



HUDSON SCHOOL BOARD

Hills Memorial Library 18 Library Street Hudson, New Hampshire

6:30 pm Regular Meeting
Non-Public Session

Minutes – February 6, 2023

In Attendance

Board Members

Gary Gasdia, Chairman
Gretchen Whiting, Vice Chair
Ethan Beals
Mike Campbell
Maureen Dionne

SAU Staff

Dan Moulis, Superintendent of Schools
Kimberly Organek, Assistant
Superintendent of Schools
Rachel Borge, Director Special Services
Jen Burk, Business Administrator (absent)

Kara Roy, Board of Selectmen Liaison
Emily Dozois, Student Representative

A. Call to Order [0:00:10]

1. Pledge of Allegiance

Chair Gary Gasdia called the meeting to order at 6:30pm. Mike Campbell led the Pledge of Allegiance.

B. Public Input [0:00:26]

There was no public input.

C. Good News Update (Information) [0:00:36]

Ms. Organek shared good news about happenings in the schools:

- Hudson Memorial Cheer Team hosted a cheer showcase last week; the Alvirne Unified Cheer Team was organized by Jess Maturo as part of her senior Capstone project
- The NH Jazz Allstate Festival was held at Pinkerton Academy last week where Alvirne was represented with fifteen musicians
- Pinkerton Academy also hosted an art exhibit from students in the state including Alvirne students Hannah Gamache and Mackenzie Franek
- Senator Maggie Hassan visited the CTE Center today

- Colonel Chris Cole and Sophomore Cadet Callie Mamire spoke about ROTC news, including:
 - FAA-certified flight simulator (a combination of computer screens and hardware) at the Palmer Center, funded by the Perkins fund
 - Civil air patrol orientation flights
 - Helicopter drones orientation with the National Guard in the spring
 - Licensed pilots/instructors from the Civil Air Patrol in the planes with cadets
 - Honors option just began for juniors in the second semester at Alvirne for JROTC II cadets to prepare for the FAA remote pilot certification exam this summer
 - Scholarships are available for flight training without military obligation
 - The program is extremely beneficial to our students

D. New Business [0:18:39]

1. Hudson Memorial School Overnight Field Trip (Decision)

Principal Bowen requested permission for an overnight field trip to Camp Cody that explores leadership skills, school climate issues, substance abuse issues, etc. Students will create community projects based on experiences. Two students from each grade level will participate, along with two chaperones.

Ethan Beals made a motion to approve the overnight field trip to Camp Cody as presented. Mike Campbell seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

2. Graduation Date Request (Decision)

Superintendent Moulis presented a memo from Principal Beals for permission to secure the graduation date of June 8, 2023, and a contract with the SNHU arena for the 7:00pm event.

Gretchen Whiting made a motion to approve the Alvirne High School graduation date of June 8, 2023, for this year's senior class and contract with the SNHU Arena. Mike Campbell seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

3. United Way Donation (Decision)

Director of Special Services Rachel Borge presented a \$2,000 donation from the United Way to the district kindergarten program for approval. This is for the purchase of interactive toys, materials, and parent nights.

Ethen Beals made a motion to approve the United Way donation as presented. Maureen Dionne seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

4. Hudson Post 48 Donation (Decision)

Superintendent Moulis presented a donation by Hudson American Legion Post 48 to the Hudson School District Food Service Department in the amount of \$2,000 to assist households with negative balances. Gratitude was expressed for their generous contribution. Information was requested on how households would be chosen, the number of households with a negative balance, and a total negative balance across the district.

Ethan Beals made a motion to accept the \$2,000 donation by Hudson Post 48 to the Hudson Food Service Department. Mike Campbell seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

5. Hudson Post 48 Donation (Decision)

Superintendent Moulis presented information on an MOU with AFSCME. Administrators at Hudson Memorial and Alvirne High School are teaching additional classes beyond their administrative responsibilities. A structure is based on teacher salary and is outlined in the MOU.

Gretchen Whiting made a motion to approve the MOU with AFSCME as presented. Mike Campbell seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

E. Recommended Action [0:27:40]

1. Manifests (nothing to note)

F. Reports to the Board (Information) [0:27:49]

1. Superintendent Report - Thatcher Music Donation

Superintendent Moulis presented a donation from Christopher Thatcher (parent of a first-grade student) and Katherine Holder in the amount of \$1,000 to the Dr. H.O. Smith School to purchase percussion instruments to enhance music education for first grade students. They received thanks for the thoughtful donation.

The science curriculum team met today and reviewed rules and responsibilities, timeframe for review, and steps for feedback and alignment in the process.

The superintendent held events at Nottingham West, Hills Garrison and Alvirne. Families were very positive about their experience. Some feedback included interest in social emotional support and family resources, a school counseling newsletter, athletic updates and announcements on school websites.

Senator Hassan toured Alvirne today, talked with students and visited classrooms. He thanked CTE Director Eric Frauwirth for organizing the visit.

2. Assistant Superintendent Report

Ms. Organek noted that Hudson administrators will be attending a workshop next Monday by Professor John Hattie of the Melbourne Educational Research Institute at the University of Melbourne in Australia. He researches factors related to student achievement.

Ms. Organek represented the South-Central Region on the NHSAA Professional Development Committee and they are planning a conference in June.

3. Director of Special Services Report

Ms. Borge spoke about research on the impact of screen time for children and looking at a grant for preschool. Meetings were held with teachers on executive functioning.

G. Committee Reports [0:36:30]

There were no committee reports.

H. Board of Selectmen - Liaison Comments [0:36:37]

Ms. Roy noted that the Town Deliberative Session was last Saturday at the Community Center. It was recorded on HCTV. Voters are urged to participate in the upcoming elections. The next Board of Selectmen meeting is on February 14th. The website has information on members and candidates.

I. Student Representative Comments [0:37:35]

Ms. Dozois had no comments tonight.

J. Board Member Comments [0:37:39]

Mr. Campbell urged voters to attend the School Deliberative Session on Saturday.

Ms. Dionne thanked Chrissy Peterson in the Rec Department for what she does for students in town. She thanked the high school students for volunteering.

Ms. Whiting mentioned the importance of the Deliberative Sessions in town and urged people to get involved and vote.

Mr. Gasdia noted the good news about school happenings mentioned tonight and he also urged people to attend the Deliberative Session and vote.

K. Non-Public Session per RSA 91-A:3 II - a [0:42:05]

At 7:13pm, Ethan Beals made a motion to enter into non-public session per RSA 91-A:3 II, a. Mike Campbell seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0. Roll call vote.

Personnel matter discussed.

L. Adjournment [1:54:05]

At 8:25 pm, Ethan Beals made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mike Campbell seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0. Roll call vote.

Submitted by
Susan DeFelice