

**HILLSBORO-DEERING SCHOOL BOARD**  
**PUBLIC HEARING Monday, April 15, 2019 - 6:15pm**

**Hillsboro-Deering Elementary School Cafeteria**

*The purpose of the hearing is for discussion of expenditure from the School Building Maintenance Expendable Trust Fund for replacement of water pipes in Hillsboro-Deering Elementary School.*

**MINUTES**

**In Attendance:**

**Board Members:**

Rich Pelletier

Paul Plater

Chris Bober

Kathryn McGinn

Herla Iadonisi

Student Representative - Josh

Marshall

**Administration:**

Robert Hassett, Superintendent

Lori Schmidt, Business Administrator

Patricia Parenteau, Assistant

Superintendent

Jennifer Crawford, Director of

Curriculum Instruction and Assessment

James Bailey, Facilities Director

**A. Call Meeting to Order**

Chair McGinn Called the Public Hearing to order at 6:15pm

**B. Pledge of Allegiance**

Chair McGinn led the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence. He thanked everyone for attending the meeting and stated that the meeting was being recorded and will appear on the internet.

**C. Explanation of HDES water pipe replacement costs - James Bailey**

1. 15 sinks and 3 water fountains
2. the DOE has come through with an “up to” 50% grant We can apply for
  - a. there was no timeline on the application
  - b. We do not know how competitive this grant is, or what the chances of being approved are
3. there is only are quote
  - a. No other bids or interest in the project

4. The board should ask for up to \$50,000 for the project from the emergency fund

#### **D. Public Comments and Questions**

1. Michael Pon
  - a. What is the official Name of that fund?
    - i. Maintenance expendable trust fund

#### **E. Close Public Hearing**

1. @ 6:22 pm

**HILLSBORO-DEERING SCHOOL BOARD  
REGULAR MEETING  
Monday, April 15, 2019 - immediately following public hearing  
Hillsboro-Deering Elementary School Cafeteria**

**MINUTES**

#### **A. Call Meeting to Order**

- a. Chair McGinn Called the regular meeting to order at 6:22pm

#### **B. Discussion of ConVal Lawsuit with Will Phillips from NHSBA**

1. Lawsuit from ConVal
  - a. They asked for a mandatory injunction to coincide with the April 1 distribution from the state
  - b. it is asking the state to use the state's own research and formula to provide a real number needed to provide an adequate education
  - c. the lawsuit timeline is the end of FY 19
  - d. Winchester School District has joined in the lawsuit
2. Questions
  - a. Pelletier
    - i. What are the ramifications for our district for joining?
      1. Cannot tell what the cost would be
      2. Short term - there is a possibility of money for this fiscal year
    - ii. Why wouldn't the NHSBA support this?
      1. They were not asked until after the petition was filed
      2. They are already in process of supporting bills that are similar to this lawsuit
    - iii. Will the number of districts that participate have an effect on the outcome

of this petition?

1. It wouldn't have an impact on the court decision.

b. Plater

i. What is the reasoning behind the timing?

1. Can not speculate but does know that it had a great deal to do with the April 1 state funding payment.
2. If we file for this year, will we have to file for next year too?
  - a. No, this is for this fiscal year and next fiscal year

c. Bober

i. Did Winchester submit their own petition or Join ConVal?

1. They filed to join Conval as a co-petitioner, but they have their own petition based on their own unique circumstances.

ii. Would a letter have any effect?

1. the letter would not be admissible to the case.

d. Hassett

i. What does an "Intervener" mean?

1. less direct, ask to be added to the case

ii. other school districts?

1. Have not been able to discern where the other districts are with the lawsuit at this time.

iii. Reaching Higher NH - addendum to the governor's budget presented to the House (HB 2 amendment)

1. Hillsboro Deering would get about \$2 million
2. If Conval's formula passes, Hillsboro/Deering would be looking at a significant increase in state funding

iv. Do you anticipate NHSBA taking a stand on this lawsuit?

1. Cannot speak for the board
2. Has not taken a position against the suit, but does not see why they would take a definitive stand at this time

3. Board Discussion

a. Iadonisi

- i. Does not feel comfortable jumping in without knowing the cost to us before.

b. Pelletier

- i. Feels we should absolutely join in.
- ii. Does not feel the state can be trusted to fund an adequate education

c. Bober

- i. Feels we should consider joining but wants to find out more about cost

d. Platter

- i. Would we benefit more from the current legislation in process?

- ii. Does not feel comfortable jumping in at this time

### **C. Student Report - Joshua Marshall**

- 1. HDHS
  - a. Spring Sports have started
  - b. Robotic Team Came in 14th out of 39 teams in Hartford, CT
  - c. First Spring Fling
- 2. HDES
  - a. BOGO Book Sale
  - b. Spring Play

### **D. Correspondence**

- 1. None

### **E. Recognitions**

- 1. Veronica Heightner
  - a. Running the Boston Marathon today
    - i. Raised over \$10k for Tufts Medical Center
    - ii. Finished with a time of 4 hours 44 minutes and 56 seconds

### **F. Presentations**

- 1. None

### **G. Public Comment**

- 1. Chad Costra
  - a. Issue with the HDHS
    - i. There are policies in place for students regarding bullying, but no policies in place regarding staff bullying.
      - 1. School gave their student a 3 day suspension, then added a 7 day suspension without due process.
      - 2. Feels the school board needs to investigate the HS administrative staff, in reference to several incidents mentioned in the public meeting.
- 2. Leigh Bosse
  - a. As president of the Lions Club, thank you for the use of the gym for their fundraiser. - netted around \$1,500

## **H. School Board Response to Public Comment**

- 1. None**

## **I. Board Discussion Items**

1. Public Hearing Follow-up - Expense from Maintenance Expendable Trust
  - a. Pelletier
    - i. What is the current balance?
    - ii. Does not feel comfortable voting on this without having actual numbers from Lori
    - iii. feels that if we have surplus at the end of the year, we should use that
  - b. Bober
    - i. We only have one bid?
      1. We put out to bid, have reached out but no other response.
  - c. Iadonisi
    - i. We can authorize to enter into a contract of up to \$50,000 and decide where it comes from later
  - d. Will vote to enter a contract under action items
2. Teacher/Staff Appreciation - May 6-10
  - a. We have provided lunch in the past
    - i. Taco Beyondo
3. ConVal
  - a. Iadonisi
    - i. Very concerned about the financial obligations of this lawsuit
    - ii. Feels that we would have to do a lot more research before taking action
  - b. Plater
    - i. Agrees with Hera
  - c. Pelletier
    - i. What is the harm in authorizing the Superintendent to reach out to the lawyer and find out what the cost would be.
  - d. Bober
    - i. agrees with Herla and Paul, but would like to find out more information on the Cost
  - e. McGinn
    - i. Will add it as an action item

## **J. Superintendent's Report**

1. 1. Appointments, Leaves and Resignations
  - a. See Attached sheet
2. Business Administrator's Report
  - a. Audit

- i. Has received and reviewed the audit card has sent it back for peer review
  - b. Budget Transfers
    - i. Transfer to Guidance Professional Services HS - \$24,500.00
    - ii. Transfer to Business Software - \$11,781.80
    - iii. Transfer to Special Ed. Professional Service - \$45,000.00
- 3. Last Day of school
  - a. extend to June 18 for students. and Last day for teachers be June 19

**K. Minutes** - March 18, 2019 and April 1, 2019 regular meeting minutes

- 1. March 18, 2019
  - a. Bober moved to pass the minutes of March 18 as written. McGinn seconds.
    - i. Iadonisi moved to change G. a. I, 1 to read “Served as assistant principal in Barnstead in the lower levels of the elementary school under a different structure.” Bober seconds
    - ii. Iadonisi moved to expand on A, ii “Yes” to include “Keeping him engaged” Bober seconds.
  - b. Iadonisi moved to accept the minutes of March 18 as amended. Bober seconds.  
Motion passed 5-0
- 2. April 1, 2019
  - a. Bober moved to accept the minutes from April 1 as printed. Pelletier seconds.
    - i. Plater moved to change “He” to “She” on B. Bober seconds. Motion passed 5-0
    - ii. Plater moved to add Herla’s name to the answer line of A, 4. Iadonisi seconds. Motion passed 5-0.
    - iii. Plater moved to change K. V to “27%”. Bober seconds. Motion passed 5-0
  - b. Moved to passed the minutes of April 1 as amended. Passed 5-0

**L. Public Comment**

- 1. Leigh Bosse
  - a. Congratulates the board for wanting to serve.
  - b. Has come to challenge the board to be more transparent.
    - i. Share the school’s test results with state comparisons as well as the school ratings.
    - ii. Publish them on the website and send out to the distribution lists.
  - c. The community needs to know how poorly the state views this district.
  - d. If you are not willing to set high standards and enforce them, you should resign.
  - e. You are not doing your job.
  - f. Additional comments can be heard on the recording posted on the internet.

**M. School Board Response to Public Comment**

1. Response can be heard on the recording posted on the internet.

#### **N. Action Items**

1. Expense from Maintenance Expendable Trust
  - a. Bober moved to enter into a contract to fix the flagged water pipes and sinks in the HDES not to exceed \$50,000. Pelletier seconds.
    - i. Plater moved to take the money from the expendable trust. No second.
  - b. Original motion passed 5-0
2. Appointments, Leaves and Resignations
  - a. Bober moved to accept the appointments, leaves and resignations as printed. Pelletier seconds. Motion passed 5-0
3. Budget Transfers
  - a. Plater moved to accept the Transfer to Guidance Professional Services HS \$24,500.00, the Transfer to Business Software \$11,781.80, and the Transfer to Special Ed. Professional Services \$45,000.00. Bober seconds. Motion passed 5-0
4. Motion made to authorize the superintendent to contact legal council to discuss the timeline and cost of joining the ConVal lawsuit.
  - a. Pelletier moved to amend to the superintendent to join the lawsuit on behalf of the board if the cost is less than \$25,000. McGinn seconds. Motion passed 3-2-0
5. Bober moved to make the last day of school for students June 18, 2019 and the last day for teachers June 19, 2019. Plater seconds. Motion passed 5-0

#### **R. Adjournment**

- a. Motion to adjourn made by Pelletier Second by Plater Motion passed 5-0 at 8:29 pm

Respectfully Submitted,  
Megan Fleagle

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To: Members, Hillsboro-Deering School Board  
From: Mr. Robert A. Hassett, Superintendent of Schools  
Date: April 15, 2019  
Re: Appointments, Leaves and Resignations - Teachers & Administrators

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The following resignations, leaves, and appointments of teachers have occurred since the April 1, 2019 School Board meeting:

**RESIGNATIONS:**

Emily Kotkowski – HDES Nurse, resignation effective end of 2018-19 school year  
Jacqueline Hernandez – HDSO Technology Coordinator, resignation effective 4/5/19

**LEAVES: None**

**TRANSFERS/CHANGE OF ASSIGNMENTS: None**

**APPOINTMENTS:**

Kelly Williams – HDHS Tutor, \$35.00/hour, up to 42 hours per IEP, effective 4/1/19  
Stephani Martin – HDMS Softball Coach, \$1,250 stipend, effective 3/25/19-5/21/19  
Bethany Cooper - HDMS Baseball Coach, \$1,250 stipend, effective 3/25/19-5/21/19



