

HUDSON SCHOOL DISTRICT
Hudson, New Hampshire
October 25, 2010
Hills Memorial Library
Hudson School Board Meeting Room

APPROVED MINUTES

A. Call to Order: Mr. Lee Lavoie, Vice Chairman, called the meeting to order. Mr. Christiansen and Mrs. Bisson in attendance.

- Pledge of Allegiance

B. Budget Review: Hudson Memorial Middle School Educational Resources, furniture and equipment are the Middle School budget accounts that have increased. Textbooks, classroom furniture, technology under the equipment account are the specific accounts that are effected. 10 teacher computers need to be replaced that can no longer be repaired. The other large purchase in equipment is a replacement of a computer lab containing 25 computers located in the budget section labeled school-wide classroom instruction, equipment on page 23 of the Memorial budget. Superintendent Bell suggested that it would make sense to move this request into computer instruction on page 73. Additionally, ceiling mounted LCD projectors, LCD projectors, and Ivo Boards (Interactive Whiteboard), Elmos, and Smart Boards for both the language arts department and the library make up the bulk of the remaining technology equipment. The Superintendent will be bringing to the board a request to do a study on the future of classroom technology using an outside expert.

Mrs. Nadeau stated that regarding technology, the younger staff is much more adept at integrating technology into the curriculum and in house individuals are training staff in the building to become more proficient in technology and its use in the classroom.

Mrs. Bisson suggested that it would be helpful to look at some of the software that the building is using and look at the data that is derived from that software to establish how technology is improving instruction and student achievement.

It is important to keep track of teachers and their use of technology and work to improve their use and implementation in the classroom. Additionally, providing the support to teachers who are not proficient in the use of technology and building their skills.

System 44 implementation is a part of the budget that will include 2 more classroom packs (books, and materials) for those students who are significantly more disabled in reading. System 44 focuses on a phonetic approach to reading. There will also be furniture that will be needed for the System 44 lab.

Budget Committee is requesting backup information on the benefit of programs like Scott Foresman, Read 180, Odyssey Math, and System 44.

Supplies are down except in food service account but is in a different account and is off set by revenue in food service. Service section of the budget is down because of the major projects that have been completed over the last four years.

End of Middle School presentation:

Mr. Sanborn provided a summary sheet of the total budget proposal along with changes that have been requested and approved. Current recommended additional adjustments have not been approved by the Board. Patty Langlais joined the Board meeting at 5:38. Motion to adjust the budget to a total of \$526,217 with a second by Mr. Christiansen. Motion passed 4-0.

New format for elementary budget handed out to the board members.

Board moves for a short recess before resuming regular board meeting at 6:05 pm.

Board resumes public session at 6:38.

C. Public Input: No public input

D. Recommended Action

1. Student Activity Accounts: Attachment #1- general fund transferred funds into the student account. Now the student activity account has postage built in for different groups and those funds go directly to the post office.
2. Manifests – Recommended Action: Manifests will be available for the Board's review on Thursday, before a Board Meeting at the SAU Office. Make necessary corrections and sign.

E. New Business

Pupil Safety and Violence Prevention Memo: Policy for first reading

High School Science Requirement: Request in for course addition for graduation. - First Reading

Policy – Character and Citizenship Education – first reading

Policy – Pregnant Students – First Reading

Policy – School Guidance and Counseling Program – First reading

Policy – Student Teaching and Internships- First Reading

Question about what is the requirements for AHS who do internships with children in the community.

F. Board Member Comments

Mrs. Langlais thanks the many people who helped with the Haunted Hayride and the Corn Maze. Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday – and Saturday for an additional week. This is a school-wide fund raiser

Mr. Lavoie explained that we have 262 teachers, 4100 students which is large enough to be a small town, 400 staff on staff. The district spends 25 million less than Merrimack that is similar to our district. This is in response to comments made by the Hudson Selectmen.

G. Non-Public Session

RSA 91-A: 3 II:

Motion by Mr. Christiansen and Second by Mrs. Langlais. Mrs. Bisson – yes, Mrs. Langlais – yes, Mr. Christiansen – yes, and Chair Mr. Lavoie – yes. This ends the public session of the Hudson School Board meeting and the Board will not return to public session. No decisions are expected to be made during non-public session. Board enters non-public session at 7:10.

Motion by Mr. Christiansen to exit non-public session; second by Mrs. Langlais. Motion passes 4-0 at 7:59

Motion to adjourn meeting by Mrs. Bisson and second by Mr. Christiansen. Motion passes 4-0.

Meeting adjourns at 8:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Ellen Ormond