

**Hinsdale School Board Meeting  
SAU Conference Room  
January 8, 2025  
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; Justin Therieau, Director of Technology; Karen Thompson, Director of Academics and Career Readiness; and Patty Wallace, Director of Student Services

**Others Present:** Anna Bassett, MTSS-Reading Coordinator; and Jeanne Sturges, Curriculum Coordinator

**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 December 11, 2024.

It was noted that on page 3 of the public minutes, under the Social Media Protocol, community members should contact both A. Anderson and Dr. Ryan.

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

### **Citizens' Comments:**

A. Anderson opened Citizens' Comments for 30 minutes. There were no comments.

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

K. Howe was not present.

### **Student Agency Presentation:**

K. Thompson introduced students from the HMHS student agency group. The students presented regarding their conference in Concord. The students described the activities they participated in and outlined their process for identifying topics to focus on going forward. The students will be working on authentic learning and student engagement to address learning in the classrooms that meet their learning styles.

K. Thompson noted that this work will be a two-year process for the students.

The Board thanked the students for their presentation.

K. Thompson presented a request for approximately 14 students to attend an overnight conference in May with chaperones. Costs will be covered by a grant.

**W. Dingman, Jr. MOVED to approve the overnight trip in May. K. Hemlow SECONDED. 5-0-0, MOTION PASSED.**

### **The Science of Reading Presentation:**

Anna Bassett, MTSS-Reading Coordinator, presented new practices and goals to improve student's reading capabilities at the HES. Wants to review our practices to see how they align with the Science of Reading.

J. Sturges shared regarding staff training and resources for staff.

A. Bassett, J. Sturges, and Dr. Bremner answered questions. Dr. Bremner will share the presentation with parents and families. Discussed how we will measure progress using DIBELS and Amplify.

The Board thanked A. Bassett for her presentation.

***A. Bassett and J. Sturges were excused following the presentation.***

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

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

- Winchester High School Selection Committee Update – discussed the Public Forum held on 1/4/2025. Winchester will have a community forum on 1/23/2025. The Town of Winchester will vote on an anchor school on 3/6/2025.
- School Board Goals Update
- Staff Climate Survey – was sent out today.

- AP Potential List - 37 students out of 120 have qualified for AP courses. Will hold an AP Breakfast again this year.

The Board thanked Dr. Ryan for his report.

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

J. Fortson shared regarding upcoming Budget Committee meetings.

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

K. Thompson reviewed her report with the Board. Thanked the Board for approving the overnight trip in May. The Board is looking forward to hearing about the trip.

The Board was appreciative of the holiday events in the schools.

K. Thompson shared regarding Career Day for Grades 6-12 on March 21st. Requested names and contact information for former students who will be willing to come and speak.

Kindness Day will be April 18<sup>th</sup>.

#### **Principals' Reports:**

A. Roth reviewed her HMHS report with the Board. Shared regarding the December calendar of activities for the staff and the students.

Dr. Bremner reviewed her HES report with the Board. Dr. Bremner expressed appreciation for all of the paras and Title I staff. Shared regarding the all-school meeting in December. There was a combined HES and HMHS winter concert. Dr. Bremner invited the Board to attend the all-school meetings.

The Board thanked the Principals for their reports and appreciated the holiday activities.

#### **Technology Report:**

J. Therieau reviewed his report with the Board. Shared regarding the new email for Community Connections: [cc@hnhsd.org](mailto:cc@hnhsd.org) and the demo form.

The Board thanked J. Therieau for his report.

#### **Student Services Report:**

P. Wallace reviewed her report with the Board. Highlighted the ongoing projects through Special Education and training for staff. The HES Special Education Coordinator position is open, and P. Wallace and Sarah Burgess will be providing support to HES.

The Board thanked P. Wallace for her report.

### **Facilities Report:**

N. Boudreau reviewed his report with the Board. Emphasized that being fully staffed has been very beneficial. Thanked the custodial employees for all of their flexibility with the work due to the holiday events before break. W. Dingman, Jr. shared the cost savings from bringing the recyclable cardboard to the transfer station.

The Board congratulated N. Boudreau on completing the first phase of being a certified Facilities professional.

The Board thanked N. Boudreau for his report and all of the work the Facilities department is doing.

### **PTA Presentation:**

Sarah Hudon, PTA President, stated that the PTA would like to fundraise for a new playground at HES. Discussed improvements that are needed. Discussed the goal to develop a committee and a survey that will be developed. Also, would like staff input. Anticipate that this will be a two-year process.

Would like to have a table at Math Night on March 26<sup>th</sup>. K. Thompson shared the Winchester ELMM Center has undergone a similar process and may be a good resource.

No Board action was needed, but the Board requested a plan proposal and a timeline.

### **Budget Development Update:**

J. Fortson shared updates from the January 7th Budget Committee meeting. Provided updated handouts to the Board.

The next joint meeting with the Budget Committee is January 15th.

### **Public Forum Discussion:**

Discussed the Public Forum on January 4th during Dr. Ryan's report. The presentation is on the website.

### **District Meeting Discussion:**

The Board discussed offering a community budget forum prior to the Annual District Meeting.

### **School Board Evaluations:**

The Board will meet on February 12<sup>th</sup> at 4:45 PM.

### **Policies – Final Readings:**

Dr. Ryan reviewed the policy drafts with 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. GBGBA – Use of Automated External Defibrillator
9. IC – School Year (new draft)
10. ICA – School Calendar
11. IGE – Parental Objections to Specific Course Material
12. IHAM – Health Education & Exemption from Instruction
13. IKF – HS Graduation
14. JJIB – Interscholastic Athletics
15. JLCEA – Use of Automated External Defibrillator
16. JLCJA – Sports Injuries
17. JLF – Reporting Child Abuse or Neglect
18. JLF-F (1) - Child Abuse and/or Neglect Reporting Form
19. JLP – Parental Notification of and Involvement in Student Welfare
20. KFD – Use and Location of Automated External Defibrillators

After discussion, the following motions were made:

**W. Dingman, Jr. MOVED to accept the policies above as Final Readings with one amendment to JLF. K. Hemlow SECONDED. 5-0-0, MOTION PASSED.**

### **Other Business:**

A. Anderson discussed Policy BBAB – Roles and Duties of the Board Chairperson.

*N. Boudreau, A. Roth, J. Therieau, K. Thompson, and P. Wallace were excused at 8:09 pm.*

### **Committee Reports:**

1. **Budget Committee** – Met 1/7th. Next Joint Meeting is 1/15<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM.
2. **Community Connections** – The new email address was shared during J. Therieau's report. Reviewed a post for social media.
3. **Facilities Maintenance/Emergency** – Met 12/13th. Discussed the Capital Improvement Plan (CIP).
4. **HASP Advisory Board** – Met 12/11<sup>th</sup>.
5. **Legislation/NHSBA** – A. Anderson shared regarding recent webinars and upcoming legislation.

6. **Personnel Committee** – Meeting 1/28th. Negotiations meeting 1/13<sup>th</sup>.
7. **Policy Committee** – Meeting 1/29<sup>th</sup> (new date).
8. **Selectboard** – M. Sprague shared topics covered at the recent meeting.
9. **Strategic Planning Steering Committee** – Captain's meeting on 2/10<sup>th</sup>.
10. **Tuition Exploratory Committee** – Public forum was 1/4<sup>th</sup>. Will set a range for the tuition rate to bring to the Board.
11. **Wellness** – Meeting 2/12<sup>th</sup>.

**Citizens' Comments:**

There were no comments from the citizens attending in-person, and no citizens attending online.

**Non-public:**

**K. Gardner MOVED to go into a nonpublic session according to RSA 91 A:3 II (a)(c) at 8:27 pm. K. Hemlow 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.**

**W. Dingman, Jr. MOVED to reconvene the public session at 8:43 pm. K. Hemlow 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 adjourn the meeting at 8:44 pm. K. Hemlow SECONDED. VOTE: 5-0-0, MOTION PASSED.**

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

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Maria A. Webb

approved on \_\_\_\_\_