

HUDSON SCHOOL DISTRICT
Hudson School Board Meeting
March 1, 2010
Approved Minutes

Present Mr. Gary Rodgers, Chairman
 Mr. Lee Lavoie, Vice Chairman
 Mr. Richard Nolan
 Mrs. Laura Bisson
 Mrs. Patty Langlais
 Mr. Randy Bell, Superintendent
 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 6:00 pm. Superintendent Bell was present at the meeting but Ms. Ormond co-chaired the meeting with the Board Chair.

Welcome back Superintendent Bell.

- B. **Public Hearing**
Mr. Sanborn addressed the board. Discussed the Telecommunication Antenna Site, for Clearwire Telecommunications.

Jack Barringer addressed the board. He was hired to find a sight in the Manchester/Nashua area to construct this tower for Clearwire. Would like to use a part of land across from Alvirne High School. Clearwire would construct a 150 feet monopine structure in the wooded area across from Alvirne. The tower will have a low visual impact on the area because of the location. Mr. Barringer provided the board with samples of the tree branches and explained it will match the surroundings. Lease agreement - \$1,900 per month once permit is ready to be issued. Time schedule – Lease execution in March, approximately 9 months to prep then lease payments would begin. All associated costs would be Clearwire’s responsibility; there is no cost to the district. There will be a five year lease with 4/five year lease extensions. (25 years total)

Clearwire will also put in an access road. The structure will be 50' x 50' with another 10'-15' of cleared area around the entire structure. Plan to do minimal cutting of trees.

The board asked if it would be possible for the fire department to place an antenna there, this had already been discussed but was not put on proposal, will add it to the lease agreement. Will be willing to meet with the fire chief to discuss this further. Clearwire will explore having students involved with the project. This project means found money for the district - win-win.

Open Public hearing: 6:20
No public wished to speak
Closed Public hearing: 6:21

Mr. Nolan moved to move forward with this and authorize the Business Administrator to work with Clearwire to work on a contract with Clear wire, second by Mrs. Langlais. Motion passes 5-0.

C. Public Input

There was no public input.

D. Requests of the Board

Health Occupations Students of America (HOSA) Leadership Conference
Overnight trip, to be held at the Radisson in Nashua. Student funded.

Mr. Lavoie moved to approve the overnight trip to attend the HOSA Leadership Conference March 24, at the Radisson in Nashua, second by Mrs. Langlais. Motion passes 5-0.

Request to attend New England Gymnastics competition in Milford Connecticut on March 12. Taylor will be attending this competition along with her parents under the Alvirne High School Name.

Mrs. Langlais moved to approve the gymnastic competition on March 12 in Connecticut, which Taylor will attend with her parents under Alvirne, second by Mr. Nolan. Motion passes 5-0.

E. Presentations to the Board

There were no presentations to the board.

F. Reports to the Board

Assistant Superintendent's Report

Ms. Ormond addressed the board regarding Kindergarten and first grade registrations.

LSS

Kindergarten – 50

1st grade – 20

NHW
Kindergarten – 94 1st grade – 34

HGS
Kindergarten – 46 1st grade – 18
Somewhat concerned about the numbers for kindergarten at NHW.

Business Administrator's Report

Mr. Sanborn addressed the board regarding the recent storm. The schools came through the storm quite well. A few minor leaks but no structural damage. Alvirne and Hills Garrison lost power for a brief time.

The district is waiting for \$400,000 in Kindergarten reimbursement. Primex- Prime project will save the district 2.5% on property and liability insurance each year.

G. Committee Reports

Drop out task force – Mrs. Bisson addressed the board.
Laura, Irene facilitated the meeting held at the Library.
Hudson's goals – will need little money to attain these goals.

- low attendance
- transition of information from school to school
- student engagement
- parental involvement

discussed graduation – drop out summit.
2nd phase more school more college friendly
90% of all 4th graders will graduate on time.
Next meeting is scheduled for March 11 at the Library.

Budget Committee

Mrs. Bisson was unable to attend the last meeting. Will be discussing the changes the budget committee would like to see for the next budget season.

H. Correspondence

Vacancy report

This report shows the opening thus far.

Job Fair

To be held on March 20 by appointment only – 8:30 – 1 pm.
Anticipated openings for the middle school and high school only.

Intent to Return

No action needed.

Ms. Fisher will be returning in September.

I. Recommended Action

1. Business Affairs - Minutes - Recommended Action:

Draft Minutes – 2-15-10

Mrs. Bisson moved to approve the draft minutes of February 15 as presented, second by Mr. Nolan. Motion passes 4-0-1 (Mr. Rodgers abstained; he was not present at the meeting).

2. Manifests - Recommended Action:

Manifests are available to be signed.

J. Old Business

Budget transfer SB # 32 (2nd reading)

Mrs. Bisson moved to approve SB #32 long term sub, as presented second by Mrs. Langlais. Motion passes 5-0.

Budget transfer SB #33 (2nd reading)

Mr. Nolan moved to approve SB #33 with the verbage to be changed to 09/10 school year, second by Mrs. Bisson. Motion passes 5-0.

Budget transfer SB # 36R – this has already been approved at the last meeting.

K. New Business

Budget transfer SB #38 (1st reading) \$16,000

Legal counsel for collective bargaining, can't go through this process with out legal counsel, if contracts don't pass will have to pay these legal fees again next year.

Budget transfer SB #39 (1st reading)

FICA

There is a shortage in this account, cap on salaries.

Extracurricular Nominations

Spring coaches at the middle school and the high school.

Positions are applied for through Karen Bonney.

Mr. Nolan moved to approve the extracurricular nomination as presented second by Mrs. Bisson. Motion passes 5-0.

Letter to the Editor

Letter to be printed in the name of the school board. Requesting residents to please participate in the political process on March 9.

The board will go forward with this.

Voting March 9 7am to 8pm at Community Center.

March 17-18 and March 24-25 - staff reviews from 5-8

L. **Board Member Comments:**

Mr. Lavoie – Rich it's been fun, appreciate what you have done, brought hockey to AHS, and wise on the budget. Please vote.

Mrs. Bisson – Rich thanks, you have been a mentor to me, wish you luck and much success. Tune into School Board on Monday nights.

Mrs. Langlais – Rich thanks, I have learned a lot from you, enjoyed serving with you. Presented Rich with a brick and mortar kit.

Mr. Rodgers – I echo everyone's comments, thanks for 5 great years.

Mr. Nolan – I have enjoyed my 6 years on the board and the dedication of the school board from the superintendent all the way down. Much care is taken for students. I am pleased to have served.

Please get out and vote, drag someone with you (only 20-25% vote)

Good luck to the candidates

Contracts are not done in a casual manner. If you don't like the evergreen clause find out who voted for it and vote them out of office. Need to have an educated voting population. This is a bare bones budget.

Presentations by the Superintendent

Thanks for your service:

Dave Alukonis (former chair)

Lars Christiansen

Rich Nolan

M. Adjourn:

Mrs. Bisson moved to adjourn second by Mrs. Langlais. Motion passes 5-0.

Meeting adjourned at 7:08 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Dotty Murray