



**Hastings-on-Hudson
Regular Board of Education Meeting
Monday, February 28, 2022**

Members present

Doug Sundheim
Jeremy Galland
Silvia Robles
Alison Andrus
Alexander Dal Piaz
Damaris-Lois Lang
Doreen Bucher

1. OPENING OF MEETING

A. Meeting called to order at 6:36 PM by Doug Sundheim, President

- Motion to move into Executive Session for the purpose of contract negotiations.

Motion by Silvia Robles, second by Alexander Dal Piaz.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

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

Not Present at Vote: Alison Andrus, Damaris-Lois Lang

- Public portion of began at 7:35 PM

2. REPORT FROM SUPERINTENDENT

A. District Highlights

Dr. McKersie:

- Tomorrow is the start of Women's History Month, classes will be picking up and addressing a host of issues regarding women and recognizing the contributions made by women.
- Hastings High School One Acts, wonderful show, completely student-produced, directed and acted.
- The first ever NYS Public High School Athletic Association Girls Flag football pilot program will be occurring and Hastings will be in the lead on that, 12 girls have signed up and we are currently searching for a coach.
- Girls and Boys basketball teams have been doing a fabulous job this season, thanked the Coaches for their attentiveness and highlighted the big wins from this past weekends double-header.

B. Covid 19 Update

Dr. McKersie:

- Effective Wednesday, March 2nd masks will be optional in Hastings Schools.
- Will obtain and provide metrics from Governor Hochul which led to the decision to lift the mask mandate.
- Hastings positive rates remain low and vaccinations rates are high.
- Noted that Hastings will not tolerate any behavior that involves judging others on their choice of masks - we must be respectful.

3. PRESENTATIONS

A. 2021 Youth Prevention Needs Assessment Survey

Linda Fosina, Coalition Coordinator for the Hastings Coalition presented the Youth Needs Assessment Survey - 2021 Report to the Board.

[Click here to view the slide deck presentation \(Link to follow\)](#)

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

Please like and share their Facebook page - The WAY Hastings.

4. STUDENT REPORT

A. Student Report

Sabine Hinkaty:

- Josh and Violet, basketball players in the High School have been nominated for LOHUD's Player of the Week - please be sure to vote.
- You can support both teams in the semi-finals this week, the boy's team plays Wednesday in Briarcliff and the girl's team plays at home on Thursday.
- The High School's One Acts was incredibly successful - high school students wrote, directed, and performed in the event, excited to see what is next from the Theatre program.
- The SUPA English class wrote argument papers recently relevant to the survey presented this evening. One student wrote about the dispensary debate in Hastings and concerns about child safety and concluded that community is key in easing teen drug use and plays a big role in decreasing potentially dangerous behaviors. Another student wrote about the relationship between the police and Hastings students, specifically dealing with party culture and Sabine wrote about the health program and through speaking with one of the high school teachers she concluded that in terms of education about drug and alcohol use the curriculum is structured to directly apply to student lives.

Gus Renzin:

- Freshman Natalie Romero and Senior Celia Silverstein both qualified for Nationals in the Indoor Track they will be representing Hasting's in NYC on March 11th.
- News of masks coming off on Wednesday has been well received, there seems to be an open mindset and from an emotional standpoint it appears that transition will go well.
- In sports: Baseball and softball are starting workouts, indoor track has already started, extra outdoor track has already started their pre-season, boys tennis and girls lacrosse teams will be starting soon. Excited to kick off the season and to welcome the Girls flag football team to Hastings.

5. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

A. Technology Plan Update

Melissa Szymanski and Maureen Caraballo presented an update to the Hastings-on-Hudson 2022-2025 Technology Plan.

[Click here to view the slide deck presentation](#)

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B. Report from Business Official

Maureen Caraballo presented progress report and photos of the Hillside addition and the Farragut Middle School Auditorium to the Board.

[Click here to view progress photos](#)

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

6. PUBLIC COMMENT

A. Public Comment

- No public comment

7. BUSINESS

A. Business Items

1. Budget transfer.
2. Budget transfer.
3. Xiaojing Chang, Hillside Piano Accompanist, invoice.
4. CBIZ proposal.
5. Revenue and Expenditure Reports for January 2022.
6. Eastchester Union Free School District contract for health services for 2021-2022.
7. 2022-2023 Quad school transportation, contract.

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

Motion by Alexander Dal Piaz, second by Doreen Bucher.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

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

B. Placement and/or Services for CSE and CPSE

RESOLVED, that 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: 11895, 11362, 12344, 10726, 11728, 11850, 11159

CPSE: 12363, 12359, 12367, 12365

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 Jeremy Galland, second by Alison Andrus.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

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

8. PERSONNEL

A. Appointments

1. Brendan O'Sullivan, .8 PE teacher at Farragut Middle School and .2 Per Diem Substitute. Amend substitute appointment to .2 Building Substitute at Hastings High School effective March 1, 2022.
2. Elizabeth Zuch, School Psychologist amend appointment to include salary information as follows: DR, Step 18, \$136,170 to be pro-rated to .8 FTE Regular Substitute/Leave Replacement at Hillside Elementary School from February 28, 2022-May 31, 2022 and district-wide Per Diem from February 7, 2022-February 18, 2022.
3. Updated Schedule B appointment requests as per attached spreadsheet. (Enc)
4. Elana Zadrima, appoint to Student Observer at Farragut Middle School, 15 hours in March, 2022.

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

Motion by Silvia Robles, second by Doreen Bucher.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

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

B. Terminations

1. Francisco Clemente, probationary cleaner has been terminated effective end of business February 11, 2022.
2. Claudia Stoltman, Per Diem Substitute teacher has been terminated effective end of business February 2, 2022.

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

Motion by Silvia Robles, second by Doreen Bucher.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

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

C. Leave of Absence

1. Caren Cort, Special Education teacher at Hillside Elementary School has requested a leave of absence as follows: NYS CPL January 18, 2022-January 28, 2022. She returned to work on February 7, 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 Doreen Bucher.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

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

9. MINUTES

A. Approval of Minutes

- Approval of Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of February 7, 2022.

RESOLVED that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education accepts the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of February 7, 2022.

Motion by Alison Andrus, second by Jeremy Galland.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

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

10. NEW BUSINESS

A. RFP to create the Portrait of a Hastings Graduate

Dr. McKersie reviewed the draft request for Proposal (RFP) for the process to create the Portrait of a Hastings Graduate.

- The Board reviewed and discussed the draft presented, it was suggested the word VALUE be edited out of the RFP.
- Jeremy Galland expressed his concerns as it pertains to the budget.
- Dr. McKersie raised an additional RFP that was discussed during tonight's Facilities Committee meeting regarding a Space Audit which would work together with the Portrait of a Hastings Graduate RFP.

11. SECOND PUBLIC COMMENT

A. Second Public Comment

- No public comment

12. BOARD OF EDUCATION COMMENTS

A. Comments

Alex DalPiaz:

- Noted it's been 2 years since we had to close due to COVID. Thanked previous Board members for the long strange trip that it has been.

Jeremy Galland:

- Added to thank the teachers for working inside without a vaccine, one of the only industries that did that.

13. ADJOURNMENT

A. Adjournment

- Motion to adjourn the meeting.

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

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

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

Melissa DeLaBarrera

**Submitted by:
Melissa DeLaBarrera
District Clerk**