

**Hinsdale School Board
Joint Meeting with the Budget Committee
SAU Conference Room
January 7, 2026
6:00 PM**

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

Board Members Excused: 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; Justin Therieau, Director of Technology; and Karen Thompson, Director of Academics and Career Readiness

Administration Attending Remotely: Patty Wallace, Director of Student Services

Budget Committee Members Attending: Michael Bomba, Scott Dalton, Alex Duso, Bill Hodgman (Selectboard Representative), Ken Howe, Karen Johnson, Sean Leary, William Nebelski, and Dan Seymour

Minutes Recorded by: Maria Webb, Executive Assistant

Call to Order:

A. Anderson called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

Budget Planning Work Session:

Questions were asked and answered regarding the proposed 2026-2027 budget.

J. Fortson reviewed the impact of the bond on costs and the offsetting contractual increases.

Dr. Bremner shared regarding a proposed new position and the positive impact this should have on office referrals and discipline issues, including truancy. This will also help decrease costs.

Discussed the decrease in the education portion of the total Town spending.

Discussed heating oil costs and the capital improvement process. N. Boudreau shared that there may be grants and incentives to help with updating some of the older equipment.

Other discussion topics included:

- Transportation options
- Cost of school meals and negative school meals balances
- Tuition costs for WRCC in Brattleboro

- Tech Ed program.
- Special Education costs
- Buildings and Grounds wages

Citizens' Comments:

There were no comments from the citizen attending in person.

Other Business:

M. Sprague submitted his resignation to the School Board. There will be a one-year term on the ballot for his position.

Adjournment:

W. Dingman, Jr. MOVED to adjourn the meeting at 7:54 pm. K. Hemlow SECONDED. VOTE: 4-0-0, MOTION PASSED.

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

_____ approved on _____
Maria A. Webb