

HILLSBORO-DEERING SCHOOL BOARD
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
November 2, 2015
HDES Media Center

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In Attendance:

Board Members-

Rich Pelletier, Chair

Steven Hahn

Nancy Egnor

Viginia Leiby (Ginks)

Paul Plater

Administration-

Robert Hassett, Superintendent

Patricia Parenteau, Assistant Superintendent

Jean Mogan, Business Administrator

Jim O'Rourke, HS Principal

Jennifer Crawford, HS Associate Principal

Carol Fogarty, Executive Assistant

Meredith Denu, Student Representative

A. Call to Order

Chair Pelletier called the meeting to order at 6:16pm.

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

Jim O'Rourke announced that both boys and girls soccer teams have made it to the finals, and this is the first time this has happened. Both teams won with penalty kicks in double overtime. The Girls play at 6 at Laconia High School, and the Boys play Wednesday at 6 at Laconia High School. Buses for fans will be available.

Peyton Walker is being nominated for Hometown Hero, Thursday at 6pm. Thomas Ferguson has really stepped up as goal tender.

Mr. O'Rourke dressed as Cruella De'ville for Halloween, and the teachers dressed as dalmations.

D. Correspondence

None

E. Public Comment

John Segedy would like to see some data of academic improvement after two years of football. John referred to transcripts from Board meeting recording from April of 2014 when Jim said after two years it would go to the taxpayers for a vote. Winnisquam went 13 years without any funding from the taxpayers. John mentioned some comments Steve had made about transparency, and Rich's comments about timing. In 2011 "taxpayers did not vote against football, they voted against having to pay for it." John also talked about injuries.

F. School Board Response to Public Comment

Rich said football is not on the agenda, the Board is still waiting for a response from Attorney Christina.

G. Board Discussion Items

Approved 11-16-17

1. Energy Improvements/Performance Contracting and High School Boiler/Tank/Pipe
James reported that the state is aware that an extension is needed for the pipe. The boiler and everything associated will probably cost about \$650,000. \$750,000 or more for updating the heating system in the elementary school. The current energy budget is about \$530,000. Performance contracting may save about 30%. This is a way to improve the buildings without raising the tax rate. Maintenance costs were estimated at \$30-\$40k. Nancy asked how much the contract supplier would get, and James said it was a percentage of the project. Rich asked when they would get their percentage, James said at the end of the project. Paul asked about the past Honeywell project and James explained the approximate \$380,000 work done 20 years ago. The Board can approve this project, because the taxpayers are not being asked for any money. The project is being completed in year one, and then is paid for over time. A warrant article may put HD in the hole for another year, if it is voted down. Rich discussed putting forward a warrant article to ask for taxpayer approval. Steve suggested a public hearing. Paul asked about terminating the contract. James said it is possible. The state allows performance contracting up to 20 years. Ed Kaplan will be asked for clarification if the Board decides to go forward. Nancy asked for the possible pitfalls. Ginks noted the savings on maintenance costs, and time saved on maintenance issues. James said some schools have had problems with support after the project. Service is an important aspect to consider. Rich asked how would the Board know what is a competitive price. James explained the competitive bidding that takes place. Paul asked about ACCESS and Jean explained they perform a different service. James recommends Siemens and provided a letter of intent. Siemens is committed to looking deeper at issues, and they have the best reputation for service afterward. A public hearing would probably take place after the Board workshop. The Board needs to consider approving the letter of intent for the audit. Public hearing vs. Warrant Article. Ginks and Steve would like to vote on this tonight. There is no commitment to go beyond the \$25,000 audit costs. Paul thinks it will be perceived as being rushed through if it is voted on tonight. Ginks said that this has been discussed at least three times, is not being rushed through and she would like a public hearing after the audit is received. Nancy agreed. Steve would like to move beyond reacting to one crisis after another. Approving this tonight keeps the option of a warrant article available.

2. Policy sub-committee review of policies requiring action

- a. EEAA Video and Audio Recording on School Property
- b. EEAE School Bus Safety Program-Revision
- c. ECAF Audio and Video Surveillance on School Buses-First Reading
- d. BEDG Minutes-Second Reading

This is a new policy that came from NHSBA and states the minimum requirements for meeting minutes.

- e. ILDA Non-educational Questionnaires, Surveys, and Research-Second Reading

Paul thinks getting written consent from parents rather than having them opt out is a good idea. Ginks asked if there were any grant opportunities attached to surveys. Title 1 requires information for funding. The purpose of surveys was discussed. Ginks is not convinced that there isn't anything new learned from these surveys. Patty said that surveys may help professionals be proactive in educating students and families and in providing services. Ginks is concerned about educating students about their rights as a citizen, there is an eroding of student understanding of their rights. The Youth Risk Behavior Survey results will be presented to the Board when it takes place next year.

A short break was taken.

H. Superintendent's Report

1. Appointments, Leaves and Resignations (see addendum)

2. Out of District Costs-Patricia Parenteau

There are additional out-of-district costs, families moving in and students placed in foster care. \$262,000 more than what was budgeted, but that may change daily. There is \$254,000 in the trust. Last year's increase was about \$500k. Next year's increase is \$473,000. Total for next year's budget is \$1,460,000 as of today. Catastrophic aid is about 30%. Last year's medicaid reimbursement was \$200,000.

3. FY 17 Budget Timeline

Timeline provided by Jean and reviewed.

I. Minutes-October 26, 2015

Motion to approve the minutes of October 26, 2015 made by Nancy, seconded by Steve. Paul motioned to amend M, 3, b "Paul thanked the committee for scheduling the trip during April vacation when no class time will be lost." will be added to the end of the sentence. Seconded by Steve and approved 5-0. Paul motioned to amend K, adding "per student" after \$2,400, seconded by Nancy and approved 5-0. Approved as amended 5-0.

J. Public Comment

Rich asked that football comments, and "appropriate" be saved until the next meeting when they will be discussed.

John Segedy asked that the Board packets be made available on the web site prior to the meeting, and anything handed out during the meeting be added. He suggested sending home permission slips to parents when students will be asked to take surveys.

John felt the Board is rushing the Performance Contract, to take advantage of the cost savings from the middle school. The taxpayers should be seeing that money. The performance contract is a loan, a bond and shouldn't be called anything else.

Leigh Bosse apologized if his tone at the last meeting was accusatory or confrontational. On surveys, if it has nothing to do with academics it has no benefit. He feels that if it's anonymous it is useless. HDSB does not utilize non-academic questionnaires is Leigh's suggestion for a policy.

K. School Board Response to Public Comment

Rich said savings being guaranteed is not a guarantee in dollars but a decrease in BTUs. The Board's decision to get an audit does not warrant a public hearing.

L. Action Items

1. Appointments, Leaves and Resignations (see addendum)

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

2. Budget Timeline

Motion to approve the budget timeline made by Paul, seconded by Steve and approved 5-0.

3. Policies requiring Board action

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

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

b. EEAE School Bus Safety Program-Revision

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

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

Motion to approve made by Steve, seconded by Paul and approved 5-0.

d. BEDG Minutes-Second Reading

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

e. ILDA Non-educational Questionnaires, Surveys, and Research-Second Reading

Motion to approve made by Steve, seconded by Ginks. Ginks motioned to amend "up until and including the age of 16, parents opt in" seconded by Paul. Amendment fails 2-3; Nancy, Steve and Rich voted against. Paul motioned to amend that parents have to sign a permission slip, seconded by Ginks. Amendment failed 2-3; Rich, Nancy and Steve voted against.

Vote on second reading fails 2-3; Paul, Ginks and Rich voted against.

4. Letter of Intent for Audit

Motion to approve the district coming into an agreement with Siemens for an energy audit per the attached agreement made by Ginks, seconded by Nancy and approved 4-0-1; Paul abstained. (see amendment 2)

M. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn made by Nancy, seconded by Steve and approved 5-0 at 8:47pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Shelly Gardner, Board Secretary

Addendum

To: Members, HDSB

From: Superintendent Hassett

Date: November 2, 2015

Re: Appointments, Leaves and Resignations-Teachers and Administrators

The following resignations, leaves and appointments of teachers have occurred since the October 26, 2015 School Board meeting.

Resignations: None

Leaves: None

Transfers: None

Appointments:

Melanie McCoy-HDES Co-Yearbook Advisor, \$300 stipend for 2015-16 school year.

Mollie Mark-HDES Co-Yearbook Advisor, \$300 stipend for 2015-16 school year.