

HILLSBORO-DEERING SCHOOL BOARD
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
October 5, 2015
HDES Media Center

In Attendance:

Board Members-
Rich Pelletier, Chair
Steven Hahn
Nancy Egner
Virginia Leiby (Ginks)

Administration-
Robert Hassett, Superintendent
Patricia Parenteau, Assistant Superintendent
Jean Mogan, Business Administrator
Jim O'Rourke, HS Principal
Jennifer Crawford, HS Associate Principal
Marc Peterson, MS Principal
Emily Squibb, MS Assistant Principal
Carol Fogarty, Executive Assistant

Meredith Denu, Student Representative

A. Call to Order

Chair Pelletier called the meeting to order at 6:23pm.

B. Pledge of Allegiance

Chair Pelletier led the Pledge of Allegiance, thanked everyone for coming 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. Report on the High School Alternative Program Relocation Committee

The committee reviewed options, and recommended an alternate site from the high school. There is space in the buildings, but it is not appropriate for an alternative program. Students have expressed that they cannot be in the building with all the other students. Rich asked about the SAU space, and Patty explained the issue of sound would be a concern. The committee feels they would lose students from the program. Since 2012 there has been a 0% drop out rate; if it wasn't for the program the dropout rate would be higher. The cost of the program is about \$375,000, which includes identified students, as well as at risk students. It would cost over a million dollars to pay for these students to be sent out-of-district if the program was disbanded. The lease is up at the end of June. Jean has called and is waiting for a return call. Notice will need to be given 120 days in advance. Ginks is glad the committee came back with the decision they did. The last plan was very thoroughly researched. The Board may need to present differently, and reach more voters. Rich suggested starting a fund for this, and have the program stay in Deering while funds are accumulated. Jean would recommend a long-term lease. Jean will explore lease options, and talk with the DRA about the wording. A bond would cost more with legal and administrative fees. The district pays for the copiers in this manner.

F. Public Comment

John Segedy is in support of the program, and moving it here such as moving the existing modulars to the place they want them in the back of the school. He feels that too much would still need asked for and different ways of saving were not explored last time. Preparation for the modular is another expense that has to be considered 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. John thinks there will be legal opposition if the Board chooses to move forward with the Performance contract that was discussed at the last meeting. Policy revision JICK includes a section about audio recordings, which is illegal by NH law. A public hearing must be held to adopt the policy about recording on buses.

G. School Board Response to Public Comment

Rich explained that the Board tried to accommodate all Board members, and no decisions are being made tonight. Skyping was suggested without a reply.

H. Board Discussion Items

1. Board Self Evaluation

The Board agreed to wait until all members were present.

I. Superintendent's Report

1. Appointments, Leaves and Resignations (see addendum)

2. Engineering Report on Building Projects

James provided an outline, and explained. A timeline was reviewed. Moving forward to gather information was discussed. Rich feels this is a decision to be made when all Board members are present. James said all of the questions raised last week are answered in the outline.

3. Bus 68 Update

Jean questioned the bus company about another vehicle; additional vehicle \$43,967. It will take 6-7 months for a 4 wheel drive vehicle. Safe Way does not have another bus or driver at this time. Superintendent Hassett has not received a phone call from an interested parent, but he will try to reach out tomorrow. First Student does not use vans. It has been said that the bus is making the run and no students are getting on at this time.

J. Minutes September 28, 2015

Motion to approve the minutes of September 28, 2015 made by Nancy, seconded by Ginks. Steve motioned to amend by adding Emily Squibb, MS Assistant Principal in attendance, seconded by Ginks and approved 4-0. Minutes approved as amended 4-0.

A short break was taken at 7:30pm.

Superintendent Hassett announced a costume drive for kids.

K. Public Comment

Leigh Bosse said that Jim O'Rourke was very informative on high school class size. He feels that the district has a gold mine in Jim.

John Segedy does not think the Board should decide on an RFQ tonight. John talked about liability if the district makes an agreement with a parent driver. He suggested looking at bus routes that were suggested in the past.

L. School Board Response to Public Comment

Class size is determined primarily by student demand.

M. Action Items

1. Appointments, Leaves and Resignations

Motion to approve made by Nancy, seconded by Steve and approved 4-0.

2. Facilities Use Waiver Request – Hillsboro Heat Soccer Club, HDES Gym 10/16/15 5-9pm. Motion to approve made by Ginks, seconded by Nancy and approved 4-0.

3. Motion to authorize the Maintenance director to request an RFQ made by Steve, seconded by Nancy and approved 3-1; Rich dissented.

3. Policies Requiring Board Action

a. KDB Public's Right to Know-Recommendation to Repeal

Steve said this is in the RSA and is redundant. There is already a district policy (EH) that covers this. Motion to repeal made by Nancy, seconded by Steve and approved 4-0.

b. BEDG Minutes – First Reading

Motion to approve first reading made by Nancy, seconded by Steve. This is recommended by NHSBA. Motion approved 4-0.

c. KFA Public Conduct on School Property – Revision

Motion to approve revision made by Nancy, seconded by Ginks and approved 4-0.

d. ILBA Assessment of Educational Programs – Revision

Motion to approve revision made by Steve, seconded by Nancy and approved 4-0.

e. IHBA Programs for Pupils with Disabilities – Revision

Motion to approve revision made by Steve, seconded by Nancy. Recommended by NHSBA and statute. Motion approved 4-0.

f. ILDA Non-Educational Questionnaires Surveys and Research – First Reading

Ginks feels there should be an opt-in option, instead of an opt-out option for parents. Government institutions should not use students to get information, and Ginks is not a fan of these surveys. Nancy thinks it could be a very valuable tool. Steve feels that whatever the schools can do to get information to address problems, it should do. Meredith feels that most things on the survey are already seen in public schools and they do not pose any threat to safety. Motion to approve made by Steve, seconded by Nancy and approved 3-1; Ginks dissented.

g. JCA Change of School or Assignment – Revision

Motion to approve revision made by Steve, seconded by Nancy and approved 4-0.

h. JICK Pupil Safety and Violence Prevention - Revision

Motion to table for further review made by Steve, seconded by Nancy and approved 4-0.

The next meeting is on October 26th at the Deering Town Hall.

N. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn made by Nancy, seconded by Ginks and approved 4-0 at 8:02pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Shelly Gardner, Board Secretary

Addendum

To: Members, Hillsboro-Deering School Board
From: Mr. Robert A. Hassett, Superintendent of Schools
Date: October 5, 2015

Re: Appointments, Leaves and Resignations – Teachers & Administrators

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The following resignations, leaves, and appointments of teachers have occurred since the September 28, 2015 School Board meeting:

RESIGNATIONS: None

LEAVES: None

TRANSFERS: None

APPOINTMENTS:

Abby Diaz – HDMS Mentor, \$500 stipend, for 2015-16 school year