

**Town of Hinsdale Public Budget Hearing
Hinsdale Town Hall Auditorium
February 10, 2026
6:00 PM**

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

Administration Present: Nathan Boudreau, Facilities Director; Jane Fortson, Business Administrator; Anna Roth, HMHS Principal; Dr. David Ryan, Superintendent; Justin Therieau, Director of Technology; and Patty Wallace, Director of Student Services

Budget Committee Members Present: Dennis Nadeau, Ken Howe, Sean Leary, Mike Bomba, Scott Dalton, Alex Duso, Bill Hodgman (Selectboard Representative), and Dan Seymour

Minutes Recorded for the School Board by: Maria Webb, Executive Assistant

Call to Order:

A. Anderson opened the School Board's meeting at 8:05 PM.

Town of Hinsdale Public Budget Forum:

Budget Committee Chair, Dennis Nadeau, reviewed the School District's 2026-2027 Proposed School Board Budget summary page and the 2026 Warrant Articles.

J. Fortson provided an overview of the proposed budget. She highlighted proposed increases and decreases to the budget and anticipated revenues.

Warrant Articles:

Article 01 Operating Budget

To see if the Hinsdale School District will vote to raise and appropriate the school board's recommended amount of \$15,068,262 (Fifteen million, sixty-eight thousand, two-hundred and sixty-two dollars) for the support of schools, for the payment of salaries for the school district officials and agents, and for the payment for the statutory obligations of the district. This article does not include appropriations contained in special or individual articles addressed separately. The school board recommends/does not recommend this appropriation by a vote of 4-0. The budget committee recommends /does not recommend this appropriation by a vote of x-x. (Majority vote required.)

This equals a 2.59% decrease in the budget.

A. Duso MOVED to approve Article 01 Operating Budget. D. Seymour SECONDED. VOTE: 9-0-0, MOTION PASSED.

Article 02 Fuel Expendable Trust

To see if the Hinsdale School District will vote to establish a Fuel Expendable Trust Fund per RSA 198:20-c, V for the purpose of setting aside funds from unspent fuel account lines to be used to offset cost coverages for future years and to raise and appropriate up to \$10,000 (Ten thousand dollars) to be placed in the fund to come from unspent fuel accounts fund balance; further to name the school board as agents to expend from the fund. The school board recommends/does not recommend this appropriation by a vote of 4-0. The budget committee recommends /does not recommend this appropriation by a vote of x-x. (Majority vote required.)

A. Duso MOVED to approve Article 02 Fuel Expendable Trust. D. Seymour SECONDED. VOTE: 7-2-0, MOTION PASSED.

Article 03 To Fund the Special Education Expendable Trust Fund

To see if the Hinsdale School District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum up to \$25,000 (Twenty-five thousand dollars) to be added to the Special Education expendable trust fund previously established. This sum to come from June 30, 2026, fund balance available for transfer on July 1. The school board recommends/does not recommend this appropriation by a vote of 4-0. The budget committee recommends /does not recommend this appropriation by a vote of x-x. (Majority vote required.)

A. Duso MOVED to approve Article 03 To Fund the Special Education Expendable Trust Fund. D. Nadeau SECONDED. VOTE: 9-0-0, MOTION PASSED.

Article 04 To fund the Maintenance Expendable Trust

To see if the Hinsdale School District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum up to \$25,000 (Twenty-five thousand dollars) to be added to the School Building Maintenance expendable trust fund previously established. This sum to come from June 30, 2026, fund balance available for transfer on July 1. The school board recommends/does not recommend this appropriation by a vote of 4-0. The budget committee recommends /does not recommend this appropriation by a vote of x-x. (Majority vote required.)

A. Anderson and J. Fortson shared regarding the Public Hearing tomorrow. W. Dingman, Jr. noted a savings of approximately \$125K if the proposal is approved.

A. Duso MOVED to approve Article 04 To Fund the Maintenance Expendable Trust. D. Seymour SECONDED. VOTE: 9-0-0, MOTION PASSED.

Article 05 Other Business

To transact any other business as may lawfully come before the meeting.

No action needed.

Article 06 Reports

Shall the Hinsdale School District receive the reports of its agents, auditors, committees, and officers?

No action needed.

Other Business:

There was no other business.

A. Anderson concluded the School District portion of the public hearing at 8:47 PM.

Adjournment:

K. Hemlow MOVED to adjourn the meeting at 8:47 pm. W. Dingman, Jr. SECONDED. VOTE: 4-0-0, MOTION PASSED.

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

Maria A. Webb

approved on _____