

**HINSDALE SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL LIBRARY
JUNE 9, 2010**

Board Members Present: Wayne Temmen, Jeana Major, Joanne Mulligan, and Edward Patenaude

Absent; Holly Kennedy

Administration Present: David Crisafulli – Assistant Superintendent; Tom O'Connor - Assistant Business Manager, Ann Freitag - Curriculum Coordinator D. Child-Trabucco - Technology; J. Sullivan - High School Principal, J. Boggio - Assistant High School Principal

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

MINUTES:

W. Temmen MOVED to accept the public minutes of the May 12, 2010 Board Meeting as printed; SECONDED by: J. Mulligan, VOTED: 4-0, MOTION PASSED.

W. Temmen MOVED to accept the non-public minutes of the May 12, 2010 Board Meeting as printed; SECONDED by: J. Mulligan, after discussion, tabled the Vote.

W. Temmen MOVED to approve the minutes of the Public Hearing of May 12, 2010 as printed; SECONDED by: J. Mulligan, VOTED: 4-0, MOTION PASSED.

CITIZENS COMMENTS:

None.

BOARD BUSINESS:

Leadership Team Presentation:

Dr. Crisafulli introduced Mary Anne Byrnes and Kathy Skoglund; Committee members introduced themselves. There were 22 members on the Committee. Dr. Crisafulli distributed a proposal to the Board.

Mary Anne and Kathy distributed a summary on Focus Monitoring and reviewed it with the Board. They explained it is a support system for the DOE; they act as agents of the DOE. Explained they arrive mainly through the State assessments. There could be six to seven Districts who get invited to participate each year.

Mary Anne advised that Deb Connell was very impressed with the work Hinsdale is doing with Focus Monitoring and has been voicing that around the State.

Mary Anne and Kathy advised it has been very rewarding; they will miss Hinsdale.

W. Temmen thanked the Committee for their work. Asked if our children will be better learners when we finish this?

Mary Anne advised the thinking among educators is not teaching to the test, but teaching to the standards. Needed to be responsible adults to be sure every student is learning.

W. Temmen advised NCLB continues to raise the bar; feels 2014 is not realistic. When does the bar stop?

Mary Anne and Kathy advised they are saying that will be a goal post. The feeling from the Federal Government is that there will be more emphasis on student growth. If it comes from the Federal Government down it will be very helpful.

Al Hoel advised they feel the problem is also that some kids have not yet learned what's on the tests.
Mary Ann - That can happen.

W. Temmen advised the problem is kids in Vocational Ed go to Brattleboro, but not until 11th grade.
Feels grades 7-11 get lost in the shuffle.

Mary Anne - Her opinion always has been that that is a weak link in Vocational Education. Will bring that back to the DOE; they believe it is a problem.

D. Crisafulli advised they will miss, Mary Anne and Kathy, they really brought something to the table.
This was a very productive group, which looked at all students.

J. Boggio spoke about the IEP process. Advised they are headed toward making sure IEP's are meaningful, useful and being able to measure how kids are doing.

Liz MacDonald a parent thanked everyone for the opportunity to learn so much. Explained they will be meeting quarterly.

Curriculum Team Presentation:

A.. Freitag advised they have been having Curriculum meetings since last year. Introduced Committee members and gave a visual overview presentation.

Staff members reviewed Guidance, Language Arts, Math and Science.

J. Sullivan advised he was very proud of them; they did a really nice job.

D. Crisafulli thanked A Freitag. Advised curriculum needed to be reflective of staff. Congratulated all; the process truly has worked. It is an important part of any District.

J. Major thanked everyone for their work and long hours.

Emergency Response Plan Review:

The Board received a copy of the ERP and asked questions.

W. Temmen asked if it will be ready by fall.

D. Crisafulli advised it is a work in progress.

J. Sullivan advised haven't run the test yet, they haven't done a lockdown.

D. Crisafulli advised need to plan some events around this. The elementary school has done some; need to look at it from the MS/HS prospective.

Foreign Exchange Student Approval:

The Board received information in their packet regarding a new Foreign Exchange Student. The PAX Coordinator has asked J. Sullivan to ask the Board if they would consider a second position if they find a student and another host family.

After discussion, **J. Mulligan MOVED to approve the student and consider a second position; SECONDED by: W. Temmen, VOTED: 4-0, MOTION PASSED**

Board Training:

NHSBA is no longer offering training on weekends. If Board members are looking for any training, let J. Major know.

Minutes Correction:

E. Patenaude felt there should be a correction in the minutes of April 14th regarding what J. Sullivan said

about having different students on the Board. What was in the minutes was not what he feels was said. Not what the RSA says.

D. Crisafulli advised the RSA is not mandated.

J. Mulligan's understanding was that J. Sullivan would work with the Student Council and NHS for students on a rotating basis.

The rest of the Board did not agree that there was a problem with what was in the minutes and they understood it the way it read.

E. Patenaude advised the Board didn't vote. The RSA says they need to vote on those positions.

J. Sullivan explained the Student Council position is a duly elected position and the NHS has a requirement to participate in community service work in the charter. He thought by sharing, they might get a broader based look. Nominations just closed for student council.

E. Patenaude asked would there be a place for names at the Student Council vote.

J. Sullivan advised that was never his intention.

E. Patenaude advised the RSA is law.

D. Crisafulli explained that it was not law.

W. Temmen advised it is up to the School Board.

J. Sullivan advised E. Patenaude if he was under the impression that students are waiting to be on the Board, they aren't. Trying to combine two publicly identified factions of the school; one from each group who would come and share issues with the Board. By rotating, would get a better, broader view. The Board agreed to table this discussion and put it on the agenda for next month.

SAU Withdrawal update:

Public hearing went well; well attended. The next meeting is on the 16th at 7:00 pm.

Revision to Policy - JLCF - Wellness:

The Board received a copy of the Wellness Policy and the Board discussed it. There was concerns expressed that the PTA and PTSA the ability to sell certain food items at after school events if they choose.

W. Temmen MOVED to accept the revised policy as written; SECONDED by: J. Mulligan, after discussion, MOTION WITHDRAWN.

D. Crisafulli will look at the policy and bring it back to the Board.

Summer Meeting Schedule:

J. Major suggested meeting to discuss any necessary personnel issues, only if needed, one half hour before the Budget Committee meeting on July 21st. Otherwise, there will not be a Board meeting in July.

FINANCIAL:

The Board received a copy of the Revenue and Expense Reports in their packets. T. O'Connor added an area for comments of line items as needed.

*T. O'Connor advised the General Fund is tracking as anticipated; there is a positive balance. Special Revenue Fund is tracking as anticipated. There may be a small impact on the General Fund. The Lunch program is in the black; tracking well. The after school program and operating budget are as anticipated.

W. Temmen asked about Medicaid reimbursement.

T. O'Connor advised have received \$56,734 of anticipated \$60,000 to date. Typically receive more in June. Cat aid exceeded by \$3,200 what was budgeted.

T. O'Connor advised covered for Sped as voted at the March meeting, looking at some additional dollars. Administration is looking to see how best to handle it.

D. Crisafulli remaining could go back to Town or possibly cafeteria deficit from the past.

W. Temmen asked for update of Capital Reserve Funds.

T. O'Connor advised three funds, used most of one and has a substantial amount in another. It hasn't changed since the last time reported.

W. Temmen asked T. O'Connor for an update by the end of the year.

CURRICULUM:

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

*Very proud of how the para-professionals have worked to get certifications.

*The Grant applied for was a Rural and Low Income School Grant and it was approved. Will use for Everyday Math and the Inform Program. The State would like

J. Sullivan, D. Crisafulli, D. Child-Trabucco and J. Boggio to do a presentation on Best Practices.

TECHNOLOGY:

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

*W. Temmen asked about digital portfolio's..

D. Child-Trabucco advised that the State is not doing much in that regard.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT:

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

*W. Temmen asked about TAP program.

J. Sullivan explained. Administration will be requiring Summer school for some of these students. Some will do better with a break in between. Need to find the right people to do this.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:

*Looking to put additional program in for Life Skills which means the District can bring some students back. Will be advertising for new Sped Person. Funds saving from out of district placements will be used to fund this. .

BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Joint Loss Committee:

Will schedule Joint Loss Meeting; probably will be in September.

HPC:

Having Health Fair on June 18th from 4:00 - 7:00. Will be a lot of different screenings offered.

WCC:

There will be a meeting in September.

J. Mulligan MOVED to go into non-public session at 8:37 pm under RSA 91-A:3; SECONDED by: W. Temmen, E. Patenaude - yes, W. Temmen - yes, J. Major - yes, J. Mulligan - yes, MOTION PASSED.

W. Temmen MOVED to go into non-public session at 9:07 pm under RSA 91-A:3; SECONDED by: J. Mulligan, E. Patenaude - yes, W. Temmen - yes, J. Major - yes, J. Mulligan - yes, MOTION PASSED.

W. Temmen MOVED to adjourn the meeting at 9:07 pm; SECONDED by: J. Mulligan, VOTED: 4-0, MOTION PASSED.

Respectfully submitted,

Peggy Higgins
School Board Secretary