

**Hudson School District
Hudson School Board Meeting
Approved Minutes**

Present:

Dr. Darcy Orellana, Board Chairman
Mr. Gary Gasdia, Board Vice-Chair
Ms. Diana LaMothe
Mr. Ethan Beals
Ms. Fabiana Fickett
Ms. Kara Roy, Vice-Chairman, Board of Selectmen
Mr. Larry Russell, Superintendent of Schools
Ms. Kim Organek, Assistant Superintendent
Ms. Rachel Borge, Director of Special Services
Ms. Jennifer Burk, Business Administrator

- A. Call to Order:** Dr. Orellana called the meeting to order. Mr. Russell the Pledge of Allegiance.
- B. Public Input:**
Ms. LaMothe summarized emails that were received this week by ten people. Majority of the emails that were received were related to what will happen after February vacation regarding going remote or to in-person learning.
- C. Presentations to the Board:**
1. Audit Presentation: Mr. Paine went through the Audit that was performed this year with the general fund; he also reviewed the revenues and expenditures that incurred.
- D. Requests of the Board:** No requests at this time.
- E. Old Business:**
1. Policies (2nd readings): Ms. Organek read off the following policies.

a) JLCK Special Physical Health Needs of Students	New, NHSBA sample verbatim
b) JLD School Counseling Program	New, NHSBA sample w/ tracked changes
c) JLDBA Behavior Management and Intervention	New, NHSBA sample verbatim
d) JLDBB Suicide Prevention and Response	New, NHSBA sample w/ tracked changes
e) JLF Reporting Child Abuse and Neglect	New, NHSBA sample w/ tracked changes
f) JLIA Supervision of Students	New, NHSBA sample verbatim
g) JLIE Student Automobile Use	New, NHSBA sample/ tracked changes

Ms. LaMothe made a motion to accept these policies as amended, second by Mr. Beals. Ms. Fickett, aye, Mr. Gasdia, aye, Mr. Beals, aye, Ms. LaMothe, aye, Dr. Orellana, aye. Motion passes 5-0.

F. New Business:

1. Hourly Rate for Lunch & Recess Monitors: Ms. Burk expressed to the board that they are having trouble finding monitors at this time due to COVID-19. She reviewed the hourly rate that other districts are paying monitors which was a few dollars higher. The Board is also interested at looking at other hourly rates for part-time positions as well.

Ms. LaMothe made a motion to approve the rate increase for the Lunch and Recess Monitors to 12.75/hour, second by Mr. Beals. Ms. Fickett, aye, Mr. Gasdia, aye, Mr. Beals, aye, Ms. LaMothe, aye, Dr. Orellana, aye. Motion passes 5-0.

2. Post-Winter Break Discussion: Mr. Russell asked the board to discuss the pros and cons of taking the week after February vacation off. Mr. Russell's recommendation for this, is not to take the week after February vacation off. The Board had discussed and asked if there is any feedback they are hearing from the teachers on this matter. The Board has decided to keep the schedule as is after February vacation.
3. School District Clerk Appointment: Dr. Orellana asked the board to make a motion to consider Diana Cannava as the School District Clerk.

Ms. LaMothe made a motion to appoint Diana Cannava as the school district clerk, second by Mr. Gasdia. Ms. Fickett, aye, Mr. Gasdia, aye, Mr. Beals, aye, Ms. LaMothe, aye, Dr. Orellana, aye. Motion passes 5-0.

G. Recommended Action:

1. Manifests- Recommended Action: Make necessary corrections and sign.

H. Reports to the Board:

1. Superintendent Report: Mr. Russell brought up a unique situation they are in with the 2021-2022 calendar regarding Presidents' Day and February break. Mr. Russell also informed the public where they can access the deliberative meeting electronically.
2. Assistant Superintendent Report: Ms. Organek said they are busy with planning their PD day on March 26th. She also mentioned that they will be receiving another ESSER grant to help with COVID expenditures; they are waiting to hear what the allocations can be applied too.
3. Director of Special Services Report: Ms. Borge discussed with the board that she attended the house ed community hearing discussing HS-20 which is a voucher bill.
4. Business Administrator Report: Ms. Burk mentioned that the ESSER grant Hudson will be getting is just about \$1.2 million. She also mentioned that they are getting their final touches on the warrant articles.

- I. **Legislative Updates:** Mr. Russell attended a training on Monday which mostly consisted of the HB-20 bill. Mr. Russell gave his input toward this and mentioned that if it ends up passing, is going to be critical.
- J. **Committee Reports:** Ms. LaMothe said that the CTE Committee met last Friday and said the project is moving along fast and she believes it will be complete by June 30th.
- K. **Correspondence:**
 - 1. Financial Reports: Ms. Burk presented what the financial status of the district is. She went over the status of revenue, fund balance and cost areas.
- L. **Board Member Comments:**
 - 1. Mr. Gary Gasdia: Mr. Gasdia would like to encourage everyone to watch their emails on Thursday nights because Superintendent Russell sends out updates.
 - 2. Ms. Fabiana Fickett: Ms. Fickett encourages everyone to register for the deliberative session and thanked the parents, staff, and students for their hard work.
 - 3. Ms. Diana LaMothe: Ms. LaMothe explained what she learned at the NHSBA webinar (Collaborative session) that she attended. She also encouraged people to come to the deliberative session.
 - 4. Mr. Ethan Beals: Mr. Beals believes we are starting to see a light at the end of the tunnel, however he encouraged everyone to be safe during February vacation and to make smart decisions.
 - 5. Ms. Kara Roy: Ms. Roy mentioned that the town deliberative session went well and thanked everyone who participated.
 - 6. Dr. Darcy Orellana: Dr. Orellana brought up all the wonderful things that have been happening and mentioned that this is Black History Month and that there are so much to still be learned.
- M. **Upcoming Meetings:**

Meeting	Date	Time	Location	Purpose
School Board	2/15/2021	6:30 pm	Community Center	Regular Meeting
School Board	3/1/2021	6:30 pm	Community Center	Regular Meeting

- N. **Non-public:**
Ms. LaMothe made a motion to enter non-public session according to RSA 91-A: 3(B, C) at 8:00 pm, second by Mr. Beals. Ms. Fickett, aye, Mr. Gasdia, aye, Mr. Beals, aye, Ms. LaMothe, aye, Dr. Orellana, aye. Motion passes 5-0.

The Board discussed a request from a staff member for their child to attend in Hudson. Mr. Russell will bring a proposed written agreement for the parents to the Board for approval.

The Board discussed a parent request. No motion taken.

Mr. Beals motioned to allow a former student to reenroll in the district at 25% tuition, no transportation and must be enrolled through October 1, second by Ms. LaMothe. Motion passes 3-2 with Dr. Orellana and Ms. Fickett voting nay.

Mr. Beals moved to approve Beaudet nomination, second by Dr. Orellana. Motion passes 5-0.

Dismissed district staff at 9:03 pm.

Remaining: Darcy Orellana (chair), Gary Gasdia (vice-chair), Diana LaMothe, Ethan Beals, Fabiana Fickett (via zoom) and Larry Russell (Superintendent)

Superintendent shared mid-year progress toward 2020-2021 goals outlined in his annual evaluation.

O. Adjourn

Motion to exit non-public and adjourn by Mr. Beals, second by Ms. LaMothe. Motion passed 5-0.

Meeting adjourned 9:48 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Amanda Gage (public)
Kim Organek (8:00 non-public)
Gary Gasdia (9:03 non-public)