

## HUDSON SCHOOL DISTRICT

### Hudson School Board Meeting

January 7, 2013

### Approved Minutes

Present        Mr. Lee Lavoie, Chairman  
                  Mrs. Laura Bisson, Vice Chair  
                  Mrs. Patty Langlais  
                  Mr. Lars Christiansen  
                  Dr. Amy Sousa  
                  Mr. Bryan Lane, Superintendent  
                  Dr. Phyllis Schlichter, Assistant Superintendent  
                  Ms. Jeanne Saunders, Director of Special Services  
                  Ms. Karen Burnell, Business Administrator  
                  Mr. Connor Sakati, 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 6:34 pm.

B.        **Public Input**

Elaine Brody, 148 Webster Street, Hudson

Regarding: *Facilities Task Force*

There will be an informational meeting at HO Smith School on Wednesday night. On Thursday there will be a parent meeting at Alvirne High School. Community outreach sessions are also being planned. Elaine distributed an information packet which addressed common questions regarding the task force's work.

The board discussed this packet; Alvirne compliance issues will be discussed with Mr. Lane; this answer needs to be reworded.

Mr. Christiansen stated he is working on getting Alvirne back on the State renovation list for vocational centers.

Dr. Sousa requested the task force create an overview as part of the handout.

C.        **Requests of the Board**

There were no requests of the board.

D.        **Presentations to the Board**

**FY14 Preschool Programming** – Ms. Jeanne Saunders, Teresa Morgan, Preschool Coordinator.

**Population increase:** In 2005/06 there were 31 students; today (12/13) there are 67 students.

**Changes:**

August 2012 – added a 3-year-old class

January 2013 – added a 4-year-old class

February 2013 – will be adding a multi-age (3&4-year-old) class, one day per week. Necessary to meet the needs of all students.

Continuum of placement: least to most restrictive

Early childhood -25 students max (50% plus 1=typical peers)

Home-based services

Service provider location

Special Education program - 12 students

Self-contained program - 12 students

Private day program

Private residential program

Early childhood – one teacher, one para, 2.5 hours, 4 days, capacity-25 students

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Special Education program- one teacher, one para, 2.5 hours, 4 days, capacity12 students

Self-contained – one teacher, one para, 6 hours, 5 days, capacity 12 students

Self-contained ABA – one teacher, one para, 6 hours, 5 days, capacity 12 students

Current Challenges – increasing population, larger class sizes, not enough slots, increasing staff needs. We created two SPED programs this year and will be adding another in February with minimal time for collaboration.

#### Future Programming

Early childhood – one teacher, one para, 2.5 hours, 2 days

Special Education – one teacher, one para, 2.5 hours, 2 days for ages 3 and 4

Special Education – one teacher, one para, 2.5 hours, 4 days for ages 3 and 4

Special Education Intensive Needs – one teacher, one para, 2.5 hours, 4 days for ages 3 and 4

Resource Room – ABA – One teacher, one para, 3.5 hours, 4 days

Transition Support Provided – Sept. 16 start date for 3 and 4-year-olds. Prior to this staff will help with transition into kindergarten. End date will be the same as district calendar. Considering offering parent training workshops for ABA as well as parent information workshops.

#### Advantage

Developmentally appropriate for 3-year-olds, creates a continuum of service.

#### Challenges

More related services, not sure if we will fill all the slots, teacher caseloads will increase and become unbalanced.

#### Tuition

Current – typical peers - \$160/4 days/wk

New 2 day -\$120

4 day -\$240 no registration fee for either program

Capacity

Current 60 Special Education students – 44 typical  
New 96 Special Education students – 100 typical

Communicate to public

Will be holding parent information sessions (3 in the spring), updating preschool brochure, and updating website.

Board Discussion

Mrs. Langlais – by changing the program from 4 days to 2 days there will be a need for private daycare, support and training.  
Requested the ability for private day care employees to attend training session if tuition was paid.  
The district only needs to provide an appropriate education.

Brief Recess 7:24-7:27

**E. Reports to the Board**

Superintendent's Report

Newtown tragedy happened right before Christmas break. The last several days before break the district dealt with school security. Friday's absences at the middle and high schools were up. There were no issues at any school in the district. Continuing to work with Hudson Police and Fire departments.  
Wednesday will be attending Principals' meeting discussion will be safety procedures and schedules.  
Residency issues – how to determine residency – principals have the final say.  
Working on consistent policies and procedures.  
Goal meetings with principals with a follow-up meeting in March.  
Last Friday was Kate Minichiello's last day our Director of Human Resources, currently interviewing for her replacement.  
Warrant Articles to lawyers to review language.  
Budget Public Hearing is scheduled for Thursday, 7pm at Hudson Community Center.  
Deliberative Session February 9, Hudson Community Center at 9am.  
Facilities Task Force will meet Wednesday evening; Mr. Lane will attend.  
Had a good conversation at AHS regarding schedule study.

Assistant Superintendent's Report

Dr. Schlichter addressed the board.  
Curriculum Instruction Assessment continues  
Continuing to work with teachers  
NWEA focus on growth will be given three to four times per year

Director of Special Services' Report

Ms. Saunders addressed the board.

Focus Monitoring – Department of Education is questioning if it is biased or is it doing what it is meant to do.  
SERESC will be in district Tuesday through Friday; randomly picked 19 students; each review will take three hours.

Department of Education will be in district Tuesday through Friday also. They will be randomly picking 40 SPED files to review. They will use a checklist to check for compliance. The district will receive feedback on this review in 60-90 days.

Business Administrator, Mrs. Burnell addressed the board.  
Interviewing for HR position, thanks for being part of the interview process.

**F. Committee Reports**

Budget Committee

Dr. Sousa addressed the board

The Budget Committee accepted our budget; it is down to 60.5 cents. The feasibility study was a point of contempt. They feel this could be done in-house. Dr. Sousa will not be able to attend the Public Hearing Thursday due to a work event but will be at the Deliberative Session.

**G. Correspondence**

Enrollment – 3977

Down five students since November. Middle and high schools are holding steady. Questioned by the high school was down 23 seniors; Mr. Lane will look into this.

**H. Recommended Action**

1. Manifests- Recommended Action:  
Manifests are available to be signed. Make necessary corrections.
2. Business Affairs - Draft Minutes – Recommended Action:  
Make necessary correction and approve.

December 17, 2012 Draft Minutes

Change under Mr. Lavoie's board member comments

***Mrs. Langlais moved to approve the draft minutes of December 17 with the noted changes, second by Mrs. Bisson. Motion passes 5-0.***

January 2, 2013 Draft Minutes

Dr. Sousa expressed concern that the minutes did not include the numbers upon which the board voted. She stated the board did vote on the operating budget and some significant cuts and that it would be nice to have them reflected in the minutes. Mr. Lane will get those back for the next meeting. Mr. Lavoie asked the board if they wanted to table these minutes until the next meeting. No objections from board; item tabled.

**I. Old Business**

None.

**J. New Business**

Extracurricular Nominations

*Mrs. Langlais moved to approve the extracurricular nominations as presented, second by Mrs. Bisson. Motion passes 5-0.*

This board requested that the stipend for Special Olympics be reviewed.

Contracted Service Provider

Ms. Saunders addressed the board

For the hiring of an autism teacher for two new students in district at a cost of \$29,700.

*Mrs. Langlais moved to approve the contracted service provider (autism teacher) at a cost of \$29,700 and waive the second reading, second by Mrs. Bisson. Motion passes 5-0.*

Budget Transfer SB# 36 (First reading)

Salaries/Benefits – Hills Garrison to NWS

Budget Transfer SB#37 (First reading)

Para transfer

Budget Transfer SB#38 (First reading)

Ghost para position to NWS \$9,601

Budget Transfer SB#39 (First reading)

*Mrs. Langlais moved to approve Budget Transfer #39 as presented and waive second reading, second by Mrs. Bisson. Motion passes 5-0.*

Nomination

Dorothy Maloney – Long term sub \$25,284

*Mrs. Langlais moved to approve the Superintendent's nomination of Dorothy Maloney and elect Maloney at a salary of \$25,284, second by Mrs. Bisson. Motion passes 5-0.*

**K. Board Member Comments:**

Connor – Excited to see Facilities Task Force, Welcome back AHS

Good luck with mid-terms.

Mr. Christiansen- No comments

Dr. Sousa – No comments

Mrs. Langlais – Saw unified basketball practice today – Mr. Beals is coaching.

Will taking the activity bus on its maiden voyage Saturday.

Mrs. Bisson – Thanks, Dr. Sousa, for all your hard work on Budget Committee.  
New Facebook site – Alvirne Compliments – create a positive environment, don't know who is behind this.

The district will present a screening of Who Care's About Kelsey? Wednesday evening at HMS 6:30

January 17 is a follow-up conversation about the video. Many districts/organizations will attend at HMS.

Mr. Lavoie- Happy New Year, reminder Thursday is Budget Public Hearing.

**M. Adjourn:**

Meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Dotty Murray