

HUDSON SCHOOL DISTRICT
Hudson School Board Meeting
September 26, 2011
Approved Minutes

Present Mr. Lee Lavoie, Chairman
 Mrs. Laura Bisson, Vice Chair
 Mrs. Patty Langlais
 Mr. Lars Christiansen
 Ms. Amy Sousa
 Mr. Randy Bell, Superintendent
 Ms. Mary Ellen Ormond, Associate Superintendent
 Dr. Irene Sousa, Director of Special Services
 Ms. Karen Burnell, Business Administrator
 Mr. Tahylur Hebert, AHS Student Rep.

- A. **Call to Order:** Mr. Lee Lavoie, Board Chairman, called the meeting to order and led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance at 6:30 pm.
- B. **Public Input**
There was no public input.
- C. **Requests of the Board**
There were no requests of the Board
- D. **Presentations to the Board**
There were no presentations to the Board
- E. **Reports to the Board**
Superintendent's Report
Mr. Bell is currently on a state team/task force for "Effective Teaching"
Subjects covered are: mentoring, teacher preparation, professional development, teacher evaluation.
Phase one is complete; the report will be released in October. The task force is now moving into Phase two. Bell's group will be focusing on Teacher Evaluations. First meeting focused on standardized testing; concerns on over emphasis on standardized testing/competencies, demonstrate knowledge in a variety of ways, 21st century skills (critical thinking), willingness to apply for a

waiver regarding No Child Left Behind and standardized testing, rewarding schools who do well or improve on testing.
Bell will be meeting with the bus company officials regarding safety – first aid (epi pen usage), CPR. Installation of GPS in busses will begin today.

Associate Superintendent's Report

Ms. Ormond distributed a hard copy of the new Social Studies curriculum.
Mahesh will be working in district on Jan. 9 and 10, 2012.
Jan. 9 there will be an hour long presentation to the school board with time for questions.
Jan. 10 there will be a parent's night from 6:30-8:30; pizza will be served at 6:30, 6:30-8:30 presentation and question session. Babysitting will be available. All are welcome, information will be put on the web-site and alert now, place to be announced. HCTV is willing to tape this event. Mahesh is currently in district this week working at the elementary level.

Mr. Lavoie asked Ms. Ormond if the district has received the HD Comcast boxes for the school yet, will check on status.

F. Committee Reports

Budget Committee

Ms. Sousa addressed the board. Mr. Bell and Ms. Sousa addressed the budget committee recently. They have complimented the school board on their fiscal management. The Budget committee has requested three years worth of actuals.

G. Correspondence

Intent to retire letters

These letters were due by September 15. These five teachers combine provide 157 years experience to the district.

Mr. Christiansen moved to accept the letter of intent to retire for Timothy Broderick, with appreciation for services rendered, second by Ms. Bisson. Motion passes 5-0.

Mrs. Bisson moved to accept the letter of intent to retire for Nancy Morey; you will be missed, second by Mrs. Langlais. Motion passes 5-0.

Mrs. Langlais moved to accept the letter of intent to retire for Nicholas Hines with thanks and appreciation, second by Ms. Sousa. Motion passes 5-0.

Ms. Sousa moved to accept the letter of intent to retire for Susan Rugg, with thanks and appreciation, second by Mr. Christiansen. Motion passes 5-0.

Mrs. Bisson moved to accept the letter of intent to retire for Jim MacEchern with thanks and appreciation, second by Mrs. Langlais. Motion passes 5-0.

NHDOE determination letters

Dr. Sousa addressed the board. This is based on school performance, evals done on time based on state criteria; the district met this 100%. Previously there was some difficulty with out of school suspensions but now 100% due to new ISS program. The Drop out Task Force has helped out with this greatly. Very pleased with this.

H. Recommended Action

1. Business Affairs - Minutes - Recommended Action:
Draft Minutes – September 12, 2011
Ms. Sousa moved to accept the draft minutes of September 12 as presented, second by Mr. Christiansen. Motion passes 5-0.
2. Manifests - Recommended Action:
Manifests are available to be signed.

I. Old Business

Workshop Structure: Giving Voice – engaging staff, students, parents and community.

Mr. Bell addressed the board.

This is a School Board approach, with 4 major pieces:

- Parent, staff, students and community engagement
- Student achievement
- Technology
- Facilities plan

They will begin to meet starting in October

J. New Business

Budget Transfers (1st reading) housekeeping items

Process Vote:

Ms. Sousa moved to address these budget transfers in 4 groups: electricity, salary and benefits, transportation, and Scott Foresman and waive the second reading, second by Mrs. Langlais. Motion passes 5-0

Mrs. Bisson moved to approve SB#6, utilities and electricity and waive the second reading at a cost of \$36,593, second by Ms. Sousa. Motion passes 5-0.

Mrs. Langlais moved to approve SB#7, 8,9,10,11,12,13,14,15,16,17,18,19,20,21,22,23,25,26,27,28,29 and 31 as presented by Ms. Ormond, salaries and benefits and waive second reading, second by Mr. Christiansen. Motion passes 4-0-1 (Ms. Sousa abstained).

Ms. Sousa moved to approve SB#24 transportation at a cost of \$37,000 and waive second reading, second by Mr. Christiansen. Motion passes 5-0.

Ms. Sousa moved to approve SB#30 Scott Foresman and waive second reading at a cost of \$70,000 second by Mrs. Langlais. Motion passes 5-0.

Cow Barn roof bids

Received 5 bids, would like to go with the lowest bid by Granite State Roofing at a cost of \$12,240 for removal and installation. Work to begin within 10 days of award and will be complete in two weeks.

Ms. Sousa moved to award the bid to Granite State Roofing as presented, second by Mr. Christiansen. Motion passes 4-0-1 (Lavoie abstained)

Hills House Property Line

There has been a lot of e-mail out regarding where the boundaries lie. Will pull official property maps to see what they show, if it is not clearly stated will go out and get survey bids.

Mrs. Bisson moved take the necessary steps to find the official boundary lines of the Hills House, second by Ms. Sousa. Motion passes 5-0.

Alvirne High School Graduation June 2012

Mrs. Langlais questioned when graduation would be held officially since they were told by the Verizon that Manchester will be using the facility on the date that we had reserved. Mr. Bell stated that Mr. Lane surveyed students and parents and have decided to have graduation on Thursday June 14 at 6PM at the Verizon.

Performing Arts Center

Mrs. Langlais suggested creating a task force and create a plan so fundraising could be done properly. Will encourage all parties to be a part of task force including, Mr. Bastien, Friends of Music, Class Act, Mr. Lane, Sau; together with Mr. Bell's help they could set up priorities and move ahead.

K. **Board Member Comments:**

TJ- The band and soccer teams will be headed to Gillette Stadium on Saturday for a Revolution game.

Mr. Christiansen – Hills House is a good place for Horticulture classes to observe a project from start to finish.

Ms. Sousa – No comments

Mrs. Langlais – thanks to all teachers at AHS while Edline was being worked on.

PTO at HMS will be providing snacks during testing. The donkey is now pulling the cart.

Mrs. Bisson – No comments

Mr. Lavoie – No comments

L. Non-Public Session:

Mrs. Bisson moved to enter Non-Public session at 7:50pm under RSA 91-A:3 II (AB) second by Ms. Sousa.

Chairman called for a roll call vote.

Mr. Christianson-yes, Ms. Sousa-yes, Mrs. Langlais-yes, Mrs. Bisson-yes, Mr. Lavoie-yes. Motion passes 5-0.

Enter Non-public at 7:50

School Board discussed budgeting for FY13 but no action was taken.

Motion to exit non-public at 8:26 by Ms. Sousa and second by Mr.

Christiansen. Roll call vote: Ms. Sousa – yes, Mr. Christiansen – yes, Ms.

Bisson – yes, Ms. Langlais – yes, Mr. Lavoie – yes. Motion passes.

M. Adjourn:

Motion to adjourn meeting at 8:27 by Ms. Sousa and second by Ms. Bisson.

Motion passes 5-0

Meeting adjourned at 8:27 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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