

HUDSON SCHOOL DISTRICT
Hudson School Board Meeting
January 7, 2008
Accepted Minutes

Present: Mr. David Alukonis, Chairman
Mr. Lars Christiansen
Mr. Richard Nolan
Mr. Gary Rodgers
Mrs. Brenda Levesque
Mr. Randy Bell, Superintendent
Ms. Mary Ellen Ormond, Asst. Superintendent for curriculum
Mr. Normand Sanborn, Business Administrator
Dr. Irene Sousa, Director of Special Services
Ms. Laura Gould, 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. Mr. Rodgers arrived late this evening.
- B. **Presentations to the Board**
There were no presentations to the Board.
- C. **Public Input**
There was no public input.
- D. **Requests of the Board**
There were no requests of the Board.
- E. **Reports to the Board**
Superintendent's Report
Rivier College now has a fully accredited Doctoral Program, which is great for this area. Congrats Rivier.
Letters have been sent out to parents and staff regarding the Alert Now program. People can *Opt Out* if they wish. This program will be fully operational after January 15, 2008.
- F. **Committee Reports**
There were no committee reports.
- G. **Correspondence**
Enrollments for December – for information only.
Elementary Class Sizes for December – for information only.
School Reports for December – for information.
School Resource Officer Report for November 2007 – for information only.
Primex Letter- their response to questions asked.

Letter from MIAA Football Official – letter of praise – for information only.
Letter from Plodzik & Sanderson – Regarding increase in fees. The board will send out a follow up letter requesting more information.

H. Recommended Action

1. Business Affairs - Minutes - Recommended Action:
December 17, 2007- draft minutes
Mr. Rodgers moved to approve the draft minutes of December 17, 2007 as presented second by Mr. Nolan. Motion passes 4-0.

Mr. Christiansen arrived at 6:45 pm.

2. Manifests - Recommended Action:
Manifests are available to be signed.

I. Old Business

School Trip Requests:

- NHMEA Jazz All State & NHMEA All State
Mr. Nolan moved to approve the travel request to attend NHMEA Jazz All State and NHMEA All State as presented, second by Mr. Rodgers. Motion passes 5-0.
- Six Flags Festivals of Music
This is not an overnight trip request and does not need approval.

J. New Business

Contract for One Communication

One Communication has provided the district with a high level of customer relations at a slightly higher cost than our current provider. Their proposal is for a two year fixed cost contract at \$35,868 per year from 7/1/08 through 6/30/10. This will provide district wide services.

Mr. Nolan moved to approve the two year contract with One Communication at an annual cost of \$35,868 per year from 7/1/08 through 6/30/10 to provide district wide data services, second by Mr. Rodgers. Motion passes 5-0.

Prepare for Public Hearing

Mr. Nolan updated the Board; all warrants have been approved and will go on the ballot as “recommended”.

Mr. Bell stated some recommended reductions were found, \$5,719 needed to be deducted. The Budget Committee accepted the change.

New adopted budget figure: \$41,655,113

Mr. Rodgers moved to reduce the adopted budget by \$5,719 as illustrated in tonight’s memo, new adopted budget is \$41,655,113, second by Mr. Nolan. Motion passes 5-0.

There was some conversation regarding step increases during budget discussions. The budget committee asked for more information regarding this, Mr. Bell provided Mr.

Nolan with a copy of the Leadership contract which explains how step increases work. Mr. Nolan will report back to the Budget Committee.

On Wednesday, January 9 there will be a Budget hearing. 7pm is a budget meeting and 7:30 pm is a public hearing both will be held at the Community Center.

Deliberative Session- Warrant assignments

Warrant 1 – Budget – Mr. Nolan

Warrant 2 – Maintenance facility – Mr. Rodgers

Warrant 3 – Salary Pool – Mr. Alukonis

Warrant 4 - \$25,000 for AHS Academic Assistance – Mr. Nolan

Warrant 5 – School District Moderator stipend increase (\$200) – Mr. Christiansen

Warrant 6 – School District Clerk stipend increase (\$200) – Mr. Christiansen

Warrant 7 - \$100,000 surplus to school renovation fund – Mr. Nolan

Warrant 8 – Combine two capital reserve funds \$32,000 – Mr. Alukonis

Deliberative Session is scheduled for Saturday February 9, 2008, voting will be held on March 11.

Kindergarten Position Paper

Second draft. It states the district is not opposed to Kindergarten, but will not be able to implement it by September 2009. The district is opposed to a kindergarten mandate without being fully funded. Will establish a study committee to look into the feasibility of kindergarten.

Mr. Nolan moved to accept the Kindergarten Position Paper (2nd draft) which has been provided by the Superintendent and will go on record as the Official School Board Position, second by Mrs. Levesque. Motion passes 5-0.

This letter will be attached to a press release and sent to area papers. Mr. Christiansen will hand deliver this to Concord.

AHS Extracurricular Nomination

Faculty Manager \$2,075 (Assistant to Athletic Director) – Connie Lyles

Mr. Nolan moved to accept the nomination of Connie Lyles as Faculty Manager (\$2,075), second by Mr. Christiansen. Motion passes 5-0.

Contract for School Radio Operations

Thirty-seven radios have been donated to the school district by the Fire Department. Charging devices are needed. Two Way Communication has been recommended as the vendor to purchase the devices.

Mr. Rodgers moved to waive the bid process and award the contract to Two Way Communications for the purchase of charging devices at a cost of \$5,074 second by Mr. Nolan. Motion passes 5-0.

This purchase will increase the number of portables in every school.

Meeting Conflict: Next meeting is scheduled for Jan. 21 (which is Martin Luther King Day) will reschedule meeting to Tuesday January 29. All the Board Members will be available to attend. (must check for room availability).

K. Board Member Comments:

Ms. Gould-no comments

Mrs. Levesque-no comments

Mr. Nolan- would like the public to know that his wife runs a daycare/kindergarten business. He is not opposed to kindergarten but is opposed to a kindergarten mandate without the funding.

Mr. Christiansen- District should be able to sub-contract kindergarten, against mandate.

Mr. Rodgers-no comments

Mr. Alukonis-Vote tomorrow – Presidential Primary at the Community Center, until 8 pm.

L. Non-Public Session:

Mr. Rodgers moved to enter Non-Public session at pm under RSA91-A: 3I (C) second by Mr. Nolan.

Chairman called for a roll call vote.

Mr. Christiansen- yes, Mr. Nolan-yes, Mrs. Levesque-yes, Mr. Rodgers yes,

Mr. Alukonis-no.

Motion passes 4-1; enter Non-Public at 7:25 pm.

The Board discussed staff and student issues.

No decisions were made.

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

M. Adjourn:

Meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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