

**Hinsdale School Board Meeting
SAU Conference Room
February 14, 2024
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.

Citizen's Comments:

A. Anderson opened Citizen's Comments for 30 minutes. There were no comments.

Student Presentation (HMHS):

A student from Mrs. O'Neil's Science class presented an ecology project and answered questions.

Student Topic (HES):

Two HES students presented a request to the Board regarding schedule changes and answered questions. They have been learning persuasive letter writing in their writing unit.

The Board thanked all the students who presented and their parents who brought them to the meeting.

Review of the Manifests:

The Board signed the manifests. There were no questions.

Minutes:

1. Public and non-public minutes of January 10, 2024.
2. Public and non-public minutes of January 22, 2024.
3. Public and non-public (Part I and Part II) minutes of January 24, 2024.
4. Public and non-public minutes of January 29, 2024.
5. Public minutes of February 5, 2024

H. Kennedy MOVED to approve the slate of minutes with the amendments as discussed. J. Woodbury SECONDED. 4-0-0, MOTION PASSED.

Student Board Member Items:

A. Garcia was not present.

Interim Superintendent's Report:

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

- AP Breakfast
- Update on Cheshire Career Center at Keene High School
- Tutor.com Information

Business Administrator's Report:

J. Fortson reviewed her report with the Board. Noted cross training in the Business Office and the positive pay program with TD Bank.

Reviewed quotes for new dishwashers as part of the spend down process which was approved by the NH Department of Education Nutrition Services.

H. Kennedy MOVED to accept the bids from Central Restaurant Products to purchase two new dishwashers. K. Hemlow SECONDED. 4-0-0, MOTION PASSED.

Personalized Learning Report:

K. Thompson reviewed her report with the Board. The Sixth Graders from Ms. Diorio's Career Skill Set class presented using the Beable career platform at the Annual NH Career Summit in Concord, NH.

Principals' Reports:

J. Barth reviewed his report with the Board. Highlighted the Winter Band Concert and the upcoming visit to Wilton-Lyndeborough regarding the master class schedule.

J. Boggio reviewed his report with the Board. Reviewed the Winter MAP test results and the Discipline and Bullying data.

Technology Report:

J. Therieau reviewed his report with the Board. The Board thanked C. Martin and the IT Department for their work on the student laptop tickets. Noted that we are waiting for the results of the ransomware attack investigation.

District Meeting Discussion:

The Annual District Meeting is on Saturday, March 16th. The School District still needs a Moderator.

H. Kennedy MOVED to appoint M. Webb as School District Clerk through the District Meeting. K. Hemlow SECONDED. 4-0-0, MOTION PASSED.

Discussed counting ballots on Election Night. A. Anderson, K. Gardner, K. Hemlow, and H. Kennedy agreed to count ballots.

Public Budget Hearing Discussion:

Scheduled a public budget forum at HMHS on Wednesday, March 6th, 6:30 PM.

Scheduled a Board Work Session to prepare for the forum on Tuesday, February 27th, 5:00 PM.

School District Moderator and Clerk Vacancies:

Discussed above.

School Board Evaluations:

Scheduled a Board Work Session on Sunday, March 10th at 11:00 AM.

Superintendent Search Update:

The Search Committee is conducting interviews.

Approval of Dishwasher Purchases:

Discussed above.

2024-2025 Academic Calendar Draft:

Will discuss at the March Monthly Board Meeting.

Other Business:

Discussed scheduling a Policy Committee meeting.

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) – K. Hemlow shared an update. The SEL team has been meeting monthly. The ACERT Family Liaison is on site Mondays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays.
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 March 19th.
5. **HASP Advisory Board** (K. Gardner, A. Anderson) – No update.
6. **Legislation/NHSBA** (H. Kennedy) - H. Kennedy is attending conferences next week and in March.
7. **Personnel Committee** (A. Anderson, H. Kennedy) – Will postpone the February 27th meeting due to the Board Work Session.
8. **Policy Committee** (H. Kennedy) – No update.
9. **Selectboard** (K. Gardner) – No update.
10. **Staff Development** (K. Hemlow, K. Gardner = alternate) – No update.
11. **Superintendent Search Committee** (H. Kennedy, A. Anderson) – Discussed above.
12. **Tuition Exploratory Committee** (J. Woodbury, K. Gardner) – No update.
13. **Wellness** (J. Woodbury, K. Hemlow) – Met 2/14/24. J. Fortson is the new Chair of the committee. Will meet next on March 13th. Discussed aligning the various wellness policies.

Citizens' Comments:

T. Diorio asked about the Portrait of a Learner survey. Discussed where the survey link will be sent. Asked if the spend down could be applied to the negative lunch balances. J. Fortson and D. Ryan noted that this is not allowed. Asked about the December meeting recording which was lost in the ransomware attack. Asked about the process if there is no School District Moderator.

K. Kruse asked about the benefits of switching to the Cheshire Career Center. Asked about discipline and bullying data for HMHS. The Board noted that the data will be presented quarterly. Noted a concern with students in study hall due to staffing issues and how this leads to behavioral problems. Discussed showcasing positive things the students are doing at the annual district meeting.

K. Hammond attending online asked about the HES discipline and bullying data and the warrant article for an HES Behavior Interventionist. The Board noted that the district will be looking for a certified Behavior Interventionist if the warrant article passes.

J. Woodbury MOVED to go into a nonpublic session according to RSA 91 A:3 II (a)(c)(k) at 7:42 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 reconvene the public session at 8:08 pm. K. Hemlow SECONDED. Roll Call: A. Anderson – yes, K. Hemlow – yes, H. Kennedy – yes, and J. Woodbury - yes. VOTE: 4-0-0, MOTION PASSED.

H. Kennedy MOVED to adjourn the meeting at 8:08 pm. J. Woodbury SECONDED. VOTE: 4-0-0, MOTION PASSED.

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

_____ approved on _____
Maria A. Webb