

HILLSBORO-DEERING SCHOOL BOARD
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
October 26, 2015
Deering Town Hall

In Attendance:

Board Members-
Rich Pelletier, Chair
Steven Hahn
Nancy Egner
Viginia Leiby (Ginks)
Paul Plater

Administration-
Robert Hassett, Superintendent
Patricia Parenteau, Assistant Superintendent
Emily Squibb, MS Assistant Principal
Jim O'Rourke, HS Principal
Jennifer Crawford, HS Associate Principal
Carol Fogarty, Executive Assistant
Jean Mogan, Business Administrator
Marc Peterson, MS Principal
Dr. Kevin Johnson, Director of C, I and A
Glen Woods, Technology Director
James Bailey, Facilities Director

A. Call to Order

Chair Pelletier called the meeting to order at 6:20pm.

B. Pledge of Allegiance

Chair Pelletier led the Pledge of Allegiance, welcomed everyone to the meeting and made the announcement that the meeting was being recorded and may appear on the internet.

C. Recognitions

None at this time

D. Correspondence

None at this time

E. Presentations

1. Google Classroom-Dr. Kevin Johnson

A "Google Apps for Education" hand out was provided. Dr. Johnson explained the committee and the goals of the program; to get everyone on board by the beginning of the next school year. Glen added that the district is moving into a cloud environment. Teachers are ramping up very quickly, and the demand is high. Administrators can see all classrooms; parents could be allowed to view as a guest. Can a Mac also use all the apps? Yes, the Google world is not hardware dependent. There are about three from each school using Google Classroom at this point. The current demand is more than what was planned for. All teachers have a lap top. The network infrastructure and bandwidth is continuously being improved to accommodate technology growth. Students can upload their work during class, and the benefits within the classroom can stand alone. Rich asked about viruses and the hope is that any virus has been picked up before it makes it to Google drive. E-books are being discussed, but is not part of Google apps. \$7,000 is the possible cost at this point. One size does not fit all, and Google Classroom may not work for every teacher/class. Google classroom can be used as a tool to collect homework on a daily basis. The current system of grading is not being disrupted. Technology is a tool to enhance what the teacher is already doing. Only five of the many apps available are being focused on at this point. How appropriate is this for the younger grades?

Students are learning keyboarding skills, and penmanship or handwriting are locally controlled. Third grade and up are being asked to use keyboards on summative tests.

Superintendent Hassett commended Glen and his staff for keeping together the infrastructure and their flexibility. He also thanked Dr. Johnson and the committee for moving forward with this. Google apps is a tool not a one-to-one initiative.

F. Public Comment

John Segedy would like to make corrections to the minutes of October 5. He said the Board will seem like they are trying to sneak around if they avoid a bond. Taxpayers have the right to not fund a lease every year. This is not the way to gain the trust of the taxpayers. One of Dr. Johnson's jobs is to get test scores out to people. Test scores have been available for a couple of weeks, and the information should be made available.

Leigh Bosse said the state medical examiner is the guest speaker at the meeting at the Legion tomorrow night, and he welcomed anyone interested in attending.

Paul spoke on behalf of the Historical Society and said there is a section available to the schools at the old firehouse.

G. School Board Response to Public Comment

Rich said it is premature to discuss a lease or a bond at this point. The Board may decide on an RFQ to get a study done.

The DOE has instructed the administration to release the test scores on November 12th.

H. Board Discussion Items

1. Energy Improvements/Performance Contracting

James has received three RFQs, and the timeline for all three is about three months. Any money spent on an audit would be rolled into a plan. Honeywell is willing to do the energy audit at no cost, as they did one in 1996. These will be reviewed further before a decision is made.

2. High School Boiler/Tank/Pipe

The pipe is about \$50k, and the tank another \$150k. There is more involved at the high school compared to the middle school. Doing it all at once would make sense. This project cannot wait. There are three options; pipe only, pipe and tank, or pipe, tank and boiler switching to propane. The pipe needs to be done before next heating season. A performance contract would not happen until the summer of 2017. An estimate would involve an engineering report. James will gather information on an engineering report for next meeting.

3. HS Alternative Program Relocation

According to the committee there is currently space on campus, but there is not appropriate space. Paul cannot see building another structure when there are 250 less students than there were 7 years ago. Patty explained that many of these students are not able to regulate their emotions. Steve said the committee made the right decision, but the voters were not convinced. The alternative program saves the district money. There is about 3,400 square feet in Deering. The discussion continued. Rich agrees that the committee made the right decision, but the taxpayers were less than 50% in favor of it. Steve thinks, if it's the right thing to do, then it is the Board's responsibility to put it forward to the voters. Jean talked about a financing lease. The Board would like to see the comparison of lease vs. bond for the second meeting in November. The committee will go back and look at the size and have that information as well.

I. Superintendent's Report

1. Appointments, Leaves and Resignations (see addendum)

2. October 1 Enrollment

The Board is interested in seeing where students are going when they leave HD before graduation.

3. High School Football-Jim O'Rourke

The soccer program has done really well this year. Girls Soccer 16-0! There is a junior who has already scored 54 goals. The boys also made the first round of play-offs.

The NHIAA has met and sent a letter to move Hillsboro to Division II. HD has petitioned to stay in Division III. Total cost is \$14,000 which is split with Hopkinton. \$7,000 for coaches, officials and transportation. HD will move to a varsity program. Does this need to be run by the taxpayers? Rich does not feel this Board is bound by a vote made by the taxpayers seven years ago. Paul thinks the Board should get the opinion of the NHSBA or Ed Kaplan. Jim said a good relationship has been formed with Hopkinton and there is talk about other possible co-op sports. Friendships are also developing off the field as well. There is the potential of a JV team starting up. Only 15 kids are needed for a JV team. Kearsarge is the only feeder program.

4. Overnight or Outside New England Field Trip

a. HS NHSCA Fall Conference, Waterville Valley, NH 11/7-8, 2015

b. HS Costa Rica Trip, April Vacation 2017

J. Minutes-October 5, 2015

Motion to approve the minutes of October 5, 2015 made by Ginks, seconded by Nancy. Rich motioned to amend the minutes as requested by John Segedy, seconded by Steve. "such as moving the existing modulars to the place they want them in the back of the school" will be added to the first sentence in public comments. "would still need" will replace has in the second sentence. "because it isn't a lease just because it is called one, if taxpayers can't choose to not continue the lease. The items must realistically be able to be returned otherwise it is a bond no matter what you call it." will be added to the end of the third sentence. "includes a section" will replace is in the next sentence. Amendment approved 4-0-1; Paul abstained. Minutes approved as amended 4-0-1; Paul abstained.

K. Public Comment

Leigh Bosse quoted a possible headline, "The HDSB has their heads in the cloud!" He feels that students who already have access/electronics at home will have an advantage and all students should have the same access. Leigh explained how he feels the information about the alternative program has been conflicting. Appropriate has not been explained. \$2,400 per student for a field trip to Costa Rica may be too extravagant. Football has been stressed as No Cost to the Taxpayer.

John Segedy suggested moving the existing trailers. Football should be voted on, if the taxpayers are expected to pay for it.

There have been all kinds of studies already done. Money is still required to do things.

Paul does not want the kids playing football, it is too dangerous.

L. School Board Response to Public Comment

Steve appreciated the advice to define appropriate space. Steve trusts that people are doing what they have been elected to do, and he feels the Board has been and will remain transparent. The Board has a responsibility to put forward what they feel is best.

Rich agreed that the definition of appropriate space is needed, and will be provided at a future meeting. The Board has been elected to represent the public. Rich does not feel the Board

should be bound to bring every decision to the public. Football will be further discussed at the next meeting. The pilot program has not cost the taxpayers any money. He also feels the Board has been very transparent and it listens.

Steve added that the people do have confidence in the Board, and the majority supports the Board.

Superintendent Hassett stated that anything done in Google classroom will follow the same safety protocols as anything else. The football program has been extremely transparent, and there has been nothing sneaky. It was proposed as a pilot program for two years at no cost to the taxpayers. Field trips are not mandatory, and there have been many field trips to Boston, Portsmouth, Manchester, etc. Leveling the playing field in terms of technology is continuously a problem for all schools. There are many players that oversee curriculum stuff. What is appropriate space was an excellent question that will be answered in the near future.

M. Action Items

2. Appointments, Leaves and Resignations

Motion to approve made by Ginks, seconded by Nancy and approved 4-0-1; Paul abstained.

3. Overnight or Outside of New England Field Trip

a. HS NHSCA Conference, Waterville Valley, 11/7-8, 2015

Motion to approve made by Steve, seconded by Ginks and approved 5-0 Paul thanked the committee for scheduling the trip during April vacation when no class time will be lost

b. HS Costa Rica Trip, April Vacation 2017

Motion to approve made by Ginks, seconded by Nancy and approved 5-0

4. Budget Transfers

Motion to transfer \$13,500 fromSAU Apportionment to Reg Ed OOD made by Nancy, seconded bby Steve and approved 4-0-1; Paul abstained.

5. Policies requiring Board action-tabled

a. EEAA Video and Audio Recording on School Property-Revision

b. EEAE School Bus Safety Program-Revision

c. ECAF Audio and Video Surveillance on School Buses-First Reading

N. Non-Public Session (a)

Motion to go into non-public session made by Nancy, seconded by Steve.

Steve, yes; Rich, yes; Nancy, yes; Ginks, yes; Paul, yes.

O. Call Back to Order, Action Following

Motion to seal the minutes made by Paul, seconded by Nancy and approved 5-0.

Motion to authorize the Superintendent to proceed as agreed upon in non-public session made by Nancy, seconded by Paul and approved 5-0.

P. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn made by Nancy, seconded by Steve and approved 5-0 at 9:40pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Shelly Gardner, Board Secretary

Addendum

To: Members, Hillsboro-Deering School Board
From: Mr. Robert A. Hassett, Superintendent of Schools
Date: October 26, 2015

Re: Appointments, Leaves and Resignations – Teachers & Administrators

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The following resignations, leaves, and appointments of teachers have occurred since the October 5, 2015 School Board meeting:

RESIGNATIONS: None

LEAVES: None

TRANSFERS: None

APPOINTMENTS:

Eliza Tasker – HDMS Long-Term Substitute Special Education Teacher, \$173.81/day, effective 11/9/15 , NH certification in Elementary Education and General Special Education.

Clarisse Clark – HDHS Mentor, \$500 stipend, for 2015-16 school year

Gail Eaton – HDES Special Education Teacher for in-home tutoring, \$35/hr., 10 hrs./wk., effective 10/15/15-6/30/15.

Jocelyn Drew – HDMS Memory Book Advisor, \$550 stipend, for 2015-16 school year.

Tara Bell – HDMS Drama/Dance Advisor, \$1,050 stipend, for 2015-16 school year.

Brian McGinn – HDHS Varsity Golf Coach, \$1,500 stipend, effective 8/17/15-10/8/15

Susan Else – HDHS Girls Varsity Soccer Coach, \$3,100 stipend, effective 8/17/15-11/1/15