

HUDSON SCHOOL DISTRICT

Hudson School Board Meeting January 30, 2006 Accepted Minutes

Present: Mr. David Alukonis, Chairman
Mr. Lars Christiansen
Mr. David Bouchard
Mr. Richard Nolan
Mr. Gary Rodgers
Mr. Randy Bell, Superintendent
Mr. Normand Sanborn, Business Administrator
Dr. Irene Sousa, Director of Special Services
Ms. Mary Ellen Ormond, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum
Brandon Mansur, 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. This meeting was rescheduled from 1-23-06. There are a few business items on the agenda, the rest of the meeting will be geared toward goals.
- B. **Public Input**
There was no public input.
- C. **Requests of the Board**
DECA Competition Request
Request by Kelli Wholey, presented by Mr. Bell. This competition will take place on March 7-9, students will miss 2 days of school and is being held at the Sheraton Hotel in Nashua. There will be no cost to the District for this competition.
Mr. Christiansen moved to approve the request to attend the State DECA Competition in Nashua on March 7-9, second by Mr. Nolan.
Motion passes 5-0.
- D. **Presentations to the Board**
Hills Garrison PTO-School Sign

Presented by Marilyn Martellini and Lee Lavoie (PTO Parent). The PTO has raised enough money for the school name sign and reader Board to announce upcoming activities. It will be set back 25 feet from the road and the current school signs will be relocated. This sign will be reflective not illuminated. Barlo Signs will install the sign.

Mr. Bouchard moved to approve the installation of the Hills Garrison School sign and reader board, second by Mr. Rodgers. Motion passes 5-0.

E. Reports to the Board

Mr. Bell addressed the Board regarding an altercation at a hockey game Saturday night involving Timberlane (during the last 25 seconds of the game). All of the players from Alvirne who were on the bench during the altercation stayed on the bench as they should.

Karen Bonney has met with the Timberlane Athletic Director and will be meeting with the team and coaches tomorrow (Tuesday). Mr. Bell was briefly interviewed by Channel 9. He feels this kind of behavior will not be condoned. Mr. Bell will keep the Board updated as events occur.

F. Committee Report:

There were no committee reports

G. Correspondence:

Staff Resignation – Jennifer Lowke, Wilson Reading Teacher at HMS

This resignation is due to her husband being relocated to North Carolina.

This is a job share position; the other person will fill in until a replacement is found. Mr. Bouchard felt this resignation should not be accepted, need to fulfill IEP's.

Mr. Nolan moved to accept the resignation of Jennifer Lowke, second by Mr. Christiansen. Motion passes 4-1. (Mr. Bouchard voted no).

H. Recommended Action

1. Business Affairs - Minutes - Recommended Action:

Draft minutes of 1-9-06

Mr. Rodgers moved to accept the draft minutes of 1-9-06 as presented, second by Mr. Nolan. Motion passes 5-0.

2. Manifests - Recommended Action:

Manifests are available to be signed.

3. Financial Reports

Mr. Sanborn updated the Board; the current estimated balance is \$331,619.47.

4. Student Activity Reports
For information only. Mr. Alukonis questioned why postage and workshops are showing up on these reports.
5. Warrants to be signed
These have already been signed and posted.
6. Default Budget Forms to be signed
This has already been signed and posted.

I. Old Business

Vote on Reduced Default Budget

Mr. Rodgers moved to accept the adjusted default budget of \$37,180,849.00 second by Mr. Nolan. Motion passes 5-0.

Discussion on Long-Range Plan and Goals

The Board started a review of the District's strategic plan.

The Board discussed mission 1, goal 1.

When this matrix is complete (by the end of the school year), and a detailed action plan, could show work for the next five years. The Board agreed for now the document will continue to change. The Board agreed that by raising the bar, the students will meet the challenge.

The Board decided that the graduation requirements should be increased (4 yrs English & math, 3 yrs science, 1 yr lab, 3 yrs social studies) and moved from an assessment to an objective.

Possibly move 50% of students exiting middle school take and pass algebra 1 from action column to objective column.

Increase instructional day by one hour should stay as an objective

Discussed 50% of students will participate in a challenge program outside school day/year. The Board discussed increasing opportunities, and enrichment activities. Want to promote continuous learning. Possibly place summer reading requirement as an objective.

Discussed teaching students study skills – want it implemented at the middle school. Keep as an objective.

Change objective: Decrease the drop-out rate to less than 1%-change to read increase the graduation rate to 99% or higher-sounds much more positive.

Discussed objective: Increase post-secondary education attendance (or acceptance or endeavors like work force or military) rates to 80%.

Discussed action: Increase relationships with post secondary institutions to increase options for AHS graduates – should this be an objective? Post secondary credit at the high school level. Focus more on Guidance—increase their objectives help more with scholarship applications.

Exit interviews by guidance of students—what are they doing from here? Get needed data.

Goal to have every school in the district meet Adequate Yearly Progress – should be added to matrix.

The Board discussed the goals and objectives but feel the School Board should not be involved in the actions, who, when, or assessment.

The Board agreed this discussion will be added to the upcoming agendas until a complete review has been done. Goal 2,3,4 will be on next weeks agenda.

Pre-Charter Planning Goals

Mr. Bell addressed the Board regarding this grant. This is a Pre-Charter Planning Grant valued at \$11,000. This grant will be used to obtain information needed to help the Board decide if this is an option they want to move forward with regarding Kindergarten. If after the planning portion is complete, the district can then apply for an implementation grant to start the charter school.

Mr. Christiansen felt the town should vote on this. Mr. Bouchard thought according to Ms. Ormond's recent report that our current private kindergartens were doing pretty well.

By applying for this grant the district will be able to focus on other important items and let an outside group obtain the needed information for us.

Mr. Nolan asked "What a charter school actually was" Mr. Bell stated it is a school that is run by a separate Board, for a specific purpose, which is funded \$3500 per pupil by State Equity Fund. Can have up to 20 charter schools without local approval, the school could collaborate with the school district but will have a separate Board, life of the school is for a specific period of time, the state or district could revoke charter.

There are three options:

*Approve the application

*Disapprove the application

*Defer the application.

Mr. Rodgers moved to approve the grant application request for a Pre-Charter Planning Grant, second by Mr. Christiansen. Motion fails 2-2-1.

Mr. Nolan abstained from the vote due to a conflict (his wife's business)

Mr. Christiansen and Mr. Bouchard voted No.

J. New Business

Preparation for Deliberative Session February 11

Assignment of Warrant Articles

Warrant Article 1 – Mr. Alukonis
Warrant Article 2 – Mr. Nolan
Warrant Article 3 – Mr. Christiansen
Warrant Article 4 – Mr. Christiansen
Warrant Article 5 – Mr. Bouchard
Warrant Article 6 – Mr. Rodgers
Warrant Article 7 – Mr. Alukonis
Warrant Article 8 – Mr. Nolan

2006-2007 School Calendar

The official teacher first day will be August 29; the last day will be June 8 (unless there are snow days). There will be five teacher workshop days scheduled at the end of the school year, there will be days scheduled in the summer, 10 afternoons (after school gets out). Teachers can use any of these day to fulfill their workshop day commitment.

Mr. Rodgers moved to approve the 2006-2007 school calendar as presented, second by Mr. Christiansen. Motion passed 5-0.

Nomination: As presented by Mr. Bell

Kyle Tave (currently a long-term sub in this position)

Mr. Nolan moved to accept the Superintendent's nomination of Kyle Tave, and elect Kyle Tave, PE teacher at NHW at a salary of \$31,307 pro-rated, second by Mr. Christiansen. Motion passes 5-0.

The Board took a five minute recess at 7:32, returned at 7:37

The District has received 2 responses regarding the full energy audit- Honeywell and Johnson Controls – please take the binders which are available tonight, it will be on next week's agenda.

The Board returned after the recess to work on goals under old business.

K. Board Member Comments:

Mr. Rodgers-no comments
Mr. Mansur-a fan of strategic planning
Mr. Bouchard-no comments
Mr. Nolan-no comments
Mr. Christiansen-no comments
Mr. Alukonis-no comments

L. Non-Public Session:

*Mr. Rodgers moved to enter Non-Public session at 9:15 pm under RSA91-A: 3II, (a) (c) 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.*

The Board entered Non-Public Session at 9:15 p.m.

Mr. Rodgers moved to accept a leave, second by Mr. Nolan. Motion passes 5-0.

Mr. Christiansen moved and Mr. Nolan seconded to exit Non-Public Session and adjourn. Mr. Bouchard – yes, Mr. Christiansen – yes, Mr. Nolan – yes, Mr. Rodgers – yes, Mr. Alukonis – yes.

M. Adjourn:

Meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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