

**Hinsdale School Board Meeting  
SAU Conference Room  
October 9, 2024  
6:00 PM**

Zoom Link:

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**Board Members Present:** April Anderson, Wayne Dingman, Jr., Kendra Gardner, Kaylah Hemlow, and Kaylee Howe

**Board Member Excused:** Marc Sprague

**Administration Present:** Nathan Boudreau, Facilities Director; Dr. Molly Bremner, HES Principal; Jane Fortson, Business Administrator; Anna Roth, HMHS Principal; Dr. David Ryan, Superintendent; Justin Therieau, Director of Technology; and Karen Thompson, Director of Academics and Career Readiness

**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.

**Review of the Manifests:**

The Board signed the manifests. There were no questions.

**Minutes:**

1. Public and non-public minutes of September 11, 2024.
2. Public minutes of September 16, 2024.

**W. Dingman, Jr. MOVED to approve the group of minutes as written above. K. Hemlow SECONDED. 4-0-0, MOTION PASSED.**

**Citizen's Comments:**

A. Anderson opened Citizen's Comments for 30 minutes.

There were no comments from the citizens attending in the room, and there were no citizens attending via Zoom at this time.

### **Student Presentation:**

A. Anderson introduced new student board member, Kaylee Howe. K. Howe shared an overview of her ELO with The Brattleboro Reformer. Will be doing a portrait photography project regarding homelessness in the area.

### **Superintendent's Report:**

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

- Winchester High School Selection Committee Update
- Strategic Planning Update
- Bravely Team Update
- Campus Security Team Update
- Budget Planning Update
- School Board Committees

D. Ryan proposed shelving the Behavioral Support, Portrait of a Learner, and Staff Development committees, and adding the Strategic Planning Committee.

The Board requested behavioral data in quarterly reports from the Principals in place of the Behavioral Support Committee. The Principals agreed to provide this.

After discussion the following motions were made:

**W. Dingman, Jr. MOVED to make the proposed changes as discussed above. K. Hemlow SECONDED. 4-0-0, MOTION PASSED.**

### **Student Board Member Items:**

The new student board member was introduced above.

### **Business Administrator's Report:**

J. Fortson reviewed her report with the Board. The initial budget planning process is almost completed.

The Board will receive the proposed 2025-2026 budget by October 28<sup>th</sup>.

Scheduled a budget review meeting for the Board and Dr. Ryan on November 4<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 PM.

Scheduled a budget review meeting for the Board and Administration on November 5<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 PM.

### **Academics and Career Readiness Report:**

K. Thompson reviewed her report with the Board. Discussed:

- Adopt a Grandparent Program with Applewood
- Partnership with the Holstein Association USA, Inc. and Science Classes
- Design Challenge Network - Change Maker Challenge
- Student Agency Experience

The Board would like to see the Change Maker Challenge and Student Agency Experience presentations.

The Board expressed congratulations to the 8<sup>th</sup> Grade student who won the 4-H Junior Grand Championship at the Deerfield Fair.

K. Thompson shared that we currently have about 23 ELO students, with about 4 remaining to be placed. Looking for construction placements.

### **Principals' Reports:**

A. Roth reviewed her HMHS report with the Board. Highlighted the following:

- Bravely question and how to bring more student agency to the Middle School
- AP Enrollment – 27 this year
- Rural AP Network
- Strategic Planning
- Supervision and Evaluation
- Upcoming Professional Development

K. Howe noted the options for students to be involved in their learning.

M. Bremner reviewed her HES report with the Board. Highlighted the following:

- PTA Ice Cream Social
- Pumpkin Carving
- Assessments Expanded
- Attendance Data
- Completed Drills

### **Technology Report:**

J. Therieau reviewed his report with the Board. Discussed the help ticket volume.

### **Facilities Report:**

N. Boudreau reviewed his report with the Board. Discussed staffing. Hired a full-time evening Custodian. Also have a current student who is working part-time. Noted that the custodial staff have been working very hard. Shared areas where we are able to work with the Town regarding supplies.

### **Staff Handbook:**

Reviewed at the September meeting.

**W. Dingman, Jr. MOVED to approve the Staff Handbook updates for 2024-2025. K. Gardner SECONDED. 4-0-0, MOTION PASSED.**

### **Superintendent Goals for 2024-2025:**

**K. Hemlow MOVED to approve the Superintendent Goals for 2024-2025. W. Dingman, Jr. SECONDED. 4-0-0, MOTION PASSED.**

### **MOU – School Resource Officer:**

To discuss in the non-public session.

### **SAU 92 Manual:**

A. Anderson noted that coaches need to be CPR certified. Would like that added to the checklist.

After discussion, the following motions were made:

**W. Dingman, Jr. MOVED to accept the SAU Manual as amended. K. Gardner SECONDED. 4-0-0, MOTION PASSED.**

### **Other Business:**

There was no other business at this time.

*N. Boudreau, K. Howe, J. Therieau, K. Thompson, and A. Roth were excused at 7:22 pm.*

### **Committee Reports:**

- 1. Behavioral Support Team** – Discussed in Dr. Ryan’s report.
- 2. Budget Committee** – Meeting on 10/16<sup>th</sup>. A. Anderson shared updates.
- 3. Community Connections** – Please continue to send information to post.
- 4. Facilities Maintenance/Emergency** – Met 9/27<sup>th</sup>. Next meeting is 12/13<sup>th</sup>. W. Dingman, Jr. shared regarding some collaboration with the town. Expressed appreciation for N. Boudreau’s work.
- 5. HASP Advisory Board** – Met today. K. Gardner shared that the handbook was updated and there are more club options for the students. Have 114 enrolled at HES and a waiting list. HMS has 89 enrolled. There are 16 different enrichment programs.
- 6. Legislation/NHSBA** – A. Anderson to attend the Delegate Assembly on 10/19<sup>th</sup>. Reviewed webinars that she attended. Reviewed legislation in process.
- 7. Personnel Committee** – Meeting on 10/29<sup>th</sup>. HFT negotiations in process.
- 8. Policy Committee** – Meeting rescheduled to 10/29<sup>th</sup>.
- 9. Selectboard** – W. Dingman, Jr. shared an update from the recent meeting. Noted work toward improving educational funding.
- 10. Staff Development** – Discussed in Dr. Ryan’s report.

**11. Tuition Exploratory Committee** – Discussed in Dr. Ryan’s report.

**12. Wellness** – Met today. K. Hemlow shared a summary. Working on policies.

**Citizens’ Comments:**

T. Diorio expressed a dire need for substitutes at HMHS and concern with the change in the pay rate. Expressed that other districts have increased the pay rate whereas we have decreased ours. M. Bremner noted that at HES, she has been covering teachers and the front office staff have also been helping cover. D. Ryan shared how he has been covering as well as other administration staff.

**Non-public:**

**W. Dingman, Jr. MOVED to go into a nonpublic session according to RSA 91 A:3 II (a)(c) at 7:43 pm. K. Hemlow SECONDED. Roll Call: A. Anderson – yes, W. Dingman, Jr. – yes, K. Gardner – yes, and K. Hemlow – yes. VOTE: 4-0-0, MOTION PASSED.**

**K. Hemlow MOVED to reconvene the public session at 8:41 pm. K. Gardner SECONDED. Roll Call: A. Anderson – yes, W. Dingman, Jr. – yes, K. Gardner – yes, and K. Hemlow – yes. VOTE: 4-0-0, MOTION PASSED.**

**K. Hemlow MOVED to seal the non-public minutes. W. Dingman, Jr. SECONDED. VOTE: 4-0-0, MOTION PASSED.**

**K. Hemlow MOVED to adjourn the meeting at 8:42 pm. W. Dingman, Jr. SECONDED. VOTE: 4-0-0, MOTION PASSED.**

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

\_\_\_\_\_ approved on \_\_\_\_\_  
Maria A. Webb