

**HINSDALE SCHOOL BOARD MEETING  
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL LIBRARY  
DECEMBER 8, 2010**

Board Members Present: Wayne Temmen, Holly Kennedy, Joanne Mulligan, Edward Patenaude, Board Members Absent: Jeanna Major  
Administration Present: David Crisafulli - Superintendent; Tom O'Connor - Assistant Business Manager, Ann Freitag - Curriculum Coordinator  
D. Child-Trabucco - Technology; J. Sullivan - High School Principal, Scott Lyman - Elementary School Principal,  
J. Boggio - Assistant High School Principal  
Student Representative: Autumn Denyou

The meeting was called to order by Chair, Jeanna Major at 6:30 pm.

**MINUTES:**

**E. Patenaude MOVED to approve the public and non-public minutes of the November 8, 2010 Board Meeting as printed; SECONDED by: H. Kennedy, VOTED: 5-0, MOTION PASSED.**

**W. Temmen MOVED to approve the public and non-public minutes of the November 10, 2010 Board Meeting as printed; SECONDED by: J. Mulligan, VOTED: 5-0, MOTION PASSED.**

**H. Kennedy MOVED to approve the public and non-public minutes of November 15, 2010; SECONDED by: E. Patenaude, VOTED: 3-0-2 (J. Mulligan, W. Temmen - abstained) MOTION PASSED.**

**CITIZENS COMMENTS:**

Angela Schill came to the Board as a private citizen to remind them about the petition by Brian Walker that they received six weeks ago with 160 signatures.

Not all Board members were aware of the petition. A. Schill read the petition which is regarding high property taxes. The petition requests the School Board and Select Board to change the spending of the past and lower the tax rates. She wanted it noted in the minutes that the petition was produced to the School Board to lower the tax rates. She explained the Hinsdale School rate is a lot higher than the average school rate. They are trying hard to get large and desirable businesses in Town, but it is hard with the cost of Town and Municipality taxes so high. Need help of the school.

W. Temmen advised A. Schill is using incomplete data with just the equalized property values; there is much more to consider in the equation.

**Update from Student Representative Autumn Denyou:**

\*Hybrid classes for Geometry

\*TV's are up; students are involved. Middle School student is running the program.

\*Working on a Track and Field team.

\*Integrated Environmental Science is planning a trip to the Canadian Border soon.

**Discussion of New Start Time for Windham Career Center:**

H. Patenaude advised WCC is looking at a new start time; would impact Hinsdale considerably.

J. Sullivan advised could compromise our ability to send students there. Advised will have a chance to have input next Monday. Feels it is premature to make a decision now.

D. Crisafulli advised that David at WCC will try to work with sending Towns so it works for them. Advised we have funds in our budget to look at alternatives, but it is early yet. If we want to double the bus schedule it would work, otherwise would have young kids out early.

J. Sullivan advised there is currently 7% of Hinsdale students attending WCC.

**SAU 92 - Update:**

D. Crisafulli advised there was a successful vote in Winchester which leaves all three districts out of SAU38. The vote allows Winchester to move forward. Explained they did have a meeting with the Winchester School District. He is asking the Board to vote on the financial package tonight and discuss how Winchester may pay for that.

**J. Mulligan MOVED to move forward with the purchase of the Budget Sense package to be shared with the Winchester School District, after discussion, VOTED: 5-0, MOTION PASSED.**

**Budget Development:**

D. Crisafulli advised that the budget is basically about three items; two of those items we have no control over. There is a 5.7% increase in the budget. Explained \$253,959 deals with the overall increase in teacher retirement which comes from the State of NH. Another large part of the increase is insurance. The rest of the budget is a 1.2% increase; there is a reduction in two positions, four retirees; zero in all instructional accounts. There is an increase in support staff, oil, etc. Very neutral in majority of accounts. Hinsdale has a meeting scheduled with the Budget Committee for 12/22 at 6:30.

Board members will review the budget and let D. Crisafulli or T. O'Connor know if they have any changes, etc.

Board members will meeting on Thursday the 16th at 6:30 and then J. Major will meet with T. OConnor or D. Crisafulli on Friday morning.

**FINANCIAL REPORT:**

T. O'Connor explained budgetary line items for this year. Needs a motion to transfer \$55,000 out of other accounts.

After discussion, **H. Kennedy MOVED to make line item transfers in the 2010/2011 budget from Debt Services and Fast Forward to line items mentioned in his memo; SECONDED by: E. Patenaude, VOTED: 5-0, MOTION PASSED.**

The Board received a copy of the Revenue and Expense reports in their packets.

**CURRICULUM:**

The Board received A. Freitag's report in their packets.

\*Gave recap of test scores and answered questions of the Board. Eleventh grade Math is the only area on the down side; others are all up.

W. Temmen advised he had a hard time with this.

A. Freitag advised they are able to track each student and each cohort for three years. Special Ed and Socio-Economics made huge strides.

A. Freitag will pull information to track student to student for the Board.

W. Temmen asked if right now Hinsdale is aligned with the curriculum?

A. Freitag thinks we are in line with the State standards; explained. Feels rocks solid in Elementary; will be changes at the high school level.

J. Sullivan explained how the high school is aligned with the curriculum.

W. Temmen asked A. Denyou how everyone is feeling about the NECAPS.

A. Denyou advised everyone hates the tests, but feels integrated classes are helping. Students have more opportunities than before to get to the same place they need to be.

**TECHNOLOGY:**

The Board received D. Child-Trabucco's report in their packets.

\*After the faculty meeting, they identified one to two people to do the hybrid piece. There are other people interested. It is an exciting place for people. Making good choices; good struggles.

\*Reviewed free and reduced numbers. Will be working to get those numbers up.

W. Temmen feels it is important to know the state numbers; heavily weighted to this number.

### **PRINCIPAL'S REPORT:**

The Board received S. Lyman's report in their packets.

\*Elementary school is a very busy place. Explained there are a lot of hardship stories. He feels the staff really responds to them. During Thanksgiving plus throughout the year, the staff is making sure kids have clothes, etc. The School sent 30 big boxes to the Food Pantry. Advised we have a wonderful staff; they are an integral part of the community.

The Board received J. Sullivan's report in their packets.

\*Included proposal for Track and Field in report. Have had a great response. Asked the Board to consider. Advised they can fund the cost out of the budget.

H. Kennedy feels in light of the petition and increase in the budget, how will the increase look?

J. Sullivan explained there were some items they were going to purchase with money budgeted, but didn't. Would use for this instead. A lot of these costs will be one-time costs.

J. Mulligan advised she likes that this would include students that don't play traditional sports.

The coach advised was a budget for JV coaches for baseball and softball. Money for coaches is in there already and has not been used due to decrease in participation in those other sports. Money has not been expended.

H. Kennedy asked about hockey participation.

J. Sullivan currently three students; one student with the equestrian team. They are playing on Monadnock teams.

**W. Temmen MOVED to accept the recommendation to start a Track and Field team and the funding that goes with it; SECONDED by: J. Mulligan, VOTED: 5-0, MOTION PASSED.**

### **BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

#### **Buildings/Joint Loss Committee:**

T. O'Connor will need to reschedule the December meeting.

#### **Legislative Committee:**

Board members received an update in the mail.

#### **Budget Committee:**

Meeting will be held in two weeks.

#### **Wellness Committee:**

Next month the Board will have a presentation from the Wellness Committee.

#### **HCC:**

There was a brunch on Sunday; working on networking and capacity building. There were three or four new faces. J. Major thinks it went really well. Will meet again in January. There will be a chili cookoff in February.

#### **WCC Representative:**

Reviewed programming and numbers. Discussion with regard to Agricultural courses in addition to early start time. There will be a meeting on Monday.

J. Sullivan will be at the meeting as well.

D. Crisafulli advised need to bring legislatures to the next meeting. Need to address the issue of retirement and have that discussion with them.

W. Temmen feels members that are part of this community are very aware of it.  
The Board will send an invitation for the January 12th meeting to the Legislators.

**J. Mullivan MOVED to go into non-public session at 7:54 PM. SECONDED by: H. Kennedy, J. Mulligan - yes, J. Major - yes, W. Temmen - yes, H. Kennedy - yes, E. Patenaude - yes, VOTED: 5-0, MOTION PASSED.**

**E. Patenaude MOVED to go into non-public session at 8:25 PM; SECONDED by: W. Temmen, J. Mulligan - yes, J. Major - yes, W. Temmen - yes, H. Kennedy - yes, VOTED: 5-0, MOTION PASSED.**

**W. Temmen MOVED to adjourn the meeting at 8:25 pm; SECONDED by: E. Patenaude, VOTED: 5-0, MOTION PASSED.**

Respectfully submitted,

Peggy Higgins  
School Board Secretary