

**Hinsdale School Board Meeting
SAU Conference Room
February 12, 2025
6:00 PM**

Zoom Link:

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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

Minutes Recorded by: Maria Webb, Executive Assistant

Call to Order:

A. Anderson called the meeting to order at 6:03 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. Motion to accept the public and non-public minutes of January 8, 2025.
2. Motion to accept the public and non-public minutes of January 15, 2025.
3. Motion to accept the public and non-public minutes of January 29, 2025.
4. Motion to accept the public minutes of February 4, 2025.

M. Sprague MOVED to approve the group of minutes listed 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 those attending in person or online.

Student Leader Seminar Presentation:

K. Thompson introduced two HHS Leadership Seminar students. The students presented what they learned from the class and how they were challenged. Shared regarding the *Eight Essentials* they learned.

The Board and Administration thanked the students for presenting.

Student Board Member Items:

K. Howe was not present due to her ELO internship. Dr. Ryan shared positive feedback regarding the school climate from K. Howe.

Superintendent's Report:

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

- AP Breakfast and Program
- HSD Staff Climate Survey
- Winchester Hinsdale Tuition Agreement Committee
- Strategic Planning
- Career and Technical Education (CTE)
- Doctoral Study Research Request from Holly Blais

K. Gardner MOVED to approve Holly Blais to conduct her doctoral study at Hinsdale Middle High School. K. Hemlow SECONDED. 5-0-0, MOTION PASSED.

The Board thanked Dr. Ryan for his report.

Business Administrator's Report:

J. Fortson reviewed her report with the Board. Shared the first monthly newsletter from The Abbey Group.

The Board thanked J. Fortson for her report.

Academics and Career Readiness Report:

K. Thompson reviewed her report with the Board. Highlighted the following:

- Professional Development Book Study
- Kindness Day 2025 will be district-wide this year
- Career Connected Learning

The Board thanked K. Thompson for her report.

Principals' Reports:

A. Roth reviewed her HMHS report with the Board.

- Purple Sarah Day Spa posted positive feedback on an ELO student and the district.
- The Brattleboro Reformer covered the pep rally and Unified game. The school band played at the pep rally and played at games.
- A Brattleboro Reformer reporter is coming to do an article on *A Day in the Life of a Hinsdale Student*.
- Shared discipline data.

The Board thanked A. Roth for her report.

Dr. Bremner reviewed her HES report with the Board.

- Operations – shared positive feedback on the coordination during two recent emergency situations.
- HES appreciated donations from the Brattleboro Elks, including snow pants, mittens, and hats.
- Shared discipline and attendance data. Four students with perfect attendance will be celebrated at the Valentine's Day celebration.
- HES earned Healthy Designation Badges.

The Board thanked Dr. Bremner for her report.

Technology Report:

J. Therieau reviewed his report with the Board. Discussed the laptop repairs.

The Board thanked J. Therieau for his report and expressed appreciation for his work at the Town Public Budget Hearing.

Student Services Report:

P. Wallace reviewed her report with the Board. The Board thanked P. Wallace for her report and also for her time covering at HES.

Facilities Report:

N. Boudreau reviewed his report with the Board. Shared regarding the monthly toolbox talks with staff.

The Board expressed appreciation for Dave Ricker's work during the winter storms.

W. Dingman, Jr. expressed appreciation for N. Boudreau working with the Town to decrease expenses. A. Anderson thanked the Town for working with the school district. M. Sprague shared savings from bringing cardboard to the Transfer Station for recycling.

The Board thanked N. Boudreau for his report.

Public Budget Hearing Discussion:

Discussed whether to hold a public budget forum for the school district this year. Discussed all of the information shared online and at the Town's Public Budget Hearing. Given that, the Board felt a separate public hearing would not be needed this year.

District Meeting Discussion:

The Board will direct specific budget questions to the Administration as needed.

Yearbook Ads:

The Board chose the designs for the yearbook ads.

Set 2025 Graduation Date:

After discussion the following motions were made:

W. Dingman, Jr. MOVED to set the graduation date as June 14, 2025. M. Sprague SECONDED. 5-0-0, MOTION PASSED.

Proposed 2025-2026 School Calendar:

After discussion, the following motions were made:

W. Dingman, Jr. MOVED to accept the calendar as presented. K. Hemlow SECONDED.

The Board then considered a request for early release on 12/23/25.

W. Dingman, Jr. MOVED to rescind his initial motion. K. Hemlow SECONDED. 5-0-0, MOTION PASSED.

K. Hemlow MOVED to accept the 2025-2026 School Calendar as amended to include early release on 12/23/2025. M. Sprague SECONDED. 5-0-0, MOTION PASSED.

2025-2026 Program of Studies:

After discussion, the following motions were made:

K. Hemlow MOVED to accept the Program of Studies as presented. K. Gardner SECONDED. 5-0-0, MOTION PASSED.

Policies – First Readings:

Dr. Ryan reviewed the policy drafts with proposed changes:

1. ACF – Food and Nutrition Antidiscrimination
2. ACN – Accommodation of Lactation Needs

3. Appendix IHBA-R(1) – Program for Pupils with Disabilities
4. Appendix IHBA-R(1) – Program for Pupils with Disabilities – Section 504 – Notice of Parent & Student Rights
5. JICG – Prohibitions Regarding Use and Possession of Tobacco Products, E-Cigarettes, and E-Liquids in and on School Facilities and Grounds
6. JLP – Parental Notification of and Involvement in Student Welfare

After discussion, the following motions were made:

M. Sprague MOVED to accept the policies above as First Readings. K. Gardner SECONDED. 5-0-0, MOTION PASSED.

W. Dingman, Jr. MOVED to accept the Title IX policy update. M. Sprague SECONDED. 5-0-0, MOTION PASSED.

Other Business:

There was no other business.

Dr. Bremner shared regarding today's HASP Committee meeting. There is a state site visit scheduled for April. There are new interns from the Monadnock United Way.

N. Boudreau, Dr. Bremner, A. Roth, J. Therieau, K. Thompson, and P. Wallace were excused at 7:29 pm.

Committee Reports:

1. **Budget Committee** – The Town's Public Hearing was held on 2/4th. Meeting next Wednesday.
2. **Community Connections** – A. Anderson is posting information from the newsletters.
3. **Facilities Maintenance/Emergency** – Meeting 2/14th for presentations on lighting.
4. **HASP Advisory Board** – Met today.
5. **Legislation/NHSBA** – A. Anderson shared there is a lot of legislation in process.
6. **Personnel Committee** – Meeting 2/18th.
7. **Policy Committee** – Met 2/7th. Meeting 3/18th.
8. **Selectboard** – M. Sprague shared that Benedict Enterprises is building a new transfer station with the ELO student at no cost to the Town.
9. **Strategic Planning Steering Committee** – Captain's meeting was held on 2/10th.
10. **Tuition Exploratory Committee** – no update.
11. **Wellness** – Met today. J. Fortson discussed policies that will be forwarded to the Policy Committee.
12. **Winchester Hinsdale Tuition Agreement Committee** – Began meetings with Winchester. The next meeting is 2/13th.

Citizens' Comments:

Donna Foster, attending in person, expressed appreciation to the Facilities staff for doing a great job during the winter storms.

The Board expressed thanks to N. Boudreau for his leadership, and to the entire team.

Karyn Hammond, attending online, shared feedback regarding the grading system. Asked the Board to consider using the same system in both schools.

Alex Duso, attending online, agreed with the Board that it is beneficial to be prepared for the Annual District Meeting.

Non-public:

K. Hemlow MOVED to go into a nonpublic session according to RSA 91 A:3 II (a) at 7:45 pm. W. Dingman, Jr. 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. 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.

W. Dingman, Jr. MOVED to adjourn the meeting at 7:43 pm. M. Sprague SECONDED. VOTE: 5-0-0, MOTION PASSED.

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

_____ approved on _____
Maria A. Webb