

**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. Mr. Campbell led the Pledge of Allegiance.

B. Public Input:

Ms. Bonney (Athletic Director): Ms. Bonney mentioned that it is no longer a requirement for masks to be worn according to NHIAA. Ms. Bonney asked the Board to reconsider the policy for the athletes this spring.

Mr. Beals made a motion to allow the athletes to not wear masks when actively competing in games, second by Ms. Whiting. Mr. Campbell, aye, Ms. Whiting aye, Mr. Beals, aye, Ms. LaMothe, aye, Mr. Gasdia, aye. Motion passes 5-0.

C. Presentations to the Board:

1. Strategic Plan & Communication Update: Ms. Wolf provided an update and explained the process it takes to create the Strategic Plan along with what is happening in the district. Ms. Wolf also reviewed the goals/updates for communication. The Board shared their comments on the plan and communication and provided some updates that they would like to see.
2. Instructional Coaches/ Tech Integrators: Ms. White described her job duties as a tech integrator. She gave examples of how she was able to help in the district throughout the year. She also stated her goals for this upcoming year. Ms. White mentioned that there would be other coaches joining the district to give support where it is needed.
3. Superintendent Goal Update: Mr. Russell updated the Board on the status of the 2021 goals. He stated which goals he met and did not meet. Mr. Russell informed the Board with what has happened related to communication in the district, enhanced school board relations, teacher retention and recruitment and professional development.

D. Good News:

Ms. Organek was thrilled to say that the Summer Scholars Program will be starting on June 21st and ending July 30th with 140 students registered.

E. New Business:

1. 2020-2021 Calendar Update:

Mr. Russell asked the Board to move the final day of School to June 14th due to the two snow days that they had this year. He also asked the Board to allow them to change the calendar every May 1st to adjust for snow days when they occur.

Ms. LaMothe made a motion to approve changing the last day to June 14th and to adjust the calendar on May 1st going forward, second by Mr. Campbell. Mr. Campbell, aye, Ms. Whiting aye, Mr. Beals, aye, Ms. LaMothe, aye, Mr. Gasdia, aye. Motion passes 5-0.

2. 2021 Audit Engagement Letter: Ms. Burk recommended to the Board that we stay with the same auditor (Plodzik & Sanders, PA) for another year due to the history and circumstances they are currently in. Ms. Burk did mention that the annual fee went up by five hundred dollars. **Mr. Beals made a motion to approve the use of Plodzik & Sanders as our auditors, second by Ms. Whiting. Mr. Campbell, aye, Ms. Whiting aye, Mr. Beals, aye, Ms. LaMothe, aye, Mr. Gasdia, aye. Motion passes 5-0.**

3. Facility Use Request: Ms. Burk mentioned that the theatre group is requesting to use the Hills House Grounds from June 1st thru June 6th. **Mr. Beals made a motion to approve Class Act's use of the in-house facility, second by Ms. Whiting. Mr. Campbell, aye, Ms. Whiting aye, Mr. Beals, aye, Ms. LaMothe, aye, Mr. Gasdia, aye. Motion passes 5-0.**

Mr. Gasdia mentioned that the board will soon be receiving a facility use request for Hudson Old Home Days and asked if anyone had any initial objections or concerns; no one did.

4. Extracurricular Nominations: Mr. Russell brought up a nomination for the Hudson Memorial Drama Club. The Nomination would be a set rate in the amount of \$1175 to Rebecca Crivello. **Mr. Beals made a motion to approve the nomination for Rebecca Crivello, second by Ms. Whiting. Mr. Campbell, aye, Ms. Whiting aye, Mr. Beals, aye, Ms. LaMothe, aye, Mr. Gasdia, aye. Motion passes 5-0.**
5. Bid Award - AHS Exterior Painting: Ms. Burk stated that Collins Bros. Painting Corp. submitted a bid in the amount of \$16,800 to paint all the white exterior wood surfaces and foundation walls at Alvirne High Schools main building. **Mr. Beals made a motion to approve the \$16,800 bid for the paining of the exterior wood surfaces at Alvirne to Collins Bros. Painting, second by Ms. Whiting. Mr. Campbell, aye, Ms. Whiting aye, Mr. Beals, aye, Ms. LaMothe, aye, Mr. Gasdia, aye. Motion passes 5-0.**

F. Old Business:

1. **Copier Bid:** Ms. Burk mentioned that she has been working trying to find the best option with the copiers/printers in the district. She presented an offer from Specialized Purchasing Consultants Corporation that would replace all the copiers/printers in the district. This would entail a five-year contract and save the district money along with helping the IT department. **Mr. Beals made a motion approve the School District to enter into a tax-exempt lease purchase agreement with M.S.T Governmental Leasing, LLC for a total amount of \$404,169.52, second Ms. Whiting. Mr. Campbell, aye, Ms. Whiting aye, Mr. Beals, aye, Ms. LaMothe, aye, Mr. Gasdia, aye. Motion passes 5-0.**
2. **Year-End Spending Update:** Ms. Burk updated the Board with where they are regarding year end expenditures for FY21. She did mention they are still waiting to attain additional information on the radios for the district and will have that information soon. **Ms. LaMothe made a motion to approve the life skills classroom at Alvirne High School at a cost of \$84,000 dollars to be funded with the end of year funds, second by Mr. Campbell. Mr. Campbell, aye, Ms. Whiting nay, Mr. Beals, nay, Ms. LaMothe, aye, Mr. Gasdia, nay. Motion is not passed 2-3.** The Board will vote on this again in an upcoming meeting.

G. Recommended Action:

1. Manifests-Recommended Action: These are all set.

H. Reports to the Board (Information):

1. **Superintendent Report:** Mr. Russell stated the vaccination clinic that was held at Hudson Memorial went great and many people received the vaccination. He also mentioned that he spoke with the principals about giving building tours to the Board during after-school hours. Mr. Russell updated the Board on some ideas regarding the graduation ceremony and thanked Ms. LoVerdi for her dedication to the Board.
2. **Assistant Superintendent Report:** Ms. Organek mentioned that they are starting the iReady pilot which would happen three times a year at the elementary schools. This will provide lessons to either help or enrich the students' needs once they complete the testing to see what levels they are at. She also stated that the SAS testing has started, and the deadline for that is June 11th.
3. **Director of Special Education:** Ms. Borge updated the Board with potential changes that could arise with Medicaid to school programs.
4. **Business Administrator:** Ms. Burk updated the Board with the maximum allowable balance of the retained fund. She also mentioned how the program for the free meals for students went this year and what is going to be happening in the future for the food service program.

I. Legislative Update: Mr. Russell said the budget needs to be done by June 30th and the Senate is in full session this week.

J. Committee Report (Information):

1. Mr. Campbell said that the Alvirne Trustees had met to determine the winner for the Hills Family Scholarship and that will be announced June 7th.
2. Ms. Whiting gave the status on the policies that they have reviewed so far.

3. Ms. LaMothe said at the May 5th Budget Committee meeting a motion to accept the by-laws as they are written with no amendments passed 9-1. Also, the new School Capital Committee has been formed. School Board members to serve on this committee were selected. The first meeting will establish a schedule going forward.

K. Correspondence:

1. Recent Travel Requests:
2. FY23 Draft Budget Calendar:
3. Enrollment Report:

L. Board Member Comments:

1. Ms. Hannah LoVerdi: Ms. LoVerdi thanked everyone for giving her the opportunity to be a part of the Board. She also updated everyone with important dates for year end.
2. Ms. Kara Roy: Ms. Roy congratulated Hannah and wished her good luck. She also recognized certain members in the district for their hard work and input throughout this past year.
3. Mr. Michael Campbell: Mr. Campbell wished Hannah well.
4. Ms. Gretchen Whiting: Ms. Whiting echoed Mr. Campbell's comments toward Hannah and asked everyone to be safe with all the year-end events.
5. Mr. Ethan Beals: No comment tonight.
6. Ms. Diana LaMothe: Ms. LaMothe thanked Hannah for her hard work throughout the year.
7. Mr. Gary Gasdia: Mr. Gasdia pointed out the phenomenal work that Hannah has done while serving on the Board. He also brought up the Field of Honor that is on display in the town center.

M. Non-Public Session:

Mr. Beals made a motion to enter non-public session according to RSA 91-A: 3(b) at 9:45 pm, second by Mr. Camp. Mr. Campbell, aye, Ms. Whiting aye, Mr. Beals, aye, Ms. LaMothe, aye, Mr. Gasdia, aye. Motion passes 5-0.

Mr. Beals moved to approve 8 nominations excluding Nate Fetters, second by Mr. Campbell. Motion passes 5-0.

Mr. Beals moved to approve Lee Fetters at step 15, \$64,000 as long as approved by union, second Mr. Campbell. Motion passes 5-0.

N. Adjourn:

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

Meeting adjourned at 10:10 pm.

O. Upcoming Meetings:

Meeting	Date	Time	Location	Purpose
School Board	06/07/2021	6:30 pm	Hills Memorial Library	Regular Meeting
School Board	06/21/2021	6:30 pm	Hills Memorial Library	Regular Meeting

Hudson School Board
May 17, 2021

Hills Memorial Library
Public Session: 6:30 pm

Respectfully submitted,
Amanda Gage (public)
Kim Organek (non-public)