

HUDSON SCHOOL DISTRICT

Hudson School Board Meeting

March 30, 2009

Approved Minutes

Present: Mr. Gary Rodgers, Chairman
Mr. Lee Lavoie, Vice Chairman
Mr. Richard Nolan
Ms. Laura Bisson
Mr. Randy Bell, Superintendent
Ms. Mary Ellen Ormond, Assistant Superintendent of Schools
Mr. Normand Sanborn, Business Administrator
Dr. Irene Sousa, Director of Special Services
Mr. Matt Haefner, Student Representative

A. Call to Order: Mr. Gary Rodgers, Board Chairman, called the meeting to order and led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance at 5:00 pm.

B. Public Input: Mr. Kittredge of 27 Musquash Road – Taught for 10 years at Hudson Memorial School and then Hollis/Brookline. Now in Chelmsford. Express 3 points: 1) Don't reinvent the wheel; find successful districts that do well and follow their lead; 2) Try to hire those teachers who are a little more experienced; 3) Look at what we are doing in 1st grade now that we have kindergarten; increase expectations.

Lars Christiansen of 1 Stonewood Lane stated that local control government means that all representatives are accountable to the people. The judiciary can't trump the vote of the people. Adequacy is the only mention of kindergarten. This tromps on the Constitution.

C. Board Members' Comments: Lee Lavoie – Great job with the Cabaret! Please register your children early for school. Laura Bisson – Great job on Cabaret! Rich Nolan – Thanks to the Superintendent for kindergarten options. Gary Rodgers - Thanks to the Superintendent for kindergarten options. Matt Haefner: Spoke about Cabaret.

D. Kindergarten Presentation: PowerPoint presentation including information on kindergarten funding and options for the implementation of the new program.

E. Transportation: Rich Nolan moved and Laura Bisson seconded to approve 2-way kindergarten transportation for students in Hudson. Discussion ensued. Mr. Nolan shared that he wrestled with the decision but believes we must provide transportation for kindergarten students when we do so for high school students. A viable part of education, kindergarten should be a full part of the education. Mr. Lavoie had questions about using funding for transportation as parents are driving students now. Could money be better used? Gary expressed concern over the safety issue around parents dropping students off. ***Motion by Rich Nolan to approve 2-way transportation for students in Kindergarten, second by Ms. Bisson. Motion passes 4-0.***

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