

HILLSBORO-DEERING SCHOOL BOARD SPECIAL MEETING

Wednesday, April 14, 2021 – 7:00pm

Virtual Location:

<https://zoom.us/j/99581737697?pwd=O2R2O1NJNEV4WDdpTDY5S1lTXJJZz09>

Meeting ID: 995 8173 7697

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The mission of the Hillsboro-Deering School Board is to articulate and develop the educational goals of the community and to allocate community resources effectively and responsibly. It strives to create with educational professionals, a dynamic learning environment in which all students are inspired to realize their individual potential, learn critical academic skills, develop intellectual curiosity and moral courage, and prepare to be active citizens.

MINUTES

In Attendance:

Board Members:

Herla Iadonisi
Chris Bober
Jessica Morris
Paul Plater
Heidi Welch

Administration:

Patricia Parenteau, Superintendent
Jennifer Crawford, Director of Curriculum
Instruction and Assessment
Mary Henry, Business Administrator
Stacey Vazquez, Director of Student Support
Services
Jeni Laliberte, Lower HDES Principal
Donna Furlong, Upper HDES Principal
Jim O'Rourke, HS Principal
Marc Peterson, MS Principal

A. Call Meeting to Order – Compliance Statement

1. Chair Iadonisi called the Meeting to order at 7:00pm
2. As Chair of the Hillsboro-Deering School Board, I find that due to the State of Emergency declared by the Governor as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic and in accordance with the Governor's Emergency Order #12 pursuant to Executive Order 2020-04, this public body is authorized to meet electronically.

Please note that there is no physical location to observe and listen contemporaneously to this meeting, which was authorized pursuant to the Governor's Emergency Order. However, in accordance with the Emergency Order, I am confirming that we are:

1. Providing public access to the meeting by telephone, with additional access possibilities by video or other electronic means:
 - a. We are utilizing Zoom for this electronic meeting.

- b. ability to communicate contemporaneously during this meeting through this platform, and the public has access to contemporaneously listen and, if necessary, participate in this meeting through dialing the following phone # 888 475 4499 and Meeting ID: 973 9662 4282, or by clicking on the following website address:
<https://zoom.us/j/99581737697?pwd=Q2R2Q1NJNEV4WDdpTDY5S1IxTXJJZz09>
 - c. Meeting ID: 995 8173 7697
 - d. Passcode: 559742
- 2. Providing public notice of the necessary information for accessing the meeting:
 - a. We previously gave notice to the public of the necessary information for accessing the meeting, including how to access the meeting using Zoom or telephonically. Instructions have also been provided on the website of the Hillsboro-Deering School Board at: <https://www.hdsd.org/>
- 3. Providing a mechanism for the public to alert the public body during the meeting if there are problems with access:
 - a. If anybody has a problem, please call Carol Fogarty or email at: cfogarty@hdsd.org.
- 4. Adjourning the meeting if the public is unable to access the meeting:
 - a. In the event the public is unable to access the meeting, the meeting will be adjourned and rescheduled.

Please note that all votes that are taken during this meeting shall be done by roll call vote.

Roll call attendance - each member states their presence, please also state whether there is anyone in the room with you during this meeting, which is required under the Right-to-Know law.

i. Roll

- 1. Herla Iadonisi - Present
- 2. Chris Bober - Present
- 3. Jessica Morris - Present
- 4. Paul Plater - Present
- 5. Heidi Welch - Present

B. Pledge of Allegiance and Moment of Silence

- 1. Chair Iadonisi led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence.

C. April 19th Return to School 5 days per week

- 1. Governor's Emergency order 89
 - a. All schools need to offer in-person learning 5 days a week as of 4/19/21

1. The schools can offer remote learning if they would like to continue to do so.
 - a. Would like the Board to vote to continue to allow the school to continue to offer remote learning.
 - i. Will allow students to continue learning when they have to quarantine
 - b. There will be days we will not be able to offer in-person learning
 - i. Lack of staff - No subs
 - ii. Lack of Bus drivers - no subs
- b. The High school has requested a waiver to push the deadline back for the HS
 1. This waiver was not honored.
 2. Would like the Board to allow the schools to have 2 hour early release each Wednesday for the remainder of the school year.
 - a. Will allow the schools to meet the needs of the students and still meet the hours requirements.

D. Public Comment

1. None

E. School Board Response to Public Comment

1. None

F. Action Items

1. Bober moved to continue with the remote option for the remainder of the school year in addition to the in person learning 5 days a week. Morris seconds.
 - a. Discussion
 1. Welch
 - a. Wants to make sure that the teachers are fully supported when teaching both in person students and remote students at the same time.
 2. Morris moved to continue the remote learning option as it has been in place for the current school year. Iadonisi seconds. Motion passed 5-0
 - a. Roll Vote
 - i. Herla Iadonisi - Yes
 - ii. Chris Bober - Yes
 - iii. Jessica Morris - Yes
 - iv. Paul Plater - Yes
 - v. Heidi Welch - Yes
2. Iadonisi moved to approve a 2 hour early dismissal each Wednesday for the remainder of the school year beginning April 21, 2021. Morris seconds. Motion passed 5-0
 - a. Roll Vote
 1. Herla Iadonisi - Yes
 2. Chris Bober - Yes

3. Jessica Morris - Yes
4. Paul Plater - Yes
5. Heidi Welch - Yes

G. Adjournment

1. Plater moved to adjourn the meeting. Iadonisi seconds. Motion passed 5-0 @ 7:26pm
2. Roll Vote
 - a. Herla Iadonisi - Yes
 - b. Chris Bober - Yes
 - c. Jessica Morris - Yes
 - d. Paul Plater - Yes
 - e. Heidi Welch - Yes

Respectfully submitted,
Megan Fleagle