

**Hudson School District
Hudson School Board Meeting
Approved Minutes**

Present:

Mr. Gary Gasdia
Ms. Diana LaMothe
Mr. Ethan Beals
Mr. Michael Campbell
Ms. Gretchen Whiting
Ms. Kara Roy, Vice-Chairman, Board of Selectmen
Mr. Larry Russell, Superintendent of Schools
Ms. Kim Organek, Assistant Superintendent
Ms. Rachel Borge, Director of Special Services
Ms. Jennifer Burk, Business Administrator
Ms. Hannah LoVerdi, Student Representative

A. Call to Order: Mr. Gasdia called the meeting to order. Ms. LaMothe led the Pledge of Allegiance.

B. Non-Public:
Ms. Whiting made a motion to enter a non-public session according to RSA 91-A: 3(C) at 6:01 pm, second by Mr. Beals. Ms. Whiting, aye, Mr. Beals, aye, Mr. Campbell, aye, Ms. LaMothe, aye, Mr. Gasdia, aye. Motion passes 5-0.

The Board invited input regarding a personnel matter from a staff member. Two additional staff members provided input as well. The Board asked some clarifying questions and thanked them for attending. The staff members left the meeting.

The Board will discuss this matter further after the regular public meeting which commences at 6:30 pm.

Motion to exit non-public at 6:20 pm by Mr. Beals, second by Ms. Whiting. Motion passed 5-0.

C. Public Input: There was no public input tonight.

D. Good News Update:
Ms. Organek mentioned that it is Teacher Appreciation Week and that they are excited to celebrate the teachers and all their hard work.

E. Requests of the Board:
1. ASBO Conference Attendance:
Ms. Burk informed the Board what the ASBO conference is and asked if they would allow her to attend the ASBO Conference this year in Wisconsin.
Mr. Campbell made a motion to approve the request, second by Ms. LaMothe. Mr. Campbell, aye, Ms. Whiting aye, Mr. Beals, nay, Ms. LaMothe, aye, Mr. Gasdia, aye. Motion passes 4-1.

F. Old Business:

1. Superintendent Evaluation Process:

Mr. Gasdia proposed a calendar for an evaluation process for the Superintendent. The evaluation process will begin on June 1st. Mr. Gasdia also reviewed the 11 standards for evaluation and the goals for the Superintendent.

G. Recommended Action:

1. Manifests- Recommended Action: Make necessary corrections and sign.

2. Minutes- Recommended Action: Review and approve.

a) 4/12/2021 Draft Minutes:

Ms. LaMothe made a motion to accept the April 12th, 2021 draft minutes, second by Ms. Whiting. Mr. Campbell, aye, Ms. Whiting aye, Mr. Beals, aye, Ms. LaMothe, aye, Mr. Gasdia, aye. Motion passes 5-0.

H. Reports to the Board:

1. Superintendent Report: Mr. Russell welcomed everyone back from vacation. Also Mr. Russell updated everyone on important upcoming events happening in the district.

2. Assistant Superintendent Report: Ms. Organek mentioned that the Summer Scholars Program registration is coming to an end with 120 students signed up.

3. Director of Special Services Report: Ms. Borge mentioned that they are launching a new chapter at the high school next year which is going to be called Best Buddies in New Hampshire.

4. Business Administrator Report: Ms. Burk stated they wrapped up the last of the supply bids and recommendations will be occurring at the next meeting. She also said they did some demo work at the high school in the life skills space.

I. Correspondence (Information):

1. Monthly Financials: Ms. Burk reviewed the financials right now and everything seems to be on track.

2. Year- to- Date Expended: Ms. Burk provided the Board a general fund report for various expenditures, along with account balances.

3. School Trust Fund Summary thru June 30th, 2020: Ms. Burk provided a summary of deposits/withdrawals for the School trust fund and shows where they are at for year end.

J. Board Member Comments:

Ms. Hannah LoVerdi: No comment tonight.

Ms. Kara Roy: Ms. Roy mentioned that there have been several motor vehicle accidents lately and asked everyone to be safe and pay attention.

Mr. Michael Campbell: Mr. Campbell mentioned that kindergarten and first grade are having a book fair.

Ms. Gretchen Whiting: Ms. Whiting thanked the school for their work before vacation and said the process went smoothly.

Mr. Ethan Beals: Thanked the financial members that came to the meeting tonight.

Ms. Diana LaMothe: Ms. LaMothe pointed out the challenges that have occurred this past year and thanked all the teachers for their hard work.

Mr. Gary Gasdia: Echoed the comments and pointed out normalcy that we are starting to see in the district. He was also happy that we are getting many people vaccinated tomorrow.

K. Non-Public Session:

Mr. Beals made a motion to enter non-public session according to RSA 91-A: 3(B) at 7:24 pm, second by Ms. Whiting. Mr. Campbell, aye, Ms. Whiting aye, Mr. Beals, aye, Ms. LaMothe, aye, Mr. Gasdia, aye. Motion passes 5-0.

Mr. Campbell moved to approve the hand-carried nominations, second by Ms. Whiting. Motion passes 5-0.

Ms. Whiting moved to approve the nomination of Nancy Maguire to the position of principal of Library Street School, second by Ms. LaMothe. Motions passes 5-0.

Mr. Beals moved to approve the nomination of Bill McCarthy to the position of principal of Hills Garrison School, second by Ms. Whiting. Motion passes 5-0.

Mr. Beals moved to approve teacher nominations of Kim Swanson and Karen Murphy, second by Ms. Whiting. Motion passes 5-0.

The board discussed consistency for the recommendation to hire letters.

Staff dismissed at 8:10 pm.

The Board discussed the personnel matter further.

Ms. Whiting made a motion to reject the appeal made the staff member. Second by Mr. Beals. Ms. Whiting, aye, Mr. Beals, aye, Mr. Campbell, nay, Ms. LaMothe, aye, Mr. Gasdia, aye. Motion passes 4-1.

Mr. Gasdia stated that he will draft a letter to document the Board's decision, to be reviewed by the Board prior to being sent to the staff member and shared with Mr. Russell and another staff member.

L. Adjourn

Motion to exit non-public and adjourn by Mr. Beals, second by Ms. Whiting. Motion passed 5-0.

Meeting adjourned 8:37 pm. Respectfully submitted,

Respectfully submitted,

Amanda Gage (public)

Kim Organek (7:24 non-public)

Diana LaMothe (6:00 public, 6:01, 8:10 non-public)