

## HUDSON SCHOOL DISTRICT

### Hudson School Board Meeting March, 6, 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**

Michelle

60 Central Street

Michelle read a prepared statement regarding events that have taken place at Hudson Memorial School. Currently she has a son who attends the school and is 7<sup>th</sup> grade. She questioned why parents were not allowed to chaperone the school dances. She feels that parents should be allowed to chaperone. She was told that the school wants the students to responsible without the watchful eye of a parent. She gave examples which she believes are inappropriate behaviors by students.

She also stated that students are being belittled by teachers and they are using foul language. She would like to see the district set higher standards at the school.

She requested:

- Change dance chaperone policy
- Procedure/ follow-up procedures for students
- Parents do your part get involved. Deal the problems, stand up for what you believe in.

Mr. Alukonis thanked Michelle for her statement, will have the Superintendent review these items and the board will have a discussion regarding this. He also urged parents to contact the board members with any problem you might encounter.

**C. Requests of the Board**

DECA National Field Trip: Mr. Bell addressed the board regarding this request. This trip is scheduled for April 28-May 3, in Dallas Texas. The Club must qualify first by coming in first or second at the state conference which will be held March 7-9. There will be no cost to the district for this trip.

*Mr. Christiansen moved to grant the trip request to Dallas Texas on April 28-May 3, second by Mr. Nolan. Motion passes 5-0.*

Alvirne Model UN Club: Jeff DiPrizito along with club president and vice president addressed the board regarding two upcoming conferences. The first will be the Dartmouth Conference on April 8, this is a one day conference which begins at 7am and ends at 9 pm. 7 club members and 2 advisors will be attending. The club has arranged to stay over night in the Hanover area – Cindy Weisbart (co-advisor) has a friend who lives in the area and she has opened her home to them overnight.

The second conference will be the Bentley Conference, which will be a three day conference, they will be staying at the Westin Hotel, and it is scheduled for May 26-28.

*Mr. Christiansen moved to grant the trip requests for the 2 conferences – Dartmouth, April 8 and Bentley May 26-28 second by Mr. Nolan. Motion passes 5-0.*

Mr. Bouchard questioned club transportation, he feel it should be in the budget. Should advisors be responsible for transportation to club events? He feel the district should be responsible for transportation costs, and asked if we could rent a van and have the advisors drive it.

**D. Presentations to the Board**

There were no presentations to the Board.

**E. Reports to the Board**

School Reports: for information only.

Mr. Bell handed out an article regarding the Jazz band in Germany,

He discussed the NECAP testing. Results are supposed to be released on March 24. All of the categories have been renamed and the state is still working out the details of the scoring. This will eventually provide the district with a great deal of information. It will follow the progress of each child from year to year (from grade 3 through grade 8).

Ms. Ormond stated that if a district does not make adequate yearly progress for 2 years in a row they will become a school in need of improvement. By 2014 every student must score in the proficient range.

Mr. Bell and Mr.Christiansen attended a Board of Directors meeting at SERESC last week. The Board of Directors approved an addition to the building.

Voting will be held on March 14.

School and Town reports are available at all schools, library etc. One book holds both reports.

Mr. Bell had a sample ballot; it will be inserted in this weeks HLN.

F. **Committee Report:**

There were no committee reports.

G. **Correspondence:**

**Library expansion:** Mr. Knowles addressed the Board; he is the Library Trustee Chairman. The new proposed library site is on a parcel of town owned land between Alvirne and Hills Garrison (the wooded section). The Trustees have already gone before the Planning Board and the Board of Selectmen.

They are planning to use impact fees to hire an architect. They would like this plan to have the entire town behind them before they move ahead.

They are hoping to have a meeting room within the library, perhaps HCTV hooked up. The current library will have the trailers and shed removed. It is a historical building, and the deed states it must remain a town building or it will revert back to the estate. Could the School District use it? Perhaps for a meeting room? Or for all town archives?

Mr. Bouchard asked if they wanted any money from the school district, and Mr. Knowles said no. They just want the library to be the best it can be.

Mr. Bouchard also concerned with computer use/computer activities. Ramifications – criminal background, deny access to library due to close proximity to the schools. Where does the district stand?

Mr. Alukonis requested updated plans as they happen.

**Retirement Letter:** Roberta Prokop

***Mr. Nolan moved to accept the retirement of Roberta Prokop with appreciation for services rendered, second by Mr. Rodgers. Motion passes 5-0.***

**School Enrollments for February 2006-** For information only.

**Elementary Class Sizes for February 2006-** For information only.

H. **Recommended Action**

1. **Business Affairs - Minutes - Recommended Action:**

**2/06/06 Draft minutes (deferred)**

***Mr. Rodgers moved to accept the draft minutes of 2/6/06 as presented, second by Mr. Christiansen. Motion passes 5-0.***

**2/20/06 Draft minutes**

***Mr. Rodgers moved to accept the draft minutes of 2/20/06 as presented, second by Mr. Christiansen. Motion passes 5-0.***

2. **Manifests - Recommended Action:**

Manifests are available to be signed.

3. Budget transfers – 2<sup>nd</sup> reading

25-06 for \$14,500

***Mr. Christiansen moved to approve Budget Transfer 25-06 for \$14,500, second by Mr. Nolan. Motion passes 5-0.***

**I. Old Business**

Policy 3.1(n)/2<sup>nd</sup> reading Substitute Professional Staff Employment

*Defer*, still waiting for further information for Mr. Bouchard

**J. New Business**

Move to Strike Memo – Hudson Policies

This memo is regarding the policy book index

***Mr. Bouchard moved to accept this memo as presented, second by Mr. Rodgers. Motion passes 5-0.***

Policy (1<sup>st</sup> reading)

Dean of Academics: Currently this position does not exist. We would need a warrant to reinstate this or eliminate another position

The board discussed whether this position should report to the Principal or Assistant Superintendent. Policy committee wanted the position to report to the principal.

Please E-mail any comment or questions.

Benefits Coordinator: for information only (1<sup>st</sup> reading)

Professional Development Contracts

Ms. Ormond request to the board to waive the competitive bid process and enter into contracts with these specialized vendors:

Collins Associates – Writing Across the Curriculum (\$19,025)

Innovative Learning Group – Thinking Maps (\$8,500)

Reading Strategies for the Content Areas-Literacy Training (\$12,000)

Technology Professional Development (\$9,000)

Differentiated Instruction (\$7,900)

Traits of Writing (\$7,700)

For a total of: \$64,125

This is a large portion of our Professional Development Budget.

These vendor programs can not be duplicated.

***Mr. Rodgers moved to waive school board policy 6.1(w) (bidding and purchasing) and enter into contract with each of the following vendors:***

*Collins Associates, Innovative Learning Group, Reading Strategies for the Content Areas, technology Professional Development, Differentiated Instruction, Traits of Writing, second by Mr. Christiansen. Motion passes 5-0.*

**K. Board Member Comments:**

Mr. Bouchard: Thanks to the parent for her input this evening. Please always feel free to contact us with your concerns by phone or through the website. We can't help if you don't know what is going on.

Mr. Nolan: No comments

Mr. Christiansen: Public input – upset about the keep it to yourself comment, Randy will look into it.

Mr. Rodgers: Voting March 14, May the best candidate win.

Mr. Alukonis: Candidates night is Tuesday, March 07, 2006 at the Hudson Community Center.

**L. Adjourn:**

Meeting adjourned at 8:22 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Dotty Murray