

**Hudson School District
Hudson School Board Meeting
Draft 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

- A. **Call to Order:** Mr. Gasdia called the meeting to order. Ms. LaMothe led the Pledge of Allegiance.
- B. **Recognition of Retirees:** Mr. Russell and the Board recognized and applauded the retirees for their hard work they accomplished in the district.

*****Mr. Beals made a motion to go out of order on the agenda tonight, second by Ms. Whiting. Mr. Campbell, aye, Ms. Whiting aye, Mr. Beals, aye, Ms. LaMothe, aye, Mr. Gasdia, aye. Motion passes 5-0. *******

- C. **Good News Update (Information):** Ms. Organek stated that the Boys Varsity Tennis team became runners up for the Division 1 finals which is a first for Alvirne High School.
- D. **Requests of the Board:**
1. **FFA Convention Attendance Request:** Mr. Russell said that the FFA is wondering if this is something they can start preparing for.
Mr. Beals made a motion to approve the FFA travel requests as stated in this Board meeting, second by Mr. Campbell. Mr. Campbell, aye, Ms. Whiting aye, Mr. Beals, aye, Ms. LaMothe, aye, Mr. Gasdia, aye. Motion passes 5-0.

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E. New Business:

1. Superintendent Goals for 2021-2022: Mr. Russell stated goals where he thinks needs to be accomplished next year. The Board has also made suggestions to consider for the upcoming year.
2. Alvirne Trustees Budget/ Proposed Projects: Mr. Tesini updated the Board with the school requests that were presented to the Alvirne Trustees for consideration for the 2021-2022 school year. These requests are requests such as equipment, tangible items that areas are looking to improve upon in the district, etc. The Alvirne trustees have asked if they could see a presentation on the requests that are being asked of them.
Ms. Whiting made a motion to approve the list proposed to the School Board for the Alvirne Trustees review, second by Ms. LaMothe. Mr. Campbell, aye, Ms. Whiting aye, Mr. Beals, aye, Ms. LaMothe, aye, Mr. Gasdia, aye. Motion passes 5-0.
3. Fall Coaching Nominations:
Mr. Beals made a motion to approve the Fall Coaching Nominations as outlined, second by Mr. Campbell. Mr. Campbell, aye, Ms. Whiting aye, Mr. Beals, aye, Ms. LaMothe, aye, Mr. Gasdia, aye. Motion passes 5-0.
4. Title 1 Budget Reduction (Information): Ms. Burk mentioned they received the proposed allocation from the state for the Title 1 funding for next year. This is a reduction of \$353,000.00 from what they usually are budgeted for. Due to this, the district has made the decision to have Tutors instead of having Paraprofessional Title I teachers.
5. ESSER III General Assurances (Information): Mr. Russell stated that when they receive funds, they need to make sure to complete all the requirements. Mr. Russell said that they are following all the general requirements for the ESSER III assurances.
6. Federal Funds General Assurances (Information): Mr. Russell stated they are following all the Federal Funds' Assurances as well.
7. Driver Education Contract Award: Ms. Burk provided a memo on the New Driver Education Contract. Ms. Burk reached out to different vendors and came back with a recommendation for Granite State Driving for July 1st, 2021-June 30th, 2023.
Mr. Beals made a motion to approve the Driver Education contract as stated, second by Ms. Whiting. Mr. Campbell, aye, Ms. Whiting aye, Mr. Beals, aye, Ms. LaMothe, aye, Mr. Gasdia, aye. Motion passes 5-0.
8. Partial Roof Replacements Bid Awards: Ms. Burk presented the results from the bids for the roof replacements. The recommendation is to award a contract to Corolla Contracting for FY22 for HMS partial roof replacement. Ms. Burk also recommended was made to award a contract to A&M roofing Services for FY22 HGS Partial Roof Replacement.
Ms. LaMothe made a motion to award contracts to Corolla Contract Inc. for the FY22 for the HMS Roof Replacement in the base bid amount of \$263,157.00. Also, to award a contract to A&M Roofing Services for FY22 for HGS Roof Replacement for the base bid amount of \$218,500.00, second by Ms. Whiting. Mr. Campbell, aye, Ms. Whiting aye, Mr. Beals, aye, Ms. LaMothe, aye, Mr. Gasdia, aye. Motion passes 5-0.
9. HVAC/Air Conditioning Replacement Bid Award:
Ms. Burk recommended to award a contract to ENE Systems of NH for the Air Conditioning in the district in the amount of \$65,515.00.

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Ms. Whiting made a motion to approve the Air Conditioning quote to ENE Systems in the amount of \$65,515.00, second by Ms. LaMothe. Mr. Campbell, aye, Ms. Whiting aye, Mr. Beals, aye, Ms. LaMothe, aye, Mr. Gasdia, aye. Motion passes 5-0.

10. Copy Paper Bid Award:

Ms. Burk reached out to multiple different vendors and is recommending to award W.B. Mason a contract to provide copy paper for FY22 in the amount of \$54,747.32.

Ms. Whiting made a motion to award the copy paper contract to W.B. Mason for \$54,747.32, second by Mr. Campbell. Mr. Campbell, aye, Ms. Whiting aye, Mr. Beals, aye, Ms. LaMothe, aye, Mr. Gasdia, aye. Motion passes 5-0.

11. Office Supplies Bid Award:

After reviewing quotes from two different vendors for office supplies, Ms. Burk is recommending a split in both contracts for W.B. Mason and Quill.

Ms. LaMothe made a motion to award W.B. Mason the contract to provide office supplies for FY22 in the amount of \$10,000 and to award Quill to provide office supplies for FY22 in the amount of \$10,000, second by Mr. Campbell. Mr. Campbell, aye, Ms. Whiting aye, Mr. Beals, aye, Ms. LaMothe, aye, Mr. Gasdia, aye. Motion passes 5-0.

12. Art Supplies Bid Award:

Ms. Burk received quotes for FY22 for Art Supplies from W.B. Mason and National Art & School Supplies. The recommendation is to provide a contract to both vendors in the amount of \$10,000.00.

Ms. LaMothe made a motion to provide W.B. Mason and National Art School Supplies in the amount of \$10,000.00 for FY22 Art Supplies, second by Mr. Campbell. Mr. Campbell, aye, Ms. Whiting aye, Mr. Beals, aye, Ms. LaMothe, aye, Mr. Gasdia, aye. Motion passes 5-0.

13. Medicaid Billing Service Contract:

Ms. Burk stated that the contract is up with MSB and now they have provided a new contract for moving forward. The recommendation to the Board would be a two-year contract.

Ms. LaMothe made a motion to enter a contract with MSB consulting group to provide Medicaid Consulting and Billing Services from July 1st, 2021 to June 30th, 2023, second by Ms. Whiting. Mr. Campbell, aye, Ms. Whiting aye, Mr. Beals, aye, Ms. LaMothe, aye, Mr. Gasdia, aye. Motion passes 5-0.

14. Financial Report:

Ms. Burk updated the Board on the fund balance report and stated the adjustments that were made throughout the year.

15. Update to Year-End Spending:

Ms. Burk brought recommended requests to the Board for year-end spending from the projected fund balance FY21. These requests included district wide radio upgrade, facilities requests and technology requests in the district. The Board has decided to table the radio upgrade requests.

- **Mr. Campbell made a motion to approve the \$80,328.00 to renovate the life skills classroom, second by Ms. LaMothe. Mr. Campbell, aye, Ms. Whiting aye, Mr. Beals, aye, Ms. LaMothe, aye, Mr. Gasdia, aye. Motion passes 5-0.**

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- **Ms. Whiting made a motion to approve the back parking lot at HOS for \$30,200.00, second by Mr. Beals. Mr. Campbell, aye, Ms. Whiting aye, Mr. Beals, aye, Ms. LaMothe, aye, Mr. Gasdia, aye. Motion passes 5-0.**
- **Mr. Beals made a motion to approve the Trane Control Upgrade for HVAC System at HMS for \$68,143.00. Mr. Beals also would like to approve the Complete Deployment of 1:1 Computers for the 12th grade in the amount of \$82,500.00, second by Mr. Campbell. Mr. Campbell, aye, Ms. Whiting aye, Mr. Beals, aye, Ms. LaMothe, aye, Mr. Gasdia, aye. Motion passes 5-0.**
- **Mr. Campbell made a motion to approve the \$100,000.00 LED stage lighting at Alvirne High School, second by Ms. Whiting. The Board has agreed to get more information on this topic.**
- **Mr. Beals made a motion to approve \$12,200.00 for the Bathroom Countertops Replacement at HMS, second by Ms. Whiting. Mr. Campbell, aye, Ms. Whiting aye, Mr. Beals, aye, Ms. LaMothe, aye, Mr. Gasdia, aye. Motion passes 5-0.**
- **Ms. LaMothe made a motion to approve \$17,000.00 for the HGS Countertop Replacements, second by Mr. Campbell. Mr. Campbell, aye, Ms. Whiting aye, Mr. Beals, aye, Ms. LaMothe, aye, Mr. Gasdia, aye. Motion passes 5-0.**
- **Mr. Beals made a motion to approve the two Scoreboards for AHS in the amount of \$30,000.00, second by Mr. Campbell. Mr. Campbell, aye, Ms. Whiting aye, Mr. Beals, aye, Ms. LaMothe, aye, Mr. Gasdia, aye. Motion passes 5-0.**

F. Public Hearing:

1. Unanticipated Revenue: Mr. Gasdia mentioned there was unanticipated revenue left from this year due to grants and funding from the state. The Board addressed any questions or comments they had. There were no public comments on this matter.

Ms. LaMothe made a motion to accept and expend an additional \$7,056,833.00 for the purposes outlined in the special programs, second by Ms. Whiting. Mr. Campbell, aye, Ms. Whiting aye, Mr. Beals, aye, Ms. LaMothe, aye, Mr. Gasdia, aye. Motion passes 5-0.

- G. Public Input: Mr. Gasdia read off an email that was received from Erica Crawford, 18 Connell Street. Ms. Crawford asked the Board to end the mask mandate.**

H. Old Business:

1. COVID Protocols & Masks (Discussion/Decision): Mr. Russell stated that the Summer programs classroom is very small and due to this they would like allow masks to be worn be optional for teachers and students. He also updated the Board on what the town and other schools are doing at this time. The Board has agreed that masks should be optional.

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I. Recommended Action:

1. Manifests-Recommended Action: These are all set.
2. Minutes: Recommended action: Review and Approve.

A) 04.19.2021 Minutes:

B) 05.03.2021 Minutes:

C) 05.17.2021 Minutes:

Ms. LaMothe made a motion to approve the minutes for 4/19/21, 5/3/21 and 5/17/21 meetings, second by Mr. Beals. Mr. Campbell, aye, Ms. Whiting aye, Mr. Beals, aye, Ms. LaMothe, aye, Mr. Gasdia, aye. Motion passes 5-0.

J. Reports to the Board (Information):

Superintendent Report: Mr. Russell stated they had the second vaccination for ages 12-15. He also mentioned a survey went out for remote learning academy on whether they would like remote learning to continue. The results of this were very minimal to stay in this learning environment.

Assistant Superintendent Report: Ms. Organek updated the Board on Summer Scholars. She also mentioned there is a zoom call happening on Wednesday for public input in regard to the ESSER III grant.

Director of Special Services Report: Ms. Borge mentioned that they are staying connected with the special education educators in NH to stay up-to-date with matters at the state level.

Business Administrator Report: Provided a memo that the food service director wrote which was an overview of this past year. She also updated the Board with how Lions Field is looking at potentially shifting the property line.

K. Committee Reports:

- a) Mr. Beals updated everyone on what that the DEI and the Strategic Planning Committees have been doing recently.
- b) Ms. LaMothe provided feedback from the Budget Committee.

L. Correspondence (Information):

1. Building Committee Minutes and Financial Report:
2. Food Service Program Update:
3. Student Activity Accounts:
4. Year-to-Date Expended:

M. Board Member Comments:

Mr. Michael Campbell: Mr. Campbell congratulated Amanda Griego for winning the Alvirne Trustees scholarship.

Ms. Gretchen Whiting: Ms. Whiting mentioned that is the fun time of the year and she is looking forward to the graduation.

Mr. Ethan Beals: Congratulated all the Alvirne Seniors who received Scholarships and the Boys Tennis team as well.

Ms. Diana LaMothe: Congratulated all the students who have got through this year.

Mr. Gary Gasdia: Thanked all the retirees that are retiring from the district.

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N. Non-Public Session:

Mr. Beals made a motion to enter non-public session according to RSA 91-A: 3(B, C) at 9:17pm, second by Ms. Whiting. Mr. Campbell, aye, Ms. Whiting aye, Mr. Beals, aye, Ms. LaMothe, aye, Mr. Gasdia, aye. Motion passes 5-0.

Mr. Beals moved to approve the 6 nominations and 2 hand-carried, second by Mr. Campbell. Motion passes 5-0.

The board discussed a request for a student who moved to Nashua to continue in Hudson.

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

O. Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 9:51 pm.

P. Upcoming Meetings:

Meeting	Date	Time	Location	Purpose
School Board	06/21/2021	6:30 pm	Hills Memorial Library	Regular Meeting
School Board	07/19/2021	6:30 pm	Hills Memorial Library	Regular Meeting

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