

**HUDSON SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**Hudson School Board Meeting**  
**May 17, 2010**  
**Approved Minutes**

Present        Mr. Gary Rodgers, Chairman  
                  Mr. Lee Lavoie, Vice Chairman  
                  Mrs. Laura Bisson  
                  Mrs. Patty Langlais  
                  Mr. Lars Christiansen  
                  Mr. Randy Bell, Superintendent  
                  Dr. Irene Sousa, Director of Special Services  
                  Mr. Normand Sanborn, Business Administrator

- A.        **Call to Order:** Mr. Gary Rodgers, Board Chairman, called the meeting to order and led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance at 6:30 pm. Mrs. Langlais will arrive late tonight.

**Non-Public Session:**

*Mr. Lavoie moved to enter Non-Public session at 6:33pm under RSA91-A: 3I (A) (B) second by Mrs. Bisson.*

*Chairman called for a roll call vote.*

*Mr. Lavoie-yes*

*Mrs. Bisson-yes*

*Mr. Christiansen-yes*

*Mr. Rodgers-yes*

*Motion passes 4-0*

*Enter Non-Public at 6:33 pm*

*Candidate Interview*

*Mrs. Bisson moved and Mrs. Langlais seconded, to exit non-public session.*

*Mrs. Bisson, yes; Mr. Christiansen, yes; Mrs. Langlais, yes; Mr. Lavoie, yes;*

*Mr. Rodgers, yes. The Board exited non-public session at 6:58.*

- B.        **Public Input**

There was no public input.

Mr. Lavoie presented Dr. Sousa a new Special Olympics tee shirt.

**C. Requests of the Board**

HOSA State Conference Attendance Request

All associated costs have been covered.

*Mrs. Bisson moved to approve the request to attend the HOSA State Conference in Orlando, second by Mr. Christiansen. Motion passes 4-0.*

Teacher Leave of Absence:

*Mrs. Bisson moved to approve the LOA request to extend maternity leave for the remainder of the school year, second by Mr. Christiansen. Motion passes 4-0.*

**D. Presentations to the Board**

There were no presentations to the board.

**E. Reports to the Board**

Superintendent's Report

Sunday's Telegraph had a picture of Mr. Sanborn regarding water conservation/technology.

Ms. Ormond was back in the office today, not in her best interest to attend this meeting on her first day back.

Dept. Of Ed: Race to the Top (2<sup>nd</sup> time). There is a meeting being held tonight at SERESC and on Wednesday in Exeter. Mr. Bell will attend the meeting on Wednesday. Stated the district must sign on to all of the assurances as well as the School Board must sign, Unions are encouraged but not mandatory. AFT has felt left out. If Hudson receives funds it will be around \$150-170,000, a very small amount of money with a lot of obligations. Is it worth it?

Must apply by June 1<sup>st</sup>. Mr. Christiansen requested to see the contract before agreeing to this.

Mr. Bell stated that the board has previously voted not to support this.

If the district receives the money do we have an opt out option to not take money?

Mr. Bell will get more information at the meeting and forward the information to the board members.

**F. Committee Reports**

Budget Committee

Mrs. Bisson addressed the board. A tour is scheduled for Thursday from the Fire Department to Town Hall.

Proposed budget report will be ready by August.

Drop out Task Force

Meeting Thursday. Small group presentations to the entire committee.

Need to discuss school board attendance philosophy then write a policy, would like direction from the board (June meeting).

Truancy laws have been changed effective July 6, will now be considered truant if you miss 10 half school days.

**G. Correspondence**

Life Safety/Fire Prevention reports

Currently do semi-annual inspections, this is new for the Fire Department. This will reinforce findings like extension cords, blocked doors, storage.

April School reports

For your information.

There are 155 college acceptance letters so far at AHS.

Impact fees – for information only

Mr. Sanborn addressed the board.

Impact funds released \$95,000 to be used for bond payment. This helps keep the tax rate down.

Student Enrollment

Some growth shown at the elementary level, AHS down slightly.

Over 200 students have enrolled for Kindergarten. Currently there are more students enrolled for first grade next year than for this year.

Kindergarten numbers: LSS-up slightly, HGS-down, NHW-up substantially.

May need to add an additional session at NHW to handle the numbers. If necessary they will take a teacher from another school for one session.

May also need to rearrange classrooms to accommodate for the need. The district may have to stop allowing parents to choose a specific school.

**H. Recommended Action**

1. Business Affairs - Minutes - Recommended Action:  
Draft Minutes – May 3, 2010.  
*Mrs. Bisson moved to accept the draft minutes as presented, second by Mr. Lavoie. Motion passes 4-0.*
2. Manifests - Recommended Action:  
Manifests are available to be signed.
3. Financial report  
For information only.  
Mr. Sanborn addressed the board. This is a conservative report; there is a modest fund balance. Medicare numbers are up.  
The state sent our Kindergarten revenue to Milford; still waiting for check.  
Because of the savings in the repairs account, SPED deficit is down.  
The district will have a better idea of fund balance by next month. Some items that we have been putting off may be able to get done. There is a prioritized list.
4. Student Activity Account

For information only.

**I. Old Business**

E-Mail addresses

Discussed the use of getting SAU81 e-mail for all board members. Will be used for board business Example: agendas. E-mail is subject to public view that would mean members person e-mail (currently). SAU e-mail will protect member's personal e-mail.

Mr. Christiansen stated he is against getting a SAU81 e-mail account.

Mrs. Langlais arrived at 7:45 pm.

**J. New Business**

End of the year spending

Prioritized list at next meeting.

Vendor Contract Award – General Office Supplies

***Mrs. Bisson moved to award the contract for General Office Supplies to WB Mason at a cost of \$35,000, second by Mrs. Langlais. Motion passes 5-0.***

Budget Transfer SB #45 (1<sup>st</sup> reading)

Request from Ms. Ormond – Books for summer reading.

***Mr. Christiansen moved to approve SB #45 and waive second reading at a cost of \$9,562, second by Mr. Lavoie. Motion passes 5-0.***

Mr. Bell will look into the school designations; will amend the transfer to reflect this.

Budget Transfer SB #46 & 50 (1<sup>st</sup> reading)

SB #46 Transportation for the homeless. Districts are required to transport students for a minimum of two years.

SB # 50 Legal council for negotiations.

Budget Transfer SB #47, 48, 49 (1<sup>st</sup> reading) Dr. Sousa addressed board.

SB #47 (\$97,006) tuition increase

SB #48 (\$47,234) SPED transportation

SB #49 (\$13,715) Misc. SPED account – OT/PT services and legal fund.

Thanks Norm for finding accounts to make the transfers, should be set for the remainder of the school year.

Nomination – Karen Worthen

***Mrs. Bisson moved to elect Karen Worthen, CTE Director as of January 1, 2011 at a salary of \$74,490 prorated, second by Mrs. Langlais. Motion passes 5-0.***

This nomination is a result of tonight's non-public.

**K. Board Member Comments:**

Mr. Christiansen- Regress hearing/legislature  
From the citizens of Hudson.

Mr. Lavoie- Last Saturday Special Olympics was held in Londonderry, great sportsmanship.

Mrs. Bisson – Prom went well last Saturday, hope all had a good time.

Mrs. Langlais – Went on a whale watch today, all were well behaved. Mr. Lane talked to each bus prior to departure regarding safety.  
AHS play Almost Maine this week end at 7 pm.

Mr. Rodgers – No comments.

**L. Non-Public Session:**

*Mrs. Bisson moved to enter Non-Public session at 8:10 pm under RSA91-A: 3I (A) (B) . Second by Mrs. Langlais. Chairman called for a roll call vote.*

*Mrs. Langlais-yes, Mrs. Bisson-yes, Mr. Lavoie-yes, Mr. Christiansen-yes, Mr. Rodgers-yes.*

Motion passes 5-0.

Enter Non-Public at 8:10

*Mrs. Langlais moved to approve the Superintendent's recommendations for salary adjustments for SAU staff, and adding a \$3,000 equity adjustment to Mary Ellen Ormond's salary for 2010-11, making a total salary of \$98,704; and adding \$1,512 to Irene Sousa's salary, making a salary of \$94,733. Second by Mrs. Bisson. The motion was adopted unanimously.*

*Mr. Lavoie moved to exit non-public session. Second by Mr. Christiansen. Mrs. Bisson, yes; Mr. Christiansen, yes; Mrs. Langlais, yes; Mr. Lavoie, yes; Mr. Rodgers, yes.*

*The Board exited non-public session at 9:20 pm.*

**M. Adjourn:**

Mr. Lavoie moved to adjourn the meeting. Second by Mr. Christiansen. The motion was adopted unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 9:21 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
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