

**HUDSON SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**Hudson School Board Meeting**  
**May 7, 2007**  
**Accepted Minutes**

Present: Mr. David Alukonis, Chairman  
Mr. Lars Christiansen  
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 5:07 pm.

1. Goals

The Board discussed goals to be accomplished for the upcoming year.

Mr. Bell talked about on-going work:

Graduation requirements, progress made on retaining quality staff, negotiations, continue working on SPED reorg, instructional program at the elementary level, improve rate on Algebra 1 before high school.

Mr. Bell feels that the district should take advantage of a decrease in population; this will help us move things around and help the district raise the math requirements.

Ms. Ormond stated: staff meets twice a month, have proposals to alter programs to help improve skills. Not much data on math to be able to make changes, put assessments in place to help. This will take a minimum of 4 years to implement (2011). In order to have a 4 year math requirement, work must start at the elementary level. Also working on attendance and truancy with Officer Balokonis. Changes will affect the district budget.

Ms. Gould questioned why computer literacy was a requirement? Mr. Bell stated it was a state high school requirement.

Mr. Bell asked Ms. Gould What she wished she could take more of? Electives.

Did you have enough time in academics? Wished there was more time for history, to be better prepared.

Goals for the School Board:

To review, adjust high school graduation requirements, what is the long range gain for the change?

- Why raise standards?
- Impact to student—pro/con?
- What are the students giving up?

*School Board consensus to work on raising high school graduation requirements.*

Student performance (assessments) to be measured (criteria) by January 2008, compare school district to other school districts.

Currently, district has state assessment results but don't do anything with them. Can't stop giving these assessments.

Need a formal method of following-up (procedure) and a scheduling aid for school Board agenda items. Help keep track of agenda items in-process, complete, automatically move items to specific meeting agenda dates, using computer scheduling software.

Zone A decision, huge impact on the district.

*School Board consensus to work on a plan for Zone A.*

Review goals, decide what to remove because of operational inconsistencies, develop performance report, once a goal has been met, it should be taken off the report.

Work on a combined master plan with the town—town buildings and school buildings.

In-depth study on Guidance Department. A study on traditional classes and special education classes has already been completed.

What are the expectations of the Guidance Department?

*School Board consensus, this is the logical next step.*

Operational statement for the programs at Alvirne (true student costs, student participation). Not interested in cost accounting.

End of the year spending: Don't wait on safety issues, get what is needed right away.

Science Lab: ventilation is crucial, have \$200,000 trustee money. Have an estimate for first floor ventilation project; it will help the ventilation on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> floors. Work will probably have to be done at night.

Talked about hoods in the science labs, currently have 4 but could cut down to 2 hoods.

Mr. Christiansen left at 6:07

2. Assessment Workshop: deferred
3. Aramark Contract: deferred
4. Staff Resignation  
Mikel LaChapelle  
***Mr. Nolan moved to accept the resignation of Mikel LaChapelle, second by Mr. Rodgers. Motion passes 3-0.***
5. Vendor Contracts
  - a. School Supplies
    1. The Hudson School Board awards Cascade School Supplies a contract to provide school supplies for the fiscal year 2008 in accordance with policy 6.1(w). The anticipated expenditure amount with Cascade School Supplies is \$7,961
    2. The Hudson School Board awards Quill Corporation a contract to provide school supplies for the fiscal year 2008 in accordance with policy 6.1(w). The anticipated expenditure amount with Quill Corporation is \$8,775.
    3. The Hudson School Board awards School Specialty a contract to provide school supplies for the fiscal year 2008 in accordance with policy 6.1(w). The anticipated expenditure amount with School Specialty is \$8,300.
    4. The Hudson School Board awards W.B. Mason a contract to provide school supplies for the fiscal year 2008 in accordance with policy 6.1(w). The anticipated expenditure amount with W.B. Mason is \$11,082.  
***Mr. Rodgers moved to adopt all the above vendor contracts as presented, second by Mr. Nolan. Motion passes 3-0.***
  - b. Art Supplies
    1. The Hudson School Board awards Office Depot a contract to provide art supplies for the fiscal year 2008 in accordance with policy 6.1(w). The anticipated expenditure amount with Office Depot is \$7,194.
    2. The Hudson School Board awards School Specialty a contract to provide art supplies for the fiscal year 2008 in accordance with policy 6.1(w). The anticipated expenditure amount with School Specialty is \$11,239.  
***Mr. Nolan moved to adopt all the above vendor contracts as presented, second by Mr. Rodgers. Motion passes 3-0.***
  - c. Nominations  
Rachel Cuddeback  
***Mr. Rodgers moved to accept the Superintendent's nomination of Rachel Cuddeback and elect Rachel Cuddeback life science teacher at a salary of \$32,226, second by Mr. Nolan. Motion passes 3-0.***

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Public Session 5:00

6. Trip request – Bentley Model UN conference will be held May 26-28, five members will attend, they will stay at the Westin Hotel. Fund raising has covered some cost and parents will cover the remaining costs.  
***Mr. Nolan moved to approve the trip request to Bentley Model UN Club, May 26-28, second by Mr. Rodgers. The group will report back to the Board. Motion passes 3-0.***

*The Board has scheduled a meeting for Next Monday 6:30 at Town Hall.*

**M. Adjourn:**

Meeting adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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