

**TOWN OF HINSDALE
School Board
MINUTES OF NONPUBLIC SESSION**

DATE: 10-8-2025

PRESENT:

April Anderson	Y
Wayne Dingman, Jr.	Y
Kendra Gardner	Y
Kaylah Hemlow	Y
Marc Sprague	N

MOTION TO ENTER NONPUBLIC SESSION MADE BY: W. Dingman, Jr.

MOTION SECONDED BY: K. Gardner

SPECIFIC EXEMPTION RELIED UPON AS A FOUNDATION FOR THE NONPUBLIC SESSION:

RSA 91-A:3 II

(a): The dismissal, promotion, or compensation of any public employee or the disciplining of such employee, or the investigation of any charges against him or her, **unless** the employee affected (1) has a right to a public meeting, and (2) requests that the meeting be open, in which case the request shall be granted.

(c): Matters which, if discussed in public, would likely affect adversely the reputation of any person, **other than a member of this board**, unless such person requests an open meeting. This exemption shall extend to include any application for assistance or tax abatement or waiver of a fee, fine or other levy, if based on inability to pay or poverty of the applicant.

(i): Consideration of matters relating to the preparation for and the carrying out of emergency functions, including training to carry out such functions, developed by local or state safety officials that are directly intended to thwart a deliberate act that is intended to result in widespread or severe damage to property or widespread injury or loss of life.

THE BOARD ENTERED INTO A NONPUBLIC SESSION AT 8:04 PM.

OTHER PERSONS PRESENT DURING THE NONPUBLIC SESSION:

Jane Fortson, Business Administrator, and Dr. David Ryan, Superintendent

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF SUBJECT MATTER DISCUSSED AND FINAL DECISIONS:

Request from Karen Thompson, Director of Academics & Career Readiness:

Dr. Ryan presented a request from Karen Thompson to change her status to part-time. Discussed the resulting programmatic changes.

Retirement Request from Mary Wissman, HES Classroom Teacher:

Mary Wissman requested to move up her retirement date to the end of this school year. Agreed to the payout in the first pay of FY27 in July 2026.

K. Gardner MOVED to approve moving Mary Wissman's retirement to the end of this school year with the one-time lump sum payout in the first pay of FY27 in July 2026. W. Dingman, Jr. SECONDED. VOTE: 4-0-0, MOTION PASSED.

Status of Open HES Classroom Teacher Position:

Dr. Ryan shared a staffing update and the plan for coverage for the open position vacated by Penny Chagnon.

Request from Brittany Howard, HMS English Teacher:

Brittany Howard requested that her child attend Kindergarten at HES next school year.

After discussion the following motions were made:

K. Hemlow MOVED to Brittany Howard's son to enroll in Kindergarten next school year with the tuition waived. K. Gardner SECONDED. VOTE: 4-0-0, MOTION PASSED.

Safety & Security Items:

Dr. Ryan discussed projects to increase security in the front offices at both schools. Will apply for the SAFE grant in November.

Request from Kate Allen, HMHS School Counselor:

Kate Allen an unpaid medical leave of absence from November 20, 2025 to January 5, 2026 as she does not qualify for FMLA right now.

K. Gardner MOVED to approve the unpaid leave request from Kate Allen. W. Dingman, Jr. SECONDED. VOTE: 4-0-0, MOTION PASSED.

Recommendation from Dr. Ryan:

Dr. Ryan recommended that the Board create a successor contract for his position to be in place by this Spring.

Retirement Letter from Patty Wallace, Director of Student Services:

Patty Wallace submitted her retirement letter, effective the end of the 2026-2027 school year.

W. Dingman, Jr. MOVED to accept Patty Wallace's retirement at the end of the 2026-2027 school year. K. Gardner SECONDED. VOTE: 4-0-0, MOTION PASSED.

MOTION TO RECONVENE THE PUBLIC SESSION MADE BY: W. Dingman, Jr.

SECONDED BY: K. Gardner

ROLL CALL VOTE:

April Anderson	Y
Wayne Dingman, Jr.	Y
Kendra Gardner	Y
Kaylah Hemlow	Y
Marc Sprague	N/A

THE BOARD RECONVENED TO PUBLIC SESSION AT 8:48 pm.

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

Maria A. Webb