

**Hinsdale School Board Meeting
SAU Conference Room
June 11, 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 Members Excused: Kaylee Howe

Administration Present: 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: Dr. Molly Bremner, HES Principal; and 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. There were no questions.

Minutes:

1. Public and non-public minutes of May 14, 2025.
2. Public and non-public minutes of May 28, 2025.

M. Sprague MOVED to approve the minutes listed above. K. Gardner SECONDED. VOTE: 4-0-1, MOTION PASSED.

Citizens' Comments:

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

Student Presentation – Portrait of a Learner:

The students presented their final POL work. K. Thompson explained the process the students undertook to define the desired skills, knowledge, and characteristics of a successful student. Students presented regarding the definitions and the logo.

The Board thanked the students for presenting.

Student Board Member Items:

K. Howe was excused.

Superintendent's Report:

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

- Bravely work is complete for the year. We will search for funding for Bravely 2 from other sources.
- Strategic Planning work will continue.
- Hinsdale Goes Back to School Night planned for August.
- Dr. Ryan attended Data Studio Training.
- Update on NH State Legislation.

The Board thanked Dr. Ryan for his report.

Business Administrator's Report:

J. Fortson reviewed her report with the Board. Discussed the negative food service balance of approximately \$49,000. Those with balances over \$400 will be referred to small claims court. Those who contact us to make payments will not be referred to collections or small claims court.

W. Dingman, Jr. MOVED to approve transferring up to \$15,000 to the food service accounts to cover the debt at year end. M. Sprague SECONDED. VOTE: 5-0-0, MOTION PASSED.

J. Fortson shared that N. Boudreau passed the Building Operator Certificate Level 1 Training and has earned the BOC Level 1 Training Certificate of Completion.

The Board congratulated N. Boudreau and thanked J. Fortson for her report.

Academics and Career Readiness Report:

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

- ELO Exhibition Day and Mentor Dinner
- Student Agency
- Keene State College courses offer professional development opportunities for teachers hired with an SOE, as well as others.

The Board thanked K. Thompson for her report.

Principals' Reports:

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

- End of school year events
- Staffing update
- Graduation is this Saturday, June 14th.

The Board thanked A. Roth for her report and congratulated her on a great job in her first year.

The Board reviewed Dr. Bremner's report. Dr. Bremner was attending the Reading with Ribby event at the Swamp Bats baseball game with the students.

Discussed the PreK and K schedule. Dr. Ryan shared that the teachers had opportunities for input.

The Board thanked Dr. Bremner for her report.

Technology Report:

J. Therieau reviewed his report with the Board.

Discussed the equipment that was given to the Digital Learning Specialist.

The Board thanked J. Therieau for his report.

Student Services Report:

P. Wallace reviewed her report with the Board. Highlighted staff member, Michelle Bemis.

The Board thanked P. Wallace for her report and noted that they enjoy the staff spotlights.

Facilities Report:

The Board reviewed N. Boudreau's report.

Discussed pressure washing the school. J. Fortson noted the need for a water source. W. Dingman, Jr. offered to volunteer to help.

Discussed the trash situation. J. Fortson noted that the department has been short-staffed.

The Board thanked N. Boudreau for his report.

Student Board Member 2025-2026:

A. Roth shared that Jameson Stebbins, incoming freshman, will be the Student Board Member for the next school year.

HFT Discussion – Advisor Stipends:

Theresa Diorio, Union President, thanked the Board for allowing her to be on the agenda. Requested Board approval for teachers who are not Hinsdale residents to speak. The Board approved this request.

T. Diorio expressed concern that some sports teams and clubs will now have one coach or advisor versus two. She feels there are potential safety and liability issues. Offered to present letters written by students and statements prepared by advisors and coaches.

The Board noted that coaches and advisors can agree to split their stipend if they choose but the District cannot split the stipends, per the CBA. A. Anderson shared that parents may volunteer to chaperone field trips.

T. Diorio asked whether a stipend can be paid to an assistant varsity coach if there is not a JV team. That was the past practice.

Katie Savory, yearbook co-advisor, expressed concern and cited increasing health insurance costs as well. Jessica Faloretti, yearbook co-advisor, asked what would happen if no one volunteered to serve as advisors.

The Board thanked K. Savory and J. Faloretti for all of the work they have done on the yearbook.

The Board empathized with the coaches and advisors but feel they have done what the Town asked them to do in terms of decreasing costs. The Board wants the teachers to feel valued and also for the students to receive a good education at a reasonable cost.

A. Anderson noted that the budget information is available to the public and everyone is welcome to attend the budget preparation meetings.

A. Anderson called for a five-minute recess at 7:33 PM. Resumed the meeting at 7:38 PM.

School Board Retreat & Goal Setting:

August 14th at 5:00 PM. Location to be determined. Discussed the Arlington Inn in Winchester, NH.

August School Board Meeting Date:

There will be no change in the meeting date. The August School Board meeting is scheduled for August 13th.

Handbook Prep Discussion:

The Board requested the Handbook updates for the August Board meeting.

Tuition Rate for 2025-2026:

Per Policy JFAB the Board sets the rate.

After discussion, the following motions were made:

W. Dingman, Jr. MOVED to set the tuition rate per student at \$25,047.00 per student. M. Sprague SECONDED. VOTE: 5-0-0, MOTION PASSED.

Reaffirmation of:

1. DAF - Administration of Federal Grant Funds

Dr. Ryan shared the change (pg. 12).

After discussion the following motions were made:

K. Hemlow MOVED to reaffirm Policy DAF. W. Dingman, Jr. SECONDED. VOTE: 5-0-0, MOTION PASSED.

Other Business:

There was no other business.

A. Roth, J. Therieau, K. Thompson, and P. Wallace were excused at 7:53 PM. The Board thanked them for all their work this year.

Committee Reports:

1. **Budget Committee** – No update.
2. **Community Connections** – A. Anderson is posting end of year events.
3. **Facilities Maintenance/Emergency** – Meeting scheduled for 6/13th.
4. **HASP Advisory Board** – No update.
5. **Legislation/NHSBA** – A. Anderson shared recent legislation regarding EFA and electronic devices.
6. **Personnel Committee** – Meeting 6/24th.
7. **Policy Committee** – The Policy Committee meeting was rescheduled to 6/24th at 10:00 AM.
8. **Selectboard** – M. Sprague will now be the representative.
9. **Strategic Planning Steering Committee** – No update.
10. **Tuition Exploratory Committee** – No update.
11. **Wellness** – Completed the required yearly meetings.
12. **Winchester Hinsdale Tuition Agreement Committee** – Tomorrow the agreement will be reviewed by the NH Department of Education.

Citizens' Comments:

M. Carrier, Selectboard representative, asked for confirmation that there will be no July School Board meeting. The Selectboard will meet every other week during the summer.

Miriam Tallman thanked the Board for their work this year.

N. Boudreau shared an issue at the transfer station with the trash compactor. He received a letter from the Town Administrator saying that there is a liability for us when going after hours. We need to bring trash every day, but the transfer station is not open every day, and the hours are not late enough for the school to bring the trash after school gets out. The Board agreed to discuss options with the Town Administrator.

N. Boudreau agreed that the buildings need to be pressure washed and expressed appreciation for the offer of help from the Town.

N. Boudreau noted that we just received grant funds to help with the removal of the playground rubber material.

Alex Duso expressed agreement with the tuition rate set by the School Board. Expressed appreciation with the cost decreases the School Board has made.

Non-public:

W. Dingman, Jr. MOVED to go into a nonpublic session according to RSA 91 A:3 II (a) at 8:16 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. Hemlow MOVED to reconvene the public session at 8:32 pm. M. Sprague SECONDED. Roll Call: A. Anderson – yes, W. Dingman, Jr. – yes, K. Gardner – yes, K. Hemlow – yes, and M. Sprague. VOTE: 5-0-0, MOTION PASSED.

K. Hemlow MOVED to adjourn the meeting at 8:32 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