

## HUDSON SCHOOL DISTRICT

Hudson School Board Meeting  
February 16, 2009  
Accepted Minutes

Present: Mr. David Alukonis, Chairman  
Mr. Richard Nolan  
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

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 Hearing** ~ Teens Mentoring Teens

Presented by Dawn Breault

**Open Public Hearing at 6:35 pm**

Planning grant in the amount of \$30,000.

This includes classes - *Intro to Human Services* and *Health Wellness and Work* as well as activities that will be part of Vocational Curriculum.

Open to public – no public input

Open to the board:

Discussed what students will learn – Leadership skills, this program also is good on a resume.

Will include approximately 20 mentors and 15-20 mentees. We will be using Pinkerton's program to model our program. Currently Pinkerton has 110 members.

**Closed Public hearing 6:45 pm.**

*Mr. Nolan moved to have the district accept the \$30,000 grant second by Mrs. Levesque. Motion passes 4-0.*

*Mr. Nolan moved to appropriate \$30,000 as indicated in the grant document, second by Mrs. Levesque. Motion passes 4-0.*

C. **Public Input** there was no public input.

**D. Requests of the Board**

There were no requests of the board.

**E. Presentations to the Board**

There were no presentations to the board.

**F. Reports to the Board**

Superintendent's Report

Mr. Bell addressed the board. Discussed the Hudson Memorial Bomb threat issues and the appropriate measures taken to ensure safety at school. Friday turned out to be a quiet day. The student responsible for these threats will face severe measures and will also be dealt with by Hudson Police Department. Currently Manchester school district is facing the same threats. The administration has told the students that they will have to make up days on Saturdays if the threats don't stop.

Last week the governor's budget proposal on school funding aid was submitted. The District will have to wait and see.

Federal Stimulus plan was passed.

- school funding and grants
- state grants – Title I
- Special Education money
- Money to enhance technology
- Money for food service equipment
- Money for building data systems

The board discussed the stimulus package requested Mr. Bell to come back to board with specific recommendations to keep track of what is happening with this package.

Will keep the board up to date.

Russ Thibeault – demographic study, cost \$25,000, need to decide – continue with scope or narrow scope. Mr. Bell feels the district should fulfill the original scope.

***Mr. Nolan moved to move forward with original scope and appropriate an additional \$10,000 for the study, second by Mr. Lavoie. Motion passes 4-0.***

Assistant Superintendent's Report

The schools just finished the mid-year evaluation for Read 180. The scores looked promising and showed growth from six months up to two years since school began, two students have actually moved back into regular education English classes.

Discussed new Para associates degree program started with 15 paraprofessionals down to 12.

The paraprofessional online course is extremely rigorous. We currently have 25 paras who have completed it and have obtained Paraeducator II certification. The class is approximately 50 hours, and cost is free.

Project Management – Next training Tuesday and Wednesday at BU in Chelmsford.

NWEA testing will conclude this week; there have been no issues with this, thanks to our IT Department. Buildings get data immediately; will compile district data which will take approximately two weeks once the testing window is closed.

**G. Committee Reports**

There were no committee reports.

**H. Correspondence**

Kindergarten

Hearing scheduled for March 18, 2009

Hudson Police Department – letter of thanks

2008-2009 monthly enrollments

For information only.

**I. Recommended Action**

1. Business Affairs – Minutes – Recommended Action:  
February 2, 2009  
*Mr. Nolan moved to accept the draft minutes of February 2, 2009 as presented, second by Mr. Lavoie.*
2. Manifests - Recommended Action:  
Manifests are available to be signed.
3. Financial Statement  
Anticipated Fund Balance: \$125,965  
For information only.

**J. Old Business**

Special Education

Out of district placements, will create a report to track placements (quarterly). Will come back to the board with a template. Talked about the percentage of money district receives back under catastrophic costs.

***Mr. Nolan moved to approve two placements at the Reading Foundation at a cost of \$18,662 and \$11,160, second by Mrs. Levesque. Motion passes 4-0.***

Contracted Services: Reviewed charts in the packet. \$19,239 anticipated deficit difference between revised and anticipated costs.

Contracts:

Melinda Huebner

***Mr. Nolan moved to accept and approve contract as presented, second by Mr. Lavoie. Motion passes 4-0.***

Mary Morse:

***Mr. Nolan moved to accept and approve contract as presented, second by Mrs. Levesque. Motion passes 4-0.***

Sheldon Wagner/Behavioral Development

***Mr. Nolan moved to accept the revised contract as presented and approve, second by Mr. Lavoie. Motion passes 4-0.***

Michelle Fitzgerald

***Mr. Nolan moved to accept the revised contract as presented and approve, second by Mrs. Levesque. Motion passes 4-0.***

Catherine Davis

***Mr. Lavoie moved to accept the revised contract as presented and approve, second by Mr. Nolan. Motion passes 4-0.***

Boothby Therapy Services

***Mr. Nolan moved to accept the revised contract as presented and approve, second by Mrs. Levesque. Motion passes 4-0.***

Budget transfer

First reading, much discussion, no action needed.

Fiber Project Request

Ms. Ormond addressed the board.

This is a project between the Town of Hudson and the Hudson School District. Costs from pole to building not to exceed \$5,719.

***Mr. Nolan moved to approve the additional funding not to exceed \$5,719 for fiber project between town of Hudson and the Hudson School District second by Mr. Lavoie. Motion passes 4-0.***

Transfer #SB-19/Maintenance Worker

District wide maintenance worker, salary \$34,153.  
***Mr. Nolan moved to approve transfer SB- 19 \$34,153 and waive second reading, second by Mr. Lavoie. Motion passes 4-0.***

Use of Impact Fees

Mr. Bell addressed the board. Ready to go to Planning Board, \$1.2 million available.

Mr. Sanborn stated a number of bonds will be available as of October 2010 and will pay a 2% penalty on each bond bought back. Currently in the process of creating a spread sheet for these bonds. Stay tuned.

Process for School Board Replacement

Board discussed the process, consensus all in agreement.

**K. New Business**

Project Charters

- RFP/website bidding forms
- Graduation requirements
- Budget Keyword search
- District Report Cards.

Board discusses these items, want to work on the first two now and the other two next year. Want careful consideration.

**L. Board Member Comments:**

Mr. Lavoie – PTO fundraiser – Are You Smarter than a Fifth Grader?

Raised \$1800 for Hills Garrison playground fund.

Mr. Nolan- No comments

Mrs. Levesque – No comments

Mr. Alukonis – No comments

**M. Adjourn:**

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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