

**HUDSON SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**Hudson School Board Meeting**  
**March 16, 2009**  
**Approved Minutes**

Present        Mr. Gary Rodgers, Chairman  
                  Mr. Lee Lavoie, Vice Chairman  
                  Mr. Richard Nolan  
                  Mrs. Laura Bisson  
                  Mr. Randy Bell, Superintendent  
                  Ms. Mary Ellen Ormond, Asst. Superintendent  
                  Dr. Irene Sousa, Director of Special Services  
                  Mr. Matt Haeffner, Student Rep.

**A.        Call to Order:** Mr. Randy Bell, Superintendent, called the organizational meeting to order and led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance at 6:30 pm.

**B.**        Opened nominations for board chair  
                  Mr. Lavoie nominated Mr. Rodgers as Chair/ no other nominations.  
                  Closed nominations  
                  Mr. Rodgers elected Chair  
                  Thanked board for nomination

**C.**        Mr. Rodgers now presiding  
                  Open nominations for Vice Chair  
                  Mr. Nolan nominated Mr. Lavoie /no other nominations  
                  Mr. Lavoie elected Vice Chair

**D.        Public Input**  
                  No public input

**E.        Presentations of the Board**  
**Refinancing of Bond Issue/First Southwest Company**  
William Fazioli addressed the Board. The district has an outstanding bond rating. Currently the district has two bond issues. Could save 1.9 Million dollars over the life of both bonds. \$10,560,000 currently outstanding, new bond amount would be \$8,310,000 for both. Bonds will tentatively close on April 15, 2009. Proceeds will be used to refund old bonds. The district is under no obligation to proceed if

market changes. If benchmarks can't be met, would recommend district no go ahead.

Mr. Bell thanked Bill, Karen and Norm for working on this issue as well as the Planning board and the Board of Selectman.

Aramark Quarterly Joint Review

John Pratte, Director of Facilities, addressed the board. Overview of last six months.

Custodial Staff: two who have been out of work have returned. Dan Hogle – now new maintenance position, Al Desrouchers awarded Dan Hogle's position, Phil Ouellette awarded Al Desrouchers position.

School Prep work (summer) went well.

Aramark has met its \$100,000 equipment pledge.

Micro-fiber technology at HO

Training is ongoing for custodians

Facilities

Honeywell completed server and software interface for district. Additional Honeywell training is upcoming.

Ice Storm working on being better prepared with emergency power backup systems.

Grounds

Maintenance building to be red and white (final color selection) site work started, foundation will be started soon.

Held a summer luncheon and holiday luncheon.

Currently have saved \$27,000 on in house projects we were able to complete.

OT and substitute hours

Hours have increased during the first quarter by 4% but decreased by 16% in the second quarter. Only 53 outstanding work orders.

**F Requests of the Board**

Professional Development Conference

Ms. Ormond addressed the board.

Send two teachers (Sarah Conrad and Lisa Spinelli) to attend the Read 180

Summer Institute in Nashville Tennessee July 29-August 1.

Total cost \$4,418.60.

***Mr. Nolan moved to approve the travel and professional development for Sarah Conrad and Lisa Spinelli to Nashville, Tennessee, to attend the Annual Summer Read 180 Institute July 29-August 1, 2009, with the understanding that they will come back and report to the board the information that they gathered and how that will impact the program and student performance in the districts Read 180 program second by Mr. Lavoie. Motion passes 4-0.***

Co-curricular Stipend

Suzanne Callis \$922 one time basis.

*Mr. Nolan moved to approve the \$922 transfer, for Suzanne Callis, Co-curricular stipend, second by Mrs. Bisson. Motion passes 4-0.*

Out –Of – State Conference

Tri-State ASBO Conference in Booth Bay Harbor Maine, May 13-15 for Norm Sanborn and Karen Burnell.

*Deferred no associated costs.*

**G. Reports to the Board**

Superintendent's Report

Welcome Laura. Thanks to Dave Alukonis for 9 years of service.

Critical Priorities: process to add additional School Board member, to be completed by end of April.

Kindergarten lawsuit (tests constitutionality) filed. Preliminary meeting Wednesday. Have received great media coverage. Will need to start a Kindergarten task force. Process needs to be positive and include the public and be transparent.

Greatful the budget passed.

Contracts failing disappointment but understandable.

Work on long range plans/master plans.

Met with Steve Malazia, schools may get more money and town less will have to wait and see.

Last Friday received a briefing on Stimulus funding.

Other money - \$123 million unsure... may or may not receive.... More to come.

Academic decathlon: won state competition, to nationals in Tennessee may need financial support.

Saturday night boy's basketball semi-finals against Trinity, at UNH, Pep band will be performing.

Vacancy Report – information

Job fair Information – March 21 from 8:30-1:00 AHS.

Preliminary interviews have been set up.

**H. Correspondence**

Parent Involvement Survey

Information/good news for the district

Intent to Return – Ashley Uyaguari  
Returning/no action needed

Intent to Return – Lisa Retey  
Returning/no action needed

Intent to Return – Regina Beals  
Returning/no action needed

Resignation – Jennifer Tripp  
*Mr. Nolan moved to accept the resignation of Jennifer Tripp with appreciation, second by Mrs. Bisson. Motion passes 4-0.*

Resignation – Donna Straight  
*Mrs. Bisson moved to accept the resignation with appreciation second by Mr. Nolan. Motion passes 4-0.*

Resignation – Dee Barry  
*Mr. Nolan moved to accept the resignation with appreciation for many years of service, second by Mr. Lavoie. Motion passes 4-0.*

Special Education Performance Indicators  
For information only, no action needed.

Minutes from Deliberative Session  
For information only, no action needed.

**I. Recommended Action**

1. Business Affairs - Minutes - Recommended Action:  
Draft minutes February 16, 2009  
*Mr. Nolan moved to accept the draft minutes of 2-16-09 as presented second by Mr. Lavoie. Motion passes 3-0-1 (Mrs. Bisson abstained).*
2. Manifests - Recommended Action:  
Manifests are available to be signed.

**J. Old Business**

Charter RFP  
Web site bidding forms (online)  
*Mr. Nolan moved to approve and adjust milestone dates, second by Mr. Lavoie. Motion passes 4-0.*

Teens Mentoring Teens Grant Budget  
For information only.

Budget transfers SB# 21, 22  
SB 21 \$25,062

***Mr. Nolan moved to transfer \$25,062 from services to preschool second by Mrs. Bisson. Motion passes 4-0.***

SB 22 \$4,917

No motion needed under \$5000.

Board wishes to create a letter regarding the lack of OT statewide to university system. Try to fix the problem.

Reschedule staff review meetings  
March 23 and 30, 9 am at SAU

**K. New Business**

Financial report

For information / \$100,000 fund balance

Bond Resolution

Necessary step, to be signed by board chair

***Mr. Nolan moved to approve bond resolution and have the Board Chair sign it, second by Mrs. Bisson. Motion passes 4-0.***

Set public hearing for April 6

***Mrs. Bisson moved to set public hearing for April 6 meeting, second by Mr. Nolan. Motion passes 4-0.***

***Mr. Nolan moved to authorize Superintendent to put this item on the agenda to release the funds, second by Mrs. Bisson. Motion passes 4-0.***

Contract Recommendations

Contract with Melinda Huebner \$18,800/yr. (revised contract)

***Mr. Nolan moved to approve the contract not to exceed \$4,300 additional second by Mr. Lavoie. Motion passes 4-0.***

Extracurricular Nominations

***Mr. Nolan moved to approve the extra curricular nomination list as presented as listed on Memo dated March 16, 2009, second by Mrs. Bisson. Motion passes 4-0.***

Budget transfer SB # 16, 20, 23, 24

SB 16 \$6,000

*Mr. Nolan moved to approve budget transfer #16 for \$6,000 and waive second reading, second by Mrs. Bisson. Motion passes 4-0.*

SB 20 \$12,267.47

*Mr. Nolan moved to approve budget transfer #20 for \$12,267.47 and waive second reading, second by Mr. Lavoie. Motion passes 4-0.*

SB 23 \$6,969

*Mr. Nolan moved to approve budget transfer #23 at a cost not to exceed \$6,969 (Cisco switch) and waive second reading, second by Mr. Lavoie. Motion passes 4-0.*

This item may be able to be claimed on insurance, will rebuild old switch to use as a spare.

SB 24 \$21,270.83 (first reading)

Reminder that board does not think we should be taking money from one account to use in another for purchasing.

Nomination:

*Mr. Lavoie moved to accept the superintendent's nomination of Kimberly Kaot and elect Kimberly Long term sub (for remainder of school year) at a pro-rated salary of \$14,656, second by Mr. Nolan. Motion passes 4-0.*

Committee Assignments and Hudson School board Calendar - *Deferred*

L. **Board Member Comments:**

Mr. Lavoie: Congrats Laura, Gary.

PTO book fair this week Hills Garrison

Voters we heard you loud and clear – keep costs down

Mrs. Bisson: thanks voters, Congrats Gary, this is a new and exciting role for me.

Mr. Haeffner: Congrats all,

Academic Decathlon – AHS took 48 out of 50 medals

Cabaret tickets on sale now \$12/

Germany – Jazz Band, greatest trip ever, treated like rock stars performed 7 or 8 shows.

Mr. Nolan: Welcome Laura, you will bring a new perspective to the board. thanks to David Alukonis you will be missed.

Mr. Rodgers: goal for a paperless agenda, would like to hold a meeting at each school through out the year.

The board will miss you Dave, brought the board into the future.

Ms. Ormond: HMS swing choir sung National Anthem at General Courts in Concord on their web site spectacular performance.

**M. Non-Public Session:**

*Mr. Nolan moved to enter Non-Public session at 9:00pm under RSA91-A: 3I (E) litigation informational issues second by Mr. Lavoie. Chairman called for a roll call vote.*

*Mr. Nolan-yes, Mr. Lavoie-yes, Mrs. Bisson-yes, Mr. Rodgers-yes  
Motion passes 4-0.*

**M. Adjourn:**

Meeting adjourned at      p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Dotty Murray