

HUDSON SCHOOL DISTRICT
Hudson School Board Meeting
August 5, 2013
Approved Minutes

Present

Mrs. Laura Bisson, Chair
Mr. Lee Lavoie, Vice Chairman
Mrs. Patty Langlais
Dr. Amy Sousa
Mr. Michael Truesdell
Mr. Bryan Lane, Superintendent
Dr. Phyllis Schlichter, Assistant Superintendent
Ms. Karen Burnell, Business Administrator
Mr. Connor Sakati, AHS Student Rep.

- A. **Call to Order:** Mrs. Laura Bisson, 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
Attended the Focus School 2-day Education Summit.
There were many class options to attend. Keynote speaker was Michael Fulton.
70 groups/school districts were in attendance.
Met with health insurance provider; there are some new options available which will be good for both the employer as well as the employee. Will discuss this more next week; will also speak to the union about this as we move toward negotiations. The district will eventually hold a meeting for all employees to discuss this further.
Currently there are still 2 or 3 positions yet to be filled. Hopefully this will be complete by next week's meeting.

Assistant Superintendent's Report

Dr. Schlichter addressed the board.

Was in Washington, DC with Mark Bell, Keith Bowen and Jeanne Saunders last week regarding the US Department of Education grant from the University of Kansas. Currently planning a rollout at the middle school. The areas of academics and behavior will be presented to staff during the school-wide rollout.

This grant will give the district/middle school technical assistance. We are scheduled to meet four times a year to discuss how things are going. "All means all."

Tutoring is ongoing.

Professional development begins tomorrow. 25 elementary teachers have signed up for Differentiated Reading. There will be lots of resources available to teachers.

Business Administrator's Report

Mrs. Burnell addressed the board.

The district audit was completed last week.

Friday, August 9 will begin phase II of the restructuring move. Classroom move-in is ready for some teachers; please call the SAU to see if your room is ready. All other rooms will be ready by August 19.

Music room will be ready for band camp and is looking great.

HOS walkway is complete.

F. Committee Reports

There were no committee reports.

G. Correspondence

Audit Engagement letter

This is an explanation of what they will be doing. Results are usually received within 90 days.

Enrollment projections

Kindergarten registration is at 197 currently; expect 200.

Current enrollment

Preschool enrollment is down, no typical peers yet, kindergarten is down.

Overall there are 88 fewer students preschool to grade 12.

Dropout Statistics

Currently at 2%, down 19 students in grades 9-12. Currently the report shows 150-170 students have been reclassified, however this does not reflect students that went through remediation or online coursework. The board requested Mr. Hughen and Mr. Beals come before the board to discuss this report further.

Attendance

This report shows each individual school and their percentages of absences. HMS shows the lowest percentage of absences – administrators and SRO visit homes – only 7% of students have 5 or more absences. The board discussed seeing if other schools can work toward how HMS is

handling absences to see if their percentages will come down. The board requested the rate of absences at all schools for the month of June.

Quarterly Student Activity Accounts Report

For your information.

NWS had an error in the report showing a deposit being entered twice.

Proposed Band Schedule

This is an optional grade 5 music program. The students will rotate having band once every four weeks for 30 minutes. There is no cost to the district for this program as parents are responsible for renting instruments. Student will miss 30 minutes of instruction so a makeup plan is a concern that needs to be addressed. Teachers are not aware of this program yet.

Mr. Lavoie moved to approve the new band program for grade 5, second by Mrs. Langlais. Motion passes 5-0.

Vacancy Report

Board update

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.

Draft minutes – July 15, 2013

Under board member comments – Mrs. Bisson did not want to begin a district wide parent group just work more on district/parent communication. This will come back to the board.

I. Old Business

None.

J. New Business

Bid Award

Cutmaster 82 Plasma Cutter at a cost of \$15,000

Mrs. Langlais moved to accept the bid award for the Cutmaster 82 Plasma Cutter at a cost of \$15,00, second by Mr. Lavoie.

After much discussion, the board requested further explanation.

Both motions were withdrawn.

Driver Education Contract Extension

Current contract is set to expire June 2014 with Granite State Driving School. They have been a reliable source and have a great track record.

Mr. Lavoie moved to extend the contract for Granite State Driving School for three years, second by Mrs. Langlais. Motion passes 4-1 with Dr. Sousa voting no.

Donation acceptance Request-- Focus Technology

Xirrus XT5048 switch (\$3,500). Current switch is 11 years old.
District will need to cover \$200 for additional required equipment.

Mr. Lavoie moved to accept the switch donation, second by Dr. Amy Sousa. Motion passes 5-0.

The board discussed the ongoing computer issues within the library as well as how smart phones are putting a strain on the computer network. Mr. Lane will look into this. Need to find out what needs to be done to fix these issues and at what cost. Need to look at the big picture and create a better plan.

Extracurricular Nominations - AHS

Volleyball and Football

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

Job Descriptions (1st readings)

Director of School Counseling – reports to Jeanne
School Counselor 9-12 – reports to principal and Jeanne
School Counselor K-8 – reports to principal and Jeanne

FY 15 Budget

Consolidate budget items for HOS and LSS.
Prep work is beginning; looking for what direction the board wants the principals to go.
Discussed the importance of maintaining both the buildings and current programs.
It is expected to cost 16 cents on the dollar to go from the default budget back to last year's budget. We are also expecting double-digit increases for health insurance.

K. Board Member Comments:

Mr. Sakati - none

Mr. Truesdell – Exchange students visited; three of the students have been here before.

Dr. Sousa – asked about equity index at a recent conference

Mrs. Langlais – none

Mr. Lavoie – Jeff Fromme Sports Foundation. Mr. and Mrs. Alukonis are contacts if you know of a student in need.

School begins in three weeks; our buildings are almost ready.

Mrs. Bisson – AHS and LSS school tours set for Wednesday; new teacher day Aug. 21; first day for staff Aug. 27; Old Home Days next weekend; Patty is working on a project for Old Home Days: “Making History Come Alive.”

L. Non-Public Session:

Dr. Sousa moved to enter Non-Public session at 8:25pm under RSA 91-A:3 II (AB), second by Mrs. Langlais.

Chairman called for a roll call vote.

Mr. Truesdell-yes, Dr. Amy Sousa-yes, Mrs. Langlais-yes, Mr. Lavoie-yes, Mrs. Bisson-yes.

**Motion passes 5-0.
Enter Non-Public at 8:25.**

Mrs. Langlais moved to accept the resignation of Shelby Moore, second by Mr. Truesdell. Motion passes 4-1 with Mr. Lavoie voting no.

Mrs. Langlais moved to accept the resignation of Kara Wilkins, second by Dr. Sousa. Motion passes 4-1 with Mr. Lavoie voting no.

Dr. Sousa moved to accept the resignation of Anna Gallo-Knight, second by Mrs. Langlais. Motion passes 4-1 with Mr. Lavoie voting no.

Mr. Lavoie moved to elect Curtis King, HMS Social Studies Department Chair, second by Mrs. Langlais. Motion passes 4-1 with Dr. Sousa voting no.

Admission of a non-Hudson student was discussed. Will come back to board with additional student information.

Mrs. Langlais moved to elect Andrew Conrad, AHS Physical Education, second by Dr. Sousa. Motion passes 4-0-1 with Mr. Lavoie abstaining.

Mrs. Langlais moved to elect Amy Gendreau, Grade 3 NWS, second by Mr. Truesdell. Motion passes 5-0.

Robert MacMillan, HMS Tech Ed nomination: No motion, no action.

Mrs. Langlais moved to elect Jessica Philibert, AHS Special Education, second by Dr. Sousa. Motion passes 5-0.

Dr. Sousa moved to exit non-public, second by Mr. Lavoie. Motion passes 5-0.

M. Adjourn:

Mr. Lavoie moved to adjourn, second by Mrs. Langlais. Motion passes 5-0. Meeting adjourned at 9:35 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Dotty Murray