

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

Present:

Mr. Gary Gasdia
Ms. Diana LaMothe
Mr. Ethan Beals
Mr. Michael Campbell
Ms. Gretchen Whiting
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
Ms. Hannah LoVerdi, Student Representative

- A. Call to Order:** Mr. Gasdia called the meeting to order. Mr. Beals led the Pledge of Allegiance.
- B. Public Input:** There was no public input today, however Mr. Gasdia read off an email that was received that was about the selection of option A in regard to opening up school.
- C. Good News:** Ms. Organek stated that the first grade was working on a science project at the Early Learning Center and both remote and in-person students were able to attend. She also shared that the Fairview Senior Living Center residents are becoming pen pals +with 5th grade students.
- D. Presentation: Graduation Rates (Information):**
Ms. Bureau and Mr. Hughen gave a presentation on the historical data for the graduation rates at Alvirne and any impacts that Covid-19 might have caused. She stated that the graduation rates have been steady and mentioned new standards that are going to be required in the future. Ms. Bureau also reviewed student support strategies that have helped students who needed the extra help. They also reviewed the current standings for students as well. The board addressed any concerns or questions that they had.
- E. Requests of the Board:**
- 1. Visiting Spectators at Games:**
Ms. Bonney mentioned that many districts are allowing visitors at games. She said that with the protocols that are put in place, she now feels that this could be handled safely if the Board decides to allow visitors.
Mr. Beals made a motion to allow the visiting team athletes to have four family members attend sporting events and all families will be held to the same covid standards/protocols as

home fans, second by Ms. Whiting. Mr. Campbell, aye, Ms. Whiting aye, Mr. Beals, aye, Ms. LaMothe, nay, Mr. Gasdia, aye. Motion passes 4-1.

2. Facility Use Request (Camporee):

Ms. Burk mentioned that the scouts have asked to use the Hills Grounds on May 1st instead of May 8th. Camporee will be held during this event.

Mr. Beals made a motion to approve the facility use request contingent upon the necessary approvals, second by Ms. Whiting. Mr. Campbell, aye, Ms. Whiting aye, Mr. Beals, aye, Ms. LaMothe, aye, Mr. Gasdia, abstained. Motion passes 4-0-1.

F. Old Business:

1. First Student Contract Extension:

Ms. Burk presented to the Board some additional adjustments that the contract extension entailed with First Student.

Mr. Campbell made a motion to accept the addendum to the contract, second by Mr. Beals. Mr. Campbell, aye, Ms. Whiting aye, Mr. Beals, aye, Ms. LaMothe, aye, Mr. Gasdia, aye. Motion passes 5-0.

2. Admission of Students of Non-Resident Employees:

Mr. Russell asked the Board if they would allow teachers who have children to attend school in this district. He presented two policies/regulations regarding this matter.

Ms. LaMothe made a motion to accept the policy JFAB, according to the second option presented, second by Mr. Beals. Mr. Campbell, aye, Ms. Whiting aye, Mr. Beals, aye, Ms. LaMothe, aye, Mr. Gasdia, aye. Motion passes 5-0.

G. New Business:

1. Extracurricular Nominations:

Mr. Russell brought up nominations which include JV Boy's Lacrosse, Assistant Track Coach and two Summer Shakespeare nominations.

Mr. Campbell made a motion to accept the nominations, second by Mr. Beals. Mr. Campbell, aye, Ms. Whiting aye, Mr. Beals, aye, Ms. LaMothe, aye, Mr. Gasdia, aye. Motion passes 5-0.

2. School Board/ Board of Selectman Collaboration:

Mr. Gasdia brought up a meeting that he had with Board of Selectmen Chairman Roger Coutu where they discussed bringing the meetings to life such as having a joint meeting with all the Boards. Mr. Gasdia asked the other Board members to think about this and come up with ideas on how we can all work together.

H. Recommended Action:

1. Manifests-Recommended Action: Make necessary corrections and sign. These are all set.
2. Minutes- Recommended Action: Review and approve.

a) 4/5/2021 Draft Minutes:

Ms. LaMothe made a motion to accept the minutes for 4/5/2021 meeting, second by Mr. Beals. Mr. Campbell, aye, Ms. Whiting aye, Mr. Beals, aye, Ms. LaMothe, aye, Mr. Gasdia, aye. Motion passes 5-0.

I. Reports to the Board (Information):

1. Superintendent Report: Mr. Russell informed the Board how the first day back to in-person learning went for the district. He also brought up that the Governor has dropped the mask mandate but stated that they are going to be continuing to wear masks. The district will also be holding two days of clinics for students 16 and older who wish to receive the vaccine.
2. Assistant Superintendent Report: Ms. Organek said they have been very busy with getting together the Summer Scholars Program for June 21st.
3. Director of Special Education: Ms. Borge shared her excitement that 13 staff have registered for the specialized reading training. Ms. Borge also mentioned that all the department chairs spent last Friday at the annual law conference and said it went very well.
4. Business Administrator: Ms. Burk said that Bids will be presented in the next upcoming meetings.

J. Legislative Updates: Mr. Russell said the house will start hearing the Senate bills this week and vice versa. Also, the legislative jurisdiction must be finished by June 30th.

K. Correspondence Report:

1. Monthly Financial Report:
Ms. Burk stated not much has changed and they are still anticipating on coming up a little short on the revenues that were previously reported.
2. AFSCME Intent to Bargain:
Mr. Russell reported that AFSCME sent him a letter asking to notify the School Board that they intend to negotiate this year.
3. Nashua Soup Kitchen & Shelter Thank you:
Ms. Burk brought up a letter that was received from Nashua Soup Kitchen. The letter was to the district and thanking them for the donations.

L. Board Member Comments:

1. Ms. Hannah LoVerdi: Ms. LoVerdi said the first day back was successful.
2. Ms. Kara Roy: Ms. Roy brought up that Linda Kipnes has passed and mentioned that she was one of the kindness people she ever met and that she helped the community in many ways.
3. Mr. Michael Campbell: Mr. Campbell said the Alvirne trustees have the finalist for the scholarships and that they will meet soon to pick the winner.
4. Ms. Gretchen Whiting: Thanked the district for going over the logistics over the past weeks and for everyone's hard work.
5. Mr. Ethan Beals: Mr. Beals was happy with the admin and the dialogue that was presented tonight with the current situation they are in.
6. Ms. Diana LaMothe: Ms. LaMothe is happy that the Superintendent is going to keep the mask requirement in place and appreciates the hard work with setting up the vaccine clinics.

7. Mr. Gary Gasdia: Thanked Mr. Huguen and Ms. Bureau for their effort and hard work that was put into the presentation tonight.

M. Non-Public Session:

Ms. Whiting made a motion to enter non-public session according to RSA 91-A: 3(B) at 8:56 pm, second by Ms. LaMothe. Mr. Campbell, aye, Ms. Whiting aye, Mr. Beals, aye, Ms. LaMothe, aye, Mr. Gasdia, aye. Motion passes 5-0.

Ms. LaMothe moved to approve the Technology Integrator nominations of Amy Chartrain and Leann Chauvette, second by Mr. Campbell. Motion passes 4-1 with Mr. Beals voting nay.

At 9:30 pm, Ms. Burk and Ms. Borge were dismissed.

The board discussed results of a grievance.

N. Adjourn

Mr. Beals moved to exit non-public and adjourn, second by Mr. Gasdia. Motion passes 5-0.

Meeting adjourned at 9:53 pm.

O. Upcoming Meetings:

Meeting	Date	Time	Location	Purpose
School Board	5/3/2021	6:30 pm	Hills Memorial Library	Regular Meeting
School Board	5/17/2021	6:30 pm	Hills Memorial Library	Regular Meeting

Respectfully submitted,

Amanda Gage (public)
Kim Organek (non-public)