

HUDSON SCHOOL DISTRICT

Hudson School Board Meeting

March 19, 2007

Accepted Minutes

Present: Mr. David Alukonis, Chairman
Mr. Lars Christiansen
Ms. Brenda Levesque
Mr. Richard Nolan
Mr. Gary Rodgers
Mr. Randy Bell, Superintendent
Ms. Mary Ellen Ormond, Asst. Superintendent for Curriculum
Dr. Irene Sousa, Director of Special Services
Ms. Laura Gould, Student Rep.

Prior to the start of the meeting, Paul Interbitzen swore in Richard Nolan and Brenda Levesque.

- A. **Call to Order:** Mr. Bell, Superintendent, called the meeting to order and led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance at 6:30 pm. He welcomed Mrs. Levesque to the Board and re-welcomed Mr. Nolan.

Opened up nominations for Board Chairman.

Mr. Nolan nominated Mr. Alukonis and Mr. Rodgers seconded the nomination. All in favor, Motion passes 5-0.

Organization of the Board.

Mr. Alukonis took his seat as Chair, opened up nominations for Vice Chair.

Mr. Nolan nominated Mr. Rodgers as Vice Chair second by Mr. Christiansen. All in favor, Motion passes 5-0.

Results of the District Meeting Votes – Everything passed with the exception of the maintenance building.

Reviewed election results for the school district.

Review Board Assignment list let Chair know if you have a preference.

Proposed 2007-2008 School Board Calendar of Meetings – for your information.

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

- C. **Requests of the Board**
Request to attend Transition Conference

This travel request is for Dawn Britton to attend the Transition Conference in Charlotte, North Carolina, on April 30-May 4, 2007. The state has committed to pay for most of this trip; they are requesting the district cover two nights' hotel and meals. This should not exceed \$500.

Mr. Nolan moved to approve the travel request for Dawn Britton to attend the Transition Conference April 30-May 4, not to exceed \$500, second by Mrs. Levesque. Motion passes 5-0.

D. Presentations to the Board

Special Education Metrics

Mr. Bell addressed the Board. These metrics will measure essential processes and see if the goals are being met. Follow State and Federal regulations, and see if we are following and meeting timelines. Case Managers will be in charge of filling out this form, and be sure that the metrics are being followed as well as the IEP. This will help to have successfully implemented IEP's.

Scott Baetz has been working on on-line forms; a form for metrics would be helpful.

Questions:

How many referrals lead to evaluations then to IEP's? What class level are the students with IEP's – workshop level, honors level, B-level, C-level?

The next step would be to rework this form with tonight's input, with Mr. Nolan's help. This form will come back to the Board again until the Board is satisfied with the results.

E. Reports to the Board

Superintendent's Report

Mr. Bell addressed the Board.

Three Issues in the legislature:

- Bill 678 (Mr. Christiansen provided info on this) would make it impossible to meet standards, open to interpretation.
- Collective bargaining: Reduces the minimum number of people from 10 to 3. Management rights are removed.
- Retirement system: Currently in trouble, many changes that could be made. Working with Administrators Association.

Meeting for health insurance at the SAU, look at alternatives.

3 piece software program for a data warehouse

-performance tracker

-Assessment builder, \$1 per student

-Tech Match, \$2-3 per student.

This is available to all districts.

4 critical positions to fill at the High School level, CTE Director, Academic Dean, and 2 Department Heads. Department Head finalists by April 16. We will be re-advertising for the Academic Dean position, did not get high enough quality candidates the first time.

F. **Committee Report**
No committee reports

G. **Correspondence**

Retirement letter – Nancy Aboshar

Mr. Rodgers moved to accept the retirement of Nance Aboshar with appreciation, Second by Mr. Christiansen. Motion passes 5-0.

This position has been posted; Nancy has stated she would be willing to fill in as a substitute.

Resignation letter – Anne Marie Daniels, Bonnie Jean Kuras

Mr. Rodgers moved to accept the resignation of Anne Marie Daniels with appreciation, second by Mr. Christiansen. Motion passes 5-0.

Mr. Rodgers moved to accept the resignation of Bonnie Jean Kuras with appreciation and regret that we are losing her, second by Mr. Christiansen. Motion passes 5-0.

She will be principal in another district as of July 1.

Extracurricular nominations

Varsity Baseball	Michael Lee
Jr. Varsity Baseball	Steve King, Larry Ferns, Jim Costello
Varsity Softball	Denise Rioux
Jr. Varsity Softball	Corrine Murphy
Boys Varsity Tennis	Sue LaRoche
Girls Varsity Tennis	Dave Lelesi
Boys Varsity Spring Track	Tom Daigle
Boys Asst. Spring Track	Jeff DiPrizito, Peter Laraba
Girls Varsity Spring Track	Tarek Rothe
Girls Asst. Spring Track	Jen Cahill, Chris Scurini

Mr. Christiansen move to accept the nominations as listed above and elect the above as presented, second by Mr. Nolan. Motion passes 5-0.

H. **Recommended Action**

1. Business Affairs - Minutes - Recommended Action:

1/22/07 draft minutes

Mr. Christiansen moved to accept the draft minutes of January 22 as presented, second by Mr. Nolan. Motion passes 5-0.

3/5/07 draft minutes

Mr. Rodgers moved to accept the draft minutes of March 5 as presented, second by Mr. Christiansen. Motion passes 5-0.

2. Manifests - Recommended Action:
Manifests are available to be signed.
3. Financial Report (for information only)
Estimated fund balance (at the end of February) is \$441,448.69.
Savings in out of district tuition, savings in natural gas. In very good shape.
4. Budget transfers (1st reading)
SB07-19 - \$6,412
SB07-20 - \$9,400
SB07-21 - \$54,143.77
SB07-22 - \$45,200.00
SB07-23 - \$10,000.00
SB07-24 - \$10,560.90
This will come to the Board for a second reading at the next meeting.
There was a misprint on SB07-21 which will be corrected.

I. Old Business

1. District Policies (2nd Reading)

Library Media Services – 3.1(f)

Mr. Nolan moved to approve the one page policy and the 7 page procedure, Second by Mr. Rodgers. Motion passes 5-0.

Selection of Educational Resources – 3.1(m)

Mr. Nolan moved to approve the one page policy and the 3 page procedure, second by Mr. Rodgers. Motion passes 5-0.

Promotion and Retention of Students – 3.3(f)

Mr. Nolan moved to approve the policy second by Mr. Rodgers. Motion passes 5-0.

Home Education Instruction – 3.4(k)

Mr. Nolan moved to approve the policy, second by Mr. Rodgers. Motion passes 5-0.

Student Records – 4.4(a)

Mr. Nolan moved to approve the one page policy and 10 page procedure, second by Mr. Rodgers. Motion passes 5-0.

Some of these policies the Policy Committee and Board have been working on for over a year.

2. Update on Alvirne Master Plan

A meeting was held last week regarding the master plan. The next step is to start focus groups – Alvirne Trustees will be first. This will come back to the Board periodically.

There was a brief recess 7:55-8:00 pm.

3. Honeywell Contract and Municipal Lease

Mr. Bell addressed the Board; Jim Lucy was there to answer any questions. This item was approved at last weeks vote. This is a basic agreement, proposed, reviewed and approved by Attorney Gorrow.

The Board members all received a red book that has everything in it.

Submitted a municipal lease to Gorrow, three responded low bid at 3.12%.

Schedule of payment to Honeywell, all money will be put into an escrow account. Payment begins August 2008.

This needs to be signed by April 2nd meeting.

There was questions regarding the payment schedule, Mr. Alukonis will check records to see what was settled on.

The district is looking at changing electrical supplier in order to reduce monthly costs.

The red book contains legal ease, scope of work, construction drawings, energy calculations, installation schedule, payment schedule, definition of savings guarantee, baseline periods by building, schedule measure savings each year, twelve months after the project is complete.

This item will come back on the next meeting agenda.

J. New Business

Proposed RFP for District Assessment Program

This is for discussion purpose only tonight.

This RFP was created by Ms. Ormond, to create a district wide assessment of their own. The Board discussed this document thoroughly. The assessment is intended for grades 3 through 12, although most districts stop testing at grade 9.

The assessment will include math and language arts only for now and will be given in the fall, mid-year, and in the spring. It would also be possible for a teacher to do a quick assessment on an incoming student. This is a computer based assessment with same day results and will align with the state framework, but customized to meet our district needs. This data will help us move ahead.

The Board discussed why first and second grade would not be part of this assessment, felt all students should be a part of it.

Asked Ms. Ormond to include a spot for business history.

The next step will be for Ms. Ormond to clean up this document, add business history to document. When complete Ms. Ormond will E-mail the document to the Board members.

Potential cost \$40,000 +/-.

Proposal for "ALERTNOW" Rapid Notification System

Mr. Bell addressed the Board, no action is need tonight. This will help the district share important information with parents or alert parents if there is an emergency. Parents can choose up to five ways to receive information. Annual fee is approximately \$12,000 yearly. Will look into seeing if it is able to work with reverse 911.

K. Board Member Comments:

Mr. Rodgers-Welcome new Board member, welcome back Rich, Good luck Chair.

Mrs. Levesque-Interesting meeting, good luck Chair, Vice Chair, Rich.

Mr. Nolan-Why doesn't the chair position rotate, they feel Mr. Alukonis does a good job and keeps the meeting moving.

Mr. Christiansen- Welcome back Rich, Welcome Brenda. Congrats to the Alvirne Decathlon team they will be heading to Hawaii for the next competition.

Mr. Alukonis-Thanks for the comments, Chair nomination. Looking forward to working with the new Board of Selectman and the School Board. Thanks to all the voters who supported the Hudson School District.

L. Non-Public Session:

Mr. Rodgers moved to enter Non-Public session at 9:20 pm under RSA91-A: 3II, (A) And (C) second by Mr. Christiansen.

Chairman called for a roll call vote.

Mr. Christiansen- yes, Mr. Nolan-yes, Mr. Rodgers-yes, Mrs. Levesque-yes, Mr. Alukonis-no.

Motion passes 4-1.

Will enter Non-Public after a brief recess.

The Board discussed staff and student issues. No actions were taken by the Board.

Mr. Rodgers moved to exit Non-Public Session and to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Mrs. Levesque. Mr. Christiansen, yes; Mrs. Levesque, yes; Mr. Nolan, yes; Mr. Rodgers, yes; Mr. Alukonis, yes.

M. Adjourn:

Meeting adjourned at 9:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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