

**HUDSON SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**Hudson School Board Meeting**  
**January 4, 2010**  
**Approved Minutes**

Present        Mr. Gary Rodgers, Chairman  
                  Mr. Lee Lavoie, Vice Chairman  
                  Mr. Richard Nolan  
                  Mrs. Laura Bisson  
                  Mrs. Patty Langlais  
                  Ms. Mary Ellen Ormond, Asst. Superintendent  
                  Dr. Irene Sousa, Director of Special Services  
                  Mr. Normand Sanborn, Business Administrator

- A.        **Call to Order:** Mr. Gary Rodgers, Board Chairman, called the meeting to order and led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance at 5:00 pm.  
                  Ms. Ormond is filling in for Superintendent Bell.

**Non-Public Session:**

*Mr. Nolan moved to enter Non-Public session at 5:04 pm under RSA91-A: 3I (C) second by Mrs. Langlais.*

*Chairman called for a roll call vote.*

*Mr. Nolan-yes, Mr. Lavoie-yes, Mrs. Langlais –yes, Mr. Rodgers -yes Motion passes 4-0, Enter Non-Public at 5:04.*

Mrs. Bisson arrived shortly after entering non-public.

Reconvene at 5:51 pm.

- B.        **Public Input**  
                  There was no public input.

- C.        **Requests of the Board**  
**Music Trip** – Mr. Lane addressed the board. No formal request has been made as of yet. Alvirne makes this trip once every four years; it will take place during April vacation. Cost is \$1,350 per student, students have been fundraising however some families have multiple students attending this trip. In addition to the band students, 20 chorus students are also going on this trip. Mr. Lane has asked permission to request an endowment from the Alvirne Trustees in the amount of \$25,000. This will help offset the cost of the trip; the band has never

asked the trustees for financial assistance before. The board discussed whether this was an appropriate request, the trustees have helped other groups out in the past.

*Mrs. Bisson moved to approve the music trip to Disney during April vacation second by Mrs. Langlais. Motion passes 5-0.*

Joey Currato, sophomore at Alvirne recently participated in the polar plunge into the Boston Harbor and raised \$71,000 for Camp Sunshine.  
Kudos for his efforts.

Dept. of Agriculture has named Alvirne the title "Farm of Distinction, 2010".  
Thanks to Lori and Emery for all of their efforts. Ceremony will take place on Feb. 5.

**D. Presentations to the Board**

There were no presentations to the board.

**E. Reports to the Board**

**Superintendent's Report**

Reported by Ms. Ormond.

Have named three new task forces:

- Drop Out Task Force (co-chair Irene and Laura)
- Facilities Task Force (co-chair Norm and Bernie Manor)
- Post secondary Task Force (not developed yet)

Race to the Top – Federal grant, the NH Education Commissioner Barry has requested Hudson School District apply for this grant.

The board discussed the wording of this grant and must pay close attention to the details prior to accepting this grant if it is awarded to Hudson. What are the penalties and responsibilities if grant is accepted? Teachers could potentially receive rewards for well-performing students. The state has recently reworked the wording of this grant.

Business Administrator report - Many trees need to be examined at the Alvirne Chapel as well as Hills House. Will be meeting at 10:15 tomorrow to discuss the situation would like to incorporate removal or trimming with the forestry program.

The AHS farm needs a new truck because the others are not road worthy. The school would like to make a request to the Alvirne Trustees.

The district has received a request to allow a wireless internet tower to be placed on Alvirne property out of sight by the water tower. The company will be at the next meeting for a presentation.

**F. Committee Reports**

Budget Committee – Mr. Nolan addressed the board.

Warrant Article A will reduce the operating budget by \$108,000

Warrant Article C Administrator’s contract/pay scale. Voted down

Warrant Article D Paraprofessional and Related Personnel Accepted.

Warrant Article E Non Union 4 year contract defeated, however a straw poll showed support for a two year contract. Zero money in the first year and \$18,703 for year two.

***Mr. Nolan moved to accept the new warrant E as presented tonight second by Mr. Lavoie. Motion passes 5-0.***

Public hearing is scheduled for Next Wednesday and Thursday.

**G. Correspondence**

Financial Report for November

Mr. Sanborn addressed the board.

These fund transfers will be a wash when December financials come out.

Ms. Ormond addressed the board regarding Impact Fees - \$70,000 available. Mr. Sanborn will send out a letter directed by the school board to request these fees.

Letter of Resignation – Kimberly Labranch

Gave a 21 day notice Jan. 8 last day. Ms. Ormond requested the board not accept this resignation.

***Mrs. Bisson moved to not accept the resignation of Kimberly Labranch second by Mr. Nolan. Motion passes 5-0 (not accepted)***

**H. Recommended Action**

1. Manifests - Recommended Action:

Manifests are available to be signed.

2. Transfer #27 – 2<sup>nd</sup> reading School board holding fund

***Mr. Nolan moved to approve SB #27 at a cost of \$374,682 as presented second by Mrs. Langlais. Motion passes 5-0.***

3. Transfer #28 - Paraprofessional Retirement Service years

***Mr. Nolan moved to approve SB #28 as presented and waive the second reading at a cost of \$10,100, second by Mrs. Langlais. Motion passes 5-0.***

**I Old Business**

Health Insurance Reduction

*Mrs. Bisson moved to accept the health care deduction of \$108,005 second by Mr. Nolan. Motion passes 5-0.*

Budget Review

*Mr. Nolan moved to accept the operating budget \$42,881,885 or if defeated the default budget of \$42,866,010 second by Mrs. Bisson. Motion passes 5-0.*

Revenue Budget

*Mr. Nolan moved to accept revenues as presented second by Mrs. Langlais. Motion passes 5-0.*

Motor Vehicle Seat Belt use Policy – 2<sup>nd</sup> reading

*Mr. Nolan moved to accept seat belt policy as presented second by Mrs. Langlais. Motion passes 5-0.*

**J. New Business**

Music Trip Request

*Mrs. Langlais moved to forward \$25,000 endowment request to the Alvirne Trustees to help with Disney costs, second by Mrs. Bisson. Motion passes 5-0.*

Hills Garrison Staffing request

Eileen Beals is retiring, request that Janice martin pick up the hours and become full-time.

*Mr. Nolan moved to accept the request for Janice Martin receives the extra hours from Eileen Beals and become full-time, second by Mr. Lavoie. Motion passes 5-0.*

Thanks to Eileen.

Next board meeting is scheduled for January 18 (Martin Luther King Day) will be deferred to January 25.

**K. Board Member Comments:**

Mrs. Bisson – Happy New Years

Mrs. Langlais – No comments

Mr. Lavoie – Good Job Joey/Happy New Years

Mr. Nolan – No comments

Mr. Rodgers – Happy New Years

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**M. Adjourn:**

Mr. Nolan moved to adjourn at 7:00 pm second by Mrs. Bisson.  
Motion passes 5-0.

Meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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