

HUDSON SCHOOL DISTRICT

Hudson School Board Meeting

January 22, 2007

Accepted Minutes

Present: Mr. Gary Rodgers, Vice Chair
Mr. Richard Nolan
Mr. Randy Bell, Superintendent
Ms. Mary Ellen Ormond, Asst. Superintendent for curriculum
Mr. Normand Sanborn, Business Administrator
Dr. Irene Sousa, Director of Special Services
Ms. Laura Gould, Student Rep.

- A. **Call to Order**: Mr. Gary Rodgers, Board Vice Chairman, called the meeting to order and led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance at 6:41 pm. This will be an informal meeting due to a lack of a quorum, the Board will not vote on any agenda items.
- B. **Public Input**
There was no public input.
- C. **Requests of the Board**
Request to Attend Conference – Ms. Bonney addressed the Board. Vickie Ware is requesting permission to attend the National Conference for the American Alliance for Health. March 14-16 in Baltimore, Maryland. She is willing to cover all expenses of the conference except the \$225 conference cost. *The Board will vote on this at the 1-29-07 meeting and let them know.*
- D. **Presentations to the Board**
Presentation by Special Education Assistant Principals (Donna Straight & Mikel LaChapelle) - *Postponed until the February 5 meeting.*

Science Curriculum Presentation

This is the work of the Science committee members (16-18 members).

John Hodgkin (high school), Heather Bucknum (middle school) and Joan Troupe (elementary school) all made presentations to the Board (other committee members were in the audience).

The committee initially did an audit of the current curriculum (from 1986-87), did research, contacted teachers for input.

This document was written, analyzed, and made changes. It was written to be a user friendly document. Items added to curriculum replaced old items. The committee was given current state standards and a science atlas to help them decide what items are kept and what items are replaced. The committee chair attended a conference on the subject prior to the start of this curriculum work. The committee talked about recycling

microscopes to the lower grade levels as new equipment was received (replacement plan). Mr. Bell stated that the committee provided budgetary issues (plan) for the future. They also talked about the need to have a longer instruction day.

Critical concepts:

Knowledge/process areas, learning activities, suggested activities, virtual dissection (computer), added John Collins pieces.

Joan Troupe (grade 5) did a presentation on owl pellets (these were out for the Board members to analyze).

Heather Bucknam (grade 8) did a presentation on how to build a first class levers (these were out for the Board members to put together). Talked about measuring force - Is it easier to use a lever to move things? This exercise works on problem solving gradually through the years.

John Hodgkin did a presentation on microscopes, which help kids with observations, keeps kids moving around, will help kids prepare for life. He had several of the new microscopes (compound and dissecting) that the district has purchased on display for the Board members to check out. Many of the old microscopes the district has are 30+ years old.

7:40-7:51 Brief recess to view the microscopes and set up for the next presentation.

ASCD Teaching and Learning Conference Presentation

Mr. Baker, Mr. Bowen, Mrs. Kuras, Mrs. Martellini all attended this conference in Disney world, Florida, Oct. 12-15. All attended different sessions which they later discussed, and all attended the general sessions. Each member discussed their sessions to the Board.

Things they learned have been shared at many staff meetings.

Things they learned and have already implemented: development of common language, consistent learning opportunities for all students, identify "must do" across the curriculum, professional development goals, analyzing data to improve student achievement, John Collins.

Many of these items fit directly into our district strategic plan.

They discussed classroom management and its importance.

Each member discussed the sessions they took with the Board.

Mr. Baker attended: Classroom Management that works, Using technology in classroom, Leading walk throughs, Enhancing teacher capacity of classroom instruction,

Mrs. Martellini attended: Tools for implementing literacy across the curriculum, Implementing a wide reading program to enhance student learning, Building academic vocabulary, Enhancing teacher capacity for classroom instruction, Differentiated practice.

Mrs. Kuras attended: Working smarter not harder, Leaders reflect: creating learning communities, Implementing a guaranteed and viable curriculum, Using assessment to teach and increase achievement, Painting a total assessment picture.

Mr. Bowen attended: Using technology in the classroom, Differentiated practice: a resource guide to differentiating curriculum, Art of school leadership, Leadership for creating and sustaining high performing secondary schools,

The group thanked Keith for the power point presentation he created for them. The Board discussed classroom management – what is learned in the classroom and what the teacher learns on the job. Mentoring is helpful gain practical strategies. The group also discussed the need to work with parents, preschools, private kindergartens to show how important pre-writing, pre-reading skills are, prior to first grade. The Board requested a presentation on reading on grade level – how many students read on grade level, below grade level and above grade level.

E. Reports to the Board

Superintendent's Report

Mr. Bell addressed the Board, regarding the upcoming teacher performance meetings. It will be a bulleted format, stating strengths, weakness, goals etc. Mr. Nolan requested information regarding who is giving the performance reviews prior to starting.

F. Committee Report

Policy Committee Minutes (1/11/07)

For information only, reminder this meeting is always opened to the public.

G. Correspondence

Post School Outcomes Collection and Reporting Requirements

Information - This is follow-up data, steps to be taken.

Extracurricular Nomination Memo - Deferred

H. Recommended Action

1. Business Affairs - Minutes - Recommended Action:
1/8/07 draft minutes - Deferred _____
2. Manifests - Recommended Action:
Manifests are available to be signed.
3. Financial Statement: For Information Only.
We are in good shape, approximately \$400,000 anticipated fund balance.

I. Old Business

Vote on Warrant Articles - Deferred

Paul Interbitzen was present at tonight's meeting. Reminded Board warrants must be posted by January 29.

Mr. Bell stated that the Board will propose a change to warrant article 4 (salary pool) at the deliberative session. To change 4.5% down to 3.5% in hopes that the budget committee will support it.

Vote will be taken at the next meeting.

Vote on 2007-2008 School Calendar – Deferred, This must be adopted by February 1, the union has already accepted the calendar, it will be voted on at next weeks meeting.

J. New Business

Adult Day Care Contract – Beth Raymond addressed the Board.

This is a community service, also tied in with Health Occupations (Voc. Center).

Beth expressed her appreciation; student involvement is very worthwhile for students as well as the adults. Little Broncos visit, Chorus visits, Checkers for Thanksgiving dinner, floral displays.

Continue and extend the contract:

- For three years instead of five. (Due to the master plan in-process).
- At Mr. Lane’s request: Close for three consecutive days in August for cleaning.

This will come back to the Board next week or February 5.

District Policies- First reading

Student Discipline - #4.1(a) - deferred

Job Description – Program Paraprofessional – deferred

Preparation for Deliberative Session

Warrant Article Assignments:

Article 1: Operating Budget	Mr. Nolan
Article 2: Energy retrofit	Mr. Alukonis
Article 3: After school tutoring	Mr. Christiansen
Article 4: Salary pool	Mr. Rodgers
Article 5: Maintenance bldg.	Mr. Bouchard

All of the warrant articles have budget committee approval except #4.

These assignments are pending approval at the next meeting.

The deliberative session is set for February 3 at 9am.

There are no petition warrant articles.

K. Board Member Comments:

Mr. Nolan – No comments

Mr. Rodgers – No comments

M. Adjourn:

Meeting adjourned at 9:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Dotty Murray