

Hinsdale School Board Work Session
SAU Conference Room
November 4, 2024
5:00 PM

Board Members Present: April Anderson, Wayne Dingman, Jr., Kendra Gardner, and Marc Sprague

Board Member Excused: Kaylah Hemlow

Administration Present: Jane Fortson, Business Administrator; and Dr. David Ryan, Superintendent

Minutes Recorded by: Maria Webb, Executive Assistant

Call to Order:

A. Anderson called the meeting to order at 5:06 pm.

Citizen's Comments:

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

There were no citizens present.

Board Budget Review:

The Board reviewed and discussed the proposed 2025-2026 budget:

- HES
- HMHS
- Buildings and Grounds
- Information Technology
- SAU and District-Wide

Any HFT salary increases negotiated will be in addition to the budget as proposed here.

Dr. Ryan noted specific questions for the schools will be discussed with the administration at the Nov. 5th meeting.

The Board asked questions about the line items in the budget and Dr. Ryan and J. Fortson clarified what is covered under various items.

When asked, Dr. Ryan noted that there is no cost to the district for offering use of our building for driver's education.

Some increases in supplies, books, and software are due to new AP classes that are planned.

Reviewed Special Education costs. J. Fortson noted that charter school services are for services provided and not tuition.

Discussed HMHS Athletics/Co-Curricular supplies and Coaches/Advisors stipends. These include clubs in addition to sports.

A. Anderson called a brief recess at 6:00 PM. Adjourned the recess at 6:05 PM.

Discussed disposal services and a possible one-week trial with using the transfer station instead of the dumpsters to determine the number of pounds per week.

J. Fortson noted the Information Technology salary line would have been a decrease, but the cost of health insurance increased.

J. Fortson noted an increase in the Teacher Retirements line due to retirements that were submitted by the November deadline.

Agreed to decreases in the following lines:

- School Board Recognition and Awards
- Ads/Postings/Recruitment SAU
- School Board Legal

The Board would like to see additional decreases. Discussed areas where services can be combined to reduce costs.

For the next meeting, J. Fortson agreed to provide additional information as requested, including:

- Data on teacher absences
- HMHS Athletics/Co-Curricular coaches and club stipends
- Itemized breakdown of Building and Grounds Contract Services
- Price of oil for the prior year
- Updated amount for Teacher Retirements

W. Dingman, Jr. MOVED to adjourn the meeting at 7:23 pm. M. Sprague SECONDED. VOTE: 4-0-0, MOTION PASSED.

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

Maria A. Webb

approved on _____