.

J. Boggio reviewed his report with the Board. L and O Automotive raised \$625 for the needy fund at HES.

Discussed the ACERT Family Liaison. Margaret Barry will be at HES part-time. There will be an award ceremony on February 7th at 6:30 PM.

Technology Report:

J. Therieau reviewed his report with the Board. The Board thanked J. Therieau and the IT department for their work after the network attack.

Budget Planning Discussion:

Discussed tentative joint Budget Committee Meetings on:

- Monday, Jan. 22nd, 6:30 PM
- Wednesday, Jan. 24th, 6:30 PM

The location will be the SAU Conference Room.

The public budget hearing has not been scheduled yet. Will be possibly February 6th or 7th.

Superintendent Search:

The committee met on Jan. 8th. Extended the application deadline to Jan. 28th.

Program of Study Approval:

J. Barth reviewed the proposed Program of Study with the Board. Discussed the changes from Honors to AP courses.

Discussed promotion requirements and issues in the past regarding students who were not able to graduate with their class or attend the prom due to lack of credits.

Discussed the goal to start developing class schedules for 2024-2025 after February vacation and to be finished by April vacation.

After discussion the following motions were made:

H. Kennedy MOVED to approve the 2024-2025 Program of Study. K. Hemlow SECONDED. 5-0-0-MOTION PASSED.

J. Barth thanked Matt Azzaro and Joe Smith for their work on the Program of Study.

Other Business:

There was no other business.

J. Barth, J. Boggio, J. Therieau, and K. Thompson were excused from the meeting at 7:38 PM.

Committee Reports:

1. **Behavioral Support Team** (J. Woodbury, K. Hemlow) – Meeting Feb. 1st.
2. **Budget Committee** (A. Anderson, K. Gardner = alternate) – Discussed above.
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) – Met Jan. 10th. K. Gardner shared that 68% of the Middle School students attend. The drama club has helped increase participation. They also started a cooking club. Meeting next on March 13th.
6. **Legislation/NHSBA** (H. Kennedy) - H. Kennedy noted that there has been testimony at the legislature by Barrett Christina, Esq.
7. **Personnel Committee** (A. Anderson, H. Kennedy) – Meeting Jan. 23rd. In negotiations with the HSSA.
8. **Policy Committee** (H. Kennedy) – Meeting Jan. 16th.
9. **Selectboard** (K. Gardner) – A. Anderson shared an update regarding items for the budget.
10. **Staff Development** (K. Hemlow, K. Gardner = alternate) – D. Ryan noted that they are working on the Professional Development Master Plan.
11. **Superintendent Search Committee** (H. Kennedy, A. Anderson) – Meeting Jan. 29th to review any additional applications.
12. **Tuition Exploratory Committee** (J. Woodbury, K. Gardner) - Will discuss in non-public.
13. **Wellness** (J. Woodbury, K. Hemlow) – K. Hemlow noted that there will be meetings at the end of January, March, May, and October 2024. Will be looking at the Wellness Policy.

Citizens' Comments:

There were no comments.

Non-Public Session:

H. Kennedy MOVED to go into a nonpublic session according to RSA 91 A:3 II (a)(k) at 7:53 pm. K. Hemlow SECONDED. Roll Call: A. Anderson – yes, K. Gardner – yes, K. Hemlow – yes, H. Kennedy – yes, and J. Woodbury - yes. VOTE: 5-0-0, MOTION PASSED.

J. Woodbury MOVED to reconvene the public session at 8:08 pm. K. Hemlow SECONDED. Roll Call: A. Anderson – yes, K. Gardner – yes, K. Hemlow – yes, H. Kennedy – yes, and J. Woodbury - yes. VOTE: 5-0-0, MOTION PASSED.

J. Woodbury MOVED to adjourn the meeting at 8:08 pm. K. Hemlow SECONDED. VOTE: 5-0-0, MOTION PASSED.

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

_____ approved on _____
Maria A. Webb