

**HUDSON SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**Hudson School Board Meeting**  
**March 17, 2008**  
**Accepted 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 for curriculum  
Mr. Normand Sanborn, Business Administrator  
Dr. Irene Sousa, Director of Special Services  
Ms. Laura Gould, Student Rep.

Prior to the start of the meeting Mr. Interbitzen swore in two school Board members elected in the recent elections – Mr. Gary Rodgers and Mr. Lee Lavoie.

- 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. This is a Board reorganization meeting, following elections.

With Mr. Bell presiding, he opened nominations for Chairman of the Board. Mr. Nolan nominated Mr. Alukonis, seconded by Mrs. Levesque. Mr. Nolan discussed why the School Board does not alternate the Chair as is custom on other boards. The Board's success is a direct reflection of Mr. Alukonis' professionalism and leadership. Mr. Bell closed nominations, and congratulated Mr. Alukonis. Mr. Alukonis is now presiding over the meeting and continued working on the Board reorganization by opening up nominations for Vice Chair. Mr. Nolan nominated Mr. Rodgers as Vice Chair, second by Mrs. Levesque. Closed nominations, congratulations Mr. Rodgers. Mr. Alukonis requested the Board members look over the Board member assignments and will take this up at the next meeting.

**Results of District Meeting Votes**

For information only.

All of the warrants on the ballot passed.

Mr. Nolan spoke about why some people voted "no" on warrants.

**Proposed 2008-2009 School Board calendar of meetings**

Final adoption will be at the next meeting. The meeting scheduled for November 3 is the day before elections; Mr. Bell will look into this more.

**B. Presentations to the Board**

Eagle Project – C.J. Destramp – this item was deferred.

**C. Public Input**

There was no public input.

**D. Requests of the Board**

NH State Academic Decathlon

Mr. Lane addressed the Board regarding this overnight trip.

This is the 8<sup>th</sup> year in a row that Alvirne has been attending this. Nationals are scheduled for April 28-May 4 in Garden Grove, California. No district funds will be needed for this trip.

***Mr. Nolan moved to approve this overnight trip to Nationals for the Academic Decathlon team, April 28-May 4, second by Mr. Rodgers. Congrats and Good Luck.***

***Motion passes 5-0.***

DECA National Field Trip

Mr. Lane addressed the Board regarding this overnight trip.

Three students qualified to attend Nationals in Atlanta Georgia, April 26-April 29. No district funds will be needed for this trip.

***Mr. Rodgers moved to approve this overnight trip to Nationals for three DECA students, April 26-29 second by Mrs. Levesque. Motion passes 5-0.***

Class Act Drama Club

Mr. Lane addressed the Board regarding this overnight trip.

Class Act was awarded “*Best Production at the NH Educational Theatre Guild 2008*” The state drama festival will be held on April 11-12 (one day of school will be missed), in Gilford NH. No district funds will be needed for this trip.

Should Class Act be successful at the State festival, the regional festival will be held on April 17-19 in Rutland Vermont. No district funds will be needed for this trip.

***Mr. Rodgers moved to approve both Class Act overnight trips, second by Mrs. Levesque. Motion passes 5-0.***

Model UN Club

Mr. Lane addressed the Board. Seven members would like to attend the annual Bentley College conference on May 23-25, one chaperone and one parent will be doing the driving.

***Mr. Nolan moved to approve this overnight trip to Bentley College, using common sense, second by Mr. Rodgers. Motion passes 5-0.***

**E. Reports to the Board**

**Superintendent's Report**

District job fair was held on March 15, 248 people attended this event. This was well attended despite a similar job fair was being held in Bedford at the same time, and the state was holding a Praxis exam for college seniors as well.

Well organized, hope to be able to do some early hiring.

At the same time as the job fair there was also a Vet Tech program going on at the school. UNH Extension and the State Vet were there discussing animals and animal safety.

Mr. Bell attended the drama festival the week before – outstanding event.

There has been a meeting last Friday with “No Place Like Home” 31 NH families are still homeless due to the recent floods, it has been decided that the home being built at AHS will go to a family in Bennington, NH, they have been homeless for 18 months. Memo of Understanding will be here soon.

Health Insurance rates will have an increase of only 2.9%, the district had budgeted 14%.

Need to review Dental Insurance, look into the possibility of self funding.

Eagle Scout Project – C.J. Destramp has already met with Mr. Bell, he wishes to improve the court yard at Hudson Memorial.

Regarding the recent article published in the Telegraph. The Telegraph requested contracts for the teachers, they were less successful obtaining Superintendent's contracts this was a misunderstanding. They have called the Telegraph and will be making these documents public as well.

**F. Committee Reports**

There were no committee reports.

**G. Correspondence**

Letters of Resignation – all effective at the end of the current school year.

Heidi Bracci

*Mr. Nolan moved to accept the resignation of Heidi Bracci, second by Mrs. Levesque. Motion passes 5-0.*

Jennifer Gettle

*Mr. Nolan moved to accept the resignation of Jennifer Gettle, second by Mrs. Levesque. Motion passes 5-0.*

David Lelesi

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

AHS Extracurricular Nominations (Spring) – 12 positions

*Mr. Nolan moved to accept the AHS extracurricular nominations as listed second by Mr. Rodgers. Motion passes 5-0.*

HFT Negotiations letter

Notification to start negotiations, for information only.

**H. Recommended Action**

1. Business Affairs - Minutes - Recommended Action:

March 3, 2008 draft minutes

*Mr. Rodgers moved to accept the draft minutes of March 3 as presented, second by Mr. Nolan. Motion passes 4-0-1 (Mr. Lavoie abstained).*

March 10, 2008 draft minutes

*Mr. Rodgers moved to accept the draft minutes of March 10 as presented, second by Mr. Nolan. Motion passes 4-0-1 (Mr. Lavoie abstained).*

2. Manifests - Recommended Action:

Manifests are available to be signed.

3. Budget Transfer #27-08 (first reading)

This needs to be transferred due to a significant increase in diesel fuel, may need to do another in the near future.

*Mr. Nolan moved to approve budget transfer #27-08, for \$59,000, and waive second reading, also request the business manager to address the Board at the next meeting regarding new gas expectations for the future, second by Mr. Rodgers. Motion passes 5-0.*

4. Financial Report (for information only)

For information only. Anticipated fund balance \$318,799.

Mr. Alukonis announced that five copies of the MS-22 need to be signed. The Verizon Center is secured and confirmed for the June 14 graduation.

**I. Board Member Comments:**

Mr. Lavoie – Comment correction – should have read “I was tired of incumbents running unopposed” Thanks for the votes, Lars I wish you the best, Gary you are a good friend and an asset to the Board.

Mr. Rodgers – Thanks voters, want good educations as well as fair contracts.

Mrs. Levesque – Congrats to Lee and Gary.

Mr. Nolan – Thanks Lars, you always got right to the point and made an impact, I wish you well.

Ms. Gould – No comments

Mr. Alukonis – Thanks Board and voters for supporting the budget as well as the warrants, thanks Lars and candidates. This is the first time in a long time the Board does not have a sitting member of the legislature on the Board. Thanks also for the Chair nomination.

Mr. Alukonis talked about his annual chair report, would like to see the Board revisit work done and work on new things as well. Would like to see an easy to understand report on how kids are doing based on all assessments that are given. April 1, 2008 first training at BU, Tyngsboro at 8:30.

**J. Non-Public Session:**

*Mr. Nolan moved to enter Non-Public session at 7:34 pm under RSA 91-A: 3I (A) and (C) second by Mrs. Levesque. Chairman called for a roll call vote: Mr. Nolan-yes, Mrs. Levesque-yes, Mr. Rodgers-yes, Mr. Lavoie-yes, Mr. Alukonis-no. Motion passes 4-1.*

Enter Non-Public at 7:34 pm. The Board discussed two requests to tuition students into Alvirne High School. Mr. Nolan moved and Mr. Rodgers seconded a motion to approve tuition for a student at AHS for the remainder of this school year, as well as, for next year, pending the establishment of the tuition rate. Motion passed 4-0. The Board did not act on the other requests and sent it back to the Superintendent to gather additional information.

The Board discussed contract negotiation issues but no decisions were made.

*Mr. Rodgers moved, and Mr. Lavoie seconded to adopt SAU staff salary adjustments as presented in points 1 – 4 on Board Enclosure #2 (attached to file copy of these minutes), effective January 1, 2008.*

*The motion was adopted unanimously.*

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

**K. Adjourn:**

Meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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