

**HUDSON SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**Hudson School Board Meeting**  
**April 19, 2010**  
**Approved Minutes**

Present        Mr. Gary Rodgers, Chairman  
                  Mr. Lee Lavoie, Vice Chairman  
                  Mrs. Laura Bisson  
                  Mrs. Patty Langlais  
                  Mr. Lars Christiansen  
                  Mr. Randy Bell, Superintendent  
                  Ms. Mary Ellen Ormond, Associate. 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 Air Force Junior ROTC 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**  
            Approval of dugouts at Alvirne – Request withdrawn, need more time to prepare.

D.        **Presentations to the Board**  
            Air Force Junior ROTC – Washington D.C. Trip – 36 attended trip.  
            The Coronal announced the three cadets that were present have received scholarships to attend college for free.  
            - Bria Shorten  
            - Sam Luszy  
            - Todd Boucher  
            Bria Shorten addressed the board. Caitlin Sullivan was the trip organizer but was unable to make it to the meeting. Six cadets were picked to assist Caitlin in planning; each had a specific job. The team met regularly during the planning phase. Visited monuments, Arlington, museums, Uniform Day, etc. Upon their return they hit a snow storm which delayed their return; 11 hour bus trip home.

Next trip they group learned it is necessary to have a rainy day plan, work on speeches – lots were forgotten and therefore were not prepared.

AHS is holding the Summer Leadership School in July. (Aug conflicts with other school activities). On May 10-14 other Air Force Junior ROTC groups are coming to help plan the event.

***Mrs. Langlais moved to approve the upcoming summer leadership school to be held in July, second by Mr. Christiansen. Motion passes 5-0.***

2008-2009 Audit Report – Greg Colby

Audit for year ending June 30, 2009.

The board discussed this report at great length.

Discussed GASP45 – Hudson did not comply with this, should hire an actuary.

This is really not a concern right now; many districts are not complying with this. Financial statement is fairly stated. General funds assets - \$2.9 million, Liability - \$911,000, Fund balance - \$1,997,224 – 3 parts: encumbrance, reserve, unreserved. Reviewed schedules for money received and expended, remainder funds – how did the district do.

Financial findings – none

Federal award findings: vendor contracts, private school.

Mr. Sanborn stated that the district did a corrective finding plan that addresses those findings.

**E. Reports to the Board**

Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Bell has been meeting with superintendents from regional group over the last few weeks.

Working on: *National Standards draft*, 49 states have signed on. Should be finalized by the end of May. There will be a period of public comment in June.

New Hampshire will decide if it should be adopted after that.

Discussed competencies – each district developed their own. A DOE now wants to develop a rubric to test competencies. Phase II – Race to the Top. Hudson will apply again, but it is unlikely the district will be receiving any money.

Mr. Bell will keep the board updated.

The district will be working on competencies this summer on a regional basis.

Mr. Bell will be forwarding a number of draft plans to the board members.

Associate Superintendent's Report

Ms. Ormond addressed the board.

The district is working on modifying curriculum, Science needs to be realigned with state frameworks based on new guidelines.

Competencies will be worked on further for grades 1-12, assessments will show progress/how they are working.

Federal funds – discussion – The district must adhere to federal guidelines if we accept the money, Do we want to continue accepting these funds? How does it affect the district in the long run, and at what cost?

Enrollment

Mr. Bell addressed the board.

3922 w/o preschool, 4178 including preschool and kindergarten

AHS 1466 down 29 to 1437

First grade up significantly

LSS 51, NHW 104 (crowded), HGS 51 (under utilized)

Vacancy report

For information only

**F. Committee Reports**

Budget Committee

Mrs. Bisson addressed the board.

Thanked Superintendent for presenting school side. The budget committee members are looking for changes in presentation want it to look like the towns. Only want the executive summary from each school, with the remaining information on disk or via the internet.

Drop Out Task Force – Small group meetings held on Thursdays. Hope to present after May 20 meeting.

**G. Correspondence**

Nothing

**H. Recommended Action**

1. Business Affairs - Minutes - Recommended Action:

Draft Minutes –

March 24, 2010

*Mrs. Bisson moved to approve the draft minutes of March 24 as presented, second by Mrs. Langlais. Motion passes 5-0.*

April 5, 2010

*Mrs. Langlais moved to approve the draft minutes of April 5 as presented, second by Mrs. Bisson. Motion passes 5-0.*

April 12, 2010

*Mrs. Langlais moved to approve the draft minutes of April 12 as presented, second by Mr. Lavoie. Motion passes 5-0.*

2. Manifests - Recommended Action:

Manifests are available to be signed.

3. Financial Report – For your information only.  
Positive fund balance, revenues are looking good.

**I. Old Business**

Budget Transfers (2<sup>nd</sup> reading)

SB # 38

*Mrs. Langlais moved to approve SB #38 at a cost of \$16,000, second by Mrs. Bisson. Motion passes 5-0.*

SB # 39

*Mrs. Bisson moved to approve SB #39 at a cost of \$8,160 (FICA), second by Mrs. Langlais. Motion passes 5-0.*

SB # 40

*Mr. Lavoie moved to approve SB #40 Summer professional development at a cost of \$10,819, second by Mrs. Langlais. Motion passes 5-0.*

SB # 41

*Mrs. Langlais moved to approve SB #41, negotiations/professional development, at a cost of \$33,386.20, second by Mr. Christiansen. Motion passes 5-0.*

SB # 42

*Mr. Christiansen moved to approve SB #42, Technology/virtualization, at a cost of \$10,000, second by Mrs. Langlais. Motion passes 5-0.*

Facilities Task Force Proposal – Mr. Sanborn addressed the board.

Discussed the condition of playing fields (overused). Long term, short term, and ongoing issues. Would like to tap into community businesses for financial help. This is a work in progress, need to set priorities and board direction then work on coming up with recommendations. How can the town/district pay for it? what are the impacts to the taxpayers?

**J. New Business**

Budget transfers (first reading)

SB #43, SB #44

No action needed

School Board Summer Retreat

To be held July 21-22 at SERESC from 9-3.

Sidewalk at Library Street School (to playground)

The board is in agreement. This sidewalk is not ADA compliant; Kevin Burns will be doing the work during vacation.

Date for Custodians, Electricians, HVAC Technicians – Negotiations.  
There is a meeting scheduled for Thursday, 9am to set ground rules.

K. **Board Member Comments:**

Mr. Christiansen – no comments

Mr. Lavoie – Thanks for Are You Smarter than a 5<sup>th</sup> Grader, Open house at HCTV.

Mrs. Bisson – Great job with Willey Wonka, Disney band trip during vacation, homestretch for the seniors.

Mrs. Langlais – Willey Wonka was awesome, AHS held Romeo and Juliette for freshman – wonderful job, custodians set up a “green room” in wrestling room, conversation café good turnout. Thanks to chef for food for café and Shakespeare.

Mr. Rodgers – Will not be here for May 3 meeting, vice chair will run meeting.

M. **Adjourn:**

Mrs. Bisson moved to adjourn at 8:49, second by Mrs. Langlais.

Meeting adjourned at 8:49 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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