

HUDSON SCHOOL DISTRICT

Hudson School Board Meeting

April 2, 2007

Accepted Minutes

Present: Mr. David Alukonis, Chairman
Mr. Lars Christiansen
Mr. Richard Nolan
Mr. Gary Rodgers
Mrs. Brenda Levesque
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. **Non-Public Session**

Mr. Nolan moved to enter Non-Public session at 6:35 pm under RSA91-A: 3II, (A) (Personnel issue) second by Mrs. Levesque.

Chairman called for a roll call vote.

Mr. Nolan-yes, Mr. Christiansen-yes, Mr. Rodgers-yes, Mrs. Levesque-yes, Mr. Alukonis-no. Motion passes 4-1. Enter Non-Public after a brief recess.

Reconvene at 6:50 pm.

C. **Public Input**

There was no public input.

D. **Requests of the Board**

Academic Decathlon Team Trip Request

Mr. Lane addressed the Board. The Decathlon team won the state championships for the sixth year in a row. The national competition will be held in Honolulu, Hawaii, April 25-28. Eight students and one coach (Mrs. Inderbitzen) will attend Nationals. Funding for this overnight trip includes \$1,500 from Trustees, \$3,000 unspent money from transportation account, the balance will be from fund raising. This will cover the entire cost for all attending.

Mr. Nolan moved to approve this over night trip for the Decathlon Team to attend Nationals in Honolulu April 25-28, second by Mr. Christiansen. Motion passes 5-0.

E. Presentations to the Board

Academic Assistance

Sue Nadeau, Mark Bell, Rachel Bailey, Sherri McDonough addressed the Board. Currently each grade has a designated room for academic assistance, each with at least two teachers. This is held Monday through Thursday from 2:15 to 3:15, students are out in time to catch the late bus. They provide homework assistance, incentives for improvements, a positive environment, work on study habits and organizational skills. There is a tracking system in place which students fill out to help teachers track what students are working on. Attendance is taken daily which they use for data collection. Expectations and rules must be followed. Not all of the students present are there because of academic probation; some come for a quiet place to work on homework/projects. These students serve as a positive role model for the others.

Data collection shows that improvement is made when a student attends at least twice a week. All teachers are still in the building so if a specific teacher is needed he or she is still in the building to help.

Approximately 302 students have attended this program since the beginning of the year (approx. 18-24 students per grade per day) between all three grades. 900 instructional hours currently plus 2261 tutorial hours = 347 additional school days across the Board for a small investment.

Currently the biggest challenges met are getting the eighth graders to attend and getting parents to insist that their students (on academic probation) to attend. Staff will be working on common goals for all grades over the summer.

F. Reports to the Board

Superintendent's Report

Mr. Bell addressed the Board. He attended the Wizard of Oz play last weekend and Cabaret this past Sunday. Both shows were extremely impressive.

Held Spanish National Honor Society last week

SPED legislation update: bills have been sent back for further review.

Retirement system bill: still experiencing difficulty.

Health Insurance: Rates come out on Friday expected to be around 22% increase, although options could lower that number. Benefits increases will cost more than salary increases.

G. Committee Report

There were no committee reports

H. Correspondence

Resignation Letters

Pamela Allard

Mr. Nolan moved to accept the resignation of Pamela Allard, second by Mr. Rodgers. Motion passes 5-0.

Kate Barbadora

Mr. Rodgers moved to accept the resignation of Kate Barbadora, second by Mr. Christiansen. Motion passes 5-0.

Larry Francoeur

Mr. Christiansen moved to accept the resignation of Larry Francoeur, second by Mr. Nolan. Motion passes 5-0.

Jennifer Lombardi

Mr. Rodgers moved to accept the resignation of Jennifer Lombardi, second by Mr. Christiansen. Motion passes 5-0.

Connie Wu Meyer

Mr. Christiansen moved to accept the resignation of Connie Wu Meyer, second by Mr. Rodgers. Motion passes 5-0.

Jane Weber, Asst. Principal of Academics

Mr. Rodgers moved to accept the resignation of Jane Weber, Assistant Principal of Academics, second by Mr. Nolan. Motion passes 5-0.

Intent to Return from LOA letters (no action needed)

Katie Goulden
Karen O'Brien
Kelli Wholey

Aramark Performance Review

This is the last year of a five year contract. The first three years of this contract were disappointing. High employee turnover and inconsistent work quality has improved dramatically in recent years. Would like to have the ability to be able to terminate a new contract if needed with out penalty. Negotiations for this contract will be handled in Non-Public.

Prior to Aramark, the district had no preventive maintenance schedule on equipment. Currently a PM Schedule is in place which has eliminated most maintenance problems. Currently the district is pleased with the work Aramark is doing, taking advantage of their expertise and purchasing in large quantities which saves the district money.

School Resource Officer Report for February 2007

For information only.

Life Safety/Fire Prevention Inspections

For information, list is shorter due to work of the custodians and Aramark.

School Reports for March
For information only.

I. Recommended Action

1. Business Affairs - Minutes - Recommended Action:
3/19/07 Draft minutes
Mr. Nolan moved to accept the draft minutes of March 19, 2007 as presented, second by Mr. Rodgers. Motion passes 5-0.
2. Manifests - Recommended Action:
Manifests are available to be signed.

J. Old Business

Budget Transfers (2nd reading) Errors have been corrected on 07-21 and 07-23

SB07-19	\$ 6,412.00
SB07-20	\$ 9,400.00
SB07-21	\$54,143.77
SB07-22	\$45,200.00
SB07-23	\$10,000.00
SB07-24	\$10,560.90

Mr. Nolan moved to accept Budget Transfer SB07-19 through SB07-24 as presented (above). Motion passes 5-0.

Assessment RFP (discussion)

Ms. Ormond and Mr. Nolan addressed the Board. They felt that they should work on this during a separate work session. They felt that they need a better definition of what we are looking for as far as standards. Figure out what the district is going to do with the information that the state provides. Once the Board agrees on these items they can go forward with the RFP. Will schedule a work shop night later in this meeting.

Committee Assignments

SERESC Rep: Lars Christiansen; SERESC Alt: Brenda Levesque
Budget Committee Reps: Rich Nolan and Gary Rodgers (part of a two man team)
Alvirne Trustees: Dave Alukonis
Facilities Committee Rep: Lars Christiansen
Technology Committee Rep: Rich Nolan and Gary Rodgers
CIP Committee Rep: Lars Christiansen
School Board Policy committee: Rich Nolan, Dave Alukonis, Brenda Levesque
Finance Advisory Committee: Dave Alukonis, Rich Nolan
Health Insurance task force: Brenda Levesque, Lars Christiansen
Hills House Planning Committee: Gary Rodgers, Dave Alukonis
Cable Committee: Brenda Levesque

School Liaisons left blank for now, the Board felt it was important to have a list of objectives for liaisons. This item will be on the next meeting agenda.

Honeywell Performance Contract & Lease Purchase Agreement

Letter from the school district counsel regarding this contract. Negotiated changes to be made to the contract. The agreement is one-sided as most are, counsel addressed concerns to the district.

K. New Business

Retirement System Reform

This is still a work in progress. The group has taken some recommendations: #1, 2, 5, 6,9,11, and 12 (approved).
#7 and 8 not approved.

*Brief recess to change the tape 8:45 pm
Reconvene at 8:53 pm.*

Goal Setting – Meeting dates

April 30, 5pm at SAU will look at goals, assessment.

Administrative Team Meetings

Mr. Bell will come up with dates for this meeting. The Board felt these meetings are important and should continue between administrators and Board.

Health Insurance (discussion)

This was addressed during the Superintendent's report. More information will be coming out on Friday. Will schedule a meeting with the Health Insurance task force.

RFP – School Banking Services

Soverign bank is leaving AHS at the end of the school year. The Board suggested that the bank/credit union that takes over also gets all school district banking business. This could be an incentive for the bank. This RFP will be sent to all local banks and credit unions. Hoping to add an ATM on-site.

Nominations:

Mr. Rodgers moved to accept the staff nomination list and elect the staff list as noted on enclosure #1 for the 07-08 school year, second by Mr. Christiansen. Motion passes 5-0.

Mr. Rodgers moved to accept the para professional staff list and elect the para staff list as noted on enclosure #2, (with the exception of Marlene Savoie which is written in twice in error and should be only once) for the 07-08 school year, second by Mr. Christiansen. Motion passes 5-0.

L. Board Member Comments:

Ms. Gould: no comments
Mrs. Levesque: no comments
Mr. Nolan: no comments
Mr. Christiansen: Cabaret beat anything on TV!
Mr. Rodgers: no comments
Mr. Alukonis: no comments

L. Non-Public Session:

Mr. Nolan moved to enter Non-Public session at 9:07 pm under RSA91-A:3II, (D) Legal matters. Second by Mr. Christiansen.

Chairman called for a roll call vote.

Mr. Christiansen- yes, Mr. Nolan- yes, Mr. Rodgers- yes, Mrs. Levesque-yes, Mr. Alukonis-no. Motion passes 4-1

Will enter Non-Public after a brief recess.

Mr. Nolan moved to proceed with the Honeywell Energy Performance Contract, and to authorize the Board Chairman to sign the Contract and the Honeywell Municipal Lease/Purchase Agreement, subject to review and approval by the Chairman, and in accordance with the recommendations of the School District's legal counsel. Further, to authorize the Superintendent to execute and deliver all required documents. Seconded by Mr. Rodgers. The motion passed unanimously.

The Board also authorized Mr. Sanborn to negotiate a contract with the Aramark Corporation, including performance benchmarks, for up to a five year period, subject to final Board approval, and subject to Board policy. If a contract is not adopted by the School Board by May 7, Mr. Sanborn was directed to seek only a one year extension of the current contract, with intent to seek bids during the 2007-08 School Year.

Mr. Rodgers moved, and Mr. Nolan seconded, to exit non-public session and to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Christiansen, yes; Mrs. Levesque, yes; Mr. Nolan, yes; Mr. Rodgers, yes; Mr. Alukonis, yes.

M. Adjourn:

Meeting adjourned at 10:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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