



**Hastings-on-Hudson  
Regular Board of Education Meeting  
Thursday, July 14, 2022**

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**Members present**

Doug Sundheim  
Jeremy Galland  
Alexander Dal Piaz  
Damaris-Lois Lang  
Doreen Bucher  
Maureen Lennon-Santana

**1. OPENING OF MEETING**

A. Call to Order

- Meeting called to order at 12:17 PM by Alexander Dal Piaz, President

**2. REPORT FROM SUPERINTENDENT**

A. State of the District - End of the Year Update

Dr. McKersie and Dr. Szymanski presented the State of the District - End of the Year Update report to the Board.

[Click here to view the report](#)

[Click here to view video of presentation and discussion](#)

**3. PUBLIC COMMENT**

A. Public Comment

Carmella Tedeschi - SPED Teacher at Hillside:

- Thanked the BOE for all of their support and for her experience at Hastings, will be resigning as of August 31, 2022.

**4. BUSINESS**

A. Business Items

1. Resolution appointing Dr. Andrew Levin as a School District Medical Consultant.
2. Hispanic Heritage Month Celebration - HEF Grant.
3. Change Order No. C1 - Contract C - Civil - Con-Tech Construction Technology Inc.
4. Metamorphosis On-Site and Virtual Consulting and Professional Development in content coaching, invoice.
5. Big Ideas Math, Data Privacy Agreement.
6. Kahoot, Data Privacy Agreement.
7. Cafeteria meal pricing for the 2022-2023 school year:
  - Hillside Breakfast meal \$2.75 and Lunch meal \$3.25
  - Farragut Middle & Hastings High School Breakfast Meal \$3.25 and Lunch meal \$4.25.
8. Panorama Education, Climate Surveys and SEL, agreement.
9. Ardsley Union Free School District, transportation contracts.
10. Royal Coach Lines, Inc., transportation contracts.
11. Academy Bus Company, Inc., transportation contracts.
12. Eduardo Vilaro, Ballet Hispanico of New York, Inc., invoice.

13. Judith Wilson, External Partner for Portrait of a Hastings Learner.
14. SEQRA resolution for a license then lease agreement for the solar installation for High School-Middle School building.
15. HTA of New York, Inc., contract.
16. Achieve Beyond, contract.
17. Psychological Assessment of Westchester, PLLC, contract.
18. Westchester Behavior Analysts, contract.
19. Westchester Therapy Solutions-Occupational, Physical & Speech Therapy, PLLC, contract.
20. 2022-2023 Extension of Food Service Contract.
21. Budget Transfer.
22. City School District of New Rochelle, Health and Welfare Services agreement.
23. Melanie Freundlich Lighting Design, Hillside Elementary School - Learning Commons, proposal.

RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approve the business items.

Motion by Doreen Bucher, second by Damaris-Lois Lang.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yes: Doug Sundheim, Jeremy Galland, Alexander Dal Piaz, Damaris-Lois Lang, Doreen Bucher, Maureen Lennon-Santana

#### B. Grievance # 003-28-22

##### RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Board of Education has received a Stage 3 Grievance from the Hastings Teachers Association ("Association") dated June 10, 2022; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education has reviewed the positions of the parties and has deliberated thereon;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of the Hastings-on-Hudson Union Free School District hereby denies the Stage 3 Grievance dated June 10, 2022, consistent with its Decision dated July 14, 2022, which is approved herein, and directs the District Clerk to issue said Decision to the Superintendent of Schools and the Association.

RESOLVED that the Board of Education of the Hastings-on-Hudson Union Free School District hereby denies the Stage 3 Grievance dated June 10, 2022, consistent with its Decision dated July 14, 2022, which is approved herein, and directs the District Clerk to issue said Decision to the Superintendent of Schools and the Association.

Motion by Doreen Bucher, second by Doug Sundheim.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yes: Doug Sundheim, Alexander Dal Piaz, Damaris-Lois Lang, Doreen Bucher, Maureen Lennon-Santana

No: Jeremy Galland

## **5. PERSONNEL**

### A. Appointments

1. Suzanne Pontillo, appoint to 1.0 FTE probationary Special Education teacher at Hillside Elementary School, MA, Step 7, \$84,495, effective August 30, 2022. Probationary period August 30, 2022-August 29, 2026. Tenure date August 30, 2026. Certifications held: Childhood Education Grades 1-6 - Professional, Students with Disabilities Grades 1-6 - Professional.
2. Katie Melly, appoint to 1.0 FTE Elementary K-6/Librarian Regular Substitute/Leave Replacement at Hillside Elementary School, MA, Step 1, \$65,574 effective August 30, 2022 for the 2022-2023 school year. Certifications held: Childhood Education Grades 1-6 - Initial, Early Childhood Education Birth-Grade 2 - Initial.
3. Schedule B appointment requests as per attached spreadsheet. (Enc)

RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approve the appointments.

Motion by Jeremy Galland, second by Damaris-Lois Lang.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yes: Doug Sundheim, Jeremy Galland, Alexander Dal Piaz, Damaris-Lois Lang, Doreen Bucher, Maureen Lennon-Santana

### B. Rescission

1. Suzanna Pontillo, rescind appointment to 1.0 FTE Elementary K-6/Librarian Regular Substitute/Leave Replacement at Hillside Elementary School for appointment to 1.0 FTE probationary Special Education teacher at Hillside

Elementary School.

RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approve the appointments.

Motion by Jeremy Galland, second by Doug Sundheim.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yes: Doug Sundheim, Jeremy Galland, Alexander Dal Piaz, Damaris-Lois Lang, Doreen Bucher, Maureen Lennon-Santana

#### C. Leaves of absence

1. Adriana Beaudreault, Data Coordinator, has requested a leave of absence as follows: Medical Leave July 1, 2022-July 14, 2022. She will return to work on July 15, 2022.
2. Melissa Shandroff, Science teacher at Hastings High School has requested a leave of absence as follows: NYSCPL June 17, 2022-June 21, 2022. She returned to work on June 22, 2022.
3. Melissa DeLaBarrera, Secretary to Asst. Supt. C&I/District Clerk has requested a leave of absence as follows: NYSCPL July 1, 2022-July 8, 2022. She returned to work on July 11, 2022.

RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approve the appointments.

Motion by Jeremy Galland, second by Doreen Bucher.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yes: Doug Sundheim, Jeremy Galland, Alexander Dal Piaz, Damaris-Lois Lang, Doreen Bucher, Maureen Lennon-Santana

## 6. MINUTES

### A. Approval of Minutes

- Approval of Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of June 22, 2022.

RESOLVED that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education accepts the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of June 22, 2022.

Motion by Damaris-Lois Lang, second by Jeremy Galland.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yes: Doug Sundheim, Jeremy Galland, Alexander Dal Piaz, Damaris-Lois Lang, Doreen Bucher, Maureen Lennon-Santana

## 7. POLICIES

### A. Second Read

Policies for Second Read:

- Policy 2245 - Student Liaison Representative
- Policy 1400 - Public Complaints
- Policy 1405 - Complaints About Certain Federally-Funded Programs

RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education adopt policies nos. 2245, 1400 and 1405.

Motion by Jeremy Galland, second by Doug Sundheim.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yes: Doug Sundheim, Jeremy Galland, Alexander Dal Piaz, Damaris-Lois Lang, Doreen Bucher, Maureen Lennon-Santana

## 8. SECOND PUBLIC COMMENT

### A. Second Public Comment

- No Public Comment

## 9. OLD BUSINESS

### A. Proposed 2022-2023 BOE Meetings

- Dr. McKersie reviewed the Final Recommendation: 2022-2023 BOE Meeting Schedule.
- BOE to discuss possible earlier start time for BOE meetings at the Board retreat.

RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approve the 2022-2023 Board of Education Meeting schedule.

Motion by Jeremy Galland, second by Doug Sundheim.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yes: Doug Sundheim, Jeremy Galland, Alexander Dal Piaz, Damaris-Lois Lang, Doreen Bucher, Maureen Lennon-Santana

## **10. AGENDA REVIEW**

### A. Review Draft Recommended BOE Meeting Topics for 2022-2023

- Dr. McKersie gave a brief overview of the draft Recommended BOE Meeting Topics for 2022-2023 school year.

## **11. BOARD OF EDUCATION COMMENTS**

### A. Comments

Dr. Lang:

- Welcomed new Board Member Maureen Lennon-Santana.

Alexander Dal Piaz:

- Welcomed Maureen Lennon-Santana as well.

## **12. ADJOURNMENT**

### A. Adjournment

- Motion to adjourn the meeting.

Motion by Jeremy Galland, second by Doug Sundheim.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yes: Doug Sundheim, Jeremy Galland, Alexander Dal Piaz, Damaris-Lois Lang, Doreen Bucher, Maureen Lennon-Santana

*Melissa DeLaBarrera*

**Submitted by:**

**Melissa DeLaBarrera**

**District Clerk**