

**Hinsdale School Board Public Hearing
Winchester Hinsdale Tuition Agreement
Robin Beauregard Gymnasium at the Hinsdale Middle High School
April 9, 2025
5:00 PM**

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

Administration Present: Nathan Boudreau, Facilities Director; Dr. Molly Bremner, HES Principal; Jane Fortson, Business Administrator; Anna Roth, HMHS Principal; Dr. David Ryan, Superintendent; and Justin Therieau, Director of Technology

Minutes Recorded by: Maria Webb, Executive Assistant

Call to Order:

A. Anderson called the meeting to order at 5:02 pm.

Winchester Hinsdale Tuition Agreement Discussion:

Dr. Ryan introduced the members of the Winchester Hinsdale Tuition Agreement Committee. He shared that the Tuition Exploratory Committee was formed in 2019 with the charge to explore the possibility of having high school students from other towns attend Hinsdale High School.

Dr. Ryan shared a PowerPoint presentation regarding the development of the proposed tuition agreement, highlighting the following topics from the agreement:

- Term
- Tuition cost
- Capital costs
- Enrollment requirements
- Outreach and communication
- School year calendar
- Collaborative governance
- Financial implications
- Revenue projections
- Potential tax impact
- Costs paid by the WSD
- Projected enrollment

Dr. Ryan stated, “We are not sacrificing achievement; we are increasing opportunities.” Noted the positive impact that being Winchester’s anchor high school could have on athletics, music and band, and course choices, including AP courses.

Dr. Ryan shared the timeline for the next steps and the approval process. There will be a special school district meeting for the Hinsdale school district residents to vote on the agreement on Tuesday, May 13th, at 6:00 PM. If the agreement is approved, it will go before the NH State Board of Education by June 12, 2025 for approval.

A. Anderson opened up the session for feedback and questions from the community.

Joe Boggio spoke and emphasized the importance of helping both Hinsdale and Winchester students feel part of one community.

Another citizen expressed concerns about the property tax rate in the town.

Jane Parker asked about the current cost per pupil in Hinsdale and why the Winchester tuition would be a lesser amount. J. Fortson explained the factors that went into the projected tuition cost for Winchester students. Noted that Winchester is paying for their students' special education costs, transportation costs and career and technical education (CTE) costs.

Ms. Parker asked how we determine the number of Winchester students coming to Hinsdale. J. Fortson shared that, according to the agreement, by November 1 of each year, Winchester will provide an estimate of the number of students who will be attending HHS in the next school year.

Mary White asked if we would continue to receive grants as planned in the budget. J. Fortson noted that we have not been notified of any changes at this time.

Tim Crowley asked if Winchester residents will be voting on the agreement. Dr. Ryan shared the schedule for the deliberative session and voting in Winchester. Noted that the Winchester School Board voted in favor of the agreement.

Karyn Hammond spoke regarding the importance of bringing the students from both districts together to build community. Dr. Ryan shared that A. Roth will be planning activities toward that end.

K. Hemlow requested that the Board be informed of the activities planned.

Adjournment:

After the questions and comments were heard and answered, A. Anderson adjourned the public hearing at 5:56 PM.

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

Maria A. Webb

approved on _____