

HUDSON SCHOOL DISTRICT

Hudson School Board Meeting

February 18, 2008

Accepted Minutes

- Present: Mr. David Alukonis, Chairman
Mr. Lars Christiansen
Mr. Richard Nolan
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. **Presentations to the Board**
There were no presentations to the Board.
- C. **Public Input**
There was no public input.
- D. **Requests of the Board**
Formation of Alvirne On-Stage Drama Parent Group
Rob Straight (group President) and Susan Warnke (Vice President) addressed the Board. This group's objective is to support Theatre Arts (Class act) financially. Class Act is a student run organization. They are also an award winning group in competition. Alvirne High School's Class Act will be hosting the New Hampshire Educational Guild Regional Drama Festival on March 8th. On Stage Drama Parent Group and Class Act are fundraising for the \$1,500 to host the festival. The group has a charter and by-laws, applied for a charitable trust, not for profit organization and will hold regular meetings.
The Board will review information they have received and this will come back to the Board at a later date.
- E. **Reports to the Board**
Superintendent's Report
On Valentine's Day Mr. Bell received a greeting from students dressed as jesters "Fools For Love". The greeting was much appreciated.
Legislation – Labor bills are in process.
Breakfast meeting scheduled with John Knowles regarding the library and legislation on Wednesday.
Lynne Ober has sponsored legislation regarding kindergarten.

Tomorrow there are hearings on constitutional amendment regarding school funding need 60% in both Senate and the House to go to the ballot. Requests to use Hills House fields by scouts and chili festival will be given but the groups will be told that a study is going to be done to determine farm needs and haying and may affect the ability to use the fields in the future. This will be put in writing for all groups. Evaluation sessions in March – there will be bullets for discussion on each teacher stating specific strengths and goals above and beyond normal activities. Tenure teachers reviewed every three years will go through the same procedure. Mr. Nolan requested a presentation regarding the process of tenure. Mr. Bell will provide this at the 3-21 meeting.

Assistant Superintendent's report

Ms. Ormond addressed the Board with a brief overview/discussion on NECAPS. The Board received this information in today's packet. Cohort comparison-grade comparison information on how students did compared to other districts. Reviewed statistics on proficiency in various categories, there has been some movement in some categories. Further analysis will be done, now have three years worth of data to compare and the standards have not changed in those three years. NH, VT, RI all take the same test, the standards are the same grade level expectations for all. The state only releases 30% of the questions, so the districts don't know what all the students needs are but have a lot of good information on curriculum based on released items. This is the first year for high school NECAP results. Mr. Nolan talked about how to measure performance, tools to measure infrastructure, class size, district budget, average number of years of teaching, seniority ect. What is the infrastructure difference?

Mr. Sanborn: Annual Audit

No deficiencies were found – clean audit. Be sure the district has internal controls. Have Plodzick and Sanderson come in to review findings. The district does have the ability to do audit and accounting reports internally.

F. Committee Reports

No policy committee meeting this week.

G. Correspondence

Legal Research on Kindergarten

Page 3 states "The school district is not required to have public kindergarten in September 2008".

Letter form Department of the Air Force

Minimum enrollment for ROTC is 100, currently at 87. The district has been put on probation. May close down unit if quota is not met. The Board talked about opening ROTC up to students from surrounding towns

State Department of Education
Determination Letter

Hudson School District has met all requirements and are 100% compliant
Outside audit done through electronic records – Easy IEP.

School Resource Officer Report for December 2007

For information only.

H. Recommended Action

1. Business Affairs - Minutes - Recommended Action:
Draft minutes – January 29, 2008
Mr. Nolan moved to accept the draft minutes of January 29 as presented second by Mrs. Levesque. Motion passes 4-0.

Draft minutes – February 4, 2008
Mr. Nolan moved to accept the draft minutes of February 4 as presented second by Mrs. Levesque. Motion passes 4-0.
2. Manifests - Recommended Action:
Manifests are available to be signed.
3. Budget Transfers – first reading
SB 23-08 \$11,555 (LSS special education salaries account)

SB 24-08 \$18,582 (CTE paraprofessional salary account)

SB 25-08 \$6,500 (AHS language salaries account)
Second reading at next meeting.
4. Student activity account – for information only.
5. Financial report – no change, anticipated find balance \$406,546.

I. Old Business

Sign for CTE

Mr. Nolan moved to award the contract to Classic Signs, Inc of Amherst, NH in the amount of \$6,156.00. One half of the cost of the sign will be paid by Granite State Credit Union and the remaining \$3,078.00 will be paid by the district from the landscaping account second by Mr. Christiansen. Motion passes 4-0.

J. New Business

School Board policy – first reading

#4.6(p) Mr. Nolan requested this be withdrawn and sent back to the policy committee, provisions are too specific, can't predict what the future trends will be. No motion needed.

Voting on March 11, staff nominations begin on March 10 at 9am.

K. **Board Member Comments:**

Mr. Christiansen – congrats to girls basketball
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 8:05 pm under
RSA91-A: 3I (A) and (C) second by Mrs. Levesque.*

Chairman called for a roll call vote.

*Mr. Christiansen- yes, Mr. Nolan-yes, Mrs. Levesque-yes, Mr. Alukonis-no.
Motion passes 3-1*

Staff and student issues were discussed. No actions were taken in Non-Public Session.

*Mr. Nolan moved, and Mr. Christiansen seconded, to exit Non-Public Session
and Adjourn the meeting. Mr. Christiansen-yes, Mrs. Levesque-yes, Mr. Nolan-
yes, Mr. Alukonis-yes.*

M. **Adjourn:**

Meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Dotty Murray