



HUDSON SCHOOL DISTRICT ♦ Hudson, New Hampshire  
Hills Memorial Library 18 Library Street

6:30 pm Regular Meeting  
Non-Public Session

## Hudson School Board Meeting Minutes – March 18, 2024

### In Attendance

#### Board Members

Maureen Dionne, Chair  
Mike Campbell, Vice Chair  
Ethan Beals  
Gary Gasdia  
Grace Kennedy

#### SAU Staff

Dan Moulis, Superintendent of Schools  
Rachel Borge, Director Special Services  
Jen Burk, Business Administrator

#### A. Call to Order [0:00:04]

Chair Pro Temps Superintendent Dan Moulis called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm. Ethan Beals led the Pledge of Allegiance.

#### B. Oath of Office [0:00:58]

School District Moderator Paul Inderbitzen administered the Oath of Office to School Board Member Grace Kennedy.

#### C. Board Reorganization (Decision) [0:02:41]

##### 1. Election of Chairperson, Superintendent Dan Moulis Presiding

*Ethan Beals made a motion to elect Maureen Dionne as School Board Chair. Mike Campbell seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.*

Ms. Dionne resumed chairmanship of the meeting.

##### 2. Election of Vice-Chairperson, Chairperson Presiding (Maureen Dionne)

*Ethan Beals made a motion to elect Mike Campbell as School Board Vice Chair. Gary Gasdia seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.*

### 3. Committee Assignments

- Hudson Federation of Teachers (HFT):  
Mike Campbell and TBD
- Hudson School District Secretaries (AFT LOCAL #6260, AFT-NH, AFL-CIO):  
Mike Campbell and TBD
- Strategic Planning Committee:  
Maureen Dionne and Ethan Beals
- HSB Policy Committee:  
Maureen Dionne and Grace Kennedy
- Capital Improvement Committee:  
Maureen Dionne and Ethan Beals
- Hudson Municipal Budget Committee Liaison: TBD
- Alvirne Trustees:  
Mike Campbell and Gary Gasdia
- Board of Selectmen:  
Gary Gasdia and TBD
- Cable Utility Company:  
Gary Gasdia and Mike Campbell
- Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Meeting:  
Ethan Beals and Grace Kennedy
- Wellness Committee:  
Mike Campbell and TBD
- Communications Committee:  
Gary Gasdia and Maureen Dionne
- Teacher Grant Initiative Fund:  
Ethan Beals and TBD

Vacancies will be reviewed at the next Board meeting.

### 4. School Board Member Materials

Materials were provided for the Board members, and there will be NHSBA training arranged in the next few weeks.

### D. Public Hearing (Decision) [0:16:04]

Pursuant to RSA 198:20-b, and in accordance with Article 4 of the March 6, 1992 Town Meeting, the Hudson School Board held a public hearing to accept and authorize expenditure of the \$100,000 SAFE Grant awarded for cameras at Alvirne High School.

There were no comments, and the hearing was closed. [0:16:50]

### E. School Board Action (Decision) [0:16:51]

*Ethan Beals made a motion to accept the SAFE Grant in the amount of \$100,000. Gary Gasdia seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.*

## F. Public Input [0:17:21].

There was no public input.

## G. New Business [0:17:33]

### 1. Driver's Education (Decision)

RFP results for driver education services and recommended action were presented by Ms. Burk. In January 2024, 9 area vendors were reached, and one RFP response was received - from Granite State Driving School, which is the current provider. The current fee is \$775 per student and the RFP cost will be \$800 in 2024-25 and 2025-26 with an increase to \$825 for the 2026-27 school year. The program cost outside of Alvirne is currently \$850 ea. There was discussion about having a driver education service in-house or not. Factors included having in-house staffing; liability; and time-commitment. There is no financial assistance for families.

***Ethan Beals made a motion to award Granite State Driving School an agreement to provide driver education services at Alvirne High School from July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2027. Gary Gasdia seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.***

### 2. Travel Request (Decision)

Superintendent Moulis presented a travel request for Alvirne High School earth science teacher Jeanne Schratwieser to attend the National Science Teachers (NSTA) national conference in Denver, Colorado on March 21 and 22, 2024. The employee wants to cover the cost of travel and lodging. There was a discussion by the Board related to those costs being covered by the District and requested that information be provided to the employee.

***Ethan Beals made a motion to approve the NSTA travel request for Jeanne Schratwieser as presented, contingent on clarification that the employee favored using her travel points. Mike Campbell seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.***

### 3. General Assurances FY 2025 from the Department of Education (Decision)

Superintendent Moulis sought Board approval for authorization to receive, accept, and expend local, state and federal funds for FY 2024-25.

***Ethan Beals made a motion to approve authorization to receive, accept, and expend local, state and federal funds for FY 2024-25. Mike Campbell seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.***

Ethan Beals made a motion to hear the Alvirne High School Peru presentation next (delayed in the meeting for presenters to be present).

## H. Presentations to the Board [0:27:16]

### 1. Alvirne High School Peru Trip

Alvirne science teacher Doug Peckham, teacher Jess Paeplow and students shared their experience on a recent trip to Peru. Highlights included:

- Applying and improving Spanish language skills and knowledge of culture e.g. land of the Incas
- Communicating with locals in everyday circumstances e.g. shopping
- Growing interest in future travel/college learning
- Volunteering, possibly helping schools via fundraising, etc.
- Touring, seeing Machu Pichu, the Amazon and tribes, piranha fishing, etc.
- Journaling
- Sharing experiences with other Alvirne students
- Close to 40 students attended with 6 chaperones
- These types of experiences are encouraged by the Board

## I. Recommended Action [0:58:43]

### 1. Manifests

Mike Campbell and Gary Gasdia will sign off on manifests with Maureen Dionne as an alternate.

### 2. Nominations

Superintendent Moulis presented hand-carried post-season winter sports coach stipends as well as girls track (Hudson Memorial) and a new stipend for disc golf at Hudson Memorial School. The robotic stipend was currently not being used and could be used for golf. It was noted that two boys basketball coaches stepped up to be head coaches late in the season and consideration was asked for an additional stipend.

***Ethan Beals made a motion to approve the nominations as presented. Mike Campbell seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.***

***Ethan Beals made a motion to approve the post-season winter stipends as presented. Mike Campbell seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.***

## J. Reports to the Board [1:03:19]

Superintendent Moulis mentioned the following:

- Math Curriculum Meeting - reviewed resources
- Professional workshop day: Leader in Me program will pilot this year into next year
- Strategic Planning Committee met for listening sessions on the Portrait of the Graduate
- Website: story on Mr. Gallagan (finalist for 2024 NH Choral Directors Association Director of the Year)
- After school math support program update for week 2: Hudson Memorial School had 1 student attend on Thursdays and none on Tuesdays; Alvirne had one student on Tuesdays and Thursdays
- The Cabaret last weekend: Music was well done; congratulations were given to all.
- Congratulated were Ella Hartson, Garret Hall and Sam DeWitt for NH Basketball Coaches Association All State Players status

- Tom Wait presented at Hudson Memorial on Holocaust Genocide Studies.
- Chris Thatcher was thanked for donation of medical grade gloves of approx. \$800 given to the district to support nurses and athletic trainers.
- Emergency Management Committee met - reviewing ALICE protocols and drills will be scheduled.

#### **K. Committee Reports [1:10:56]**

Mike Campbell mentioned that the Alvirne Trustees met last week and reviewed preparations for the scholarship in May; there was a record number of essays received this year.

#### **L. Correspondence [1:11:49]**

##### **1. Discipline Report - February and March 2024**

Included were detention trends by school between the 2022/23 and 2023/24 school years, as well as out of school suspension trends and incidents of bullying. A suggestion was to begin data in September vs. August. Putting focus on the tardiness issue is helpful and appreciated.

##### **2. Finance Reports**

#### **M. Board of Selectmen - Liaison Comments - N/A**

#### **N. Student Representative Comments - N/A**

#### **O. Board Member Comments [1:18:44]**

Ms. Kennedy expressed that she would enjoy being on the Board.

Mr. Gasdia welcomed Ms. Kennedy and congratulated Ms. Dionne and Mr. Campbell on their new roles. He is excited to see highlights of district good news online.

Mr. Beals lightheartedly noted the early end time of tonight's meeting.

Mr. Campbell welcomed Ms. Kennedy, thanked the voters for supporting the district at the election, congratulated Ms. Dionne for her election as Chair and noted that the book fair would be at Hills Garrison next week.

Ms. Dionne welcomed Ms. Kennedy and said she appreciated voter support of the warrant articles and the district. She likes seeing the online highlights of staff members.

#### **P. Non-Public Session per RSA 91-A:3 II a, c [1:23:13]**

*At 7:53 pm, Ethan Beals made a motion to enter into a non-public session per RSA 91-A:3 II a, c. Gary Gasdia seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0. Roll call vote.*

Approval of letters of correspondence, student matter, staff matter

**Q. Return to General Session and Adjourn**

*At 8:41pm, Ethan Beals made a motion to return to general session and adjourn. Mike Campbell seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0. Roll call vote.*

Submitted by

Susan DeFelice

Non-public submitted by Dan Moulis and Jen Burk