

**HUDSON SCHOOL DISTRICT
Hudson School Board Meeting
October 19, 2015
Approved Minutes**

Present

Mr. Michael Truesdell, Board Chair
Mrs. Patty Langlais, Board Vice Chair
Mrs. Meagan Pollack
Mr. Bryan Lane, Superintendent
Dr. Phyllis Schlichter, Assistant Superintendent
Mr. Larry Russell, Director of Special Services
Mrs. Karen Burnell, Business Administrator
Mr. Shane Coughlin, AHS Student Representative

- A. Call to Order:** Mr. Truesdell, Board Chairman, called the meeting to order and Mr. Russell led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance at 6:30 pm. Ms. Milbouer and Mr. Nadeau are excused from this meeting.
- B. Public Hearing: Recording in the Classroom (House Bill 507 IV)**
No school will record or photograph students without approval to protect student privacy.

Open public hearing at 6:31pm. No comments. Closed public hearing at 6:32pm.

The Policy Committee will meet and discuss filming/recording soon.

- C. Public Input**
There was no public input.
- D. Presentations to the Board**
Hudson Memorial School – Project Lead the Way
Dan Pooler and Adam Goldstein addressed the board.
STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics) classroom activities/opportunities for students grades K-12.
Alvirne already has this program; want to introduce it into the middle school as well as the elementary schools.
Project Lead the Way is a program that is based around science and math activities.
Hudson Memorial will have the Gateway Program; which will run 45-day modules and part of their unified arts program and will be open to all students.
Class size will be 20-25 max; 120 students per quarter, 480 per year.
Grade 6 – Design and Modeling
Grade 7 – Automation and robotics
Grade 8 – To be announced
There will be a need for one full-time teacher; position will be called Project Lead the Way Teacher. Teacher training will cost \$1,200 per course. Currently we have several vacancies which we could use to fill this position. There is also a possibility of grant money/matching funds available. It would cost approximately \$15,000 for supplies for year one.

Elementary schools will have the Launch Program.
4 Modules, K-5; would like to start with grade 2.

Overall initial costs would be \$750 per building per year and will be added into the budget. \$700 cost for teacher trainer; then would follow the train-the-trainer model. Will also need iPads and locking station.

The board consensus is to move forward with this program. They all support this program and believe that it is important to teach our students science and math with this program and that it's important for the future.

NECAP Science Results

Dr. Schlichter addressed the board.

Reviewed data from spring testing.

Grades 4, 8, and 11 took the NECAP tests.

4 th grade – Level 3	45% proficient
Level 4	1% proficient

8th grade – 23% proficient

11th grade – 21% proficient

Overall these scores are not stellar; need to see improvement.

No student has taken classes that include all four sections by the time they take this test during 11th grade. Scores show lack of exposure to subject matter.

2017 NECAP testing will be different and students should be better prepared. Have opened up new classes that will help with test taking. Project Lead the Way will fit into some of these test areas.

STEM teachers meet once a quarter (Dan Pooler is on committee) and receive up-to-date information on science standards. Mrs. Pollack will be sending Dan Pooler some research.

E. Requests of the Board

There were no requests of the board.

F. Reports to the Board

Superintendent's Report

Mr. Lane addressed the board.

Attended Bradley F. Kidder Educational Law Conference October 7; have information from this conference; if you would like any information please let me know.

Attended South Central Meeting – Best Buddies (similar to WATS Club) will forward this information to Joanne Curry.

Hudson Coalition, drugs and alcohol, community-based project.

Budget meeting scheduled for: October 22 (SAU, Special Education, and Technology); October 26 (HMS, AHS, track and Field – grass)

October 28 – Elementary

Worked on warrant article wording.

October 30 – Commissioner's Meeting – NECAP/Smarter Balanced presentations.

October 29 – Substance Abuse presentation at HMS.

Assistant Superintendent's Report

Dr. Schlichter addressed the board.

Recent professional development days were very successful. Teachers had time to discuss Smarter Balanced preliminary results; actual results will be released on November 12.

New teacher training on the STAR assessment.

Met with Technology Integration Specialist. She is working with teachers and has made great changes in this last year. She found a great new keyboarding program that the students love.

Mrs. Langlais asked about the gap in professional development from October to March. Phyllis agreed this is a big gap for teachers. Also discussed the parent portal and its glitches regarding progress reports – parents were not informed that the progress reports were on their portal and no paper copies were sent out.

Mr. Lane was unaware of this and will see that this is fixed.

The board has request that the technology Integration Specialist and At-Risk Coordinator come before the board and have asked that their monthly updates continue to come to the board.

Director of Special Services' Report

Mr. Russell addressed the board.

Going to meetings to see how Hudson's special education process works.

Attended South Central Meeting discussed SB507 (filming).

Working on teacher evaluation process.

Met with special education staff during the professional development days; great feedback.

Continued working on budget.

Met with speech services providers today. Need consistent policies, will meet again in December.

Contacting school PTO Organization to see if anyone would like to serve on the new Advisory Committee. The goal is to have our initial meeting around Thanksgiving.

Business Administrator's Report

Ms. Burnell addressed the board.

Attended monthly NHASBO workshop. The focus was on student transportation, its legal requirements and liability.

Joint Loss Management Committee held its first meeting of the school year. Will begin building inspections in November.

Budget prep continues.

G. Committee Reports

There were no committee reports.

H. Correspondence

Dual Enrollment Report

Information from Judy King.

Students can take high school classes and get college credit with a savings of over \$64,000 for the 113 students in this program. This is a great opportunity for our high school students and their parents.

Students/parents pay \$100-150 per class and receive either two or three college credits at a NH Community College or Southern NH University.

School Counseling has all of the information on this program.

AP Classes can also earn college credit.

Mrs. Pollack stated that high school students/parents paying for this opportunity for college credit is not the standard; usually paid for by the district.

Would like to see the district take this on.

Monthly Enrollment report

First grade numbers are down by 30 compared to 2014-2015.

I. 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.

October 5, 2015 Draft Minutes

Mrs. Pollack moved to approve the draft minutes of October 5 as presented, second by Mrs. Langlais. Motion passes 3-0.

J. Old Business

Co-Curricular Policy

Ms. Bonney and Mr. Beals addressed the board.

Discussed self-reporting; this policy is at the middle school and high school.

All athletes and parents meet to discuss this policy prior to season. However, co-curricular activities do not hold this meeting and are held to the policy.

School board would like to see a change in some of the verbiage

If Ms. Bonney finds out about an incident before a student reports it, it is not considered self-reporting. Consequences are higher if an incident is not self-reported.

Ms. Bonney urged the board to keep the self-reporting so students can own up to their behavior. All agreed to take self-reporting off the table if the police are involved.

Suggested possible punishment could be community service.

This will go back to the Policy Committee for review and to include co-curricular activities (students and parents meeting). Any changes will likely not go into effect until July, 2016.

K. New Business

FY17 Warrant Articles

Three warrant articles and two collective bargaining agreements, potentially.

Special Education Trust Fund - \$280,000 / Building Fund - \$248,000. Would use these funds for the roof repair.

Mr. Lane will announce upcoming graduation date to parents.

L. Board Member Comments:

Mr. Coughlin: Battle of the Borders – records broken; boys came in first, girls second.

Standardized testing has begun – PSAT test was last week.

Mrs. Pollack: Work for Teach for America, on February 5-7 is their 25th anniversary summit. 17,000 people are expected to attend; open to all. Registration is only \$100 (by Oct. 31) for all sessions and all meals for all three days. Her group created 28 professional development classes on STEM, Teach for all case studies, Track School leaders, Early Childhood, RIT.

Email me (Mrs. Pollack) if you are interested.

October 19, 2015
Hills Memorial Library

Hudson School Board
Public Session 6:30

Mrs. Langlais: Haunted Hayride was a huge success over the weekend. Great job to students, thanks to our tractor drivers and Emery. Great community event.

Mr. Truesdell: Special Olympics – Hudson has two soccer teams this year; one team won silver, one won bronze. Thanks to all the volunteers and to Terry Savage our organizer.

Nice to see collaboration between the buildings

M. Adjourn:

Mrs. Langlais moved to adjourn at 8:05, second by Mrs. Pollack. Motion passes 3-0.

Meeting adjourned at 8:05 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Dotty Murray