



**Hastings-on-Hudson Board of Education
Regular Board of Education Meeting
Monday, July 12, 2021**

Members present

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

1. OPENING OF MEETING

A. Call to Order

- Meeting called to order at 12:16 PM by Doug Sundheim

B. Administrative Comments

Melissa Szymanski:

- On behalf of the district, I would like to extend an official welcome to all of our new Board of Education Trustees. Welcome to Doreen Bucher, Alexander Dal Piaz, and Dr. Damaris-Lois Lang. Welcome back to our returning Board of Education members Alison Andrus, now serving as Vice President, Jeremy Galland, Silvia Robles, and Doug Sundheim, now serving as President. Student liaison representative Sabine Hinkaty, will be joined this year by Gus Renzin. Thank you both for representing the student voice.

Doug Sundheim:

- Acknowledged and welcomed guest at the table, incoming Interim Superintendent, Dr. William McKersie who will be starting August 1, 2021.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

A. Public Comment

- No public comment

3. BUSINESS

Jeremy Galland:

- Stated he would like to vote on business items 11 & 13 separately.

Melissa Szymanski:

- Noted that Business item #13 was updated this morning, to include additional details regarding the cross contract for school communications, for Jason Platzner's role as Communications Specialist.
- Provided a brief breakdown of the updates, noting that this year's contract covers a full school year, whereas last year's did not cover the summer and was prorated to reflect that eight additional weeks were not covered.

Maureen Caraballo:

- Noted that the podcast is not reflected in the contract, if that was something we wanted to consider, we would have to sign a different contract for that.
- Cross contract is consistent with the budget document for this year, we did budget for these amounts.

- Also noted that after the administration charge, we will receive back approximately 40% of this expenditure, which will make it approximately a \$60,000-\$65,000/year cost to the district.
- Explained that when we secure shared services through BOCES we are entitled to state aid back the following year which helps us to save money, which this particular expenditure we can expect to receive back \$40,000-\$50,000 next year.

Doreen Bucher:

- Brought up the content of the Hasting's Daily and the possibility of streamlining the information that is provided.
- Feedback from parents is that the content is confusing.
- Also, suggested moving to a weekly announcement during the summer.

Alexander Dal Piaz:

- Noted one of the week points of the Hasting's Daily is that there is no organization as to what is new, so you end up having to go through everything.
- Should be able to open it up and readily see what information is new or has changed.

Dr. Lang:

- Suggested creating an AD HOC Committee that would work on community input, in an equitable way.
- Organizing the daily with old and new information will help.
- Suggested an additional committee that takes in community input and seeks community input/various opinions, to ensure that every voice is heard and equitable represented.

Silvia Robles:

- Noted other districts have a community engagement district.
- They have different mechanisms to seek community input, might be something we would want to give some thought to.
- Also mentioned some districts have a welcoming committee for new families to the district.

Melissa Szymanski:

- Will work with Jason Platzner to try to establish a chronology of the information in the daily.

Doug Sundheim:

- Will discuss the suggested committees further at the Board retreat.

Maureen Caraballo:

- Provided further details to item #11 at the request of Jeremy Galland.
- Explained the reasons for the changes and increase in costs, which were a result of delays in the construction due to Covid and having to redesign some of the work, in order to retain the capital reserve.

Doreen Bucher:

- Raised the possibility of using the state aid funds to cover the costs associated with item #11 since they are COVID related.

Maureen Caraballo:

- Yes, it can be used for this, she will look further into this option.

A. Business Items

1. Contract Amendment for Lead Evaluator Training.
2. SOAR Leadership, LLC, MPPR License agreement.
3. Zearn Math services, renewal 2021-2022 School Year, quote.
4. Screencastify, renewal 2021-2022 School Year, quote.
5. Revenue report for May 2021.
6. Expenditure report for May 2021.
7. Food Service Management Company Contract 2021-2022 Extension.
8. Warrants.
9. City School District of New Rochelle, health and welfare contracts.
10. The Edith Winthrop Teacher Center, annual district contribution, membership for the 2021-2022 School Year.
11. First Amendment to Agreement with Platt Byard Dovell White Architects LLP.
12. n2y, LLC, UNIQUE Learning 2021-2022 School Year, quote.
13. PNW BOCES Cross Contract for Communications plus webmaster service.
14. Pacific Transglobal Construction Corp., sidewalk and curb area replacement, proposal.
15. PNW BOCES Cross Contract for Greg Fredericks - Elementary Social Studies/ELA Professional Development - July 19 & 20, 2021.
16. PNW BOCES Cross Contract for Greg Fredericks - Middle School Social Studies/ELA Professional Development - August 5, 2021.
17. Memorandum of Agreement with the Hastings Association of Office and Auxiliary Personnel Unit.

18. 2021-2022 Mid-Westchester Consortium Agreement.

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

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, 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, the Board accepts the classifications and arrangements for the placement and/or services for the 2020-2021 school year:

CSE: 7637, 7602, 11860, 11392, 11865, 6706, 11413, 10723, 6844, 11906, 10055, 10591

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:

CPSE: 11911, 12014

CSE: 10922, 7652, 12082, 11310, 11422, 12071, 7602, 7261, 10804, 11914, 11860, 12070, 7520, 11729, 10158, 11497, 7741, 12116, 11825, 11733, 10541, 11620, 11782, 11392, 7765, 11865, 11691, 11279, 11373, 11286, 11336, 12091, 11150, 10115, 10974, 11915, 11087, 7286, 11306, 11196, 10480, 10733, 11623, 7756, 7336, 11496, 9087, 7669 11405, 11492, 6835, 11689, 11474, 7289, 10633, 11495, 7617, 11014, 7463, 6957, 11856, 9027, 7542, 7498, 11490, 11716, 7668, 7645, 10926, 11516, 11061, 7408, 11674, 10744, 11712, 10917, 11510, 11759, 11900, 11906, 11608

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 Alexander Dal Piaz, second by Silvia Robles.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

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

4. PERSONNEL

A. Appointments

1. Constance Liberatore, Teacher Aide, end position effective July 11, 2021 and appoint to promotional, probationary 12 month position of Office Assistant-Automated Systems, Column III, Step 1, effective July 12, 2021.
2. Joseph Callagy, appoint to 1.0 FTE English Language Arts leave replacement at Hastings High School, effective August 30, 2021-November 1, 2021. Certification held: English Language Arts-Initial.
3. Veronika Aleiner, World Language teacher at Hastings High School, appoint to an additional .2 FTE World Language (French) teaching position for the 2021-2022 school year.

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

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, Damaris-Lois Lang, Doreen Bucher

B. Resignations

1. Benjamin Vabner, school monitor, resignation, last day worked 6/18/2021.

2. Kevin Hanlon, Assistant Principal at Farragut Middle School has provided notification of resignation effective end of business day on July 16, 2021.

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

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, Damaris-Lois Lang, Doreen Bucher

5. MINUTES

A. Approval of Minutes

RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education accepts the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of June 21, 2021.

Motion by Jeremy Galland, second by Silvia Robles.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

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

6. SECOND PUBLIC COMMENT

A. Second Public Comment

- No public comments

7. BOARD OF EDUCATION COMMENTS

Alexander Dal Piaz:

- Raised a question on the GEER and ESSER Funds for Instructional Support - noted that \$40,000 worth of funds were moved from personnel to construction.
- Asked if there was a difference between the allocation of funds and the way the money will actually be used.

Maureen Caraballo:

- Noted that being it is a Federal Fund we would not be able to shift it, we would have to use it for the particular purpose we allocate it for.

Melissa Szymanski:

- Gave a brief overview of the process and the funds and noted that in order to move funds around they would need to resubmit.

8. ADJOURNMENT

A. Adjournment - It is expected a motion will be made to move into an Executive Session for the purposes of: 1) Discussion pertaining to collective bargaining agreement; 2) Discussion pertaining to personnel compensation

Motion to adjourn the meeting and to move into an Executive Session for the purposes of: 1) Discussion pertaining to collective bargaining agreement; 2) Discussion pertaining to personnel compensation.

Motion by Silvia Robles, 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

Submitted by:
Melissa DeLaBarrera
District Clerk