

**HUDSON SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**Hudson School Board Meeting**  
**April 21, 2008**  
**Accepted 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  
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**

**Honeywell Energy Project Update**

Jim Lucy and Gary King (project manager) addressed the Board, and presented an overview of the project. Project is close to completion; there has been a minimum disruption to classes. They have held bi-weekly meetings to keep everyone up to date. There will be a verifying walk through to be sure all work has been completed.

Air quality work has made a big difference at AHS.

Jim Lucy – Energy Savings

A change order was done for the basement air quality work at AHS. The district must provide Honeywell copies of all utility bills. 30% offset by building aid and utilities rebates from Keyspan and PSNH. There will be an update this summer, they will show cost differences if the project was not done, energy savings.

An energy audit will be done next May plus 60-90 days. If goals were not met Honeywell must issue a rebate to the district. Payments start in August.

Honeywell will return with another update in September.

**ROTC Washington Trip, August trip, enrollment for 2008-2009**

SSgt. Mike Duval and three cadets addressed the Board. 24 cadets went to Washington, DC during February Vacation. They had four very busy days in DC. Each cadet was expected to make a 5-10 minute presentation at one tourist attraction.

They visited many Memorials, museums, the Capital building, Andrews Air Force Base and the Pentagon, as well as an evening of bowling. The students were only

responsible for meals and gifts. Each Cadet spoke about their favorite part of the trip.

In August they are planning a Leadership retreat. Hopeful that cadets can get transferable college credits.

Currently enrollment is 102.

**C. Public Input**

There was no public input.

**D. Requests of the Board**

Kiwanis Club request

Mr. Robert Guessford addressed the Board. Kiwanis is all about service and community. They would like to create a Builders Club at HMS. If approved the club would hold a charter night for enrollment. Mrs. Nadeau (principal) is in favor of this club.

*Mr. Rodgers moved to approve the Kiwanis Club request to start a Builders Club at HMS, second by Mr. Nolan. Motion passes 5-0.*

**E. Reports to the Board**

Superintendent's Report

Mr. Bell addressed the Board regarding Senate Bill 530, which establishes Kindergarten. This bill has passed the senate and the House and is on to Finance next. If passed it will mandate kindergarten by September 2009, with some financing.

Mrs. Ober has proposed three amendments:

- 75% construction aid, removal of mandate
- 100% funding of real construction costs, furniture
- Voucher to school district that don't have kindergarten, could be used by parents for private kindergarten.

The current legislation excludes kindergarten from "No means No" legislation – if warrant is a no vote, money can't be spent for that purpose.

Assistant Superintendent's Report

Ms. Ormond addressed the Board. She has provided the Board with an educational glossary. She also provided the Board with upcoming professional development geared towards school Boards – please plan ahead.

Project Management – met with Gina Westcott from BU, debriefed, asked for additional ½ day training, plus three day trainings.

**F. Committee Reports**

There were no committee reports

**G. Correspondence**

Letter from HFT

Information, still no reply from Leadership Union.

Letter from PSRP's  
For information only.

Fire Dept. Inspection Report (Checkers Restaurant)  
For information only.

Press release RE: Alvirne Graduate Tim Tellinghuisen  
For information.

Resignation  
Maria Passanisi

*Mr. Nolan moved to accept the resignation of Maria Passanisi, second by Mrs. Levesque. Motion passes 5-0.*

## **H. Recommended Action**

1. Business Affairs - Minutes - Recommended Action:  
Draft Minutes April 7, 2008  
*Mr. Rodgers moved to accept the draft minutes of April 7 as presented, second by Mr. Nolan. Motion passes 5-0.*
2. Manifests - Recommended Action:  
Manifests are available to be signed.
3. Student Activity Accounts  
For information only.
4. Financial Report (for information only)  
Through end of March  
Anticipated Fund Balance: \$278,061
5. Budget Transfers (2<sup>nd</sup> reading)
  - #28-08 - \$14,000  
*Mr. Nolan moved to approve budget transfer #28-08, at a cost of \$14,000 from natural gas to contracted services, which will allow the district to pre-buy 200 hours of technology support services with SOS Computer Services, second by Mr. Rodgers. Motion passes 5-0.*
  - #29-08 - \$25,400 (NHW Nurse)
  - 30-08 - \$5,200 (Fuel)
  - 31-08 - \$16,362 (transportation)  
*Mr. Nolan moved to approve budget transfer #29-08 at a cost of \$25,400, #30-08 at a cost of \$5,200 and #31-08 at a cost of \$16,362, second by Mr. Rodgers. Motion passes 5-0.*

- #33-08 - \$47,475 (speech services)
- #34-08 - \$243,400 (tuition)
- #35-08 - \$21,475 (tuition/testing salaries)
- #36-08 - \$9,580 (transportation)

***Mr. Nolan moved to accept budget transfers #33-08 - \$47,475 (speech services) #34-08 - \$243,400 (tuition) #35-08 - \$21,475 (tuition/testing salaries) #36-08 - \$9,580 (transportation) second by Mr. Rodgers. Motion failed 0-5 after discussion involving lack of approval by the Board of contractual arrangements.***

- #37-08 - \$32,000 (HOS repairs)
- #38-08 - \$18,286 (Ventilation AHS computer lab) this was discussed at length.

***Mr. Rodgers moved to approve budget transfer #37-08 at a cost of \$32,000 second by Mr. Lavoie. Motion passes 4-1, Mr. Nolan opposed.***

***Mr. Rodgers moved to waive bid process and award bid to Always Accessible at a cost not to exceed \$32,000, second by Mrs. Levesque. Motion passes 5-0.***

***Mr. Nolan moved to approve budget transfer #38-08 at a cost of \$18,286 second by Mr. Lavoie. Motion passes 5-0.***

## **I. Old Business**

### Budget transfer Report

For information, only 1% of the budget is transfers, the net effect is very small. This report will come to the Board quarterly. It does not include transfers currently before the Board.

### Language Arts Adoption recommendation

Ms. Ormond addressed the Board. The committee chose Scott Foresman. Their bid eventually came in under budget.

***Mr. Rodgers moved to approve the purchase of the Scott Foresman reading series for grades 1-3, not to exceed \$169,451, second by Mr. Nolan. Motion passes 5-0.***

Professional development contracts for this summer will be coming soon.

### Update on Maintenance Building

John Pratte has met for the permit process; go to planning Board with a conceptual plan. They have gotten one quote for \$82,730 but will need a separate bid for the foundation (slab installation), will also need a plot plan with the potential location for the building identified. Still need direction as to where the site should be, this should be run by the Trustees as well. This will come back to the Board.

**J. New Business**

Attendance Changes in AHS

Mr. Lane addressed the Board. Attendance is down 44 students at AHS, this memo gave details on all students involved with reasons but it did not show the whole picture. Mr. Lane is unhappy with these numbers and will work on this starting in grades five and six.

Health Insurance

Cigna – 2.9% increase (current carrier)

School Care – 4.8% decrease (new carrier, better plan, lower price)

***Mr. Nolan moved to engage in health insurance with School Care for 2 years, second by Mr. Rodgers. Motion passes 3-0-2 (Mr. Alukonis and Mr. Lavoie abstained).***

Nominations

Abby Ahern

***Mr. Nolan moved to accept the Superintendent's nomination of Abby Ahern and elect Abby Ahern, Social Studies teacher at AHS at a salary of \$34,841, second by Mr. Rodgers. Motion passes 5-0.***

Tina Bates

***Mr. Rodgers moved to accept the Superintendent's nomination of Tina Bates and elect Tina Bates Grade 5 teacher at NHW at a salary of \$47,860, second by Mrs. Levesque. Motion passes 5-0.***

Elise Marie La Kane

***Mr. Nolan moved to accept the Superintendent's nomination of Elise Marie La Kane and elect Elise Marie La Kane Grade 3 teacher at NHW at a salary of \$32,211, second by Mr. Rodgers. Motion passes 5-0.***

Kelly McGivern

***Mr. Rodgers moved to accept the Superintendent's nomination of Kelly McGivern and elect Kelly McGivern Grade 1 teacher at a salary of \$38,772, second by Mrs. Levesque. Motion passes 5-0.***

Christine Robinson

***Mr. Nolan moved to accept the Superintendent's nomination of Christine Robinson and elect Christine Robinson grade 3 teacher at NHW at a salary of \$34,710, second by Mrs. Levesque. Motion passes 5-0.***

Stacy Winbiggler

***Mr. Rodgers moved to accept the Superintendent's nomination of Stacy Winbiggler and elect Stacy Winbiggler, Earth Science teacher at AHS at a salary of \$32,211, second by Mrs. Levesque. Motion passes 5-0.***

K. **Board Member Comments:**

Mr. Rodgers – No comments

Mr. Nolan – No comments

Mr. Lavoie – enjoy vacation and return rested to finish up the school year.

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 pm under RSA91-A: 3I Tuition request, second by Mrs. Levesque. Chairman called for a roll call vote. Mr. Nolan-yes, Mrs. Levesque-yes, Mr. Lavoie-yes, Mr. Rodgers-yes, Mr. Alukonis-no.*

Enter Non-Public at 9:05

*Mr. Nolan moved, and Mr. Rodgers seconded to accept a tuition student at Alvirne high School for 2008-09, with appropriate additional special services fees added to the standard tuition. The motion was adopted by a vote of 4-0-1, with Mrs. Levesque abstaining.*

No other actions were taken by the board.

*Mr. Rodgers moved, and Mr. Nolan seconded to exit Non-Public Session and adjourn the meeting. Mr. Lavoie, yes; Mrs. Levesque, yes; Mr. Nolan, yes; Mr. Rodgers, yes; Mr. Alukonis, yes.*

M. **Adjourn:**

Meeting adjourned at 9:23 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Dotty Murray