

HUDSON SCHOOL DISTRICT

Hudson School Board Meeting January 8, 2007 Accepted Minutes

Present: Mr. David Alukonis, Chairman
Mr. Lars Christiansen
Mr. David Bouchard
Mr. Richard Nolan
Mr. Gary Rodgers
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.

A. **Call to Order:** Mr. David Alukonis, Board Chairman, called the meeting to order and led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance at 6:30 pm.

B. **Public Hearing on Additional IDEA Funds**

Memo and Spreadsheets: Ms Ormond and Dr. Sousa addressed the Board. They reviewed the proposed use of the IDEA Funds that the District will be receiving. This list has come before the Board previously. Consultant fees, equipment, software, computers, data entry for Easy IEP, Professional Development.

Opened public comment for public hearing – 6:36 pm

Closed public hearing – 6:37 pm.

C. **Public Input**

There was no public input.

D. **Requests of the Board**

National Association of Secondary School Principals Conference

Mr. Lane addressed the Board with a trip request to attend a conference in Las Vegas, February 22-25. He is the N.H. Rep and the Association will cover all expenses.

Mr. Christiansen moved to approve the trip request to the National Association of Secondary School Principals Conference to be held in Las Vegas, February 22-25, second by Mr. Nolan. Motion passes 5-0.

Mr. Lane will report back to the Board when he returns.

E. **Presentations to the Board**

Review of K-9 Administrative Procedures (deferred)

Chief Gendron addressed the Board. He updated the Board regarding the procedures of conducting drug searches. He requested a letter from the Superintendent stating why he suspects drugs in the building before a search can be done. The Chief stated that he advised against drug searches being done as a preventative action, and suggested that it is added to the student hand book that the district reserves the right to conduct such searches. The Board was all in favor of these procedures and will forward it to the Policy Committee.

Trip to France and England

This was a return visit to the Board regarding these two trips. Currently there are no negative issues regarding France or England. The previous approvals stand. Have a great trip and please report back.

Brief recess 6:50-7:00 pm.
Return to presentations later in the meeting.

Land Use Presentations three members of the Board of Trustees were present.

Team Design – Jim Delisle, Dan Bisson

If they get this contract they will start by gathering information, create a base plan and obtain wetlands map. They will create a map with placeholders showing surrounding places and details.

Mr. Bell asked about contact information regarding a similar job they have completed: Portsmouth, Newmarket and Weare.

Contract exclusions: Survey which the district said was already completed. Every item on the RFP is included in this proposal. Their main concern when doing master planning is maintaining accessibility into the future, have land available around the building for future growth. Potential buildings include a performing arts center, maintenance building and fields.

The Trustees pointed out that “Preserving the woods” was important. The final report/product will be from a civil engineer.

Recess 7:51-7:57

Dennis Mires, PA – Dennis Mires, John Urdi

If they get this contract they will start by collecting data, assessment phase (target), building analysis (ADA Issues), site analysis, generate many alternatives, develop preliminary costs, recommendation and presentation of financial plans, floor plans, site plans etc, accommodate staff, outline specs, budget “total project costs”, schedule target date (the Board stated they want the master plans within 90 days) in case there is end of the year funds.

Similar projects done: Conval HS, YMCA, Voc. Tech Manchester/Nashua.

Their plan will maximize the building and land so changes can be made in the future, brainstorm with the staff. Once again they reminded the presenter the “preserve the trees”
Contract Exclusions: site model, topographic survey, supplemental work, wetland survey.

Recess 8:30-8:35 pm.

Kaestle Boos Association –

Michael Mckeeon, Ken Costello, John McMeeking

If they get this contract they will start by obtaining information. They are a landscape architect as well as an architectural firm, and have worked on projects like: Clem Lemire Fields in Manchester, Old Rochester Regional HS, Phillips Exeter Academy, and Westwood HS. They have much experience (10yrs) in Educational Building projects. They have already completed 2 Performing Arts Centers and renovated others. Their site analysis will tell what the future will hold, will seek public input session prior to master planning. They will plan for things the district has not even thought of yet. Will use past experience, and will research trends.

Recess 9:00-9:10 pm.

F. Reports to the Board

Superintendent’s Report

Mr. Bell addressed the Board. Hope everyone had a nice holiday break. Budget Committee wrap-up was held last Wednesday. Public Hearing is scheduled for Wed. Jan. 10. The Board will set a schedule for evaluation reviews later tonight.

G. Committee Report

Budget Committee- only minor increase adjustments made 9-0 vote.
Energy warrant recommended 9-0 vote.
Tutorial warrant –recommended 7-2 vote.
Non-bargaining salary pool warrant - not recommended 4-5 vote.
Maintenance building – recommended 8-1 vote.

H. Correspondence

LOA Request

Katie Goulden (maternity leave)

Mr. Christiansen moved to grant the leave of absence request, second by Mr. Rodgers. Motion passes 5-0.

School Resource Officer Reports – November 2006

For information only.

Mr. Bouchard pointed out that there was an issue at HMS regarding inhaling vapors.

School Enrollments for December

For information only.

Elementary Class Sizes for December

For information only.

Average class size currently is 22 students.

School Reports for December

For information only.

Timelines of Initial Evaluations

Timelines of Re-evaluations

Schedule is as follows:

Monday, January 29, 2007

Monday, February 12, 2007

Monday, March 12, 2007

Monday, March 19, 2007 wrap up at a regular Board meeting.

I. Recommended Action

1. Business Affairs - Minutes - Recommended Action:

12/18/06 Draft minutes

Mr. Rodgers moved to approve the draft minutes of December 18, 2006 as presented, second by Mr. Christiansen. Motion passes 5-0.

2. Manifests - Recommended Action:

Manifests are available to be signed.

3. Budget Transfer (second reading) #07-16 (\$27,072)

Mr. Christiansen moved to approve Budget Transfer #07-16 for \$27,072, second by Mr. Bouchard. Motion passes 5-0.

J. Old Business

Job Description (second reading) Individual Paraprofessional

Mr. Nolan moved to approve the Individual Paraprofessional job description as presented, second by Mr. Christiansen. Motion passes 5-0.

Policy 4.1(b) (second reading) Suspension and Expulsion of Students

Mr. Nolan moved to approve Policy #4.1(b) Suspension and Expulsion of Students as presented, second by Mr. Rodgers. Motion passes 5-0.

The last paragraph was previously reworded for clarification at the request of the Board.

IDEA Funds: Accept funds of \$174,352.

Mr. Nolan suggested that the Board save some of this money for performance metrics. Ms. Ormond suggested that some money could be used from Professional Development. The Board was all in agreement.

Mr. Nolan moved to accept IDEA and preschool additional funds in the amount of \$174,352 as presented by the administration subject to the following changes:

Remove \$12,673 from the equipment proposal and add such funds to the professional development/professional service lines. Consequently, the professional development/service lines will total \$23,547. Such funds are to be utilized for staffing needs relative to the establishment and implementation of special education performance metrics, second by Mr. Christiansen. Motion passes 5-0.

K. New Business

Payment Rates for Tutors

The Board discussed using IDEA Funds to pay tutors. This could be done, but would need another motion. It is also possible to amend the funds at a later date.

Mr. Bouchard moved to reconsider the last motion, second by Mr. Christiansen. Motion fails 2-3 (Mr. Bouchard and Mr. Christiansen voted in favor).

Mr. Bouchard moved to increase the in-house tutoring rate to \$30.00 per hour, second by Mr. Nolan. Motion passes 5-0.

Draft 2007-2008 School Calendar

This needs to be adopted by February 1, 2007.

The draft calendar has school starting on Sept. 4 and holding 4 in-service days prior, 3 days off for Thanksgiving, last day of school would be June 13 with no snow days. A draft of this was given to Ginny Lunt. This will come back to the Board at the next meeting.

Nominations:

Michelle Drew

Mr. Rodgers moved to accept the Superintendent's nomination of Michelle Drew and elect Michelle Drew as a replacement for Vicki Lizzie at Hudson Memorial School. At a pro-rated pay rate, second by Mr. Christiansen. Motion passes 5-0.

Kathleen McMahan

Mr. Christiansen moved to accept the Superintendent's nomination of Kathleen McMahan and elect Kathleen McMahan to cover Karen O'Brien's leave of absence for the remainder of the year at a pro-rated salary of \$31,338, second by Mr. Nolan. Motion passes 5-0.

Mandy Sawyer

Mr. Rodgers moved to accept the Superintendent's nomination of Mandy Sawyer and elect Mandy Sawyer, Behavior Specialist to cover the leave of absence of Katie Goulden for the remainder of the school year, at a pro-rated salary of \$31,326, second by Mr. Christiansen. Motion passes 5-0.

Mr. Bouchard requested that the two new SPED Vice Principal's come before the Board, to see how things are going and see what they have accomplished after two quarters. The Board was all in agreement. They will be on the agenda for either 1-22 or 2-5 meeting.

L. Board Member Comments:

Mr. Rodgers – No comments

Mr. Bouchard – No comments

Mr. Nolan – No comments

Mr. Christiansen – No comments

Ms. Gould – No comments

Mr. Alukonis – No comments

L. Non-Public Session:

Mr. Nolan moved to enter Non-Public session at 9:40 pm under RSA91-A:3II, (c), (e), Student issue, Contract issue, SPED issue update, second by Mr. Christiansen.

Chairman called for a roll call vote.

Mr. Christiansen- yes, Mr. Nolan-yes, Mr. Bouchard-yes, Mr. Rodgers- yes

Mr. Alukonis-no

Motion passes 4-1.

Will enter Non-Public after a brief recess.

The Board discussed staff and student issues. No actions were taken.

Mr. Nolan moved to exit Non-Public Session and to adjourn the meeting, second by Mr. Rodgers. Mr. Christiansen-yes, Mr. Nolan-yes, Mr. Bouchard-yes, Mr. Rodgers-yes, Mr. Alukonis-yes. Motion passes 5-0.

M. Adjourn:

Meeting adjourned at 10:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Dotty Murray