

# HUDSON SCHOOL DISTRICT

Hudson School Board Meeting

May 4, 2009

Approved Minutes

Present: Mr. Gary Rodgers, Chairman  
Mr. Lee Lavoie, Vice Chair  
Mr. Richard Nolan  
Mrs. Laura Bisson  
Mrs. Patty Langlais  
Mr. Randy Bell, Superintendent  
Ms. Mary Ellen Ormond, Assistant Superintendent  
Mr. Normand Sanborn, Business Administrator  
Dr. Irene Sousa, Director of Special Services  
Mr. Matt Haefner, Student Representative

A. **Call to Order:** Mr. Gary Rodgers, Board Chairman, called the meeting to order and led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance at 6:31 pm.

B. **Public Input:**  
Mr. Haefner, 1 St. John Street. Here as State Rep – Students at State House – Jazz band trumpet section played national anthem; choral group from Hudson Memorial School played national anthem – excellent; B Naturals longest ovation; 2 students provided floral arrangements; Young Farmers put on breakfast. Representative Haefner stated how good students were.

C. **Requests of the Board**  
There were no requests of the board.

D. **Presentations to the Board**  
Substance Abuse Prevention Grant – Keith Bowen, Karen O’Brien  
See Attachment #1 Mr. Bowen reviewed history of grant and coalition grant approved for \$10,000. Budget in attached handout. Mr. Richard Nolan asked the objective of the grant and how do we know we met it. Ms. Karen O’Brien said Donna Arias collects data for region. Mr. Richard Nolan asked why do we need this? Ms. Karen O’Brien noted regional statistics pre/post testing students to check students knowledge of legalities. Mr. Keith Bowen said metrics need to be established at their first meeting. Assistant Superintendent Mary Ellen Ormond said this is an opportunity for a planning grant.- what do we need to do to build knowledge base and plan a program for Hudson. Mr. Gary Rodgers noted that we need to have a public hearing to accept funds.

Administrative K9 Search – Bryan Lane, Chief Lavoie

4-23-09 Mr. Lane said the superintendent gave permission to have a K9 search. Mr. Lane explained the process which included a Shelter In Place Drill. Chief Lavoie explained the actual K9 search and additional police dogs were brought in from Hillsborough County to search lockers. The whole process took approximately 1 hour. Mr. Richard Nolan asked what the advantage was in doing this? Chief Lavoie said this puts people on notice that drugs are unacceptable. Mr. Richard Nolan asked if we see a reduction in drug activity and can we measure this? Chief Lavoie said no, but it does put people on notice. Mr. Lane said we could keep statistics and stated that some of our students are using and selling drugs. Mr. Richard Nolan said he is glad we have the resources and he wishes we didn't have to do this. Superintendent Randy Bell said he would like to put the activities in a broader context and establish goals. Mr. Lee Lavoie requested that the district send letters of appreciation to the other communities that took part in the search.

Discussion with Chief Lavoie. Superintendent Randy Bell said we have a productive relationship between the school district and the police department..He invited the chief to make a statement. Chief Lavoie wants to continue to foster the two departments to work closely together. The Chief has several activities planned between the middle school and the high school. Mr. Lee Lavoie said he wanted several programs to keep up including the Chips Program and he said to keep up the good work. Mrs. Patty Langlais asked to let the PTO know what can be done to encourage parents to attend presentations about on-line predators.

**E. Reports to the Board**

Superintendent's Report

Swine flu used Alert Now to inform public and there are plans to add school board to Alert Now. Mr. Shawn Murray, Ms. Lori Robicheau, and the nurses deserve a great deal of credit for the work they did in following guidelines of the CDC and Public Health Department. The guidelines have changed dramatically causing some confusion. The D.C. trip is on and no students have been excluded.

Business Administrator Report

Mr. Normand Sanborn said maintenance building is up and sided and that grading around it has been started. Goal is to begin using it by end of month. Impact Fees – Sale of bond should go out by end of month. (See Attachment #6) Stage Lights – Asbestos is in wiring itself and have estimate in abating it. We need to replace lights. We'll be back with estimates for abatement. Mr. Gary Rodgers asked for update on site plan review for modulars. Mr. Sanborn referred to Attachment #15. This is not a substantial change and would like to notify the Board of Selectmen and to give a presentation to them and the Planning board.

***Mr. Richard Nolan moved to authorize Business Administrator and School Board Chairman to send letter to the Planning Board and the Board of Selectman, seconded by Mr. Lee Lavoie, Vice Chair. Motion passed 5-0.***

**F. Committee Reports**

There were no committee reports.

**G. Correspondence**

Mr. Paul Benkel Resignation

*Mr. Lee Lavoie, Vice Chair, moved to accept resignation, seconded by Mrs. Laura Bisson. Motion passed 5-0.*

Ms. Noele Lamarche Resignation

*Mr. Richard Nolan moved to accept resignation, seconded by Ms. Patty Langlais. Motion passed 5-0.*

Request for HFT negotiations

**H. Recommended Action**

1. Business Affairs – Minutes – Recommended Action:

Draft Minutes

4-20-09

*Mr. Richard Nolan moved to accept the draft minutes of April 20<sup>th</sup> as presented, seconded by Mrs. Laura Bisson, Motion passed 5-0.*

2. Manifests – Recommended Action:

Manifests are available to be signed.

**I. Old Business**

Kindergarten Update

Superintendent Randy Bell said that there are 181 students registered for kindergarten.

Difficult to put portable at Library Street School. There is a proposed solution to designate a classroom at Library Street. 1 Double-Wide at Hills and 1 Double-Wide at Nottingham West School.

Mr. Richard Nolan said if bond is defeated we will always have portables.

Superintendent Randy Bell said the Thumbs Up/Down column in the Hudson Litchfield News indicates many people do not understand the denial of the injunction. Superintendent Bell would like to write something to explain to the public the meaning of the judge's decision.

Assistant Superintendent Mary Ellen Ormond Report

Language Arts, Mathematics Curriculum completed for Kindergarten. Science is partially completed. She will bring them forward to the board along with samples for their review.

Special Education Transfer (Attachment #8)

Transfer required primarily driven by students being court placed.

*Mr. Richard Nolan moved to accept transfer #SB27 for \$116,659, seconded by Mrs. Patty Langlais, Motion passed 4-1; Mr. Lavoie opposed.*

Legal/Negotiation Transfer

*Mr. Richard Nolan moved to accept transfer #SB28 for \$30,000, seconded by Mr. Lee Lavoie, Motion passed 5-0.*

Transfer in Revolving Funds

*Mr. Richard Nolan moved to defer approval until the 5-18-09 school board meeting on transfer #SB26.*

**J. New Business**

Attachment #11 Credit Card Procedure

Mr. Sanborn wanted the boards' thinking regarding Attachment #11 – Credit Card Procedure before going to the policy committee.

Attachment #12 Computer Supply Vendor Contracts

*Mr. Richard Nolan moved to award the computer supply bid as proposed to the Quill Corp in the \$35,801, seconded by Mrs. Laura Bisson, Motion passed 5-0.*

Attachment #13 School Supplies

*Mr. Richard Nolan moved to award the school supplies bid as proposed to School Specialty in the amount of \$60,400, seconded by Mr. Lee Lavoie, Motion passed 5-0.*

Attachment #14 Art Supplies

*Mrs. Laura Bisson moved to award the art supplies bid as proposed to WB Mason in the amount of \$11,300, seconded by Mrs. Patty Langlais, Motion passed 5-0.*

Attachment #15 Modular Classroom Quotes

*Mr. Richard Nolan moved to award the contract to Schiavi Leasing Corporation to purchase two modular buildings as proposed in the amount of \$278,922, seconded by Mrs. Patty Langlais, Motion passed 5-0.*

Attachment #16 Math Teacher

*Mrs. Patty Langlais moved to nominate Sarah Elkins, Math Teacher on Step 8 in the amount of \$41,886 at Hudson Memorial School, seconded by Mr. Richard Nolan, Motion passed 5-0.*

**K. Board Member Comments:**

Mr. Richard Nolan

He was taken back by grant at Hudson Memorial School for alcohol, and the K9 search at Alvirne High School – how much can we take on?

Mrs. Laura Bisson

She echoed Mr. Nolan’s thinking – kids are exposed to so much more than we were. She said it’s remarkable that we have great people to help these kids. She thanked Mr. Sanborn “profusely” for his efforts.

Mrs. Patty Langlais

She is very grateful to the schools for what they do in the schools to help. She thanked Mr. Sanborn in glowing terms for the lights at Alvirne.

Matt Haffner said he is in favor of what police and school did in the K9 search. The Alvirne band went to a competition in Philadelphia 2 out of the 5 awards went to Alvirne students. The concert and jazz bands received awards.

Mr. Lee Lavoie

He wanted the 8<sup>th</sup> graders to have a safe trip to D.C. and the upcoming prom to be safe.

Mr. Gary Rodgers

He said we have a lot of great students in the district and thank you to everyone.

Mr. Richard Nolan

He said he did not think we are responsible for everything we take on. We need to understand the costs and benefits of everything we do.

**L. Non-Public Session:**

The Superintendent recommended a motion to enter Non-Public under RSA 91-A:3 II, subparagraph (c) any matter which..... ***Motion to enter non-public by Mr. Richard Nolan, and seconded by Mrs. Laura Bisson. Roll call vote: Mr. Nolan, yes; Mr. Lavoie, yes; Mrs. Langlais, yes; Mr. Rodgers, yes; and Mrs. Bisson, yes. School Board entered non-public session at 8:49 p.m.***

***Staff and personnel issues were discussed. No actions were taken by the School Board. Mr. Nolan moved and Mrs. Bisson seconded to exit non-public session and adjourn the meeting. Mr. Lavoie, yes; Mr. Nolan, yes; Mrs. Bisson, yes; Mrs. Langlais, yes; Mr. Rodgers, yes.***

The meeting was adjourned at 9:33 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Dr. Irene Sousa

