



**Hastings-on-Hudson  
Regular Board of Education Meeting  
Tuesday, April 18, 2023**

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**Members present**

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

**1. OPENING OF MEETING**

A. Call to Order at 6:30 PM - it is expected that a motion will be made to move into Executive Session to discuss a personnel matter, the employment history of a particular person.

Meeting called to order at 6:43 PM by Doreen Bucher, Vice President

Motion to move into Executive Session to discuss a personnel matter, the employment history of a particular person.

Motion by Silvia Robles, second by Doug Sundheim.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yes: Doug Sundheim, Jeremy Galland, Silvia Robles, Doreen Bucher, Maureen Lennon-Santana

**2. REPORT FROM SUPERINTENDENT**

A. [Update & District Highlights](#)

- [Click here to view the Superintendent Report](#)

**3. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS**

A. Report from Assistant Superintendent, Curriculum and Instruction

Presented by Melissa Szymanski, Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum and Instruction

Portrait of a Hastings Learner: Action Step Planning

This week we met with representatives from the student union. Our purpose was to finalize a process for gaining ideas and input from students to move our four POHL action steps forward. After this [one page summary document](#) was shared and reviewed, the students finalized a plan, which will focus on gathering student input and feedback using focus groups of 10 students.

Reveal Math

The Hillside Mathematics Committee facilitated a building-wide faculty meeting to outline the process the committee engaged in to select Reveal and to respond to any questions from teachers. Embedded in the presentation was also a brief overview of the five components of each Reveal mathematics lesson; Launch, Explore & Develop, Practice & Reflect, Assess, and Differentiate. In May, a consultant from Reveal will be returning to Hillside to engage teachers in a shared lesson experience.

Professional Learning Committee

During the March Professional Learning Committee meeting, members of the group began revising our State required Professional Development Plan. This plan is being crafted with consideration of the three goals indicated in the Portrait of a Hastings Learner and the content areas outlined in the Curriculum Review Cycle.

#### **4. STUDENT REPORT**

##### **A. [Student Report](#)**

Gus Renzin and Elianna Carvalho, Student Liaisons  
Student Report

First we would like to give a special shoutout to Ms. Whiteman and Ms. Mockler..

Something Rotten!:

This weekend is the high school's production of Something Rotten! As you can see by my Puritan attire, I have just come from our tech week rehearsal so I will sadly have to run after the report. Something Rotten is a ridiculously hilarious parody on Shakespear that is full of jokes, huge musical numbers, and fantastic renaissance style costumes. I highly recommend that everyone come see it this weekend to cheer on a truly amazing cast. Our performances are this Friday and Saturday at 7, and Sunday at 2. And I would like to give a huge thanks to our incredible director Laurie Walton who has devoted so much time, energy, and love to this production. See you all this weekend!

Spirit Week/pep rally:

This week has been spirit week leading up our spring pep rally this Friday. Some of the spirit week days include pajama day, decades day, anything but a backpack day, and of course a day to wear some spirit attire on Friday. At the pep rally, the spring sports teams will be performing short dances while the rest of the high school cheers from the bleachers.

NHS:

Since we are nearing the end of the school year, Juniors have been applying to both the National Honors Society and to Peer Leadership, soon entering their new positions as the leaders and role models of the high school.

Senior Assassin:

For the second year in a row, seniors are running a friendly, school-wide game of assassins. Essentially students are randomly assigned targets whom they can assassinate by squirting them with a water gun. In order to protect themselves, students must carry an object that changes from week to week. Right now that object is a plastic spoon, but rumor has it that next week's object will be a banana. The last student standing wins!

PI Spring Retreat:

Tomorrow, senior PL's and their freshman peer kids will be heading to the berk estate for the Spring Peer Leaderships retreat. As of right now, the day will begin with a few warm up games, and will eventually lead to deeper discussion designed to cap off both the senior and freshman experiences in the program. Freshman will have the opportunity to ask seniors questions about their experience throughout high school, reflect on their first year at HHS, and discuss their plans for the future. There will, of course, be some goofy games, snacks, and of course the famous, and highly competitive kickball PL kickball tournament.

Follow up about racist incident in the middle school:

So continuing on that PI thread and hopefully on a more hopeful note, I'd like to tell you all about the PL activity that went on the Thursday after our last meeting:

Talk about experience discussing how the culture of the high school fosters compassion and why there's such a difference as kids transition to middle school. My group, at least, ended on a really happy note, with my peer kids feeling resolved to carry on our positive culture, and to ensure that they help to instill it in the incoming freshman.

#### **5. PUBLIC COMMENT**

##### **A. Public Comment**

- No public comment

#### **6. BUSINESS**

##### **A. [Adoption of the 2023-2024 School Budget](#)**

1. RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the board adopt the 2023-2024 school budget.

Motion by Doug Sundheim, second by Maureen Lennon-Santana.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

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

## B. [Business Items](#)

1. FMS Racial Equity Day - April 26, 2023, proposal.
2. Gravity Goldberg, LLC Curriculum Writing - July 10-July 13, 2023, proposal.
3. Josh Govier, Videography for the HHS musical production - April 21, 2023, invoice.
4. Riley Palmer, playing drums/percussion in the HHS musical production of Something Rotten, invoice.
5. Andrew Viverito, playing bass in the HHS musical production of Something Rotten, invoice.
6. Colin Babcock, playing trombone in the HHS musical production of Something Rotten, invoice.
7. David Restivo, playing violin in the HHS musical production of Something Rotten, invoice.
8. Frank Huber, playing trumpet in the HHS musical production of Something Rotten, invoice.
9. Justin Fischer, playing keys 1 in the HHS musical production of Something Rotten, invoice.
10. Mike Rubino, playing reeds in the HHS musical production of Something Rotten, invoice.
11. Warrants.
12. Quad Transportation Management Agreement for the 2023-2024 School Year.
13. Resolution to approve Juul Agreement.
14. Resolution to extend probationary period.
15. Penny Margeotes, Costume Designer, invoice.
16. Gillian Husovsky, contract for Services as Production Manager, Hastings High School Musical - Something Rotten.
17. Property Tax Report Card.
18. Budget Transfer.
19. Award Bid #2023-30 for Athletic and Field Trips to Academy Bus Company, Inc.
20. Award Bid #2023-31 for Transportation-In District to Academy Bus Company, Inc.

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

Motion by Silvia Robles, second by Maureen Lennon-Santana.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

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

## C. [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.

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CSE: 10322, 12561, 11279, 11601, 11495, 12298, 12303, 11793, 8053, 12517, 11002

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 2023-2024 school year:

CSE: 10493, 11451, 11916, 10804, 11522, 10322, 10541, 11216, 11405, 12298, 8053

Motion by Jeremy Galland, second by Doug Sundheim.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

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

## 7. PERSONNEL ([CONSENT AGENDA](#))

### A. Appointments

1. Kelly Cavallo, appoint to 1.0 FTE probationary Elementary K-6 teacher at Hillside Elementary School, MA, Step 3, \$74,049, effective August 29, 2023. Probationary period, August 29, 2023-November 28, 2025 (due to prior leave replacements) Tenure date: November 29, 2025. Certification held: Childhood Education - Initial.
2. Katie Melly, appoint to 1.0 FTE Elementary K-6 Leave Replacement at Hillside Elementary School for the 2023-2024 school year, MA, Step 2, \$70,810 effective August 29, 2023. Certifications held: Childhood Education - Initial, Early Childhood Education - Initial, Literacy Birth-Grade 6 - Initial, Literacy Grades 5-12 - Initial.
3. Zerlina Panush, appoint to 1.0 FTE probationary Art teacher at Hillside Elementary School, MA, Step 4, \$77,306 effective August 29, 2023. Probationary period, August 29, 2023-August 28, 2026 (due to prior leave replacement). Tenure date: August 29, 2026. Certification held: Visual Arts - Initial.

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

Motion by Silvia Robles, second by Jeremy Galland.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

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

#### B. Retirement

1. Adele Gorman, Teacher Assistant at Hillside Elementary School has provided notice of resignation for the purpose of retirement effective June 30, 2023.

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

Motion by Silvia Robles, second by Jeremy Galland.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

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

#### C. Amendments

1. Jasmin Morais, amend appointment date of 1.0 FTE Special Education Regular Substitute teacher at Farragut Middle School as follows: March 8, 2023-May 31, 2023. She will return to her previous appointment as Per Diem Substitute teacher.
2. Sarah Stern, amend probationary period of English Language Arts teacher at Hastings High School due to prior leave replacement as follows: August 29, 2023-December 28, 2026. Tenure Date: December 29, 2026.

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

Motion by Silvia Robles, second by Jeremy Galland.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

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

#### D. Leave of absence

1. Danielle Brennan, Special Education teacher at Farragut Middle School has requested a leave of absence as follows: FMLA with pay March 6, 2023-April 17, 2023, FMLA without pay April 18, 2023-May 28, 2023. Her return to work date is May 31, 2023.

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 Jeremy Galland.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

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

## **8. MINUTES**

### A. [Approval of Minutes](#)

1. Approval of Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of March 28, 2023.

RESOLVED that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education accepts the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of March 28, 2023.

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

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

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

## **9. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### A. Facilities

Maureen Caraballo gave a brief overview of the Facilities Committee Meeting.

[Click here to view the Facilities Report](#)

## **10. POLICIES**

### A. [Second Read](#)

Policies for Second Read:

1. Policy No. 1900 - Parental Involvement
2. Policy No. 5151 - Homeless Students
3. Policy No. 8121.10 - Opioid Overdose Prevention Policy

RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education adopt policy nos. 1900, 5151 and 8121.10.

Motion by Silvia Robles, second by Damaris-Lois Lang.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

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

## **11. NEW BUSINESS**

### A. [BOCES Budget Vote](#)

1. SWBOCES 2023-2024 administrative budget \$12,812,124.

RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the board approve the 2023-2024 Estimated Administrative Budget for the Southern Westchester Board of Cooperative Education Services.

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

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

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

### B. BOCES Board Trustee Vote - Sheryl Brady

Sheryl Brady  
18 Burling Avenue  
White Plains, NY 10605  
White Plains City School District

RESOLVED, that one vote be cast for Sheryl Brady to serve as a trustee on the Southern Westchester Board of Cooperative Educational Services for the time period of July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2026.

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

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

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

C. BOCES Board Trustee Vote - Eileen Miller

Eileen Miller  
232 Eastland Avenue  
Pelham, NY 10803  
Pelham Union Free School District

RESOLVED, that one vote be cast for Eileen Miller to serve as a trustee on the Southern Westchester Board of Cooperative Educational Services for the time period of July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2026.

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

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

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

D. BOCES Board Trustee Vote - Nilesh Jain

Nilesh Jain  
4 Pheasant Run  
Scarsdale, NY 10583  
Edgemont Union Free School District

RESOLVED, that one vote be cast for Nilesh Jain to serve as a trustee on the Southern Westchester Board of Cooperative Educational Services for the time period of July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2026.

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

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

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

## 12. SECOND PUBLIC COMMENT

A. Second Public Comment

- No public comment

## 13. AGENDA REVIEW

A. [Agenda Review](#)

- June 6th: Space Utilization Update
- June 20th: Executive Session to discuss Non-Represented staff raises
- July 11th: Vote on Non-Represented staff raises

## 14. BOARD OF EDUCATION COMMENTS

A. Comments

- No Board Comments

## 15. ADJOURNMENT

### A. [Adjournment](#)

- Motion to adjourn the meeting.

Motion by Doug Sundheim, second by Maureen Lennon-Santana.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

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

*Melissa DeLaBarrera*

**Submitted by:**

**Melissa DeLaBarrera**

**District Clerk**