Hills Memorial Library Public Session: 6:30 pm

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. Non-Public Session:

Mr. Gasdia opened the meeting at 6:00 pm.

Mr. Beals moved to enter non-public under RSA 91-A:3 II (c), second by Ms. LaMothe. Mr. Beals, aye; Ms. LaMothe, aye; Mr. Campbell, aye; Ms. Whiting, aye; Mr. Gasdia, aye. Motion passes 5-0.

Mr. Campbell moved to approve a teacher's sabbatical request, second by Ms. LaMothe. Motion passes 5-0.

Mr. Beals moved to exit non-public session at 6:15, second by Ms. Whiting. Motion passes 5-0.

B. <u>Call to Order</u>: Mr. Gasdia called the meeting to order. Ms. Whiting led the Pledge of Allegiance. Mr. Gasdia said that the purpose for having this meeting is to dive deeper into what the plans might look like for the middle school and the high school. Mr. Gasdia reiterated what the governor had said in a press conference and said they are going back on April 19th and that this meeting is just to explore the options on how the district will be going back.

C. Old Business:

1. Returning to School – Next Phase: Mr. Russell reviewed what happened in the meeting last week and mentioned the conditions that have changed over the past week. He also went over the most recent information they received from the State on what they are allowed and not allowed to do. Mr. Bowen and Mr. Tesini went over the options, requirements, precautions, and challenges they would be following and having when going to in-person learning 5 days/week for the middle school and the high school. Mr. Russell and the Board had many questions on the new information and options that were brought up tonight. Lastly, Mr.

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Hughen talked about how they would handle the social/emotional and mental health of the students at all different levels. He also brought up some challenges that might be faced for students.

- Lauren Denis, teacher at Alvirne: Ms. Denis said that whatever option is chosen she thinks the teachers and staff can all accommodate and work hard to make it the best education for the students. She mentioned that having students both on Zoom and in person is difficult, but this is going to show the flexibility the teachers have. She thanked everyone who helped create these two options.

D. Public Input: Mr. Gasdia opened for public input.

1. Justin Bolduc; 34 Rangers Drive: Mr. Bolduc is a senior at Alvirne and had some insight on option A. He gave an example of what happened in the classroom where there were students on Zoom as well as in-person trying to have a debate and mentioned that the teaching and learning was frustrating.

E. Discussion on HMS & Alvirne:

1. HMS: No discussion.

Mr. Campbell made a motion to approve the proposal to return full-time on April 19th, second by Ms. LaMothe. Mr. Campbell, aye, Ms. Whiting aye, Mr. Beals, aye, Ms. LaMothe, aye, Mr. Gasdia, aye. Motion passes 5-0.

2. Alvirne High School:

Mr. Beals made a motion to approve option A, second by Ms. LaMothe. The Board members gave their opinions on both options. The Board also thanked everyone for their hard work on putting these two plans together. Mr. Campbell, nay, Ms. Whiting, aye, Mr. Beals, aye, Ms. LaMothe, aye, Mr. Gasdia, nay. Motion passes 3-2.

F. Adjourn:

Mr. Beals made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:05 pm, second by Ms. Whiting. Mr. Campbell, aye, Ms. Whiting aye, Mr. Beals, aye, Ms. LaMothe, aye, Mr. Gasdia, aye. Motion passes 5-0.

Meeting adjourned at 8:05 pm.

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