

HUDSON SCHOOL DISTRICT

Hudson School Board Meeting February 20, 2006 Accepted Minutes

Present: Mr. David Alukonis, Chairman
Mr. Lars Christiansen
Mr. David Bouchard
Mr. Richard Nolan
Mr. Gary Rodgers
Mr. Randy Bell, Superintendent
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.
- B. **Public Input**
There was no public input.
- C. **Requests of the Board**
There were no requests of the board.
- D. **Presentations to the Board**
There were no presentations to the board.
- E. **Superintendent's Report to the Board**
The Alvirne Jazz Band held a farewell concert from 12:30-1:30. The band will be leaving tomorrow for an exchange program in Germany. They will be staying with host families, attending school and will perform in 12 concerts in 12 days.
- The Nottingham West Playground fund committee held a dinner dance which raised \$21,800.
- Recently there was an article in a local newspaper about Marge Inderbitzen (AHS teacher).
- Mr. Bell had a sample election ballot insert which will be in the Hudson-Litchfield News. Please let Mr. Bell know if there is anything else you would like to see included in this insert.

Our own Student Rep. Brandon Mansur has been accepted at West Point-
Congratulations.

F. **Committee Report:**

There were no committee reports

G. **Correspondence:**

Letter of resignation – Denise Hawkins

Mr. Nolan moved to accept the resignation of Denise Hawkins with appreciation for service to the district, second by Mr. Rodgers. Motion passes 5-0.

Letter of Intent – Karyn Misenheimer

Karyn will be returning for the 06-07 school year.

Library Expansion

This item was *deferred* and rescheduled for the next board meeting.

Mr. Christiansen requested a plot plan be available so the board will know exactly where the proposed building site will be.

H. **Recommended Action**

1. **Business Affairs - Minutes - Recommended Action:**

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Deferred until the next scheduled board meeting.

2. **Manifests - Recommended Action:**

Manifests are available to be signed.

3. **Financial Report**

Page 2 contains the summary page with a new format.

4. **Budget Transfers- 2nd reading**

Transfer #24-06 Contract Services/Tech Support

Mr. Nolan moved to accept budget transfer #24-06 for \$15,000, second by Mr. Christiansen. Motion passes 5-0.

Transfer #25-06 Professional services

Dr. Sousa provided the School Board Members with a detailed memo regarding this transfer. The district is short handed and must contract out to complete upcoming testing. This transfer is from Meg Bently's salary account (her position has not been filled). After much discussion the Board decided to *defer* this until the next scheduled meeting. A breakdown with more specifics of what was done was requested.

I. Old Business

Alvirne HVAC Air Exchange System Repair

Mr. Bell addressed the board regarding air quality issues at Alvirne as well as other schools. A schedule for system repairs and preventative maintenance was outlined.

Testing Expenditures Received through January 2006

For information only. This goes along with the budget transfer and memo from Dr. Sousa.

Letter of Intent-Honeywell Corporation

Mr. Bell will discuss #5 on page 3 with Jim Lucy.

3 major changes: Specific proposal guaranteeing installation of the timely boiler, termination fee reduced for \$75,000 to \$60,000, District requirement to not disclose proprietary information to third parties for a period of 2 years was deleted.

Mr. Rodgers moved to recommend that the Letter of Intent be accepted and the School Board authorizes the administration to negotiate a draft contract with Honeywell International, Inc. for an energy savings performance contract. Upon successful negotiation, the draft contract would be reviewed by our legal counsel and presented to the school board for its review and action, second by Mr. Christiansen. Motion passes 5-0.

Policy-2nd reading

Substitute Professional Staff Employment – 3.1(n)

Mr. Nolan moved to accept policy 3.1(n) Substitute Professional Staff Employment and enter it into the district policy book, second by Mr. Christiansen for discussion.

There was much discussion regarding this policy. Mr. Bouchard felt there was a problem with giving substitutes benefits, salary and privileges. Did not believe they were entitled to those types of privileges. He was also interested in what other districts do, would like to know if we are in line with other districts.

After much discussion Mr. Nolan withdrew his motion and Mr. Christiansen withdrew his second. This item has been *deferred* to the next scheduled meeting.

Brief Recess: 7:30 to 7:37

Goals update- Mission 3

Goal 1: The board discussed whether it was a financial plan or program plan; felt it was a program plan. Talked about developing a plan for 4 separate objectives:

- Educational
- Facilities
- Technology
- Integration of Objectives

Goal 2

Mr. Nolan suggested that we should link budget to goals not goals to budget, that it would be more valuable that way.

Establish projected costs of proposed programs and facility projects should be put under action/summary not as an objective.

Review, revise and analyze the annual budget should not be under objective but under integration.

Some goals will have to go to warrant for the people to vote on.

Goal 3

The board felt that goal 3 was directly linked to goals 1 & 2 and should be eliminated.

The board felt that goal 3 could become an objective of goal 2.
Each year the annual budget will relate to the ten year plan.

Goal 4

Budget will be supported by Budget Committee change to The School Board will work closely with the Budget Committee.

Budget will be adopted by the community –communicate our needs with our community.

District will receive “clean” audits from auditors-should be action/summary

Combine these 3 into 1: Identify areas for potential collaboration between city and school departments, Identify potential issues and possible solutions to safety and services as they relate to the schools, and joint planning on school and town needs and collaborative budget process.

Formal minutes will be kept of all school board budget meeting to action/summary.

The district will continue in creating appropriate policies-up to date, with constant review.

The district will conduct and implement program reviews, studies and plans of the district---advisory committees develop a timeline for program review, ongoing.

Ms. Ormond will revise this document for School Board review prior to final review.

Mr. Christiansen-Legislation update.
He will put together a packet for all School Board Members.

J. New Business

No new business

K. Board Member Comments:

Mr. Rodgers- No comments

Mr. Bouchard – No comments

Mr. Nolan – Please vote, bring a friend

Mr. Christiansen – No comments

Mr. Alukonis – Congrats to Nottingham West playground fundraiser a well organized event, Congrats to Brandon.

L. Adjourn:

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Dotty Murray