

**HUDSON SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**Hudson School Board Meeting**  
**May 21, 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. **Public Input**

Denise Saindon addressed the Board regarding vandalism to the props and sets that belong to the drama club at Alvirne. She asked the Board to look into finding a way to secure the stage so their belongings would stay safe. A storage closet is available but it is not large enough to hold all of their supplies.

Mr. Bell stated he was aware of the situation and is working on a solution. If a gate is purchased it would have to be 40 feet long and it would be seen while using the stage. They talked about the possibility of using motion detector cameras. This will come back to the Board at a later date.

C. **Requests of the Board**

There were no requests to the Board.

D. **Presentations to the Board**

There were no presentations to the Board.

E. **Reports to the Board**

Superintendent's report- Mr. Bell addressed the Board. He distributed an article "*Rigor at Risk*" to the Board members. The article talked about getting students ready for college. Basic core classes may not be enough. Mr. Bell feels this article is right on target.

Report in Telegraph – Drop out for special education students is high 47 %. He looked into this statistic and it was based on a study done by Louisiana State

University. This percentage includes all students who leave special education including graduates, those who decline services, and those who are discharged. This is not an accurate count. Our district drop out rate is lower than other comparative districts.

No Child Left Behind – rapidly moving toward bill for reauthorization.

F. **Committee Report**

**Budget Committee**

Met with the budget committee last Thursday. Talked about financial state, end of the year spending, Aramark. This was a very good meeting.

G. **Correspondence**

**Letters of Retirement**

**Leonard Miller**

***Mr. Christiansen moved to accept the retirement of Leonard Miller, effective June 30, 2008, second by Mr. Rodgers. Motion passes 5-0.***

**Ann Groves**

***Mr. Rodgers moved to accept the retirement of Ann Groves, effective June 30, 2008, second by Mr. Christiansen. Motion passes 5-0.***

**Laura Lind**

***Mr. Rodgers moved to accept the retirement of Laura Lind, effective June 30, 2008, second by Mr. Christiansen. Motion passes 5-0.***

**Celia Polak**

***Mr. Nolan moved to accept the retirement of Celia Polak, effective June 30, 2008, second by Mr. Rodgers. Motion passes 5-0.***

**School Enrollments for April**

For information only

**Elementary Class Sizes for April**

For information only

**School Reports for April**

For information only

End of the year dates are on Alvirne's report.

**School Resource Officer Reports – March and April**

For information only

**Life Safety/fire Prevention Inspection Response**

For information only

Letter from Plodzik & Sanderson - audits

Mr. Sanborn stated that the district will be in good shape.  
Auditor checks the districts work and the district checks the auditors work.  
Internal controls, need a third party unless the district has the expertise.

Letter from Raymond School District

Letter of thanks – for information only.

State Reports

Cost per pupil by district 2005-2006

State Average cost per pupil and total expenditures 2005-2006

State summary revenue and expenditures of school districts 2005-2006

The Hudson School District has a low per pupil cost. This will come back to the Board at a later date.

**H. Recommended Action**

1. Business Affairs - Minutes - Recommended Action:

Draft minutes April 16, 2007

*Mr. Christiansen moved to accept the draft minutes of April 16 as presented, second by Mr. Rodgers. Motion passes 5-0.*

Draft minutes May 7, 2007

*Mr. Rodgers moved to accept the draft minutes of May 7 as presented, second by Mr. Christiansen. Motion passes 5-0.*

2. Manifests - Recommended Action:

Manifests are available to be signed.

3. Budget Transfer – 1<sup>st</sup> reading - \$12,835.00

Books are being purchased for grades 1-7 for summer required reading.

The Board requested this be funded in the budget in the future.

This will come back to the Board for second reading at the next meeting.

Budget transfer for unanticipated transportation - \$22,000

*Mr. Nolan moved to authorize the budget transfer #27-07 for \$22,000 and waive the second reading, second by Mr. Rodgers. Motion passes 5-0.*

4. Student Activity Accounts

For information only

5. Financial Report – for information only

Anticipated Fund Balance - \$588,576.62

**I. Old Business**

End of Year Spending

*First priority* – Ventilation

*Second Priority* – Zone A study (comprehensive – site work, architectural, structural, demographics)

*Third Priority* – Facility projects

*Forth Priority* – Air conditioning/heating at NHW

Will need to come back to the Board for final approval by June 30.

***Mr. Nolan moved to accept the priority list set by Mr. Bell, second by Mr. Rodgers. Motion passes 5-0.***

**J. New Business**

Banking Services RFP

RFP's have come back. Four banks and one credit union sent in proposals.

TD Banknorth was low bidder for cash management and Granite State Credit Union was low bidder for banking services.

***Mr. Rodgers moved to accept Banknorth for cash management services provided they are on the state approved list, second by Mr. Nolan. Motion passes 4-1 (Mr. Christiansen voted against this).***

***Mr. Rodgers moved to accept Granite State Credit Union a five year contract to provide banking services provided they are on the state approved list, at Alvirne Vocational Center, second by Mr. Christiansen. Motion passes 5-0.***

Progress Report on Special Education Reorganization

Mr. Bell and Dr. Sousa put this memorandum together.

Accomplishments:

Pleased with Assistant Principals at HMS and AHS.

School Psychologist has help district stay in full compliance.

Meg Bentley AHS testing/Consulting.

Challenges:

LD consultant teacher due to a number of resignations and leaves need to stabilize this.

AHS Assistant Principal needs a high level of experience.

Recommendations/overview:

District wide behavior coordinator to be changed to a SPED Dept. Head.

AHS – one member is already a certified counselor.

HMS – School wide reorganization into grade level clusters.

Change in nursing to one nurse and one LPN (LPN will come from a para position) in each of the three largest schools.

The Board stated before final approval vote, need to inventory system from low level to high level. Track all positions needs to be in place.

Progress report on Building Trades House

This project should be complete this summer. Letter from Steve Malizia – land market value is \$130,000. Will probably auction the house, with minimum bids. Prior to auction will probably have an open house. Selectman have the final say on the value of the house (fair market value).

Proposal for Library/Computer Room at AHS

Proposal to build a wall in room 307 to create two rooms each 900 square feet. One room will hold 30 students the other will hold 25 computers (computers are already in use at AHS). Trustee money is available for this project, still waiting on costs. Will have Team Design look at this to see what is appropriate. The Board thought a glass wall should be used so students could be monitored. Will come back to the Board with more information.

Senate Bill 88

Full committee will vote on this tomorrow (Tuesday). This bill is regarding collective bargaining, also has an Evergreen Clause, add require safety considerations and probationary employees.

The Board will draft a letter in opposition to this bill.

***Mr. Christiansen moved to authorize a letter of opposition to be written, second by Mr. Rodgers. Motion passes 5-0.***

Meeting

There is a conflict for the next scheduled meeting of June 4; Lions Scholarship Dinner is the same evening. This meeting will be rescheduled to June 11 at 6:30.

Nominations

Anna Dubois

***Mr. Christiansen moved to approve the Superintendent's nomination of Anna Dubois and elect Anna Dubois Grade 4 teacher at NHW at a salary of \$36,075, second by Mr. Nolan. Motion passes 5-0.***

Mary Glaude

***Mr. Rodgers moved to approve the Superintendent's nomination of Mary Glaude and elect Mary Glaude Math Dept. Chair at a salary of \$61,335, second by Mr. Christiansen. Motion passes 5-0.***

Debra Goida

***Mr. Nolan moved to approve the Superintendent's nomination of Debra Goida and elect Debra Goida, teacher at NHW, at a salary of \$31,122, second by Mr. Rodgers. Motion passes 5-0.***

Rebecca Heil

***Mr. Rodgers moved to approve the Superintendent's nomination of Rebecca Heil and elect Rebecca Heil Language Arts teacher at HMS at a salary of \$31,122, second by Mr. Christiansen. Motion passes 5-0.***

***Mr. Nolan moved to adopt the nomination procedure which has been used in the past for filling positions over the summer, second by Mr. Rodgers. Motion passes 5-0.***

Board members will be notified of a nomination, they have 3 days to review, if there are no objections the nomination will go through and final vote will be taken at a later date.

Assessment RFP

Ms. Ormond reviewed this with the Board. No action is needed tonight. Please review this document and be ready for a discussion at the next meeting. She suggested the district get proposals to be used for budgeting purposes.

Assistant Principal Interviews (NHW)

Three finalists, interviews will be done in Non-Public on Wed. May 30 at 5 pm.

Mrs. Levesque asked about the procedure to try to get public kindergarten. This must be added to the ballot by a petition warrant article. Need costs, signatures and must meet all deadlines. The Budget Committee will vote on it and then it will be added to the ballot.

**K. Board Member Comments:**

Mr. Rodgers: no comments  
Mr. Christiansen: no comments  
Mr. Nolan: no comments  
Mrs. Levesque: no comments  
Ms. Gould: no comments  
Mr. Alukonis: no comments

**L. Non-Public Session:**

***Mr. Nolan moved to enter Non-Public session at 8:55 pm under RSA91-A:3II, (a), (b), (c) second by Mr. Christiansen.***

***Chairman called for a roll call vote.***

***Mr. Christiansen-yes, Mr. Nolan-yes, Mrs. Levesque-yes, Mr. Rodgers-yes***

***Mr. Alukonis-no***

***Motion passes 4-1.***

***Will enter Non-Public after a brief recess.***

***Motion made by Rich Nolan, seconded by Brenda Levesque: To approve Superintendent Bell's FY2007-2008 SAU salary recommendations for Randy Bell, Mary Ellen Ormond, Normand Sanborn, Karen Burnell, Dana O'Gara, & Kevin Boulard, provided that an additional \$100 be added to the salary for Randy Bell (for a total of \$101,500) . These recommendations were outlined in the memo from Randy Bell to the Hudson School Board dated 5/9/2007—a copy of which is attached. Motion passes 5-0***

*Motion made by Rich Nolan, seconded by Gary Rodgers to direct the Chairman of the School Board to discuss with the Chairman of the Board of Selectmen the process used to adjust the Town Manager's salary and to report back to the School Board. Motion passes 5-0*

*Motion made by Rich Nolan, seconded by Brenda Levesque: To approve the issuance of "rolling 2-year contracts" to Randy Bell, Mary Ellen Ormond, & Normand Sanborn. Motion passes 5-0*

*Motion made by Rich Nolan, seconded by Gary Rodgers: To exit non-public and adjourn. Motion passed unanimously (Alukonis, Rodgers, Christiansen, Levesque, Nolan in favor on a roll call vote).*

**M. Adjourn:**

Meeting adjourned at 10:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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