



**Hastings-on-Hudson  
Regular Board of Education Meeting  
Wednesday, June 22, 2022**

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**Members present**

Doug Sundheim  
Jeremy Galland  
Silvia Robles  
Alison Andrus  
Alexander Dal Piaz  
Doreen Bucher

**1. CALL TO ORDER AT 5:00 PM**

A. Call to Order at 5:00 PM - It is expected that a motion will be made to move into Executive Session for the purposes of: 1) HTA Grievance Hearing; 2) Discussion of the amendments to the District Wide Safety and Emergency Management Plan; 3) Collective Bargaining; 4) Discussion of a personnel matter, the employment history of a particular person.

- Meeting called to order at 5:07 PM by Doug Sundheim, President

Motion to move into Executive Session for the purposes of: 1) HTA Grievance Hearing; 2) Discussion of the amendments to the District Wide Safety and Emergency Management Plan; 3) Collective Bargaining; 4) Discussion of a personnel matter, the employment history of a particular person.

Motion by Jeremy Galland, second by Alexander Dal Piaz.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yes: Doug Sundheim, Jeremy Galland, Silvia Robles, Alison Andrus, Alexander Dal Piaz

**2. PUBLIC HEARING AT 7:00 PM**

A. Public Hearing on the District Wide Safety and Emergency Management Plan

- No public comment

**3. OPENING OF PUBLIC MEETING**

A. Announcements

- Last Day of School for all students  
Thursday, June 23
- High School Graduation  
Thursday, June 23 6:00 – 6:00pm

B. Retirement Recognition

Recognition of 2021-2022 School Year Retirees:

#### Educators

- Carolyn Denton, English Language Arts teacher at Farragut Middle School, 20 years
- Susan McNaney, Special Education Teacher at Hillside Elementary School, 21 years
- Deborah Troop, Elementary K-6 Teacher at Hillside Elementary School, 30 years

#### Teacher Aides/Assistants

- Deborah Martin, Teacher Aide at Hillside Elementary School, 29 years
- Lois Vigada, Teacher Assistant at Hillside Elementary School, 11 years

#### Secretarial/Clerical

- Lisa Royce, Secretary to School Administrator, 14 years
- Susan Day, Secretary to the Principal at Hillside Elementary School, 13 years

### C. Board of Education Recognition

Recognition of Non-Returning Board of Education Trustee:

- Alison Andrus, Vice President 2021-2022 - Member Since 2019

## **4. REPORT FROM SUPERINTENDENT**

### A. District Highlights

Dr. McKersie:

- Welcomed new communications associate - Jackie Saviano.
- Budget Vote - starting on the 14th of July will start working on the schedule to discuss the budget early and often. Layering in work sessions.
- End of year events: 8th-grade art extravaganza, Annual Clap out Day at HS, Senior Scholarship awards last week, 4th Grade Moving Up Ceremony, Friday night moving up for the middle school, tomorrow nights HS graduation and today was 8th grade career day.

## **5. STUDENT REPORT**

### A. Student Report

Gus Renzin:

- Finals week is done.
- Notable how connected kids are with their teachers, the culture of support which is powerful, and intense academically.
- Project Share Annual Fundraiser very successfully raised about \$2000 for Thanksgiving Dinner.
- Sports starting out for fall - a ton of participation from middle school.
- Picked next year's Junior student rep for the Board Elianna Carvalho.
- Summer plans for students are awesome, working, taking classes, diverse learning, and service.
- Recognized Sabine.

Sabine Hinkaty:

- Graduation tomorrow - Hillside walk-through and graduation rehearsal.
- Thanked the Board for the opportunity to share.

## **6. PUBLIC COMMENT**

### A. Public Comment

- No public comment

## **7. PRESENTATIONS**

### A. Class of 2022 Future Steps

Jeannette Kocur presented the Class of 2022 Future Steps to the Board

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## **8. BUSINESS**

### **A. Business Items**

1. Sarah Jane Cion, Musician for the Hillside Spring Concert, invoice.
2. The Learning Shop, Inc., services for the 2022-2023 school Year, contract.
3. The Institute for Children with Autism and Related Disorders-Westchester, Inc, services for the 2022-2023 school year, contract.
4. Lucy Mondello, video production 4th grade play, invoice.
5. 2022-23 Statement of Work for Accume Partners.
6. Budget Transfer.
7. Hastings Education Foundation Grants for the 2022-2023 school year.
8. Mahopac Central School District, 2022-2023 Contract for Educational Services.
9. Chisholm Consulting Solutions, contract.
10. Mahopac Central School District, 2022-2023 Contract for Educational Services.
11. Revenue report for May 2022.
12. Expenditure report for May 2022.
13. Change Order No. P1 - Contract P - Plumbing - J&M Heating and Air Conditioning, Inc.
14. Change Order No. H1 - Contract H - HVAC - Hi Tech Air Conditioning Service, Inc.
15. Be it resolved, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves to increase the balance of the RETIREMENT CONTRIBUTION RESERVE FUND, in an amount not to exceed \$750,000.
16. Be it resolved, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves to increase the balance of the LIABILITY RESERVE FUND, in an amount not to exceed \$750,000.
17. Be it resolved, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves to increase the balance of the TRS RETIREMENT RESERVE FUND, A SUB-RESERVE OF THE RETIREMENT CONTRIBUTION RESERVE FUND, in an amount not to exceed \$200,000.
18. Be it resolved, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves to increase the balance of the TAX CERTIORARI RESERVE FUND, in an amount not to exceed \$200,000.
19. Buildings and Grounds bids awarded for the 2022-2023 school year.
20. Recommendation to accept bid from Westchester Therapy Solutions as attached.
21. BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby certifies the results of the June 21, 2022 School Budget Vote as set forth on the attached Official Tally of the 2022-2023 School Budget Vote. In accordance with these results, the Board of Education hereby certifies that Proposition 1 - Budget was approved.

### **OFFICIAL TALLY OF THE 2022-2023 SCHOOL BUDGET VOTE PROPOSITION NUMBER ONE – 2022-2023 BUDGET**

Shall the Board of Education of the Hastings-on-Hudson Union Free School District, Town of Greenburgh, NY, be authorized to expend the sums set forth in the 2022-2023 Annual School Budget in the total amount of \$55,293,555 and to levy the necessary tax therefore?

Yes: 1693

No: 510

22. 2022-2023 School Tax Warrant.
23. Budget Transfer.
24. Approve the stormwater drainage bid items referred to as Phase 1 work to Tony Casale, Inc. for sections 8, 11 and 2 with a proposed number of \$104,415.00. This work includes new drainage as well as laying out rain gardens pathways.

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

Motion by Silvia Robles, second by Jeremy Galland.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yes: Doug Sundheim, Jeremy Galland, Silvia Robles, Alison Andrus, Alexander Dal Piaz, Doreen Bucher

B. Grievance #003-18-22-1

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Board of Education has received a Stage 3 Grievance from the Hastings Teachers Association ("Association") dated June 13, 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 13, 2022, consistent with its Decision dated June 22, 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 13, 2022, consistent with its Decision dated June 22, 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 Jeremy Galland.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yes: Doug Sundheim, Jeremy Galland, Silvia Robles, Alison Andrus, Alexander Dal Piaz, Doreen Bucher

C. BOE Annual Reorganizational Meeting Date

- The Board of Education will hold its Annual Reorganizational Meeting on July 14, 2022 from 12:00-2:00 PM in the Lecture Room.

D. Placement and/or Services for CSE and CPSE

RESOLVED, upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools and the Committee on Special Education and the Committee on Preschool Special Education, the Board accepts the classifications and arrangements for the placement and/or services for the 2021-2022 school year:

CSE: 10829, 11286, 11623, 11216, 7232, 9022, 10726, 11014, 11876, 12061, 11207

CPSE: 12221, 12220, 12365

RESOLVED, upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools and the Committee on Special Education and the Committee on Preschool Special Education, the Board accepts the classifications and arrangements for the placement and/or services for the 2022-2023 school year:

CSE: 12220, 11451, 12071, 11729, 11733, 10829, 11286, 11895, 11336, 12105, 11768, 12338, 9015, 9087, 7669, 10123, 11148, 7617, 12049, 11406, 12061, 7668, 10818, 10926, 11425, 11429, 11759, 11900, 11899, 11906

CPSE: 12314, 12375, 12373, 12363, 12354, 12372, 12273, 12377, 12231, 12358, 12357

RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Committee on Special Education and the Committee on Preschool Special Education, the Board of Education accepts the classifications and arrangements for the placement and/or services.

Motion by Silvia Robles, second by Alison Andrus.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yes: Doug Sundheim, Jeremy Galland, Silvia Robles, Alison Andrus, Alexander Dal Piaz, Doreen Bucher

**9. PERSONNEL**

A. Appointments

1. Lorianne Solaski, appoint to 1.0 FTE Art teacher at Hastings High School, MA Step 4, \$75,038, effective August 30, 2022. Probationary period August 30, 2022-August 29, 2025 (due to prior leave replacement). Tenure date August 30, 2025. Certification held: Visual Arts - Initial.

2. Joseph Vaccaro, appoint to 1.0 FTE Earth Science Regular Substitute/Leave Replacement at Farragut Middle School and Hastings High School, MA Step 10 + 30, \$100,272, effective August 30, 2022 for the 2022-2023 school year. Certifications held: Biology & General Science 7-12 - Permanent, Earth Science - Permanent, Chemistry 7-12 - Permanent.
3. Sarah L. Stern, appoint to 1.0 FTE English Language Arts Regular Substitute/Leave Replacement at Hastings High School, MA, Step 1, \$65,574 effective August 30, 2022-December 23, 2022. Certification held: English Language Arts 7-12 - Professional.
4. Kenneth Beazer, re-appoint to summer help in Buildings and Grounds effective June 27, 2022.
5. Devin Nunez, re-appoint to summer help in Buildings and Grounds effective June 27, 2022.
6. Matthew Williams, re-appoint to summer help in Buildings and Grounds effective June 27, 2022.
7. Suraj Kodali, appoint to summer help in Buildings and Grounds effective June 27, 2022.
8. Jack Phelan, appoint to summer help in Buildings and Grounds effective June 27, 2022.
9. Salvatore Puoti, appoint to summer help in Buildings and Grounds effective June 27, 2022.
10. Will Silverstein, appoint to summer help in Buildings and Grounds effective June 27, 2022.
11. Alexis Comerford, appoint to .8 FTE Elementary K-6 teacher at Farragut Middle School, MA, Step 2, \$68,733 (to be pro-rated) effective August 30, 2022 for the 2022-2023 school year. Certifications held: Childhood Education Grades 1-6 - Professional, English Language Arts 7-12 - Professional, Students with Disabilities Grades 1-6 - Professional.
12. Suzanna Pontillo, 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 - Professional, Students with Disabilities Grades 1-6 - Professional.

RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approve appointments 1-6 & 9-12.

Motion by Alexander Dal Piaz, second by Alison Andrus.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yes: Doug Sundheim, Jeremy Galland, Silvia Robles, Alison Andrus, Alexander Dal Piaz, Doreen Bucher

RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approve appointments 7 & 8.

Motion by Jeremy Galland, second by Alexander Dal Piaz.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yes: Doug Sundheim, Silvia Robles, Alison Andrus, Alexander Dal Piaz, Doreen Bucher

Abstain: Jeremy Galland

#### B. Amendment

1. Joseph Callagy, 1.0 FTE English Language Arts teacher at Hastings High School, amend salary step to Step 4, \$75,038 effective August 30, 2022.

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

Motion by Alexander Dal Piaz, second by Silvia Robles.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yes: Doug Sundheim, Jeremy Galland, Silvia Robles, Alison Andrus, Alexander Dal Piaz, Doreen Bucher

#### C. Resignations

1. Kristen Kumar, Inclusion Facilitator at Farragut Middle School has provided notice of resignation effective June 30, 2022.
2. Jenna Ryan, School Counselor at Farragut Middle School has provided notice of resignation effective July 8, 2022.

RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education accept the resignations.

Motion by Doreen Bucher, second by Jeremy Galland.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yes: Doug Sundheim, Jeremy Galland, Silvia Robles, Alison Andrus, Alexander Dal Piaz, Doreen Bucher

#### D. Leaves of absence

1. Eric Day, Music teacher at Hastings High School has requested a leave of absence as follows: May 16, 2022-May 17, 2022. He returned to work on May 18, 2022.
2. Victoria Kelter, Physical Education teacher at Hastings High School has requested a leave of absence as follows: June 3, 2022-June 7, 2022. She returned to work on June 8, 2022.
3. Robert McCann, Physical Education teacher at Hillside Elementary School has requested a leave of absence as follows: May 16, 2022-May 19, 2022. He returned to work on May 20, 2022.
4. Anna Navarra, Teacher Aide at Farragut Middle School has requested a leave of absence as follows: June 13, 2022-June 15, 2022. She returned to work on June 16, 2022.
5. Daniel Brownstein, Earth Science teacher at Farragut Middle School has requested a leave of absence as follows: September 9, 2021-September 17, 2021. He returned to work on September 20, 2021.
6. Rosa Fernandez, Teacher Aide at Hillside Elementary School has requested a leave of absence as follows: June 6, 2022-June 10, 2022. She returned to work on June 13, 2022.
7. Janet Lyons, Special Education teacher at Hastings High School has requested a leave of absence as follows: May 16, 2022-May 20, 2022. She returned to work on May 23, 2022.
8. Michael Willson, Permanent Building Substitute at Hastings High School has requested a leave of absence as follows: NYSCPL June 6, 2022-June 10, 2022. He returned to work on June 13, 2022.

RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approve the following leaves of absence.

Motion by Silvia Robles, second by Alison Andrus.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yes: Doug Sundheim, Jeremy Galland, Silvia Robles, Alison Andrus, Alexander Dal Piaz, Doreen Bucher

## 10. MINUTES

### A. Approval of Minutes

- Approval of Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of June 9, 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 9, 2022.

Motion by Alexander Dal Piaz, second by Jeremy Galland.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yes: Doug Sundheim, Jeremy Galland, Silvia Robles, Alison Andrus, Alexander Dal Piaz, Doreen Bucher

## 11. POLICIES

### A. First Read

Alex gave a brief overview to the Board of the policies being presented for First Read:

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

## 12. NEW BUSINESS

### A. District Wide Safety and Emergency Management Plan

- Approval of District Wide Safety and Emergency Management Plan for the 2022-2023 school year.

RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approve the District Wide Safety and Emergency Management Plan for the 2022-2023 school year.

Motion by Jeremy Galland, second by Silvia Robles.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yes: Doug Sundheim, Jeremy Galland, Silvia Robles, Alison Andrus, Alexander Dal Piaz, Doreen Bucher

### **13. SECOND PUBLIC COMMENT**

#### A. Second Public Comment

- No public comment

### **14. AGENDA REVIEW**

#### A. Agenda Review

- Review topics for upcoming Board of Education Meeting

### **15. BOARD OF EDUCATION COMMENTS**

#### A. Comments

Jeremy Galland:

- Thanked the administration for a great school year, and thanked the teachers and staff in the building.

Doreen Bucher:

- Couldn't predict what June would look like, thanked Bill for all his hard work.

Silvia Robles:

- Thanks to the community for a great turnout yesterday, a great sense of relief and gratitude that we passed the budget.

Doug Sundheim:

- Thanked everyone for a great year, appreciates the commitment and support, and thanked the students.

### **16. ADJOURNMENT**

#### A. Adjournment

- Motion to adjourn the meeting.

Motion by Alison Andrus, second by Silvia Robles.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yes: Doug Sundheim, Jeremy Galland, Silvia Robles, Alison Andrus, Alexander Dal Piaz, Doreen Bucher

*Melissa DeLaBarrera*

**Submitted by:**

**Melissa DeLaBarrera**

**District Clerk**