

HUDSON SCHOOL DISTRICT

Hudson School Board Meeting January 9, 2006 Accepted Minutes

Present: Mr. David Alukonis, Chairman
Mr. Lars Christiansen
Mr. David Bouchard
Mr. Richard Nolan
Mr. Gary Rodgers
Mr. Randy Bell, Superintendent
Mr. Normand Sanborn, Business Administrator
Dr. Irene Sousa, Director of Special Services
Ms. Mary Ellen Ormond, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum
Brandon Mansur, Student Rep.

- A. **Call to Order:** Mr. David Alukonis, Board Chairman, called the meeting to order and led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance at 6:30 pm.
- B. **Public Input**
There was no public input.
- C. **Requests of the Board**
There were no requests of the board.
- D. **Presentations to the Board**
There were no presentations to the board.
- E. **Reports to the Board**
School Reports: For information only. The board noted that there has been a lot of giving throughout the entire school district. Thanks to the community for getting involved.

F. **Committee Report:**

Budget Committee Update

Public hearing for the *Town* is scheduled for 1-11-06, 7:30 pm at Hudson Community Center.

Public hearing for the *School District* is scheduled for 1-12-06, 7:30 pm at Hudson Community Center.

The current proposed operating budget stands now at \$37,489,301, reductions of \$38,247. There is a complete listing of all reductions, which shows which schools are affected and what line items have been reduced. Contracted Services have been reduced this will be done by the town. There was a motion by Charlie Schweiss to reallocate money to the library book fund. Reduction in boiler repair maintenance.

Energy Expandable Trust-This item failed to get the budget committee approval. (Tie vote).

Policy Committee Minutes for information only (12-22-05).

G. **Correspondence:**

Letter to Board of Selectman

Accepting the town's offer of power sweeping our school parking lots in the Spring.

School Enrollments for December 2005

For information only. Enrollment numbers for tuition students at the Career and Technical Center are not included in this document, Mr. Bell will add it.

Elementary Class sizes for December 2005

For information only.

H. **Recommended Action**

1. Business Affairs - Minutes - Recommended Action:

8/1/05 Amended Minutes (Custodial Contract)

Mr. Rodgers moved to accept the amended minutes of 8/1/05 as presented, second by Mr. Nolan. Motion passes 5-0.

12/19/05 Draft minutes

Mr. Nolan moved to accept the draft minutes of 12/19/05 as presented, second by Mr. Rodgers. Motion passes 5-0.

2. Manifests - Recommended Action:

Manifests are available to be signed.

I. Old Business

Policies (2nd Reading)

a. Access to Public School Programs by Nonpublic or Home Educated Pupils – 3.4(h)

Mr. Nolan moved to accept Policy 3.4(h) for use by the Hudson School District, second by Mr. Rodgers. Motion passes 5-0.

b. Section 504-Rights of Students with Disabilities – 3.4(l)

Mr. Nolan moved to accept Policy 3.4(l) for use by the Hudson School District, second by Mr. Rodgers. Motion passes 5-0.

Mr. Nolan stated that this is a very complicated procedure manual.

Response to Life Safety/Fire Prevention Inspections

No action needed. Corrective actions taken.

Setting Goals Meeting Date

This meeting was originally scheduled for Martin Luther King Day and will be rescheduled to the next school board meeting on January 23. One to two hours will be set aside for goal setting session.

Budget Review and Votes

Warrant A is now \$37,489,301.00 which shows a reduction of \$38,247 in the School Board's original budget.

Mr. Nolan moved to accept the budget changes as made by the Budget Committee, second by Mr. Bouchard. Motion passes 5-0.

Warrant G – this was discussed at great length. Mr. Rodgers asked if the number was lowered would it have a better chance. Mr. Bell stated it may.

Mr. Nolan stated he felt the board must be prepared for a potential increase in costs.

Mr. Alukonis stated that Unitil have projected a 60% increase.

Mr. Bouchard stated that there surplus has not been very high recently don't want to "mis-budget"

Currently the Energy trust warrant article is for \$200,000.

Amendment motion, change to Article G:

Mr. Nolan moved to lower the Energy Trust to \$100,000, to be used in case of an emergency, second by Mr. Bouchard. Motion passes 5-0.

Vocational Study

Cost is \$26,500. This study will take 4-5 months, we must prepare for students future.

Mr. Christiansen is opposed to a study. He passed out information to other school board members why he feels this study is not necessary.

This was discussed at great length. Mr. Bouchard will not vote for this based on how the motion is written currently. Although Mr. Alukonis disagreed with him, stating that is exactly what the district needs-help on where to go from here, how

to better run the farm etc. We need an outline which will focus on what we are looking for specifically. Mr. Bell agrees with Mr. Bouchard's idea of a more specific outline motion. This is a very important undertaking. Mr. Nolan is also in favor of a more specific outline. Need a sponsor to protect the interest of the school district. Mr. Christiansen stated we should be looking at it ourselves, Mr. Alukonis felt we don't have the manpower to do it ourselves. Mr. Nolan asked Mr. Bell for a list of deliverables, a time line with specifics. Mr. Alukonis conducted a straw poll: Mr. Bouchard, Mr. Nolan, Mr. Rodgers, Mr. Alukonis in favor of Mr. Bell coming back with a list of specifics, timeline and deliverables, Mr. Christiansen opposed (4-1).

SAU Study

Mr. Rodgers moved to approve a study of the School Administration Unit 81 Central Office, for the purpose of analysis of services provided and personnel organization, and, further, to hire Dr. Paul Ezen to direct the study, at a cost not to exceed \$7,800, pending the receipt and approval of the appropriate criteria, second by Mr. Nolan. Motion passes 5-0.

The purpose of this study the efficiency of the office. Are we effective enough, are people satisfied with what we do here.

Mr. Nolan felt we would more likely get reliable answers if given to an outside person.

The Board agreed to go forward but want to know what the actual dynamics are. A complete list will come to the board at the Feb. 6 meeting.

Mr. Bouchard asked where the money for both studies is coming from. Mr. Bell stated it will come out of savings in salaries and savings in benefits.

J. New Business

Policy (1st reading)

- Substitute Professional Staff Employment – 3.1(n)
Policy Committee will meet on Thursday, please E-mail any questions to Mr. Nolan prior to that.

RFQ – Performance Contract

Mr. Sanborn addressed the board. This RFQ will be released on January 10 and will be due back by January 27. It will come back to the board the first meeting in February. He feels there will be three serious bidders. Mr. Rodgers asked if the Hills House should be included under buildings. Mr. Bell said "Yes" but it would not be eligible for reimbursements. Could be done as an addendum.

Mr. Nolan moved to approve the RFQ to be sent out to contractors, second by Mr. Bouchard. Motion passes 5-0.

Tutoring Costs – 04/05-05/06

These figures have been provided to answer all prior questions.
Mr. Bouchard stated that after re-reading prior school board minutes he still feels That a tutoring policy *is* necessary. Currently the district is very inconsistent regarding pay rates (example-summer school each teacher/para get their current rate of pay).

Mr. Bell announced that George Bailey is moving on, his successor will be John Pratte. Transition is upcoming.

K. Board Member Comments:

Mr. Rodgers: No comments
Mr. Mansur: Hope all had a nice New Year.
Mr. Bouchard: No comments
Mr. Nolan: No comments
Mr. Christiansen: Congrats to acceptance to military academy Brandon.
Mr. Alukonis: Congrats to Brandon.

L. Follow-up Items

* Status List- this list was handed out to board members this evening to review.

M. Non-Public Session:

Mr. Rodgers moved to enter Non-Public session at 8:21 pm under RSA91-A:

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(A), (C) second by Mr. Nolan...

Chairman called for a roll call vote.

Mr. Christiansen-yes, Mr. Nolan- yes, Mr. Bouchard-yes, Mr. Rodgers-yes

Mr. Alukonis-no

Motion passes 4-1.

Mr. Nolan moved, and Mr. Rodgers seconded, to exit non-public session and adjourn the meeting. Mr. Bouchard, yes; Mr. Christiansen, yes; Mr. Nolan, yes; Mr. Rodgers, yes; Mr. Alukonis, yes.

N. Adjourn:

Meeting adjourned at 9:04 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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