

HUDSON SCHOOL DISTRICT

Hudson School Board Meeting

January 5, 2009

Approved Minutes

Present: Mr. David Alukonis, Chairman
Mr. Richard Nolan
Mr. Gary Rodgers
Mrs. Brenda Levesque
Mr. Lee Lavoie
Mr. Randy Bell, Superintendent
Ms. Mary Ellen Ormond, Asst. Superintendent
Mr. Normand Sanborn, Business Administrator
Dr. Irene Sousa, Director of Special Services
Mr. Matt Haeffner, 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.

There was a moment of silence for Ed Callahan who recently passed away; he held the position of interim principal for LSS and HO Smith schools.

- 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**
Report on Munis Conference
Kate Minichiello addressed the board. Conference was held in Grapevine Texas on October 22-24, 2008, both Kate Minichiello and Erin Cannamucio attended the conference.
The two attended many sessions on human resource and finance including:
- On-line self service tool – through the intranet for employees
- Salaries/benefits
- Crystal reports- reports can be designed to meet district needs.
- networking
- Salary increases – how to process pay increases for employees not on a salary scale.

- Simulator – can show how changes are reflected in employee paycheck, prior to changes done permanently.
- New Munis 7.0 holds many new security features.
- Year end processing – help to make processing more efficient.
- Budget projections

Talked about trying to find a user group for Munis. Kate stated that Karen Burnell has been working on this.

Mr. Nolan left meeting to attend the Budget Committee meeting at 6:55.

E. Reports to the Board

Superintendent's Report

Received lots of calls during the ice storm, many were in favor of having school on Tuesday. Mr. Bell stated he had no intention of having school during a vacation week to make up lost days.

Mr. Bell will be meeting with Shawn Murray, Hudson Fire Chief to discuss the recent ice storm. Will discuss communication and receive more training on the radios, will also discuss generators.

Next Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday - next scheduled BU training.

Congrats to Jason Lavoie who has been recently appointed the new chief for Hudson Police. Will be meeting with him soon.

F. Committee Reports

Budget Committee Report

Mr. Nolan addressed the board. Tomorrow will be the wrap up for the school district. Budget committee will make recommendations.

Suspect the budget committee may not recommend the warrant for \$100,000.

They felt the money should go back to the voters, they believe it is a rainy day fund. The District will use it for building maintenance and repairs.

Straw vote shows that the two contracts that have been ratified by the unions will have the budget committee's support.

G. Correspondence

There was no correspondence.

H. Recommended Action

1. **Manifests - Recommended Action:**

Manifests are available to be signed.

I. Old Business

Impact Fees Update

Hand outs for the board.

Received a fax from Gordon Graham, the district has met all the standards of the law and will be able to access the fees. Still need more time to complete this.

Will keep the board updated.

Pine House Road update

Jim St. Jean will be the auctioneer. Still need to set the auction date, probably late January or early February. Will keep the board updated.

Fiber Project Update - Deferred

Kindergarten Constitutional Challenge Lawsuit

Sent back to Hillsborough County Courthouse has been filed. Preliminary date is set for January 29, 9AM.

Recent editorial in the Nashua Telegraph in support of the district position.

J. New Business

Preparation for Budget public hearing

Tonight town wrap up, tomorrow school wrap up in preparation for public hearing on Wednesday at Hudson Community Center.

Gordon Graham sent a letter regarding language on warrant articles.

Vote on Deliberative Session – January 31, 2009, 9 am, Hudson Community Center.

Mr. Rodgers moved to establish the Deliberative Session on January 31, 2009 at 9 am at Hudson Community Center, second by Mr. Lavoie. Motion passes 4-0.

Set Meeting with Paul Interbitzen scheduled for 1/26/09

Assign Warrant Articles

Set date for Legislative Workshop – January 22, at Checkers, 5 pm.

Set date for School Board Workshop – January 26, 4 pm at SAU

Upcoming meeting – scheduled for January 19 (Martin Luther King Day) will be held as scheduled, 6:30 pm.

K. Board Member Comments:

Mr. Lavoie- Congrats to Jay Lavoie, you will do a good job, good luck. Good to have everyone back at school.

Mr. Rodgers- no comments

Mr. Haffner- no comments

Mrs. Levesque- no comments

Mr. Alukonis- no comments

L. Non-Public Session:

Mr. Rodgers moved to enter Non-Public session at 7:15 pm under RSA91-A: 3I (C) student tuition and revisit on a school board vote second by Mrs. Levesque.

Chairman called for a roll call vote.

Mrs. Levesque-yes, Mr. Lavoie-yes, Mr. Rodgers- yes, Mr. Alukonis-no Motion passes 3-1. Enter Non-Public after a brief recess.

Mr. Rodgers moved, and Mrs. Levesque seconded, to authorize the Superintendent to complete an investigation of a potential fraudulent tuition case, to take action based upon his findings, and to make further recommendations to the School Board. The motion was adopted unanimously.

Mr. Lavoie moved, and Mrs. Levesque seconded, to exit non-public session and adjourn the meeting.

Mr. Lavoie, yes; Mrs. Levesque, yes; Mr. Rodgers, yes; Mr. Alukonis, yes.

M. Adjourn:

Meeting adjourned at 7:40 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Dotty Murray