



## HUDSON SCHOOL BOARD

Hills Memorial Library 18 Library Street Hudson, New Hampshire

6:30 pm Regular Meeting  
Non-Public Session

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### Minutes – October 3, 2022

#### In Attendance

##### Board Members

Gretchen Whiting, Vice Chair  
Ethan Beals  
Mike Campbell  
Maureen Dionne

Brett Gagnon, Board of Selectmen Liaison  
Emily Dozois, Student Representative

##### SAU Staff

Dan Moulis, Superintendent of Schools  
Kim Organek, Assistant Superintendent of  
Curriculum and Instruction  
Rachel Borge, Director Special Services  
Jen Burk, Business Administrator

#### A. Call to Order [0:08:08]

##### 1. Pledge of Allegiance

Vice Chair Gretchen Whiting called the meeting to order at 6:38pm. She officiated the meeting in the absence of Chair Gary Gasdia who was ill. Ethan Beals led the Pledge of Allegiance.

A moment of silence was held to honor two students who were involved in an accident over the weekend, and their families.

An agenda revision was made: The presentation to the Board of the Hudson Memorial Middle School and Alvirne High School Data is postponed until the October 17 meeting.

#### B. Public Hearing (decision) [0:10:06]

Pursuant to RSA 198:20-b, and in accordance with Article 4 of the March 6, 1992, Town Meeting and Board Policy KCD, the Hudson School Board held a public hearing to receive a donation of property.

The following donation was offered by the estate of James O’Neil to the Palmer Center for the Welding & Fabrication and Heavy-Duty Mechanics programs.

Item	Value
Chevy S-10 electric truck	\$1,000
E-vehicle battery bank	\$2,000
Powder coat oven	\$250
Sandblasting booth – Econoline 120psi	\$1000
Sandblast cabinet vent system	\$300
Nordson powder coat gun	\$2500
Ultrasonic cleaner	\$1,000
Spot welder	\$500
Portable welder	\$5,000
Material rollers (4)	\$400
Finger joiner	\$200
Mini rollers (2)	\$400
Versa cabinet (2)	\$100
2 Arbor press	\$200
Standing flat stock roller	\$200
Air compressor	\$200

The value of the tools and equipment is approximately \$15,250. There was no Board or public comment.

**C. Donation of Property [0:11:58]**

*Mike Campbell made a motion to accept the donation of tools and equipment valued at approximately \$15,250. Maureen seconded the motion. Motion passed 4:0.*

**D. Public Input [0:12:41]**

There was no public input.

**E. Good News Update (Information) [0:12:45]**

Superintendent Moulis shared Dr. H.O. Smith school had their first assembly on Friday and he had the opportunity to hand out Class of 2034 t-shirts to 200 first graders..

**F. Presentation to the Board – TABLED**

**1. Hudson Memorial Middle School and Alvirne High School Data (Information)**

## G. Old Business [0:13:50]

### 1. Policies – Second Reading (Decision)

- DFGA – Crowdfunding – New, NHSBA version with tracked changes (to do: creation of a form and a list of approved crowd funding sites)
- ECAF – Audio and Video Surveillance on School Buses – NHSBA version replaces current policy (signs are on buses regarding surveillance)
- IMAH – Daily Physical Activity – New, NHSBA version with tracked changes
- JLCF – Wellness – New, NHSBA version with tracked changes (Wellness Committee is in the process of being established; Wellness Coordinators are in the process of being established)

*Maureen Dionne made a motion to accept the following policies as included in the agenda:*

- *DFGA – Crowdfunding*
- *ECAF – Audio and Video Surveillance on School Buses*
- *IMAH – Daily Physical Activity*
- *JLCF – Wellness*

*Ethan Beals seconded the motion. Motion passed 4:0.*

## H. New Business [0:17:11]

### 1. October 1, 2022, Enrollment (Information)

Superintendent Moulis presented information on district enrollment. Data will be published on the district website. The October 1 enrollment showed an increase of 59 students in grades PreK – 12 from last year. Kindergarten enrollment last year was 193; grade one students now number 213.

There are 231 students in grade two this year. Numbers must be verified with the Department of Education. There was a small second grade that went to third grade. An increase in preschool is being monitored as well as remote services at the younger ages. Identifying trends were briefly discussed (class size grew each year; looking longer term at losing specific students was suggested).

### 2. Construction Fund at CTE

Mr. Beals reported there was a request to use construction funds at CTE is to /could be used for drainage issues that needs to be resolved, as well as adding some parking near the Vet Science area. The cost would be about \$30,000 and does not qualify for state funding. Historically, there was a building committee that provided oversight to the fund. Although there are some incomplete items, the committee no longer meets because most of the work is complete. Mr. Beals feels there should be oversight for the fund by the Board or a committee. Ms. Burk noted that there is one main project potentially being targeted for the remaining funds in the account, which is for ventilation hoods in the teaching kitchen. There is \$765,000 of the \$17 million left in potential reimbursement from the state; \$125,000 left in the fund balance, primarily made up of interest and other revenue; and \$188,000 remaining in encumbrance (retainage with Harvey, Lavalley, and Turner for outstanding work). Some of the \$188,000 in encumbrances will potentially be reimbursed through the State. Any remaining balance between the \$120,000 and \$188,000 (raised through appropriation) would be fund balance that would be used to offset the tax rate.

The director was in touch with the state. Options were reviewed to put in ventilation for the teaching kitchen, and those options range from \$400,000 to \$1 million. The district is waiting on engineering drawings for the work to get done. Ventilation was part of the project originally, but the scope changed, and it was removed. It was reattached to the project for the kitchen hood ventilation, as the district could use the balance between the remaining fund and state funding. Out of the \$1million, 75% could be covered by the State. Board consensus was to treat it like we would when we go out to bid and to seek Board approval on a bid.

## I. Recommended Action [0:37:43]

### 1. Manifests -

### 2. Minutes - September 26, 2022

*Mike Campbell made a motion to approve the minutes of September 26, 2022, as presented. Maureen Dionne seconded the motion. Motion passed 4:0.*

## J. Reports to the Board (Information) [0:38:16]

### 1. Superintendent Report

Superintendent Moulis reported that there was an accident yesterday involving two Hudson students. Staff were working to support students and the community. The Hudson Police Department had partnered with area agencies and brought in comfort dogs at Alvirne. The counseling department created an area to support staff and students at Alvirne.

### 2. Assistant Superintendent Report

Ms. Organek said they were working on the November 8 professional development day (no school for students). There were meetings with principals to review goals for the year. She will be representing the south-central region for the New Hampshire School Administrators Association Professional Development Committee.

### 3. Director of Special Services Report

Ms. Borge reported there has been a shift in the approach to challenging student behavior. Previously, the behavior systems were targeting tiers 2 and 3. With reflection, the former behavior specialist position is more a behavior systems advisor, with expertise in managing classroom and student behavior, and supports students in a tier 1 model before behavior gets disruptive to learners. The changes have been positive so far.

### 4. Business Administrator Report

Administration has brought forth their budgets to the superintendent who has made his recommendations on what will be brought forward to the School Board. The first round of budget presentations begins on Monday, October 17.

## K. Committee Reports

Ms. Whiting noted the budget committee has a meeting Wednesday evening. Three members participated in a subcommittee. Members Alejandro Urrutia, Patrick Quinlan and Richard Weissgarber (lead) participated in a very detailed tour through the school and will make recommendations at an upcoming meeting.

#### L. Board of Selectmen - Liaison Comments

Mr. Gagnon gave updates regarding the Zoning Board of adjustment appointments, and discussions on the economy. They had to cancel one of the police vehicle contracts because of lack of supply. The Chief was able to find another supplier, so they reissued another contract. Scott J Tice was appointed as the new Hudson Fire Chief. Board of Selectmen are meeting to discuss electrical aggregation, which could be the first step in the plan to transition from strictly Eversource to additional suppliers. This would provide options for lowering costs and for expanding access to renewable energy and other innovative sources. If the selectmen approve this plan, it will be going to warrant. He hopes Hudson residents will take the time to learn about this as it could help the community in a phenomenal way.

#### M. Student Representative

Ms. Dozois shared that the AHS community sends their condolences to the families involved in the recent situation. She stated she spoke on behalf of the students, who are very happy that Mr. Beals is back, especially in this difficult time, and would like to thank Mr. Tesini for being there as interim principal.

#### N. Board Member Comments

Mr. Campbell echoed the sentiment of thoughts and prayers for the families involved. He stated Hudson always comes through, and if people see a way to help, they usually do.

Ms. Dionne feels the same way, says it is nice to see people come together like they have, and hopes it continues.

Ms. Whiting sends thoughts and prayers for everyone involved, the entire AHS community, the district, the town, and family members.

Mr. Gagnon adds to this that Wason Rd can be a dangerous spot and encourages people to careful.

#### O. Non-Public Session - RSA 91-A:3 II a

***At 7:10 pm, Mr. Campbell made a motion to enter non-public session per RSA 91-A:3 II. Ms. Dionne seconded the motion. Motion passed 4:0. Roll call vote.***

A personnel matter, hiring and negotiations were discussed.

SAU staff left the meeting at 8:05pm.

#### P. Leave Non-Public Session and Adjourn

***At 8:35pm, Mr. Beals made a motion to leave non-public and adjourn. Mr. Campbell seconded the motion. Motion passed 4:0.***

Submitted by  
Susan DeFelice

Non-public by Dan Moulis and Gretchen Whiting