



HUDSON SCHOOL BOARD

18 Library Street Hudson, New Hampshire

6:30 pm Regular Meeting
Followed by Non-public Session

Minutes - September 5, 2023

In Attendance

Board Members

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

SAU Staff

Dan Moulis, Superintendent of Schools
Kimberly Organek, Assistant Superintendent
Of Curriculum & Instruction
Rachel Borge, Director Special Services

Victoria Tilley, Student Representative

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

Pledge of Allegiance

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

There was a moment of silence and remembrance for Bob Clegg, a long-time Hudson resident and Budget Committee member who passed away this week.

B. Public Input [0:01:05]

Patty Langlais of 22 Stonewood Lane (and Alvirne Trustees treasurer) requested that consideration be made during budget discussions for a reserve fund for the farm at Alvirne. She thanked the district for hiring full-time paraprofessionals.

C. Good News Update (Information) [0:05:20]

Superintendent Moulis shared district news:

- The district's opening day celebration included staff with 25 years of service
- New kindergarten students were welcomed at Library Street School
- A note of appreciation goes out to the Alvirne food service staff
- The Alvirne football team had a huge opening season win

D. New Business [0:07:48]**1. Hudson Memorial School Fundraiser (Decision)**

HMS Principal Keith Bowen presented a fundraiser request for the grade 8 Washington, DC trip. The cookie dough fundraiser will be run again to raise money to offset the trip cost.

Gary Gasdia made a motion to approve the fundraiser request for the grade 8 Washington, DC trip as presented. Maureen Dionne seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

2. Culinary Convention Update (Information)

Chef Bressler shared his experience at the 2023 summer annual culinary convention, which included an educators summit, post-secondary culinary arts programs, innovative classroom technology, master chef seminars, food career seminars, cooking with allergies presentation and networking opportunities.

- The culinary program is working toward certification for students.
- The work being done in the kitchen is going well and is on time.
- There are currently 40 students in culinary 1; 26 students in culinary 2; 12 students in baking and pastry; and 7 students in culinary 3.
- The program received a grant from FeedNH.org in May for \$15,000 to use in the classroom. It is being used toward related technology.

3. Budget Transfer (Decision)

Superintendent Moulis requested a budget transfer for the Palmer Center at Alvirne High School. Salary object code 110 was moved to the correct code of clerical salaries (\$7,750).

Ethan Beals made a motion to approve the budget transfer request for the Palmer Center at Alvirne High School as presented for \$7,750. Maureen Dionne seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

4. Enrollment Totals (Information)

Superintendent Moulis reviewed the first day student enrollment numbers as of August 28, 2023. There were 3055 students on the first day of school. CTE programs are seeing increases. The board stated it is important that all Alvirne students can get into the programs they want and asked for follow up on enrollment in CTE programs.

5. New District Hires (Information)

Superintendent Moulis presented new hire information.

Ethan Beals made a motion to approve the nominees as presented. Maureen Dionne seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

Ethan Beals made a motion to allow Superintendent Moulis to continue to hire until the end of the calendar year; hiring memos would be brought to the Board. Gary Gasdia seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

6. New Hire Memo (Decision)

Superintendent Moulis presented a list of fall nominations for HMS.

Ethan Beals made a motion to approve the list of HMS fall nominations as presented. Maureen Dionne seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

E. Old Business [0:50:55]

1. School Board and Town Meeting (Discussion)

There was discussion about the details of the September 28 joint meeting of the School Board and the Board of Selectmen at 6:30pm at the Community Center.

There will be topics with supporting materials on curriculum format, budget information, paraprofessional position details, where district information is available online (FAQ) and assessment scores.

F. Recommended Action [0:59:35]

1. Manifests

2. Minutes: August 21, 2023

Maureen Dionne made a motion to approve the minutes of August 21, 2023, as presented. Gary Gasdia seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

G. Reports to the Board (Information) [1:00:07]

1. Superintendent Report

Superintendent Moulis reported:

- Teachers were welcomed back with 3 workshop days, including one with keynote speaker John Wortmann regarding managing stress
- New student orientation took place at the high school
- There were meet and greet events at all schools
- The ELC held a scaled back Community Fair (due to rain) with student vision screenings and SEL resources
- Monday was back to school for students
- The district is hiring for 46 paraprofessional positions; two special education teachers at Alvirne and two at Hudson Memorial, and a music teacher for Hills Garrison (alternatives being discussed)
- A Back-to-School Show was recorded for HCTV highlighting back to school and planning
- Alvirne's recent opening season football win was posted in the Union Leader

2. Assistant Superintendent Report

Ms. Organek reported:

- A professional learning day took place on August 24 with a vendor presentation and staff training

- Opening Day in the district was a success
- Professional Learning Library online will soon be posted in PowerSchool; this will help with teachers with alternative certification plans; required and recommended courses will be available based on competencies and plans

3. Director of Special Services Report

Ms. Borge reported:

- There was professional development for district paraprofessionals which included Medicaid, ADHD, behavior, and ALICE emergency training
- The district is rolling SABERS, a tool that helps teachers guide instruction, it was piloted last year and the results help guide student instruction; it is completed entirely by teachers and does not detract from student instructional time, no taxpayer expense associated with it
- The full-time paraprofessional positions have been posted and positions will be filled based on the needs of the building; external and internal candidates will be considered equally

4. Business Administrator Report - N/A

H. Committee Reports [1:18:37]

Ms. Whiting mentioned that she opened up the file to add agenda items for the parking lot.

I. Correspondence (Information) [1:19:41]

Superintendent Moulis reviewed the Discipline Reports for June 2022 and 2023.

J. Board of Selectmen - Liaison Comments - N/A [1:20:31] N/A

The Board of Selectmen Liaison was absent tonight as they are also meeting tonight.

K. Student Representative Comments - N/A [1:20:44]

Ms. Tilley had no comments tonight.

L. Board Member Comments [1:20:53]

Mr. Campbell welcomed everyone back. He reminded people not to pass school buses and watch for the blinking red lights.

Mr. Gasdia noted that the Board of Selectmen are meeting tonight and discussing the relocation of the Town Hall. He gave condolences to the family of Bob Clegg.

Mr. Beals mentioned he was coaching girls soccer tonight and was a little late to the meeting.

Ms. Dionne commended those at Hudson Memorial for helping sixth graders and welcoming them in the building.

Ms. Whiting welcomed everyone back. She reminded people to stop for school buses. She gave condolences to the Clegg family. She had worked alongside him on the Budget Committee.

M. Non-Public Session per RSA 91-A:3 II c and I [1:25:27]

At 7:56pm, Ethan Beals made a motion to enter into a non-public session per RSA 91-A:3 II c and I. Gary Gasdia seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0. Roll call vote.

Personnel matter discussed

Review of legal counsel correspondence

N. Leave Non-Public Session and Adjourn

At 9:04pm, Ethan Beals made a motion to return to general session and adjourn. Gary Gasdia seconded the motion. Motion passed 5- 0. Roll call vote.

Submitted by

Susan DeFelice

Non-public reported by Dan Moulis and Kim Organek