

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

Present:

Mr. Gary Gasdia, Board Vice-Chair
Ms. Diana LaMothe
Mr. Ethan Beals
Ms. Fabiana Fickett
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. Mr. Beals led the Pledge of Allegiance.
- B. Public Input:**
1. Amanda Mulligan, 7 Third Street: Mr. Gasdia read an email that was received from Ms. Mulligan. She asked Mr. Russell how many students/teachers were under quarantine in the whole district and why the portal was lacking numbers and not up to date. Mr. Russell gave his feedback in regard to the portal and listed the number of individuals under quarantine at the moment.
- C. Presentations to the Board:**
1. Deliberative Session (Paul Inderbitzen, Moderator): Mr. Inderbitzen informed the Board of where they are at in regard to the deliberative session happening in two weeks. To participate in this you have to be a registered voter. Mr. Inderbitzen suggested if you're not a resident or a registered voter to watch from home as there are limited seats available. Mr. Inderbitzen stated that you are able to participate in this session remotely as well but will not be able to vote on any amendments.
- D. Old Business:**
1. Policies(2nd readings, KO): Ms. Organek read the 2nd readings of the following policies:

a) JLCD Administering Medication to students	Reviewed
b) JLCEA Use of Automated External Defibrillators (AEDs)	Replacing outdated policy w/NHSBA sample verbatim
c) JLCE Emergency Care and First Aid	Same as previously adopted EBBC
d) JLCEG Exclusion of Students from School for Illness	New, NHSBA sample w/tracked changes

Ms. LaMothe made a motion to approve the policies as amended, second by Mr. Beals. Ms. Fickett, aye, Mr. Gasdia, aye, Mr. Beals, aye, Ms. LaMothe, aye. Motion passes 4-0.

E. New Business:

1. Nomination: Mr. Russell read a nomination from the athletic director who is nominating Jessica Toomey as the unified basketball coach at the high school. The stipend would be \$250 for the 2021 school year.

Mr. Beals made a motion to accept the nomination, second by Ms. LaMothe. Ms. Fickett, aye, Mr. Gasdia, aye, Mr. Beals, aye, Ms. LaMothe, aye. Motion passes 4-0.

2. 2021-2022 Calendar: Mr. Russell went over the upcoming school calendar.

Ms. Fickett made a motion to approve the 2021-2022 Calendar as proposed, second by Ms. LaMothe. Ms. Fickett, aye, Mr. Gasdia, aye, Mr. Beals, aye, Ms. LaMothe, aye. Motion passes 4-0.

3. HFT Memorandum of Understanding: Ms. Burk explained the negotiation for the memorandum of agreement with the HFT group.

Ms. LaMothe made a motion to ratify the memorandum of understanding with HFT, second by Mr. Beals. Ms. Fickett, aye, Mr. Gasdia, aye, Mr. Beals, aye, Ms. LaMothe, aye. Motion passes 4-0.

4. Student Activity Funds: Ms. Burk presented information that was gathered from the schools in regard to the student activity funds.
5. Policies (1st readings): Ms. Organek read these for the first time.

a) JLCK Special Physical Health Needs of Students	New, NHSBA sample verbatim
b) JLD School Counseling Program	New, NHSBA sample w/tracked changes
c) JLDBA Behavior Management and Intervention	New, NHSBA sample verbatim
d) JLDBB Suicide Prevention and Response	New, NHSBA sample w/tracked changes
e) JLF Reporting Child Abuse and Neglect	New, NHSBA sample w/tracked changes
f) JLIA Supervision of Students	New, NHSBA sample verbatim
g) JLIE Student Automobile Use	New, NHSBA sample w/tracked changes

F. Recommended Action:

1. Manifests- Recommended Action: Make necessary corrections and sign.
2. Minutes- Recommended Action: Review and Approve.
 - a) 12.14.2020 Draft Minutes

b) 12.21.2020 Draft Minutes

Ms. LaMothe made a motion to approve 12/14/2020 and 12/21/2020 minutes, second by Mr. Beals. Ms. Fickett, aye, Mr. Gasdia, aye, Mr. Beals, aye, Ms. LaMothe, aye. Motion passes 4-0.

G. Reports to the Board:

1. Superintendent Report: Mr. Russell informed what group teacher/students are in to receive the vaccine. Mr. Russell applauded the special education department for all their hard work as they still had to come into the building and work, they didn't have the option of working remotely. He also mentioned that there has been a letter sent to the state to have the special education department moved up the list so that they can receive the vaccine as soon as possible.
2. Assistant Superintendent Report: Mr. Organek gave credit to the CTE ambassadors as they represented the district very well. She also said they are starting to prepare for the PD day on March 26th.
3. Director of Special Services Report: Ms. Borge informed the board of what her two committees she participates with and what they are preparing for going forward. Mr. Borge also highlighted certain teachers, teams and groups that went above and beyond in the special services department.
4. Business Administrator Report: Ms. Burk stated that they received two contract extensions from both of the transportation providers and that this should be wrapped up soon.

H. Legislative Updates: Stated that the house and the senate are now holding committee meetings through zoom. Mr. Russell went over certain bills that are happening currently.

I. Committee Reports: No report tonight.

J. Board Member Comments:

1. Ms. Hannah LoVerdi: Ms. LoVerdi said it was midterms this week and wished everyone good luck. She also mentioned a can food drive competition that was occurring.
2. Ms. Kara Roy: Ms. Roy asked the public that if they are not a register voter to not attend the session and also to not bring any children to this event. Ms. Roy stated that if you are interested in running for a position to apply as it is coming to an end soon.
3. Ms. Fabiana Fickett: Mentioned that Nottingham West is doing a sock drive until February 15th.
4. Mr. Ethan Beals: No comment tonight.
5. Ms. Diana LaMothe: Ms. LaMothe shared emails that were received this week. She also went on to portray her feelings and examples towards this matter in a heartfelt way. Ms. LaMothe recommended that people should review the strategic plan on the website.
6. Mr. Gary Gasdia: Mr. Gasdia applauded how great this meeting was because he got to see all the good things that are happening in the district.

K. Upcoming Meetings:

Meeting	Date	Time	Location	Purpose
School Board	2/3/2021	6:30 pm	Community Center	Regular Meeting
School Board	2/15/2021	6:30 pm	Community Center	Regular Meeting

L. Non-public:

Ms. Fickett made a motion to adjourn this session and enter non-public according to RSA 91-A: 3(c) at 7:34 pm, second by Ms. LaMothe. Ms. Fickett, aye, Mr. Gasdia, aye, Mr. Beals, aye, Ms. LaMothe, aye. Motion passes 4-0.

The board discussed student and staff matters; no votes taken.

The board discussed dedication of this year's annual report. A consensus was reached to dedicate it to the school district's nurses.

M. Adjourn:

Mr. Beals moved to exit non-public and adjourn, second by Ms. Fickett. Motion passes 4-0.

Meeting adjourned at 8:38 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Amanda Gage (public)
Kim Organek (non-public)

Post meeting note/action: At this meeting, Ms. LaMothe asked if we can stay on top of some House and Senate Bills and provide input to session discussions, especially regarding the one that proposes that contract negotiations happen in public sessions (HB 206).