

HILLSBORO-DEERING SCHOOL BOARD
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
December 7, 2015
HDES Media Center

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In Attendance:

Board Members-

Rich Pelletier, Chair

Steven Hahn

Nancy Egnor

Virginia 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

Marc Peterson, MS Principal

Carol Fogarty, Executive Assistant

Mark Campbell, ES Principal

Meredith Denu, Student Representative

A. Call to Order

Chair Pelletier called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm.

B. Pledge of Allegiance

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

C. Recognitions

Mark Campbell is sending 6 teams from the elementary school to the Lego Competition.

D. Correspondence

1. NEASC Letter

The high school received 21 commendations from NEASC. Jim O'Rourke pointed out that only three years ago, the high school was on warning. The Board congratulated the staff at the high school.

E. Presentations

None at this time.

F. Public Comment

John Segedy said the fuel amount didn't look right, prices have been down and the boilers were supposed to save money also.

G. School Board Response to Public Comment

H. Board Discussion Items

1. Budget Discussion

Budget slides were reviewed. Steve asked if any of the proposed cuts had an effect on the default budget, and Jean answered no. James was asked about budgeted oil amounts. Less will be spent this year, and money was already cut to adjust for propane. Jean explained the

long term contract commitment. HD could probably commit to a new contract in the early spring. The out-of-district costs are the same in the default budget and the proposed budget. Paul asked about health insurance costs. The guaranteed maximum rate projected a more than 10% increase. Health trust is tighter on their rate projections.

2. Possible Warrant Articles

Rich suggested:

1. Alternative School
2. Special Education Trust
3. Maintenance Trust (Rich suggested giving \$100,00 back to the taxpayers)

Steve suggested putting some in the special education trust.

4. Paving Trust Fund

James said there are more needs than just paving the parking lots. A trust for maintenance upgrades may be a better way to go. Rich explained the taxpayers want specific funds earmarked for one thing.

5. Roofing

- 6 Facilities Energy Performance Contract

7. RSA 198:4-B School Fund Balance Retention allows 2.5% net assessment. Rich said last year \$1.1 million dollars were returned. This would take away from any amount returned.

There are guaranteed savings if the alt school should pass. If it passes can the budget be reduced by the projected savings? Jean doesn't think the timing will work. One warrant article can't be contingent on another warrant article passing. Ginks suggested a budget transfer of money saved from less FTEs. Jean will check with the DRA.

The Energy Performance Contract may be an issue. The timeline states the information will be available January 4th. Rich suggested changing the meeting to January 11th to allow time for reading the report. Postings must be 7 days before the public hearing. The meeting will stay on the 4th, and another will be called if necessary.

Paul suggested a warrant article for football.

If the money in the Emergency fund had been used for the boilers, the tax rate would have only gone up 6%, instead of 10%.

Tax implications need to be thought of when considering budget numbers and warrant articles.

I. Superintendent's Report

1. Appointments, Leaves and Resignations (see addendum)

Paul asked what the after school programs were. Mitch Silverman is doing a mountain biking program.

2. Explanation of FY15 Surplus

Jean explained the MS 24, and the expenditure savings. The 10.9% health insurance increase is over the actual amount this year. Paul asked what account the \$100,811 came from and Jean said 25. Rich asked when Jean first realized the savings, and she said probably in May. Jean will duplicate the Analysis of FY Fund Balance report in May, so the Board will know in advance.

J. Minutes- November 16, 2015 Meeting and Public Hearing

Motion to approve the minutes of the November 16th Public Hearing made by Ginks, seconded by Steve and approved 5-0.

Motion to approve the minutes of the November 16th meeting made by Nancy, seconded by Ginks and approved 5-0.

K. Public Comment

Leigh Bosse asked about the maintenance numbers. Leigh also suggested having a general maintenance fund, and Rich explained the taxpayers seem to want specific funds. Leigh also said that the taxpayers don't see any money when it is returned. Rich explained how a return affects the tax rate.

He also asked, "Where is football?"

Superintendent Hassett explained that football is included in the athletic budget.

Leigh added that it is a lie when the Board said it would come back to the taxpayers to ask for any money needed for football.

John Segedy again explained the transcript on the football conversation from April 29, 2014. The default budget is not correct if it doesn't include contracted amounts. The default budget is artificial. The Maintenance Emergency fund is to cover emergencies and the maintenance budget should go down by a large amount of money. John suggested wording similar to: "of which, \$75,000 will be taken out of the operating budget and the rest to be raised." There would be no timeline issue if the existing modular were moved to house the alternative program.

L. School Board Response to Public Comment

NEASC recommended the temporary classrooms be removed.

M. Action Items

1. Appointments, Leaves and Resignations (see addendum)

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

2. HD Federation of Teachers Tentative Agreement

Motion to approve made by Nancy, seconded by Steve, and approved 3-0-2; Paul and Rich abstained.

3. Policies Requiring Board Action

- a. BEDG Minutes-Final Approval

Motion to approve made by Ginks, seconded by Nancy. Paul suggested having the papers that are referenced in meetings housed somewhere. Rich said that necessary documents are requested to be attached to the minutes when needed. This policy does not preclude the Board from asking. Motion approved 5-0.

- b. ILDA Non-Educational Questionnaires, Surveys and Research-Second Reading

Motion to approve made by 2-3; Ginks, Paul and Rich voted against, motion failed.

Paul asked if the SATs were free, who pays for it. Superintendent Hassett said the state is paying for it, and it does not include the writing portion. He also asked if Rebecca Crawford should be getting overtime for bus monitor. Patty explained that the bus monitor takes effect after her long term sub position ends.

N. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn made by Ginks, seconded by Steve and approved 5-0 at 8:39pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Shelly Gardner, Board Secretary

Addendum

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

Date: December 7, 2015

Re: Appointments, Leaves and Resignations – Teachers & Administrators

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The following resignations, leaves, and appointments of teachers have occurred since the November 16, 2015 School Board meeting:

RESIGNATIONS: None

LEAVES: None

TRANSFERS: None

APPOINTMENTS:

Mitchell Silverman-HDMS KIG Afterschool Program Instructor, \$35/hr, 2.4 hours/week,
effective 1/15/16-6/6/16