

**Hudson School District
Hudson School Board Meeting
Approved Minutes**

Present:

Dr. Darcy Orellana, Board Chairman
Mr. Gary Gasdia, Board Vice-Chair
Ms. Diana LaMothe
Mr. Ethan Beals
Ms. Fabiana Fickett
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:** Dr. Orellana called the meeting to order. Mr. Russell led the pledge of allegiance.
- B. Public Input:** Dr. Orellana presented a summary of the emails that were received this week.
1. Jill Krueger, 160 Greeley Street: appreciates all the work that is being done but is concerned about the continuance of remote learning and the effects it will have on the students.
 2. Justin Smith, 61 Glasgow Circle: Wishes to go remote for as long as it takes until it is safe to return.
 3. Cindy Roberts, 27 Stonewood Lane: Feels that two weeks of remote learning is much better than a surprise quarantine.
 4. Kristin Buja, 15 Forest Road: Asked that the families who opted for student in person learning should continue and feels that the all the safety precautions are being met.
 5. Clegg, Richmond Rd: Mentioned that Hudson is letting the kids down and feels that the kids in school are not at risk of spreading it and stresses to give the kids a sense of normalcy.
 6. Melissa, 6 Charbonneau: Believes that the in-school students should go back to school right away after Christmas.
 7. Kristen Jensen, 4 School Street: Has 2 children in different schools who all want to go back after the break
 8. Joseph DeRusha, 6 Charbonneau Drive: Mentioned that he has students in the district and stressed the importance of in person learning as remote learning can be lifeless and hopes that the Board decides to keep the students in school.
 9. Angela Gallant, 31B Shadowbrook Drive: Wants the children to return to work and think its unfair that the people who are following protocols are being punished because others cannot follow the rules.
- C. Presentations to the Board:**

1. Brainfuse: Tanya Moesel presented a new resource that the Rodgers Memorial Library has which is called Brainfuse. This is used for all levels of learning/subjects. Brainfuse offers live tutoring, an online writing lab, and a Skills surfer amongst many other learning tools. Brainfuse is offered to anyone who owns a library card.

D. Old Business:

1. First Student Transportation Contract Extension: Ms. Burke followed up with the options for the contract extension and made a recommendation.
Mr. Beals made a motion to approve the 5-year contract extension with First Student, second by Mr. Gasdia. Ms. Fickett, aye, Mr. Gasdia, aye, Mr. Beals, aye, Ms. LaMothe, aye, Dr. Orellana, aye. Motion passes 5-0.
2. Holiday Schedule: This would be for the time to discuss December 14th -23rd and January 4th -15th and whether it should be remote or in-person learning. There were many opinions and perspectives on this topic on what would be best – from students, teachers, administrators, from all different grade levels along with board member comments. This was followed with a discussion on what the CDC recommends and guidelines they must follow with quarantining. As much as remote learning is not ideal, there were many comments that remote learning has improved remarkably compared to last year.
Mr. Gasdia made a motion to have elementary school return to in-person learning from December 14th -22nd and high school and middle school do remote learning, with all students returning to in-person on January 4th, second by Ms. LaMothe. Ms. Fickett, aye, Mr. Gasdia, aye, Mr. Beals, aye, Ms. LaMothe, aye, Dr. Orellana, aye. Motion passes 5-0.
3. Policies (2nd readings): Ms. Organek reiterated these policies and the changes that were made. The Board Members pointed out some corrections that needed to be made.

a) JIHB Searches of Student Automobiles on School Property	New, NHSBA sample w/tracked changes
b) JIHC Use of Metal Detectors	New, NHSBA sample verbatim
c) JIHD Student Interviews and Interrogations	New, NHSBA sample verbatim
d) JIJ Student Protests, Demonstrations and Strikes	New, NHSBA sample verbatim
e) JJA Student Activities & Organizations	New, NHSBA sample w/tracked change
f) JJE Student Fundraising	Reviewed, no changes

Ms. LaMothe made a motion to accept policies a-f as amended, second by Mr. Gasdia. Ms. Fickett, aye, Mr. Gasdia, aye, Mr. Beals, aye, Ms. LaMothe, aye, Dr. Orellana, aye. Motion passes 5-0.

4. MOA between HFT and School Board: Mr. Russell said they moved the Library specialist from AFSCME to HFT.

Ms. LaMothe made a motion to ratify the MOA between HFT and the SAU, second by Mr. Beals. Ms. Fickett, aye, Mr. Gasdia, aye, Mr. Beals, aye, Ms. LaMothe, aye, Dr. Orellana, aye. Motion passes 5-0.

E. New Business:

1. School District Clerk Opening:

Mr. Russell asked the Board if they should post this opening again or had any suggestions as they are having difficulty filling this position. The Board confirmed that the district could repost this opening.

2. Budget Transfer SB #21-04:

Mr. Beals made a motion to approve the transfer of SB #21-04 for the culinary arts program, second by Ms. LaMothe. Ms. Fickett, aye, Mr. Gasdia, aye, Mr. Beals, aye, Ms. LaMothe, aye, Dr. Orellana, aye. Motion passes 5-0.

3. Sample Warrant Articles:

This is for the Boards initial review. Ms. Burk presented to the board five sample warrant articles which consisted of the Alvirne Renovation, the operating budget, HFT contract, roof replacement at Hills Garrison and Hudson Memorial.

4. Extracurricular Nominations: Mr. Russell presented 3 new nominations. He mentioned that indoor track season has been cancelled due to a lack in venues/competition.

Mr. Beals made a motion to approve the assistant ice hockey coach and the boys' freshman basketball coach, second by Mr. Gasdia. Ms. Fickett, aye, Mr. Gasdia, aye, Mr. Beals, aye, Ms. LaMothe, aye, Dr. Orellana, aye. Motion passes 5-0.

5. Policies (1st readings): Ms. Organek read the below policies. The board discussed and reviewed some changes that need to be made.

a) JJF Student Activities Fund Management	Reviewed, no changes
b) JJIC Eligibility for School Athletics	New, NHSBA sample w/tracked changes
c) JJIF Guidelines for Proper Sportsmanship	New, NHSBA sample verbatim
d) JJJ Access to Public School Programs by Non-public, Charter, and Home educated Students	Reviewed, no changes
e) JKA Corporal Punishment	Replacing outdated policy w/ NHSBA verbatim
f) JKAA Use of Restraints and Seclusion	Replacing outdated policy w/ NHSBA w/tracked changes

g) JLC Student Health Services	New, NHSBA sample verbatim
h) JLCA Physical Examination of Students	New, NHSBA sample verbatim
i) JLCB Immunizations Requirements	Revision
j) JLCC Head Lice/Pediculosis	Replacing outdated policy w/NHSBA verbatim

F. Recommended Action:

1. Manifests- Recommended action: These are complete.

G. Reports to the Board:

1. Superintendent Report: Mr. Russell mentioned that the United Way delivered 100 laptops to the district. Majority of these laptops will be going to students who don't have access to one at home.
2. Assistant Superintendent Report: Ms. Organek shared some of the fun that occurred through Zoom this week. She also thanked the local businesses who donated some incentives for the students.
3. Director of Special Education: Ms. Borge mentioned that they still have a handful of students coming in for their services even though it's remote learning. Ms. Borge also mentioned that they are dealing and learning as time goes on with what each student's needs are.
4. Business Administrator Report: Had no comment tonight.

H. Legislative Updates: No updates tonight.

I. Board Member Comments:

1. Ms. Diana LaMothe: Reminded people to not gather with large crowds and understands it's very difficult. She thanked everyone in the school district for everything they are doing.
2. Mr. Ethan Beals: Hopes that people who do not understand every decision that is being made can understand the logic behind the tough decisions. Mr. Beals thanked Mr. Gasdia for helping with the donations for the food pantry.
3. Ms. Kara Roy: Thanked Mr. Gasdia for helping and mentioned how much was raised and donated to the food pantry.
4. Ms. Fabiana Fickett: Mirrored everyone's gratitude for working together on everything. She also mentioned a fundraiser and an event that are occurring.
5. Ms. Hannah LoVerdi: Mentioned that next week starts the winter sports tryouts and hopes everyone will follow the rules and this season will be just as successful as the fall sports were.
6. Mr. Gary Gasdia: Mr. Gasdia said that kids are learning a different way of things, it's not that they are not getting a good education.
7. Dr. Darcy Orellana: Stated that the Board meetings are now going to be held at the Community Center. She also brought up that Hanukkah is starting on December 10th.

J. Upcoming Meetings:

Meeting	Date	Time	Location	Purpose
School Board	12/21/2020	6:30 pm	Community Center	Regular Meeting
School Board	1/4/2021	6:30 pm	Community Center	Regular Meeting

K. Adjourn:

Ms. LaMothe made a motion to enter non-public session according to RSA 91-A: 3(c) at 9:15 pm, second by Ms. Fickett. Ms. Fickett, aye, Mr. Gasdia, aye, Mr. Beals, aye, Ms. LaMothe, aye, Dr. Orellana, aye. Motion passes 5-0.

All dismissed except Board members and Mr. Russell.

Reviewed Superintendent Annual Evaluation.

Motion by Ethan Beals to exit non-public and adjourn, second by Fabiana Fickett. Motion passed 5-0.

Meeting adjourned 9:57 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Amanda Gage (public)
Gary Gasdia (non-public)