

**Hinsdale School Board Meeting
SAU Conference Room
September 10, 2025
6:00 PM**

Zoom Link:

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Meeting ID: 880 7500 5127

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

Board Members Excused: N/A

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 Attending: Michael Carrier, Selectboard Representative

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 August 13, 2025.

K. Hemlow MOVED to approve the minutes listed above. K. Gardner SECONDED. VOTE: 3-0-2, MOTION PASSED.

Citizens' Comments:

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

Student Board Member Items:

A. Anderson introduced the new Student Board Member, Jameson Stebbins, and thanked him for being the new Student Board Member.

Superintendent's Report:

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

- Hinsdale Goes Back to School Night. Over 200 families attended. Will meet next week to debrief.
- AP Rural Collaborative Pilot Program
- Third Annual Academic Convocation
- Leadership Seminar – Year Two
- Early Child Education Socialization Program – a Special Education Collaborative
- Positive Opening for Students and Staff

The Board thanked Dr. Ryan for his report.

Business Administrator's Report:

J. Fortson reviewed her report with the Board. The annual audit will begin in October. Noted that the number for the fund balance will be available early next month.

The Board thanked J. Fortson for her report.

Academics and Career Readiness Report:

K. Thompson shared her report with the Board. Spoke to how positive Convocation was and how leadership is supporting the vision of Learner Agency. Shared regarding a donation for teachers to apply for from Dr. Dennis Littky. 13 of 25 ELO students have already been placed.

M. Sprague shared that the Transfer Station has their first student ever and the ELO is off to a good start. Thanked K. Thompson for placing the student with them.

The Board thanked K. Thompson for her report.

Principals' Reports:

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

- Opening Day
- Students adjusting to the new cell phone policy
- Consolidating standardized testing days
- Upcoming Events, including Open House on 9/25th
- C. Ponce is attending MTSS-B Trainings regarding Behavioral Supports
- Recently hired a Computer Science Teacher and Paraprofessionals

The Board thanked A. Roth for her report.

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

- Opening Day – focus on purpose, efficiency, joy and rigor
- Operations and Building Space
- Staffing Update - shared regarding recently filled and open positions, including a School Nurse

W. Dingman, Jr. mentioned Fire Prevention Week in October.

The Board thanked Dr. Bremner for her report.

Technology Report:

J. Therieau reviewed his report with the Board. The IT Department will be hosting and ELO student starting on Monday.

The Board thanked J. Therieau for his report.

Student Services Report:

P. Wallace reviewed her report with the Board. Featured staff member, Special Education Case Manager, Tara Conway.

The Board thanked P. Wallace for her report.

Facilities Report:

The Board reviewed N. Boudreau's report. Discussed the HES desks that are damaged and being phased out. The Board thanked N. Boudreau and the team for all the work on the playground over the summer. Dr. Bremner expressed appreciation for the positive changes.

W. Dingman, Jr. expressed appreciation to the Town for use of the equipment to assist with the playground work.

N. Boudreau highlighted the before and after photos in the OneDrive board packets.

The Board thanked N. Boudreau for his report.

School Board Retreat & Goal Setting:

Monday, September 15th, 5:00 PM at A1 Hinsdale.

Staff Handbook Updates (informational):

No action needed.

School Board Hiring Approval:

Board nomination forms will be discussed in the non-public session.

School Board Packets:

The School Board would like printed packets and will make arrangements to pick them up at the office. Would like reports with links emailed to them.

Overnight Trip Request:

A. Roth presented a request for an overnight field trip for the boys basketball team from 12/26/25 – 12/30/25.

W. Dingman, Jr. MOVED to approve the trip. K. Hemlow SECONDED. VOTE: 5-0-0, MOTION PASSED.

NHSBA Proposed Resolutions:

After discussion, the following motions were made:

K. Hemlow MOVED to approve the NHSBA's recommendation regarding resolution #13. W. Dingman, Jr. SECONDED. VOTE: 5-0-0, MOTION PASSED.

K. Hemlow MOVED to approve the NHSBA's recommendations regarding resolutions #14 - 15. W. Dingman, Jr. SECONDED. VOTE: 5-0-0, MOTION PASSED.

K. Hemlow MOVED to approve the NHSBA's recommendation regarding the proposed amended resolution #16. W. Dingman, Jr. SECONDED. VOTE: 5-0-0, MOTION PASSED.

W. Dingman, Jr. MOVED to approve the NHSBA's recommendation to oppose resolution #17. K. Hemlow SECONDED. VOTE: 5-0-0, MOTION PASSED.

W. Dingman, Jr. MOVED to approve the proposed resolution #18, submission #6. K. Hemlow SECONDED. VOTE: 1-4-0, MOTION FAILED.

K. Gardner MOVED to approve resolution #19. W. Dingman, Jr. SECONDED. VOTE: 0-5-0, MOTION FAILED.

K. Hemlow MOVED to approve resolution #20. M. Sprague SECONDED. VOTE: 0-5-0, MOTION FAILED.

W. Dingman, Jr. MOVED to approve resolution #21, submission #9. K. Hemlow SECONDED. VOTE: 5-0-0, MOTION PASSED.

K. Gardner MOVED to approve resolution #22. W. Dingman, Jr. SECONDED. VOTE: 0-5-0, MOTION FAILED.

W. Dingman, Jr. MOVED to approve resolution #23. K. Hemlow SECONDED. VOTE: 0-5-0, MOTION FAILED.

W. Dingman, Jr. MOVED to approve resolution #24. M. Sprague SECONDED. VOTE: 0-5-0, MOTION FAILED.

Policies – First Readings:

1. AB - New Hampshire Parental Bill of Rights
2. BEDG - Meeting Minutes
3. DID – Fixed Assets
4. EHAG - Use of Generative Artificial Intelligence
5. Appendix JICJ – R(1) - Unauthorized Communication Devices - RESCINDED -
Procedures for Handling Unauthorized Communication Devices

After discussion, the following motions were made:

K. Gardner MOVED to accept the policies listed above as First Readings as a group. W. Dingman, Jr. SECONDED. VOTE: 5-0-0, MOTION PASSED.

Policies – Final Readings:

1. AC – Non-discrimination, Equal Opportunity Employment, and Anti-discrimination Plan
2. Appendix IHBA-R(1) – Programs for Pupils with Disabilities – Section 504 -Notice of Parent and Student Rights
3. DB – Annual Budget (reaffirmation)
4. DBC – Budget Preparation (reaffirmation)
5. DBI - Budget Implementation (reaffirmation)
6. DBJ – Transfer of Appropriation
7. DFGA – Crowd Funding
8. DIE – Audits
9. DIH – Fraud Prevention and Fiscal Management
10. DKC – Expense Reimbursements (reaffirmation)
11. JJE – Student Fundraising Activities
12. JLCG – Exclusion of Students Who Present a Hazard
13. KCD – Public Gifts/Donations

After discussion, the following motions were made:

W. Dingman, Jr. MOVED to accept the policies listed above as Final Readings as a group. K. Gardner SECONDED. VOTE: 5-0-0, MOTION PASSED.

N. Boudreau, M. Bremner, A. Roth, J. Therieau, K. Thompson, and P. Wallace were excused at 7:35 PM.

Other Business:

There was no other business.

Committee Reports:

1. **Budget Committee** – No update. There was no August meeting.
2. **Community Connections** – A. Anderson is posting upcoming events.
3. **Facilities Maintenance/Emergency** – No update.
4. **HASP Advisory Board** – No update.
5. **Legislation/NHSBA** – A. Anderson is attending the Delegate Assembly October 4th.
6. **Personnel Committee** – Meeting September 23rd.
7. **Policy Committee** – Met earlier today.
8. **Selectboard** – No update.
9. **Strategic Planning Steering Committee** – Dr. Ryan noted that the plan draft is being reviewed.
10. **Tuition Exploratory Committee** – No update. The Board set the 2025-2026 tuition rate at a previous meeting.
11. **Wellness** – No update.

Citizens' Comments:

There were no citizens attending in person Alex Duso, attending online, asked regarding the status of the 2026-2027 budget. A. Anderson and J. Fortson shared that there will be information at the October meeting.

Donna Foster expressed appreciation for all the work Facilities did on the HES playground.

Non-public:

W. Dingman, Jr. MOVED to go into a nonpublic session according to RSA 91 A:3 II (a)(b)(i) at 7:42 pm. K. Gardner 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 8:00 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.

K. Hemlow MOVED to adjourn the meeting at 8:01 pm. K. Gardner SECONDED. VOTE: 5-0-0, MOTION PASSED.

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

Maria A. Webb

approved on _____