

**Hinsdale School Board Meeting
SAU Conference Room
March 13, 2024
6:00 PM**

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Meeting ID: 837 2506 7396

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

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 6:02 pm.

A. Anderson reviewed the guidelines for holding the Zoom meeting.

A. Anderson recognized outgoing Board Members, H. Kennedy and J. Woodbury, for their years of service on the School Board.

Student Topic (HES):

An HES student presented a request to the Board regarding a water filtration system. The student shared letters from the 5th grade class unit on persuasive letter writing. Each unit costs approximately \$2,000.00. J. Boggio shared that he is researching grants that may help fund a filtration system.

The Board thanked the student who presented and the parents for coming to the meeting.

D. Ryan noted that the administration will research options and present them to the Board at the April meeting.

Review of the Manifests:

The Board signed the manifests. There were no questions.

Minutes:

1. Public and non-public minutes of February 14, 2024.

2. Public and non-public minutes of February 27, 2024.
3. Public and non-public minutes of March 6, 2024.
4. Public minutes of the Budget Forum, March 6, 2024.

There were no changes to the draft minutes.

K. Hemlow MOVED to approve the slate of minutes listed above. J. Woodbury SECONDED. 5-0-0, MOTION PASSED.

Citizen's Comments:

A. Anderson opened Citizen's Comments for 30 minutes. Sean Leary thanked both H. Kennedy and J. Woodbury for their combined 30 years of service on the School Board.

Theresa Diorio suggested an edit to the proposed 2024-2025 Academic Calendar.

Donna Foster thanked H. Kennedy and J. Woodbury for their years of service on the School Board.

Interim Superintendent's Report:

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

- General Assurances FY 2025
- Update on the AP Rural Network
- Town of Hinsdale Emergency Operations Planning (EOP)
- 2024 Graduation Date – 175th day at this point is June 10th. D. Ryan recommends June 15th as the Graduation date.

K. Gardner MOVED to set the Graduation Date as June 15, 2024. K. Hemlow SECONDED. 5-0-0, MOTION PASSED.

K. Hemlow MOVED to authorize A. Anderson to sign the General Assurances FY 2025. K. Gardner SECONDED. 5-0-0, MOTION PASSED.

K. Gardner then asked if a class day for seniors could be added on May 24th so that their 175th day could be June 7, 2024, and their graduation day could be June 8, 2024. Discussed having the senior class trip on May 24th. D. Ryan stated he would contact the NH DOE and follow up with the Board.

K. Gardner MOVED to rescind the motion above to set the graduation date to June 15, 2024. K. Hemlow SECONDED. 5-0-0 MOTION PASSED.

K. Hemlow MOVED to table the discussion on the graduation date until the March 14th special meeting. K. Gardner SECONDED. 5-0-0, MOTION PASSED.

Business Administrator's Report:

J. Fortson reviewed her report with the Board. Highlighted the positive pay program, cross training in the Business Office, and the proposals for grants to purchase four proofers. The cost is approximately \$2,028 for one proofer.

Personalized Learning Report:

K. Thompson reviewed her report with the Board. Shared that Caleb Thurston is the second recipient of the Giraffe Award. He received the award on PD Day on March 11th. As part of the Kindness 101 work, there will be a Community Kindness Day on April 19th. Advisories will organize projects for the day. Portrait of a Learner flyers with a QR code for the survey will be distributed at the District Meeting on Saturday, March 16th.

Principals' Reports:

J. Barth reviewed his report with the Board.

Presented a field trip request from the Life Skills Program.

J. Woodbury MOVED to approve the Life Skills field trip to the Rye, NH Seacoast on May 23, 2024. K. Hemlow SECONDED. 5-0-0, MOTION PASSED.

J. Barth introduced the new Student Board Member, Michael Phillips.

J. Boggio reviewed his report with the Board. A. Anderson thanked J. Boggio for organizing the student presentations. H. Kennedy asked about the dog tags this year and J. Boggio shared that the students did vote on the dog tags. Agreed to follow up with the Board regarding the tags.

Technology Report:

J. Therieau reviewed his report with the Board. K. Hemlow expressed appreciation for the work with the ELO student.

District Meeting Discussion:

The Annual District Meeting is on Saturday, March 16th. The School District meeting will be held after the Town meeting. Administration should arrive by 10:00 AM.

Superintendent Search Update:

Will discuss in non-public.

2024-2025 Academic Calendar Draft:

H. Kennedy noted that the Keene School District calendar is based on days, not hours.

Discussed the reason for adding a holiday on Columbus Day. The Board requested going with Indigenous People’s Day on the calendar.

Discussed the reasons for basing the school calendar on days versus hours. D. Ryan presented factors to consider and expressed his preference for days.

K. Gardner MOVED to approve the 2024-2025 Academic Calendar. J. Woodbury SECONDED. 5-0-0, MOTION PASSED.

2024 Graduation Date, Prom & Class Trip Information:

Discussed the graduation date above. The class trip and graduation dates will be confirmed at the 3/14/2024 special meeting.

K. Hemlow MOVED to approve the Prom on May 18th, 7:00 – 10:00 PM. K. Gardner SECONDED. 5-0-0, MOTION PASSED.

Staff Surveys for Graduate School:

J. Boggio shared a request from several HES teachers regarding a survey they would like to conduct for a graduate school class.

K. Hemlow MOVED to approve the requests as presented. K. Gardner SECONDED. 5-0-0, MOTION PASSED.

Student Board Member Discussion:

A. Anderson welcomed M. Phillips to the Board as the new Student Board Member.

M. Phillips presented topics with input from the middle high school students, including the scheduling of Middle and High School grades in the cafeteria in the morning and during lunches, and use of the outdoor courtyard.

Shared several ideas for projects for the Community Kindness Day on April 19th.

M. Phillips answered questions from the Board on these topics. J. Barth shared information on the topics as well.

CDC Update and Respiratory Virus Recommendations:

Informational only.

Other Business:

J. Barth, M. Phillips, and K. Thompson were excused from the meeting at 7:23 PM.

Committee Reports:

1. **Behavioral Support Team** (J. Woodbury, K. Hemlow) – No update.
2. **Budget Committee** (A. Anderson, K. Gardner = alternate) – District meeting is March 16th.
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 April 19th.
5. **HASP Advisory Board** (K. Gardner, A. Anderson) – Met March 13th. Math Night is March 27th at 6:30 PM. The drama presentation of *Matilda* is next week.
6. **Legislation/NHSBA** (H. Kennedy) - H. Kennedy encouraged the Board to review the NHSBA updates.
7. **Personnel Committee** (A. Anderson, H. Kennedy) – No update.
8. **Policy Committee** (H. Kennedy) – No update.
9. **Selectboard** (K. Gardner) – K. Gardner shared an update from a recent meeting.
10. **Staff Development** (K. Hemlow, K. Gardner = alternate) – No update.
11. **Superintendent Search Committee** (H. Kennedy, A. Anderson) – Will discuss in non-public.
12. **Tuition Exploratory Committee** (J. Woodbury, K. Gardner) – No update.
13. **Wellness** (J. Woodbury, K. Hemlow) – Met March 13th. K. Hemlow shared that the committee is updating the Wellness Policy. Next meeting is April 18th.

Citizens' Comments:

S. Leary and D. Foster noted that the new Student Board member's input was very valuable.

K. Gardner MOVED to go into a nonpublic session according to RSA 91 A:3 II (a)(c) at 7:34 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.

K. Gardner MOVED to reconvene the public session at 8:53 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.

K. Gardner MOVED to seal the non-public minutes at 8:53 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.

H. Kennedy MOVED to adjourn the meeting at 8:53 pm. J. Woodbury SECONDED. VOTE: 5-0-0, MOTION PASSED.

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

Maria A. Webb

approved on _____