

**Hinsdale School Board Meeting
SAU Conference Room
May 14, 2025
6:00 PM**

Zoom Link:

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Meeting ID: 839 8174 7011

Board Members Present: April Anderson, Kaylah Hemlow, and Kendra Gardner

Board Members Excused: Wayne Dingman, Jr., Kaylee Howe, and Marc Sprague

Administration Present: 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

Administration Excused: Nathan Boudreau, Facilities Director

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.

Minutes:

1. Public minutes of the Public Hearing of April 9, 2025.
2. Public and non-public minutes of April 9, 2025.

K. Gardner MOVED to approve the minutes listed above with one amendment. K. Hemlow SECONDED. VOTE: 3-0-0, MOTION PASSED.

Citizens' Comments:

A. Anderson opened Citizens' Comments for 30 minutes.

There were no citizens attending.

Student Presentation – Sunnyside Learning Excursion:

Two students presented highlights from the Sunnyside Learning Excursion to Arizona. A. Roth shared examples of the great work the students did while they were there.

The Board thanked the students for presenting.

Student Presentation – Travel Club:

Two students shared a PowerPoint presentation on the Travel Club's trip to Puerto Rico during April break.

The Board thanked the students for presenting.

Travel Club Request for 2027:

After discussion, the following motions were made:

K. Hemlow MOVED to approve the Travel Club request. K. Gardner SECONDED. VOTE: 3-0-0, MOTION PASSED.

Student Board Member Items:

K. Howe was not present.

Superintendent's Report:

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

- Strategic Planning Steering Committee met on April 14th.
- First Southwest Collaborative Planning Session to discuss the concept of a special education collaborative for our region.
- Bravely and Bravely Y2 work on the Middle School redesign.
- NH Ed306.18 Language Changes to Hours Only. We exceed the minimum required hours. The number of days in a school year is still up to the School Board.
- Hinsdale voters passed the Winchester Hinsdale Tuition Agreement on 5/13th. Winchester will vote on 5/17th.
- Holt Fund requests have been approved for the amount of \$29,250.00.

The Board thanked Dr. Ryan for his report.

Business Administrator's Report:

J. Fortson reviewed her report with the Board. Expects to see over \$200k in the positive in the budget for this year. Revenues are on target.

Shared the work she has been doing on the food service negative balances of \$48,635.00 as of June 30, 2024. She has received \$2,500.00+ so far. Is working with the Principals to assist families with applying for assistance. Will be referring those with outstanding balances to collections.

The Board thanked J. Fortson for her report.

Academics and Career Readiness Report:

K. Thompson shared her report with the Board. Highlighted:

- Attended the Tech Ed Conference in April in San Diego.
- Shared regarding the Student Agency trip to Portsmouth. Will continue the work during the summer.
- ELO Exhibition Day is May 29th.
- ELO Mentor Dinner is May 22nd.

The Board asked regarding the status of the Teacher Certification process.

The Board thanked K. Thompson for her report.

Principals' Reports:

A. Roth reviewed her HMHS report with the Board. Highlighted:

- End-of-Year letters will be sent to parents.
- Staffing - need a substitute School Nurse.
- Tours for 5th Graders

The Board thanked A. Roth for her report.

Dr. Bremner reviewed her HES report with the Board. Highlighted:

- Drama Club Play
- Spring Choral Concert
- SAS and EOY Benchmarking
- Teacher Assignments for 2025-2026. The Teachers are involved in the planning process. The Board expressed concern regarding student-teacher ratios.
- Staffing – interviews are in process for 2025-2026 school year openings.

The Board thanked Dr. Bremner for her report.

Technology Report:

J. Therieau reviewed his report with the Board.

- Deployed new laptops to Grade 5. Will use some of the old laptops in the Middle School as spares.
- New projectors were purchased for classrooms with ESSER funds.

The Board thanked J. Therieau for his report.

Student Services Report:

P. Wallace reviewed her report with the Board. Highlighted staff member, Sara Scott.

The Board congratulated Sarah Burgess on completing her degree in Special Education Administration.

Discussed the statewide assessments: DRDP and DLM.

The Board thanked P. Wallace for her report.

Facilities Report:

The Board reviewed N. Boudreau's report. The Seasonal Maintenance position has been filled.

Winchester Hinsdale Tuition Agreement:

Discussed in Dr. Ryan's report.

General Assurances:

Legal counsel advised that the Board may want to wait until after May 19th to sign the document. Discussed Sections A.6 (a) & (b).

After discussion, the following motions were made:

K. Hemlow MOVED to authorize Dr. Ryan and April Anderson to sign the General Assurances by May 19th. K. Gardner SECONDED. VOTE: 3-0-0, MOTION PASSED.

Reaffirmation of:

1. DAB - Fund Balance Policy
2. DAF - Administration of Federal Grant Funds
3. DFA - Investment Policy
4. EHAB - Data Governance Plan

Discussed tabling Policy DAF.

After discussion the following motions were made:

K. Hemlow MOVED to reaffirm DAB, DFA, and EHAB. K. Gardner SECONDED. VOTE: 3-0-0, MOTION PASSED.

Superintendent Hiring Authority:

After discussion, the following motions were made:

K. Gardner MOVED to grant Dr. Ryan hiring authority effective now through the end of summer. K. Hemlow SECONDED. VOTE: 3-0-0, MOTION PASSED.

Policies – Final Readings:

1. ACAC – Title IX Sexual Harassment Policy and Grievance Process
2. BBBF – Student Board Members
3. IMGB – Therapy Animals
4. JFABE – Foster Children
5. JI – Student Rights and Responsibilities
6. JICD – Student Discipline and Due Process
7. JJJ – Access by Nonpublic Students
8. JKAA – Use of Restraints
9. JRA – Access to Student Records – FERPA
10. KEE – Website Accessibility and Grievance

Discussed questions on ACAC and IMGB. IMGB is an optional policy.

After discussion, the following motions were made:

K. Gardner MOVED to accept the Policies above as Final Readings. K. Hemlow SECONDED. VOTE: 3-0-0, MOTION PASSED.

Other Business:

There was no other business.

Dr. Bremner, A. Roth, J. Therieau, K. Thompson, and P. Wallace were excused at 7:56 PM.

Committee Reports:

1. **Budget Committee** – A. Anderson shared that they met in April.
2. **Community Connections** – A. Anderson posted *The Keene Sentinel* article on the tuition agreement vote yesterday.
3. **Facilities Maintenance/Emergency** – Meeting scheduled for 6/13th.
4. **HASP Advisory Board** – Met 5/14th. K. Gardner gave an update on recent activities, including the Drama Club play, Girls on the Run, and the state inspection. J. Fortson shared that we qualified for summer meals.
5. **Legislation/NHSBA** – A. Anderson shared that the reduction in inadequacy funds did not pass. Budget caps for school spending will likely not pass. Encouraged the Board to review the NHSBA bulletins.
6. **Personnel Committee** – Met 5/6th. Contracts went out to the certified staff.
7. **Policy Committee** – Meeting was rescheduled to 5/20th.
8. **Selectboard** – No update.
9. **Strategic Planning Steering Committee** – Captains met 5/12th.
10. **Tuition Exploratory Committee** – No update.
11. **Wellness** – No update.

12. Winchester Hinsdale Tuition Agreement Committee –The Hinsdale School District Special Meeting was 5/13th for voting on the Winchester Hinsdale Tuition Agreement.

Citizens' Comments:

Alex Duso, attending online, expressed appreciation for the work Dr. Bremner is doing at HES that may help decrease costs.

Non-public:

K. Hemlow MOVED to go into a nonpublic session according to RSA 91 A:3 II (a)(c) at 8:13 pm. K. Gardner SECONDED. Roll Call: A. Anderson – yes, K. Gardner – yes, and K. Hemlow – yes. VOTE: 3-0-0, MOTION PASSED.

K. Hemlow MOVED to reconvene the public session at 8:31 pm. K. Gardner SECONDED. Roll Call: A. Anderson – yes, K. Gardner – yes, and K. Hemlow – yes. VOTE: 3-0-0, MOTION PASSED.

K. Gardner MOVED to adjourn the meeting at 8:32 pm. K. Hemlow SECONDED. VOTE: 3-0-0, MOTION PASSED.

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

Maria A. Webb

approved on _____