

HUDSON SCHOOL DISTRICT

Hudson School Board Meeting December 20, 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
 Ms. Mary Ellen Ormond, Associate Superintendent
 Dr. Irene Sousa, Director of Special Services

- A. **Call to Order:** Mr. Gary Rodgers, Board Chairman, called the meeting to order and led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance at 6:00 pm.
- B. **Non-Public Session:**
*Mr. Christiansen moved to enter Non-Public session at 6:00 pm under RSA 91-A:3 II (A) second by Mrs. Bisson.
Chairman called for a roll call vote.
Mr. Christiansen-yes, Mr. Lavoie-yes, Mrs. Bisson-yes, Mr. Rodgers-yes.
Motion passes 4-0. Enter Non-public at 6:01.*

Mrs. Langlais arrived at 6:03.

The board heard a staff appeal regarding discipline. No action was taken at that time.

Reconvene at 6:35.

- C. **Public Input**
There was no public input.
- D. **Requests of the Board**
There were no requests of the board.
- E. **Presentations to the Board**
Language Arts Curriculum Committee
Ms. Connors, Ms. Spinelli and Ms. Bureau addressed the board.
After four years of work the new Language Arts curriculum is ready for board review. This committee volunteered their time and had many hurdles to deal with.
Their mission is to "help students develop reading, writing and speaking skills." This curriculum represents all grade levels from K-12, did much research, parent

and teacher surveys, data collection on student achievement and reviewed best practices.

The initial 50 volunteers formed sub-committees and started drafting the document, reviewing national standards, developed professional learning committees.

The committee addressed specific goals for each level- elementary, middle and high schools.

Grades K-2 work on learning to read, grades 3-5 work on read to learn.

Middle school focus is to develop skills to be better readers, work on learning targets and write for a variety of purposes – writing is a process.

High School focus is to prepare students to function in the world and post secondary endeavors, align with NH State frameworks and competencies.

Currently reading is beyond expectations at the high school level, but remediation is available to those in need.

Vision for the future is to continue to revise curriculum to make it better, meet all district goals.

Ms. Ormond addressed the board stating that the elementary reading scores are some of the best in the state, middle school had made tremendous gains and at the high school level more students than ever are enrolled in AP classes.

Mr. Bell talked about reading in the content area, strategic reading – vocabulary through out the curriculum.

The board thanked the committee for all of their hard work.

F. Reports to the Board

Superintendent's Report

Mr. Bell addressed the board. Taylor is the new school board rep. – welcome! The superintendent met with AHS student council last week, discussed custodian uniforms – more to come on this subject at a later date.

Bell is currently on the Teacher Effectiveness Task Force met Friday with South Central Superintendents, very interesting discussion on context teaching – more to come.

Discussed connecting kids to the world beyond high school. Currently only 18-38% of students enrolled in a community college finish and receive their diploma.

6 year completion rate for students to finish their bachelor degree due to remediation – need to help students learn to study effectively, college students are in enormous debt upon graduation, 50% of working class have a job that does not require a college degree.

Associate Superintendent's Report

Ms. Ormond addressed the board regarding technology. Need a vision and a plan. Would work cooperatively with the town and Fire Dept. Technology is here to stay need to be ready.

Social Study curriculum is scheduled to come before the board in January.

G. Committee Reports

Budget Committee

Mrs. Bisson addressed the board. Done for December, January 4 is the school wrap up date.

H. Correspondence

Hudson School District Technology report – covered under Associate Superintendent's report.

Financial Report – for information only.
There will be a public hearing in January.

I. Recommended Action

1. Business Affairs - Minutes - Recommended Action:

Draft Minutes – December 6, 2010.

Mr. Lavoie moved to approve the draft minutes for December 6 as presented, second by Mrs. Langlais. Motion passes 5-0.

2. Manifests - Recommended Action:

Manifests are available to be signed.

J. Old Business

Budget Transfer SB#36 (2nd reading) - Technology

Mrs. Langlais moved to approve Budget Transfer SB#36 at a cost of \$20,529, second by Mrs. Bisson. Motion passes 5-0.

Budget Transfer SB#37 (2nd reading) – fuel to transportation

Mrs. Langlais moved to approve Budget Transfer SB#37 at a cost of \$15,000 second by Mrs. Bisson. Motion passes 5-0.

2011-2012 budget

Mr. Bell addressed the board.

The district and budget committee would like to find \$80,000 to do the fiber program. This could be done if minor jobs were put off for a year, the improvements will pay for itself in two years. Have looked at staff, have two positions that could potentially be eliminated and would not affect staff. This will be discussed more in non public.

K. New Business

Budget Transfer SB #38 (1st reading)

Unemployment account

Budget Transfer SB #39 (1st reading)

Teacher transfer

Budget Transfer SB #40 (1st reading)

Title I position/healthcare cost increase

L. Board Member Comments:

Mr. Christiansen – no comments

Mrs. Langlais – Happy Holidays, stay safe

Mr. Lavoie – Thanks Christmas in Hudson, Thanks to Taylor, Merry Christmas, enjoy your week.

Mrs. Bisson – Thanks to Taylor, Merry Christmas.

Mr. Rodgers – Welcome to the board Taylor, Merry Christmas, Happy New Year, Drive safely tonight.

M. Non-Public Session:

Mrs. Bisson moved to enter Non-Public session at 8:35 pm under RSA 91-A:3 II (A and C) second by Mr. Lavoie.

Chairman called for a roll call vote.

Mr. Christiansen-yes, Mr. Lavoie-yes, Mrs. Langlais-yes, Mrs. Bisson-yes, Mr. Rodgers-yes. Motion passes 5-0.

Enter Non-Public at 8:35.

During non-public the School Board discussed two student issues that did not require any action by the board. The School Board deliberated on an appeal by a staff member regarding a disciplinary issue. The School Board voted 4-0-1 to uphold the Superintendent's disciplinary action.

Mr. Lavoie motioned to exit non-public with a second from Mr.

Christiansen. Mrs. Bisson voted yes, Mrs. Langlais voted yes, Mr. Lavoie voted yes, Mr. Christiansen voted yes, and Chairman Rodgers voted yes. School Board exited non-public at 9:20.

Mr. Christiansen motioned to adjourn the meeting with a second from Mr. Lavoie. Motion passed 5-0.

M. Adjourn:

Meeting adjourned at 9:23 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

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