

**Hinsdale School Board Meeting
SAU Conference Room
December 11, 2024
6:00 PM**

Zoom Link:

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Meeting ID: 839 8174 7011

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

Board Member Excused: Kaylee Howe

Administration Present: Nathan Boudreau, Facilities Director; Dr. Molly Bremner, HES Principal; Jane Fortson, Business Administrator; Anna Roth, HMHS Principal; Dr. David Ryan, Superintendent; Jeanne Sturges, Curriculum Coordinator; 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 6:02 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 November 13, 2024.
2. Public and non-public minutes of November 19, 2024.
3. Public minutes of November 25, 2024.
4. Public minutes of December 9, 2024.

M. Sprague MOVED to approve the group of minutes as written above. W. Dingman, Jr. SECONDED. 5-0-0, MOTION PASSED.

Citizens' Comments:

A. Anderson opened Citizens' Comments for 30 minutes.

There were no comments from the citizens attending in the room or the citizen attending via Zoom at this time.

Student Board Member Items:

K. Howe was not present.

Superintendent's Report:

Dr. Ryan reviewed his report with the Board. Highlighted:

- Winchester High School Selection Update
- Regional Educational Collaborative Discussions
- AP Rural Collaborative Update and AP Potential
- Campus Safety & Security Task Force.

Business Administrator's Report:

J. Fortson reviewed her report with the Board. The tax rate was set at \$29.39. The increase due to the school portion is approximately \$732,038.

Academics and Career Readiness Report:

K. Thompson reviewed her report with the Board.

The Board spoke positively about Bringing Back the Trades.

Principals' Reports:

A. Roth reviewed her HMHS report with the Board. HMHS is fully staffed now. Working on the Social Studies program review and will start Science next. Pamela Johnson-Spurlock started as the new Library Media Specialist. Discussed assessing core competencies in PLCs. Very positive day of PD in November. Winter sports have started.

Dr. Bremner reviewed her HES report with the Board. Highlighted recent activities and upcoming events. HES will also be working on Social Studies and Science program reviews. Continuing to address improving student attendance. Absenteeism can account for decreases of 29% in math and 45% in reading. Subs have expressed appreciation for the increase in pay. Dr. Bremner is helping with coverage for the School Counselor on leave.

A combined Winter Concert for both schools is December 18th.

Technology Report:

J. Therieau reviewed his report with the Board. There were no questions.

Student Services Report:

P. Wallace reviewed her report with the Board. The Board expressed appreciation for the information provided.

Facilities Report:

N. Boudreau reviewed his report with the Board. Both schools passed the annual health and fire inspections. The Board thanked N. Boudreau for the report.

Budget Development Update:

J. Fortson shared updates from the 12/9th joint meeting with the Budget Committee. Provided updated handouts to the Board. The SRO MOU is forthcoming, but we know the salary rate.

Social Media Protocol:

Discussed responding to social media posts and/or opening up Community Connections to comments. Noted that the Board meetings are open to the public.

Discussed a process should misinformation be posted on other social media pages.

The Board agreed that members may respond to misinformation and will notify both A. Anderson and Dr. Ryan in those instances.

J. Therieau offered to share some communication options for the Board to demo and give feedback on.

After discussion the following motions were made:

W. Dingman, Jr. MOVED to approve that, in the event of significant misinformation on social media, a Board member may contact the Chair to coordinate a response. M. Sprague SECONDED. 5-0-0-MOTION PASSED.

Schedule Public Forum:

After discussion the following motions were made:

K. Hemlow MOVED to schedule a public forum to discuss tuitioning Winchester students on 1/4/2025 at 10:00 AM in the HMHS Library. W. Dingman, Jr. SECONDED. 5-0-0-MOTION PASSED.

Overnight Field Trip Request:

Sarah Burgess presented a request for eight high school students to attend the NH FBLA State Leadership Conference in Manchester, NH from Thursday, March 20th – Friday, March 21st, 2025. The costs of the trip will be covered by a grant and fundraising.

The Board requested a presentation from the students following the trip.

After discussion the following motions were made:

K. Hemlow MOVED to approve the overnight FBLA field trip in March 2025. W. Dingman, Jr. SECONDED. 5-0-0-MOTION PASSED.

Social Studies Program Review Proposal:

J. Sturges presented the proposed Social Studies changes for 2025-2026 and 2026-2027. Described the review process that the Committee has undertaken.

After discussion the following motions were made:

K. Hemlow MOVED to accept the changes as proposed. W. Dingman, Jr. SECONDED. 5-0-0-MOTION PASSED.

N. Boudreau, J. Sturges, J. Therieau, K. Thompson, and P. Wallace were excused at 7:21 pm.

Policies – First Readings:

Dr. Ryan reviewed the NHSBA Fall 2024 proposed changes:

1. BBBF - Student Board Members
2. DAF – Administration of Federal Grant Funds
3. EBCA – Crisis Prevention & Emergency Response Plans
4. EBCH – Chemical Safety & Chemical Hygiene Plan
5. EH – Public Use of School Records
6. EH-F(1) – Public Access to School District Records – Request for Waiver
7. EH-F(2) – Public Access to School District Records – Financial Affidavit
8. EH-R(1) – Public Access to School District Records – Procedures for Public Access
9. GBGBA – Use of Automated External Defibrillator
10. IC – School Year
11. ICA – School Calendar
12. IGE – Parental Objections to Specific Course Material
13. IHAM – Health Education & Exemption from Instruction
14. IKF – HS Graduation
15. JJIB – Interscholastic Athletics
16. JLCEA – Use of Automated External Defibrillator
17. JLCJA – Sports Injuries
18. JLF – Reporting Child Abuse or Neglect
19. JLF-F(1) - Child Abuse and/or Neglect Reporting Form
20. JLP – Parental Notification of and Involvement in Student Welfare
21. KFD – Use and Location of Automated External Defibrillators

A. Anderson called a brief recess at 8:00 PM. A. Anderson called the meeting back to order at 8:08 PM.

After discussion the following motions were made:

W. Dingman, Jr. MOVED to accept all of the policies, except EH-R(1) as First Readings. K. Gardner SECONDED. 5-0-0-MOTION PASSED.

Other Business:

There was no other business.

Committee Reports:

1. **Budget Committee** – Meeting 12/19th. The Board met with the Budget Committee on 12/9th. Next Joint Meeting is 1/15th at 6:00 PM.
2. **Community Connections** – Please continue to send information to post.
3. **Facilities Maintenance/Emergency** – Meeting 12/13th.
4. **HASP Advisory Board** – Meeting 12/11th. A. Anderson shared that there will be a state visit 4/3/25. Waitlist for K-1 now. The Monadnock United Way is providing paid interns for HASP. The Drama Club performance will be moved to May now. MTSS Reading Coordinator, Anna Bassett, is helping prepare students for SAS testing.
5. **Legislation/NHSBA** – A. Anderson shared regarding recent webinars.
6. **Personnel Committee** – Meeting 12/17th. Negotiations meeting 12/12th and 12/17th.
7. **Policy Committee** – Met 11/18th and reviewed the NHSBA Fall Policy Updates.
8. **Selectboard** – M. Sprague shared an update of a brief meeting, with the focus on the new bridge.
9. **Strategic Planning Steering Committee** – Met 11/18th. Captain's meeting on 2/10th.
10. **Tuition Exploratory Committee** – Met today and the public forum was scheduled for 1/4th.
11. **Wellness** – Meeting 2/12th.

Citizens' Comments:

Miriam Tallman, attending online, shared a suggestion regarding a stipend position for a social media coordinator. The Board thanked M. Tallman will take the feedback under advisement.

Non-public:

W. Dingman, Jr. MOVED to go into a nonpublic session according to RSA 91 A:3 II (a)(i) at 8:30 pm. M. Sprague SECONDED. Roll Call: A. Anderson – yes, W. Dingman, Jr. – yes, K. Gardner – yes, K. Hemlow – yes, and M. Sprague - yes. VOTE: 5-0-0, MOTION PASSED.

K. Gardner MOVED to reconvene the public session at 8:52 pm. M. Sprague SECONDED. Roll Call: A. Anderson – yes, W. Dingman, Jr. – yes, K. Gardner – yes, K. Hemlow – yes, and M. Sprague - yes. VOTE: 5-0-0, MOTION PASSED.

**K. Hemlow MOVED to adjourn the meeting at 8:52 pm. W. Dingman, Jr. SECONDED.
VOTE: 5-0-0, MOTION PASSED.**

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

_____ approved on _____
Maria A. Webb