

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

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

Board Member Excused: Kaylah Hemlow

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

Minutes Recorded by: Maria Webb, Executive Assistant

Call to Order:

A. Anderson called the meeting to order at 4:05 pm.

Citizen's Comments:

A. Anderson opened Citizen's Comments for 30 minutes. There were no citizens attending.

Board Budget Review with Administration:

HES:

Dr. Bremner answered questions, including:

- Books Reg Ed Elementary - includes Bridges Workbooks.
- General Expense Software – the MobyMax license will end in March 2025 and will not be renewed.
- Nursing Software - SNAP software to provide health data as required.
- Anticipated waiting list for the next preschool class.

Dr. Bremner was excused at 4:19 PM.

HMHS:

A. Roth answered questions, including:

- Books Lang Arts Middle/High – for the AP class.
- Supplies Phys Ed – to replace equipment.
- Repairs Life Sciences – repairs of kitchen and sewing equipment.
- Summer School Stipends are ESY, not Special Ed.
- Books & Information Resources – to keep books up-to-date.
- Other Information Resources – online programs, online encyclopedia, a research database, audio books, and the cost of the spelling bee.

S. Kilelee answered questions regarding:

- Officials/Police Coverage - not included in the MOU for the SRO.
- Sports equipment and uniforms.
- Coach stipends as determined by the teacher's contract. Track and Field are two separate teams, per the contract.

Discussed Field Trips/Co-Curricular for both HES and HMHS. The Board and administration would like to increase experiential learning and to get students out into the community.

Buildings and Grounds:

N. Boudreau answered questions regarding heating oil costs. Agreed to a trial period to bring trash to the transfer station.

Information Technology:

J. Therieau discussed a five-year replacement cycle for devices and equipment. The majority of that is for laptops.

S. Kilelee and A. Roth were excused at 5:03 PM.

SAU and District-Wide:

P. Wallace answered questions regarding the Special Education budget. To offer certain services within the district, we would need licensed clinicians and a small, therapeutic group setting. Challenges are costs and recruiting staff.

N. Boudreau, K. Thompson and P. Wallace and were excused at 5:11 PM.

The Board thanked the administration for the work they have put into the budget. Discussed ways to combine services and modify procedures to reduce costs. The Board plans to send the final draft to the Budget Committee in early December.

J. Fortson agreed to provide:

- Separate the coaches and advisors' costs.

S. Kilelee agreed to provide:

- Itemized breakdown of the Athletics budget.
- Cost of infield mix from last year.

W. Dingman, Jr. MOVED to adjourn the meeting at 5:49 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 _____