

HUDSON SCHOOL DISTRICT
Hudson School Board Meeting
October 6, 2014
Approved Minutes

Present

Mrs. Laura Bisson, Chair
Mrs. Patty Langlais, Vice Chair
Ms. Stacy Milbouer
Mrs. Meagan Pollack
Mr. Bryan Lane, Superintendent
Dr. Phyllis Schlichter, Assistant Superintendent
Ms. Jeanne Saunders, Director of Special Services
Ms. Karen Burnell, Business Administrator
Mr. Frank Cunniff, 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 6:35 pm.
Mr. Truesdell was excused from the meeting.

B. **Public Input**
None.

C. **Requests of the Board**

Hills House Field Use Request (Pumpkin Fest)

Mike Falzone addressed the board. This is our 8th year; we have been able to give \$10,000 in scholarship money to Alvirne. In addition, there are 22 other non-profits at this event raising money.

This year's event is scheduled for October 17-19 from 4-6 pm with fireworks Saturday night. There will be a beer tent; the board discussed this and their no alcohol policy however, the Hills House grounds do not fall under this policy due to the location from the school. The board will take a look at this policy.

Mrs. Langlais moved to approve the Hills House field use request for Pumpkin Fest as presented, second by Mrs. Pollack. Motion passes 3-. (Ms. Milbouer voted no.)

Hills House Field use Request (Haunted Hayride)

Scheduled for October 24-25 from 3-10pm. Will benefit Class Act as well as other school organizations.

Mrs. Pollack moved to approve the Hills House Field request for Haunted Hayride as presented, second by Ms. Milbouer. Motion passes 3-0-1. (Mrs. Langlais abstained.)

Meeting Attendance Request (ACT, Dan Wells)

Mr. Wells is a NH representative. Meeting to be held in Iowa City October 26-28; there is also a two-day spring meeting, details to be determined.

Mrs. Langlais moved to approve meeting attendance (both October and spring meetings) request as presented, second by Ms. Milbouer. Motion passes 4-0.

Mrs. Bisson suggested the college information on the district website be on the front page as it is easy to access. Mr. Lane will fix this.

D. Presentations to the Board

AFJROTC (Summer Leadership)

Col. Thomas addressed the board. New to the district/area; retired from active duty on August 1.

Cadets Tim and Noah addressed the board.

51 cadets from Alvirne attended this summer leadership school, as well as cadets from Salem and Spaulding High Schools. It was held at Ft. Devens.

There are five AFJROTC units in NH. Nashua North just started their unit so they will join in summer leadership this upcoming summer.

Prior to summer leadership, all 3 schools got together to discuss, plan and schedule activities for the upcoming event. Each school is required to plan a full day of events from breakfast to lights out.

All attending cadets were put on a mix team of ten for the whole week.

Wednesday was Alvirne's day; planned teamwork activities, cooked meals and chose Ocean's 11 for the evening movie.

What they learned: Important to have clear rules and guidelines. More planning time with other schools would be a help. Being in charge was fun but stressful – great to see a successful day.

Biggest Lesson: Frank – Nothing goes as planned; be prepared to deal with changes. Tim – Within each mixed group, it was tough to get cadets to stand up to become leaders.

Noah – Being in charge is more difficult than it looks.

Alvirne will be the host unit at the next Summer Leadership School.

Mrs. Bisson asked how this program was financed – funded 100% by the Air Force; the cadets only have to purchase the uniform (3 t-shirts and a cap).

April 21 there will be an inspection by National Headquarters; this is done every three years. 196 days until inspection.

Short recess 7:06-7:09 (clean up).

HCTV

Lisa Weber addressed the board.

Creating a television program on HCTV called "*Heard in Hudson.*"

Requesting permission to interview district staff for the program – principals, school board members, PTO, Resource Officer, etc. Would like to do roundtable discussions to give people in the community the ability to put a name with a face. There will not be any political topics.

Mrs. Langlais volunteered to talk about the Haunted Hayride and the Zombie Run.

Mrs. Bisson will get Lisa a list of SAU emails she could use to contact people. No vote is needed for this.

E. Reports to the Board

Superintendent's Report

The district budget will be on the website tomorrow; school board members received their books tonight. There was a 4.8% increase mostly due to salary and benefits. This initial budget contained everything administrators wished for.

Currently the district is in the process of replacing 600 computers that run XP (which is no longer supported). Thanks to Pete and Jordan they are installing many new computers to replace the outdated ones. Our goal is to have only 110 outdated computers by next school year.

Thanks for all of the hard work.

Will be setting up budget meeting/workshops soon. The budget needs to be presented to the Budget Committee in November, finalized by January. School district is up first this year for Deliberative.

Contract negotiations are ongoing.

District Technology Director nomination is hopeful for the next meeting.

Assistant Superintendent's Report

Dr. Schlichter addressed the board.

My Learning Plan (MLP) has a catalog of professional development activities for the district. We have activities booked through October. Topics include: Smarter Balance, Google Docs.

To sign up for a session, go to My Learning Plan. Once the session is complete, it goes right into staff member's account.

Ms. Milbouer stated that it would be important to have a parent session on Google Docs as parents are not familiar with this. Could have a session and film it so it would be available for parents to watch on our website.

Held professional development last week on Phonemic Awareness.

Working on Math Lab at AHS.

There is a parent session for parents of kindergarten and first grade students, 1 morning and 2 evening sessions.

Director of Special Services' Report

Ms. Saunders addressed the board.

Worked with Phyllis last Monday to create a video on Response to Instruction (RTI). It is available to watch on YouTube. Every staff member will see this during the Professional development days at the end of the week.

Business Administrator's Report

Ms. Burnell addressed the board.

Continue working on budget prep and negotiations.

Mr. Lane stated there will be an important parent session at HMS on Wednesday entitled *"Protecting Children from the Dangers of the Internet."*

F. Committee Reports

Mrs. Langlais said Calendar Committee is coming to present to the school board on November 3.

Dropout Task Force – meeting next week, this is a large committee which has discussed strategies and changes. Will do rollout soon.

Our At-Risk Coordinator is working with this committee.

Mr. Lane stated that our Athletic trainer would like to come to the school board to discuss what our responsibility is as a district regarding concussions. Football (boys) and Soccer (girls) are top sports for concussions.

G. Correspondence

At-Risk Coordinator's Report

Heather Parsons

She is a great addition to the district; she is also a social worker. She started on September 12 and has been very busy. She has a lot of experience and knows what to do and how to do it.

Ms. Parsons has been holding meetings at all schools; has developed an At-Risk Referral Form, and a form to identify the risks by utilizing the ABC Model. Her main role is to assist At-Risk Students, their families and staff so they are no longer at-risk and are able to succeed in school and at home.

Ms. Parsons has been working more at the middle and elementary levels because she is their first line of defense where the high school already has some resources in place. She is also making a resource booklet for the district.

Technology Integration Specialist's Report

Cheryl L. Craig

Worked on in September:

Technology Performance Indicators, Smarter Balance Testing/STAR Testing – teacher support, Pacing Maps, created cheat sheets for mobile computer labs (so computers are always ready to go), online math book, Google Docs and attended many meetings; spent one week at every school.

October Professional Development

Overview of what is available at each school.

Highlight session at HMS – two-hour PowerPoint session on special education, identification and case studies. Two presenters, one hour with each.

Hills Garrison and Nottingham West are doing separate professional development, working in-house.

Mrs. Langlais stated she was disappointed with the offerings at Alvirne and didn't think that conferences should take place at this time. Ms. Milbouer discussed how difficult it is to sign up for conferences at Alvirne. Phyllis stated HMS has easy to use software for this. Will see if this could be brought over to Alvirne. Will work together to get a consistent system district wide.

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.

September 22, 2014 (Corrected)

Mrs. Langlais moved to approve the draft minutes of September 22, 2014 as presented, second by Mrs. Pollack. Motion passes 3-0-1. (Ms. Milbouer abstained.)

I. Old Business

None.

J. New Business

2014-2015 Tuition Rate

Suggested rates: elementary - \$11,020, middle school - \$10,152, high school - \$11,038. The board decided to set the tuition rate at \$11,100 district-wide.

Mrs. Langlais moved to set the tuition rate at \$11,100 district-wide for the 2014-2015 school year, second by Mrs. Pollack. Motion passes 4-0.

Bid Award (CTE Building Trades House)

This is a rough structure – unsided, no electrical, no plumbing, and in two pieces. Bid awarded to Dan Dubowik at a cost of \$7,111. The owner is now responsible for moving the structure at his own expense.

The Hudson School Board awards the sale of the CTE Building Trades Modular ranch style house to Dan Dubowik in the amount of \$7,111 in accordance with policy 6.1(w), second by Ms. Milbouer. Motion passes 4-0.

Contracted Services Agreement

Boothby Therapy Services, amount not to exceed \$6,840 for Speech and Language and Occupational Therapy at a Charter School.

Attending a Charter School is a parent’s choice, but the district is obligated to pay for related services for student. A charter school could be an hour to an hour and a half away which makes it impossible for student to get OT and S/L services in Hudson.

The district is spending less money at PMA due to enrollment testing administered prior to admittance. Currently only four students need services.

We have started a discussion with legislatures regarding Charter Schools and related costs and how it could be changed.

Mrs. Pollack moved to accept the contracted services agreement with Boothby Therapy Services and waive the second reading, second by Ms. Milbouer. Motion passes 3-1. (Mrs. Langlais voted no.)

Extracurricular Nominations

Mrs. Langlais moved to approve the extracurricular nominations as presented, second by Ms. Milbouer. Motion passes 4-0.

K. Board Member Comments:

Frank – Uses Google Docs all the time; glad to see teachers are getting professional development on this. Thanks to Mr. Hutchins for installing the new computers. Excited about HCTV program “Heard in Hudson.”

Battle of Borders track meet, 700 students there. AHS placed first for both boys and girls.

Mrs. Pollack – Thanks to Heather Parsons. Great job; you got a lot done in a short time. Thanks to JROTC for their presentation tonight.

Ms. Milbouer – Shout out to all of the parents who volunteered to prepare food for AHS teachers during conferences. ROTC presentation was great.

Mrs. Langlais – Zombie Run is on October 18, for more information see our website.

October 6, 2014
Hills Memorial Library

Hudson School Board
Public Session 6:30

Mrs. Bisson – Thanks to ROTC presentation (Frank, Tim and Noah) – real leaders.
Thanks to Beth Lavoie, negotiations are a lot of work; thanks to staff for all your work.

L. Non-Public Session:

*Mrs. Langlais moved to enter Non-Public session at 8:26 pm under
RSA 91-A:3 II (A C) second by Ms. Milbouer.*

Chairman called for a roll call vote.

Mrs. Langlais-yes, Ms. Milbouer-yes, Mrs. Pollack-yes Mrs. Bisson-yes.

Motion passes 4-0.

The board entered non-public session at 8:26 pm.

The board discussed the Food Services Director contract. *Motion by Mrs. Langlais to
approve contract as presented, second by Ms. Milbouer. Motion passes 4-0.*

The board discussed a student matter, a staff matter and a curriculum issue. No action
taken.

M. Adjourn:

*Motion to exit non-public and adjourn made by Mrs. Langlais, second by Ms.
Milbouer. Motion passes 4-0.*

Meeting adjourned at 9:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Dotty Murray (public)
Bryan Lane (non-public)