

## HUDSON SCHOOL DISTRICT

Hudson School Board Meeting  
February 2, 2009  
Approved Minutes

Present: Mr. David Alukonis, Chairman  
Mr. Richard Nolan  
Mr. Gary Rodgers  
Mrs. Brenda Levesque  
Mr. Lee Lavoie  
Mr. Randy Bell, Superintendent  
Ms. Mary Ellen Ormond, Asst. Superintendent  
Mr. Normand Sanborn, Business Administrator  
Dr. Irene Sousa, Director of Special Services  
Mr. Matt Haefner, 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 6:35 pm.

**Non-Public Session: parental request**

*Mr. Nolan moved to enter Non-Public session at 6:35 pm under RSA91-A: 3I (C) second by Mr. Rodgers.*

*Chairman called for a roll call vote.*

*Mr. Nolan-yes, Mrs. Levesque-yes, Mr. Lavoie-no, Mr. Rodgers-yes*

*Mr. Alukonis-no. Motion passes 3-2.*

Entered Non-Public at 6:35 pm

*Mr. Lavoie moved, and Mrs. Levesque seconded, to allow a non-resident student to complete the fifth grade year at Nottingham West School. The motion was adopted unanimously.*

*Mr. Nolan moved, and Mr. Rodgers seconded, to exit Non-Public session.*

*Mr. Lavoie, yes; Mrs. Levesque, yes; Mr. Nolan, yes; Mr. Rodgers, yes, Mr. Alukonis, yes.*

Reconvened at 6:55 pm

Moment of silence for Gordon French. Annual report will be in his memory.

- B. **Public Input**

There was no public input.

**C. Requests of the Board**

**ROTC Field trips**

Col. Grady addressed the Board as well as Megan Dupont Brooks.

Ms. Brooks thanked the Board and apologized for taking so long to report back regarding the summer leadership school they attended last August. They earned 70 hours of classroom work during that trip and 18 students got to fly with Col. Grady.

Worked on:

- getting 1<sup>st</sup> year cadets prepared (uniforms)
- 2<sup>nd</sup> yr cadets learned drill routines
- Worked on team work which paid off during a recent inspection, which was held on Oct. 28, 2008. Exceeded expectations in all inspected items.

Preparing upcoming field trips:

Camp Bell – May 16-17 (Leadership weekend)

Summer Leadership School – August 17-21

In attendance will be: AHS, Bedford, MA, Salem HS, and Spaulding HS. Washington DC trip planned for Feb. 21-25, 2010 to be planned by Caitlin Sullivan. For approximately 40 students.

***Mr. Nolan moved to approve all of the upcoming field trip as presented, second by Mr. Rodgers. Motion passes 5-0.***

Mr. Nolan inquired about current enrollment which is 97, also requested some feed back from teachers, guidance, etc. Regarding how this group impacts academics.

Mr. Bell thanked the drill team for coming to the Deliberative Session on Saturday. From there the group attended a drill competition at Lowell High School (who are Drill National Champions), which they won 3<sup>rd</sup> place. Alvirne ROTC won third overall at the competition.

**D. Presentations to the Board**

No presentations to the Board.

**E. Reports to the Board**

**Superintendent's Report**

Hopeful that we will miss the upcoming snow storm. Currently we have 4 snow days.

School Board workshop last week, have set a schedule for teacher nominations. Currently preparing for the upcoming elections. Annual report needs to be completed by Friday.

Good response from legislative delegation scheduled for next Monday. Still need to set an agenda.

Attended the retirement party for Chief Gendron. The new chief Jason Lavoie would like to meet with the Board.

**F. Committee Reports**

After the deliberative Session, Saturday, the Budget Committee took another vote on Warrant #2, teacher's contract, and will be recommending it. The final vote was 6-4-1.

**G. Correspondence**

Letters of resignation

Vicki Lizzie

*Mr. Nolan moved to accept the resignation of Vicki Lizzie, second by Mr. Rodgers. Motion passes 5-0.*

John Hodgkins resigning from Dept. Head position only will still be a teacher.

*Mr. Nolan moved to accept the resignation of John Hodgkins as a Dept. Head only with appreciation for services rendered, second by Mr. Lavoie. Motion passes 5-0.*

Letter from Paul Hodes: Information, no action needed.

**H. Recommended Action**

1. Business Affairs - Minutes - Recommended Action:

Draft minutes for January 19, 2009

*Mr. Rodgers moved to accept the draft minutes of January 19, 2009 as presented. Second by Mr. Nolan. Motion passes 5-0.*

2. Manifests - Recommended Action:

Manifests are available to be signed.

3. Student Activities Account

For information only.

4. Budget Transfer # SB 18 Para Salary

First reading \$8,000

**I. Old Business**

Approval of 2009-2010 Hudson School District Calendar

There have been two minor changes to the calendar regarding in-service days – changed from a Friday to a Wednesday.

*Mr. Rodgers moved to accept the draft 2009-2010 school calendar as presented, second by Mr. Nolan. Motion passes 5-0.*

**J. New Business**

**Out of District Tuition Deficit and Special Education Contracts**

This item has been deferred.

Initial Review of Audit: Mr. Sanborn addressed the Board.

Need to build a financial handbook

Need to be sure proper accounting processes are done

Should: identify potential problems, control deficiencies, control significant deficiencies. The audit did find two significant deficiencies but no material weaknesses. Reviewed Federal Funds and found no deficiencies.

Financial Statement – need to be developed by district or contracted out. This will come back to the Board. Need to work on a disaster plan – off site back-up – recovery plan this will be in place by July.

Need School Board policies for Deposits and Investments this has recently been taken care of. Need fraud/code of ethics need to have procedures in place for investigation. Need to have Ethics policy – need internal controls.

Overall the audit looks at financial statements, there needs some tightening up and look at internal controls which will come to the Board. The auditors will be at an upcoming meeting.

Warrant #9

With changes to warrant 9, reconsider vote

***Mr. Rodgers moved to reconsider vote on Warrant 9, second by Mrs. Levesque.***

***Motion 3-1-1.***

Reopened for further discussion whether the Board should recommend warrant 9, the Board believes they will be successful with their lawsuit, feel they need to wait until this is complete then go forward with kindergarten.

***Mr. Rodgers moved to recommend Warrant 9, there is no Second. Motion dies. Not recommended by the School Board.***

Teacher nomination meeting schedule: March 2, 9, and 16.

**K. Board Member Comments:**

Mrs. Levesque: Announced she is stepping down from the School Board, March 10 will be her last meeting due to home responsibilities.

Mr. Lavoie: Its been a pleasure Brenda

Mr. Rodgers: Thanks Brenda, Thanks to voters for coming to Deliberative Saturday, Town deliberative upcoming Saturday.

Mr. Nolan: Thanks for your service Brenda. Last Tuesday Gary, Randy and myself attended a Board of Selectman meeting. Pleased with the outcome and now have the support for the teacher's contract. Very professional.

Mr. Haefner: Thanks for approval of JROTC trip requests; I am part of leadership committee for Washington DC trip.

Mr. Alukonis: Its been a pleasure Brenda, Please come back, can always be of some service to the Board. Thanks for attending the Deliberative.

**L. Adjourn:**

Meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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