

**Hudson School District
Hudson School Board Meeting
April 15, 2019
Approved Minutes**

Present:

Mr. Malcolm Price, Board Chair
Ms. Darcy Orellana, Vice Chair
Mr. Gary Gasdia
Ms. Diana LaMothe
Mr. Lawrence Russell, Superintendent
Ms. Mary Wilson, Assistant Superintendent
Ms. Rachel Borge, Director of Special Services
Ms. Karen Burnell, Business Administrator
Ms. Caitlin Lynch, AHS Student Rep.
Ms. Kara Roy, Board of Selectman Liaison

A. Call to Order

Mr. Price Board Chair called the meeting to order and Mr. Russell led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance at 6:30pm.

Ms. Whiting is absent – volunteered at today's Boston Marathon.

B. Public Input

None.

C. Presentations to the Board

Hudson-Litchfield Youth Football and Cheer

Michael McTaggart, President, and Tricia McTaggart, Field Manager addressed the Board.

Here to renew the Memorandum of Understanding with the Hudson School District.

They have already met with Hudson Memorial School.

Ms. Orellana moved to accept the Memorandum of Understanding with Hudson-Litchfield Youth Football & Cheer, second by Mrs. Gasdia. Motion passes 4-0.

Champions

Jimmy Mott (Regional Director) and Emily Barnes (Area Manager) addressed the Board.

Currently have parent interest in holding a summer program. Would need a gym, cafeteria or both to hold the program. Expect approximately 30 children not to exceed 45 children, at a cost of \$38/day; \$190/week and would run 6:30 am to 5:30 pm June 24 through August 23. This would be based on a curriculum, theme-based with one field trip per week. Champions would cover the costs of custodial services after 2:00 pm daily.

Ms. Burnell stated that the school principals are not in favor of this program being held in the schools over the summer due to other projects and cleaning that takes place during that time. The town already has a summer program which is held at the Hudson Community Center.

Ms. Orellana moved to approve Champions summer program.

There was no second to this motion. Motion dies.

D. Requests of the Board

Concert Tour for Peace – Germany/Austria Trip Request

Mr. Wells and two sophomore students addressed the Board.

Students read a prepared statement. Trip of a lifetime; learn about the history of music. Students will be staying with host families (German students coming this summer). The students will fundraise to cover the cost of the trip.

Approximately 20 students from the B-Naturals and 22 Jazz Band members along with 3 chaperones will be going on this trip (Leaving April 22, 2020; will miss three days of school; 12 Day trip; \$2000 per student).

The board discussed the liability of sending students overseas.

Mr. Gasdia moved to approve trip request.

Upon further discussion the board decided to table this request until the next meeting.

Mr. Gasdia withdrew his motion.

Costa Rica Trip Request

Erica Foskitt addressed the Board.

This educational adventure to Costa Rica would be open to freshman, sophomores and juniors who have been in Earth Science and Biology and it is scheduled for February vacation, 2020.

Some scholarships will be available.

They will visit rainforests, volcanos, coffee plantations, see waterfalls, kayak, etc.

This tour is with EF Tours and they have travel insurance, currently safe to travel there.

Approximate cost is \$2,680 per student. Students will fundraise to cover the cost of trip.

Any student who attends can earn ½ credit at Alvirne or could earn three college credits at a reduced rate, after capstone project is complete.

This trip request has been tabled until next meeting.

New York Trip Request

Mr. Beals addressed the Board.

Art recognition award for one Alvirne student. Currently looking for funding for this student and parent.

This trip request was tabled until next meeting.

Facility Use Request

Dinner and Auction.

Mr. Gasdia moved to approve Facility use request to hold dinner and auction as presented, second by Ms. LaMothe. Motion passes 4-0.

E. Old Business

Discipline Data & Trends

Steve Beals and Keith Bowen addressed the Board.

Mr. Bowen: Currently HMS uses a merit system to manage behavior; recognize positive behavior. Social/emotional issues are growing.

Reviewed data, behavior matrix, and merit system.
HMS is also partnered with YMCA program in school.
Working on building relationships with students.
Mr. Beals: "Crazy" behavior is trending everywhere. Number one offense at Alvirne is vaping; bullying is lower at Alvirne than at HMS and fights are unpredictable.
Need more time to build relationships with students – students will not want to disappoint a teacher with whom they have a relationship.
De-escalation training is done yearly with school faculty and staff.

Youth Risk Behavior Survey

Steve Beals addressed the Board.

100 question survey. Passive opt out (with three-week notice) is allowed, parent or student can send email opt out request.

Would like to do the full survey this year (only done partial in years past).

The information received from this survey is important to drive instruction.

Ms. Lynch stated that she has never taken the survey but felt many would be willing to do it if it was an anonymous survey.

The school board has agreed to allow students to take this survey; Mr. Beals will move forward with this.

F. New Business

Vendor Contract Award – School Supplies

Vendor Contract Award – Art Supplies

Ms. LaMothe moved to award vendor contracts to WB Mason and Quill for school supplies and art supplies, second by Mr. Gasdia. Motion passes 4-0.

Professional Development Contract

Social /Emotional Behavior Support by Eric Mann - NH CEBIS @ SERESC.

Not to exceed 10 days at a cost of \$1200 per day and pay for only the days Eric is in the district (April 1 through June 30).

Success equals more instructional time. When there is a behavior issue the classroom must be "drained" of students except student having a problem.

Ms. Orellana moved to approve contract with Eric Mann - NH CBIS @SERESC and edit the language on days worked/billed, second by Mr. Gasdia. Motion passes 4-0.

Extracurricular Nominations

Girls Varsity Soccer

Ms. LaMothe moved to approve the extracurricular nomination for Girls Varsity Soccer Coach, second by Mr. Gasdia. Motion passes 4-0.

Contracted Services Agreement

Ms. Borge addressed the Board.

OT /OT Assistant – renewal contracts, budget item. Rate has increased by \$5.00 per hour (they have not had an increase in many years).

The OTs have asked for extra hours due to high demand.

Mr. Price is concerned about a price increase if contractors have not asked for one, don't want to set a precedence.

The board would like more information, want to be fair and equitable.

This will come back to the board.

General Assurances for Federal Programs

Signature needed.

Stay in compliance.

Alvirne Renovations / CTE Update

Ms. LaMothe addressed the Board.

CTE renovation funds has been reduced to \$14.5 million (From \$17 million).

May have to look into scaling back design project. Would like to think outside the box so renovation doesn't need to be scaled back. Still faces a vote in the Senate.

We will have final figure by June 30th.

Discussed applying for \$2.5 million at the next biennium to complete the project—Ms. Burnell stated that would have to go back to the voters again. Also discussed using fund balance money.

Questions:

What do the people want? Not want?

Could we do a professional survey services to see community members wants?

Is there another funding source we could use? Fundraising, grants?

How will the plan be brought to the public?

Timeline once we have a firm architect plan.

Ms. Orellana: When will there be a proposed strategic plan? Mr. Russell – by June (including full-day kindergarten and renovation).

Mr. Gasdia: Must be careful with Strategic Plan; can't have a pre-determined plan – just a plan.

Mr. Russell met with the architects last week – Special Education must be moved out ASAP.

G. Recommended Action

1. Manifests – Recommended action:

Manifests are available to be signed. Make necessary corrections

2. Draft Minutes – Recommended action:

Make necessary corrections and approve

April 1, 2019

Ms. LaMothe moved to approve the draft minutes of April 1, 2019 as presented, second by Ms. Orellana. Motion passes 4-0.

H. Reports to the Board

None.

I. Legislative Update

For your information.

J. Committee Reports

None.

K. Correspondence

2019-2020 Hudson School Board Committee Assignments

Review for accuracy and submit any questions.

Technology Integration Specialist Report

For your information.

CTEC Building Committee Meeting Minutes

For your information.

Complaint

Regarding Challenge Day. Letter was sent in anonymously

For your information.

Financial Statement

For your information.

\$400,000 fund balance.

Ms. Burnell explained what a fund balance is and how and why we have them for new members.

To spend fund balance money, must come to the Board for approval.

Budget is done eighteen months in advance.

March Discipline Data

For your information.

Please review data.

L. Board Member Comments

Board of Selectmen Member Kara Roy: Looking forward to working with the (School) Board.

Ms. Lynch: Will not be a next meeting due to AP Testing.

Ms. LaMothe: Great conversations at the input session.

Mr. Gasdia: Congrats to our district teachers that ran in the Boston Marathon today.

Congrats, HMS for a great play.

Ms. Orellana: None.

Mr. Price: Congrats to our teachers who ran the marathon today.

Attended Board of Selectman meeting last week; discussed moving to a new location for voting,

probably HMS. The district can't cancel school because calendar is already set, would have to

fall on a Professional Development day. More to come on this subject.

M. Non-Public Session

Ms. Orellana moved to enter into Non-Public Session at 8:47 pm under RSA 91-A:3II (B), second by Ms. LaMothe. Chair called for a roll call vote: Ms. LaMothe-yes, Mr. Gasdia-yes, Ms. Orellana-yes, Mr. Price-yes. Motion passes 4-0.

Enter Non-Public at 8:47pm.

Ms. Orellana moved to approve the 2019-2020 staff nomination list, second by Mr. Gasdia. Motion passes 4-0.

Ms. Orellana moved to exit non-public session and adjourn, second by Mr. Gasdia. Motion passes 4-0.

N. Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 9:05 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Dotty Murray (public)

Mary Wilson (non-public)