

**HINSDALE SCHOOL BOARD MEETING  
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL LIBRARY  
OCTOBER 20, 2010**

Board Members Present: Wayne Temmen, Jeana Major, Joanne Mulligan, Holly Kennedy, Ed Patenaude and student representative Autumn Denyou

Administration Present: David Crisafulli - Superintendent; Tom O'Connor - Assistant Business Manager, Ann Freitag - Curriculum Coordinator Debbie Child-Trabucco - Technology; John Sullivan - High School Principal, Scott Lyman - Elementary School Principal, Joseph Boggio - Assistant High School Principal

The meeting was called to order J. Major at 6:30 pm.

**MINUTES:**

**W. Temmen MOVED to accept the public minutes and non-public minutes of the September 28, 2010 Board Meeting as amended; SECONDED by: J. Mulligan, E. Patenaude advised that the minutes didn't reflect his response to the fact that two people recused themselves during a meeting. Minutes in past that didn't reflect who were recused in voting, but it did happen. He also wanted it added that he apologized and that he was subpoenaed when he testified; VOTED: 5-0, MOTION PASSED.**

**W. Temmen MOVED to approve the minutes of the Public Hearing of September 28, 2010, SECONDED by: H. Kennedy, VOTED: 5-0, MOTION PASSED.**

**CITIZENS COMMENTS:**

None

**BOARD BUSINESS:**

Dr. Crisafulli welcomed Autumn Denyou as a student representative to the School Board. J. Sullivan advised she is a senior in the National Honor Society and currently the top-ranked student at HHS. J. Sullivan asked that a packet be sent out for her when the others go out.

Scott Lyman read the nomination letter submitted to NH Healthy Kids in support of Cheryl Bachinski. C. Bachinski was nominated by Ruth Abbott of Cheshire Medical Center. She received the Kido Award for outstanding service to kids in the State of NH. She is the only school nurse in the State of NH who received the award. She makes sure services of the Cheshire Medical Center are available for members of the community. Dr. Crisafulli, the School Board and staff congratulated her for helping to provide a very safe environment for kids; she gives an extra special touch.

J Major asked A. Denyou what the Board should know.

Autumn advised there is a lot going on; a class in personal finance is now required. This year they implemented a three year requirement in Math in the high school. A. Denyou feels this is a good idea; it is needed in college. She spoke about other classes offered; including a specialized gym classes are offered outside of school.

W. Temmen asked what students think of the Smart Boards.

A. Denyou advised students enjoy working with them. The French teacher uses the Smart Board every day.

Dr. Crisafulli distributed a copy of the Keene Sentinel article and brochure that was sent out to the

community. The Board also received an informational packet to review and see what information they want for Saturday's meeting.

Dr. Crisafulli reviewed the meeting he had regarding the SAU withdrawal with the staff of both schools before the workshop. He will be meeting with the support staff tomorrow.. He asked for any questions and/or information from any Board members or citizens. Dr C advised the Board that he encouraged staff that this is an important vote. Dr C feels we can share some services with Winchester and reduce costs, too.

J. Major feels both Boards are on the same page; can work together. The Hinsdale and Winchester Boards held a joint work session and it went well.

E. Patenaude asked about rates that were reflected on one of the sheets in the proposed handout; advised the Excel print-out reflected formula not cost.

T. O'Connor advised that was intentional; he explained.

T. O'Connor reviewed the costs and the Board discussed plans for Saturday's meeting.

H. Kennedy advised she felt really good after the meeting with Winchester, she feels that we can collaborate with them.

J. Major feels the packet is good.

J. Mulligan asked about page 6, Special Ed Director; is that number right?

Dr. Crisafulli advised they were looking at a three day position at that time.

**J. Mulligan MOVED to approve policies JKAA and JICK as written; SECONDED by: W. Temmen, after discussion it was advised that the school doesn't have signs saying we have surveillance cameras in the building, Dr. Crisafulli advised as the RSA says we needs signs, will put up signs; after discussion, VOTED: 5-0, MOTION PASSED.**

W. Temmen asked if there are forms to go to the State regarding the Bullying Policy.

Dr. Crisafulli advised he is not aware of forms, rather written type of investigation or questions from the State.

J. Sullivan advised we have forms at the District level; explained the process.

The Board received correspondence from the NHSBA about a legislative session. It is the same night as the SAU meeting. J. Mulligan will attend the Legislative session.

#### **FINANCIAL REPORT:**

The Board received an updated Revenue and Expense report in their packets and asked questions.

#### **CURRICULUM:**

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

\*Today the school had excellent presenters at their Workshops on Everyday Math, Autism, Wellness Committee, etc.

Dr. Crisafulli advised a lot of effort went into this.

#### **TECHNOLOGY:**

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

\*Differentiated workshops were held; great for staff.

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

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

\*Workshops were very entertaining; good to see staff work together.

W. Temmen asked are we in line with the state standards?

A. Freitag advised the curriculum is aligned, but the state assessment is a challenge for students-

Discussion followed how we get kids to buy into taking the test and the importance of the test. A. Freitag also mentioned teachers trying to include questions on their own test that are aligned to questions that are

on the NECAP.

W. Temmen asked A. Denyou what the kids think of the NECAP tests.

A. Denyou advised none of the kids like the NECAP testing; they feel it is not testing on what students are learning, but what they want them to learn.

A. Freitag advised it is relative to the rest of the State; we're all in the same place, She feels there is an disconnect.

H. Kennedy asked does the State care about feedback.

Consensus was no.

D. Child-Trabucco advised – the administrative team participated in a workshop using Inform yesterday and – today sat on the teacher version of the workshop. Teachers were impressed with data they will receive. Consultants from outside came in and validated what we think about the direction the district is headed educationally. We have a clean school and technology available to teachers.

E. Patenaude advised people told him they couldn't find e-mail addresses of Board members on the website.

D. Child-Trabucco advised never has done that because then you will get junk e-mails.

H. Kennedy advised can get the addresses through the SAU website.

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

#### **S. Lyman Elementary School**

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

\*Finished NECAP testing; last make-up test was yesterday. Terri Drogue did a great job putting the testing schedule together and making sure everyone complied with the rules and regulations. He was told in the next couple of years testing dates may change to Spring.

\*The second pre-school parent night was held; 39 parents were present out of 42 expected. Parents left with a lot of good information. Ten students received certificates for doing something outstanding, i.e. exemplary behavior/acts of kindness, etc.

\*Next week the PTA will hold school spirit week. The fire department will be in the building for a full week. Mr Lyman wanted to express many thanks to Brenda and Mary Ann for an outstanding job. The Board asked Dr. Crisafulli to send Mary Ann a letter.

\*Public Safety Education and Flu clinics are next week.

\*Cheshire Smiles begins November 5th.

#### **J. Sullivan Middle High School**

J. Sullivan advised they are in discussion with the State Fire Marshall, to work on the Hybrid geometry class on why Geometry is important in life he may also be helping with another class.

W. Temmen asked how Saturday Academy is going.

J. Sullivan advised okay; doing three week segments, once the three weeks is done, they can't go back and re-do it. Attendance has been pretty good. Those who do go and pay attention reap the benefit of getting credit for work done that they hadn't received before.

Debra Noyes a teacher advised students are putting in an effort in class; getting home work done.

A. Freitag advised some kids need the structure of Saturday Academy. Some just won't do homework.

### **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:**

The Board received Dr. Crisafulli's report in their packet.

Dr. Crisafulli read a letter from Deb Connell regarding the presentation to the State Board of Education in November on focus monitoring, explanation of the Hybrid course, etc.

**BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Buildings/Joint Loss Committee:**

The Committee met tonight; set agenda. They will meet before the December Board meeting.

**SAU Withdrawal Committee:**

District meeting is Saturday at 9:00 am.

**Rep. to Board of Selectmen:**

H. Kennedy wasn't able to make the meeting. She sent Jay an e-mail reminder of the District Meeting and work session with Winchester for him to pass along.

**Legislative:**

Board received information packets in the mail.

**Staff Development:**

Meeting was tonight.

**Wellness Committee:**

S. Lyman Reported that he felt it was a good, productive meeting. Marilyn Strom is the Chairman of the committee. The feeling of the of the committee is the elementary and high school were well on their way with complying and the middle school needed to have more focus on wellness and the guidelines. Cheryl Bachinski advised great start; picked up where they started five years ago. This is a good building block to start with.

**Crisis Committee:**

J. Boggio advised they are going to be doing a medication take back at Rolling Hills on November 13th. Expect a good turnout. There is going to be a brunch on December 5th to try to get more community members involved. A meeting is schedule tomorrow to discuss it.

**WCC Representative:**

J. Major talked about enrollment numbers. Impressed kids are taking advantage of what's available; have dual enrollment program.

Dr. Crisafulli advised they went through a lot of policies at the meeting.

J. Major - Maybe Hinsdale might have them come here in March. Could the Culinary students cater lunch for 30 people?

J. Sullivan advised they will do it.

E. Patenaude felt the meeting was really interesting. Navigation 101 is an advising period twice a month. Kids go over goals for school career, look at transcripts, do a four- year plan, etc. They have requested transcripts from all sending schools.

**SAU Board:**

The meeting was cancelled. The next meeting will – here on November 3rd at 7:00 pm. Dr. Crisafulli asked J. Sullivan to be sure the ventilation is off.

J. Major advised the next Board meeting is scheduled for 11/10 and she can't be here. Should they move the meeting to another time or will J. Mulligan run it?

It was decided J. Mulligan would run the meeting.

**W. Temmen MOVED to adjourn the meeting at 7:59 pm; SECONDED by: J. Mulligan, VOTED: 5-0, MOTION PASSED.**

Respectfully submitted,  
Peggy Higgins  
School Board Secretary