



HUDSON SCHOOL DISTRICT ♦ Hudson, New Hampshire
Hills Memorial Library 18 Library Street

6:30 pm Regular Meeting
Non-Public Session

Hudson School Board Meeting Minutes – May 6, 2024

In Attendance

Board Members

Maureen Dionne, Chair
Mike Campbell, Vice Chair
Ethan Beals
Gary Gasdia
Grace Kennedy

SAU Staff

Dan Moulis, Superintendent of Schools
Rachel Borge, Director Special Services
Jen Burk, Business Administrator

A. Call to Order [0:00:05]

Board Chair Maureen Dionne called the meeting to order at 6:30pm. Mike Campbell led the Pledge of Allegiance.

B. Public Input [0:00:35].

Randy Brownrigg of 2 Little Hales Lane asked about the agenda items regarding bids for supplies. He asked if they were sent out for three bids and was also interested in how many DECA students attended the National Skills Conference, and from what grade levels.

Mandy Powers of 36 Pelham Road was present on behalf of Hudson Girls Softball to speak about safety repairs needed to the center field area at Hudson Memorial School. In March, Facilities Director John Pratt completed a walk-through of the fields. Some needs have been met, but HGSL is willing to be an active participant in the labor for repairs if the district would welcome that, noting the agenda item for the Board to approve year-end spending to address issues at the HMS center field area.

C. Presentations to the Board [0:04:11]

1. DECA (Information)

DECA Advisor Travis Tuck and DECA students Avery and Matt reported on the 2024 DECA National Convention which they attended from April 27 - May 1, 2024, in Anaheim, CA. Highlights included:

- 25,000 students competed (almost double from last year)
- Takeaways included: time management, responsibility, networking
- 12 Hudson students traveled; 24 competed in state competition earlier this year
- 3 NH students placed in all categories
- Students reached out for sponsorships (noted on shirts that were made)

2. XRP Robot Kits (Information)

CTE Engineering Teacher Colin Stone and student Brady demonstrated use of the newly donated Experiential Robotics Platform (XRP) robots. Highlights included:

- 20 robots were designated for the middle school and 20 for the high school
- Retail price is \$119; discounted 40% for FRC team or educational institution; paid for by the state
- Students learned to use code, to graph, about physics
- WPI is hosting the online library and resources.
- Add-ons can be designed
- Open source (free, creative files and codes online)
- Opportunities for use in flex sessions/PD at school outside of Robotics

D. New Business [0:29:40]

1. Skills USA Request (Decision)

CTE Engineering Teacher Colin Stone requested to attend the National Skills Conference in Atlanta, GA taking place from June 24 - 28, 2024. He listed students who placed at the state level: Ava Malley (gold in cabinet making); Jack Martin (bronze in carpentry); Jack Zekos (gold in technical drafting); Colin Fay (silver in diesel equipment technology); Tyler Dupuis, Cam Porter and Chase Mitchell (gold in welding fabrication team); Nathan McFarland (gold in welding individual); Victoria Suppa (gold in basic health skills); Hayley McNeil (bronze in basic health skills); Brianna Flanagan (bronze in first aid CPR); Precious Simpson (gold in medical terminology). Six students qualified for Skills Nationals: Ava Malley, Jack Zekos, Tyler Dupuis, Cam Porter, Chase Mitchell and Nate McFarland. Three advisors will also attend, Dave Anger (welding), Matt Somers (cabinet making) and Colin Stone (engineering).

Ethan Beals made a motion to approve the travel request for the National Skills Conference in Atlanta, GA as presented. Mike Campbell seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

2. FY24 Year-end Spending Requests (Decision)

Facilities Director John Pratte and Business Administrator Jen Burk presented requests for year-end spending.

Library Street School/HO Smith/Nottingham West Elementary School/District wide:
Add mobile generator transfer switches at these schools

TOTAL: \$140,800;

Mr. Pratt had spoken with two vendors about this project to get a ballpark figure to approach the Board with. Stellos gave the lower quote, but this has not gone out to the formal bid process yet, as it is only being brought to the Board for consideration at this point.

There was discussion about scenarios of loss of power at the buildings and use of generators. Hills Garrison was designated as a shelter. There was discussion on whether to support the request for 4 generators or purchase fewer than that. Eversource is likely to act quickly. Aging buildings and bus relocation are factors.

AHS/HMS Athletics Repairs:

- At Hudson Memorial School : backstop, batting cage fence, center field safety issues (removing fenced in dugout areas for safety).
- At the Alvirne fields: backstops to be moved for safety. Fence and field damage prevention was suggested.
- HMS field repair was prioritized.

TOTAL: \$201,700

These will be voted on at a future School Board meeting.

3. **Nomination (Decision)**

Superintendent Moulis presented the nomination of Daniel Pooler as Hudson Memorial School Game Manager.

Ethan Beals made a motion to approve the nomination of Daniel Pooler as Hudson Memorial School Game Manager. Mike Campbell seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

4. **Nomination (Decision)**

Ms. Burk presented bid results for various supplies. Bids went out but not every company responded.

ART SUPPLIES

Ethan Beals made a motion to award National Art Supplies a contract to provide art supplies for the fiscal year 2025 in accordance with policy DJE. The anticipated expenditure amount with National Art Supplies is \$36,750. Mike Campbell seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

COPY PAPER (included the Town)

Ethan Beals made a motion to award W.B. Mason a contract to provide copy paper for the fiscal year of 2025 in accordance with policy DJE. The anticipated expenditure amount with W.B. Mason is \$59,000. Mike Campbell seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

OFFICE SUPPLIES

Ethan Beals made a motion to award W.B. Mason a contract to provide school and office supplies for the fiscal year 2025 in accordance with policy DJE. The anticipated expenditure amount with W.B. Mason is \$47,000. The Hudson School Board awards Quill a contract to provide school and office supplies for the fiscal year 2025 in accordance with policy DJE. The anticipated expenditure amount with Quill is \$47,000. Mike Campbell seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

Mr. Gasdia suggested the district use a bid form similar to what the town does for transparency.

E. Policies - First Reading [1:04:19]

There was a first reading of the following policies:

DKC - EXPENSE REIMBURSEMENTS

Added language includes wording related to travel requests for individuals in excess of \$3,000, or requests requiring international travel even if under \$3,000, to require prior Board approval.

EDC - AUTHORIZED USE OF SCHOOL OWNED MATERIALS AND EQUIPMENT

Changes include reporting lost and stolen district property. This policy should be in student handbooks.

IHBAB SPECIAL EDUCATION EVALUATION

This is a new recommended policy to the district to ensure policy governing quality evaluations within and out of district. Evaluators contiguous to NH must be certified in their state of practice.

JJJ ACCESS TO PUBLIC SCHOOL PROGRAMS BY NON-PUBLIC, CHARTER SCHOOL AND HOME EDUCATED PUPILS

Changes include notation of Director of Special Services; informing the Superintendent; participation in curricular courses and activities/co-curricular programs and use of school text and library materials; and an appeals process.

F. Recommended Action [1:12:54]

1. Manifests

2. Minutes - April 15, 2024

Ethan Beals made a motion to approve the minutes of April 15, 2024 as presented.

Mike Campbell seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

G. Reports to the Board (Information) [1:13:20]

1. Superintendent Report

Superintendent Moulis reported:

- Before April vacation, the Career and Apprenticeship Expo took place at the Palmer Center at Alvirne.
- Joey Allison's Senior Capstone Project was a Focus on Culinary and Hospitality and included a dinner at the Barnyard Café. Proceeds went to the food pantry. He was congratulated.
- Emergency management drills occurred at schools before April break. Feedback will help with improvement and preparedness.
- Walkie Talkie training for district leaders occurred before the break, presented by Beltronics.
- There is a high volume of hiring currently. There will be a memo of new hires in June.
- Educator and Nurses Appreciation Week is this week.
- Chef David Bressler was recognized as Chef of the Year by the Professional Chefs for the NH Chapter of American Culinary Federation.
- Congratulations were given to Shawn Boudreau who was named by the Nashua Telegraph as Wrestler of the Year, as well as Frank McGinnis as Basketball Coach of the Year, and David Thibodeau as Boys Hockey Coach of the Year. Congratulations to all other named winter all-stars.
- At Hudson Memorial School, world champion bicyclist Chris Poulos presented bicycle stunts to promote kindness and core values.
- Hills Garrison completed the transformation of its courtyard area.
- Hills Garrison completed the donation of eclipse glasses to Nutfield Eye.
- He attended the Legislative Funding Committee Hearing in Concord to discuss SB 396 for the CTE kitchen renovation.

2. Assistant Superintendent Report: N/A

3. Director of Special Services Report

- Ms. Borge said congratulations to School Psychologist Nicole Kivett who would be recognized at a state level meeting in June 2024 as an emerging leader in education.
- The department is gearing up for program approval and general supervision through the state. This type of visit was last received in 2015.

4. Business Administrator Report

- Ms. Burk noted that May 3, 2024 was school lunch heroes day.
- The audit is being set up for mid-September. Work is beginning in advance.
- The hiring process is ongoing. She noted the part time recruiter to support the Human Resources Department and part time finance bookkeeper.
- Review is being done of the school pay lunch equity tool.

H. Committee Reports [1:23:39] - N/A

I. Board of Selectmen - Liaison Comments - N/A (to be Heidi Jacobi in the future)

J. Student Representative Comments - N/A

K. Board Member Comments [1:24:15]

Ms. Kennedy attended the Board of Selectmen meeting where she was welcomed.

Mr. Gasdia thanked the educators, nurses, food service staff, etc. He wished students luck with Advanced Placement exams.

Mr. Campbell thanked staff and noted that the PTO planned appreciation events to support and acknowledge staff.

Ms. Dionne noted the rollout of a new payment system for food services. She commended Karen Atherton for her assistance in sharing out information.

L. Non-Public Session per RSA 91-A:3 II a and c [1:27:09]

At 8:00pm, Ethan Beals made a motion to enter into a non-public session per RSA 91-A:3 II a and c. Mike Campbell seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0. Roll call vote.

Personnel matter

Student variance request

Payroll matter update

Business Administrator Jen Burk and Director of Special Services Rachel Borge were dismissed at 8:35pm

M. Return to General Session and Adjourn

At 9:44pm, Ethan Beals made a motion to return to general session. Mike Campbell seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0. Roll call vote.

Submitted by

Susan DeFelice

Non-Public submitted by Dan Moulis, Jen Burk and Maureen Dionne