



**Hastings-on-Hudson  
Regular Board of Education Meeting  
Tuesday, March 14, 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: 1) A personnel matter, the employment history of a particular person; 2) Collective Bargaining.

- Meeting called to order at 6:35 PM by Alex Dal Piaz

Motion to move into Executive Session to discuss: 1) A personnel matter, the employment history of a particular person; 2) Collective Bargaining.

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, Maureen Lennon-Santana

**2. PUBLIC COMMENT**

A. Public Comment

Dorothy Neagle - 19 Harris Drive

- Read a letter of gratitude to the District which was signed by 500+ Hastings on Hudson community members regarding the district's work on culturally responsive sustaining education.

[Click here to view public comment](#)

**3. PRESENTATION**

A. State of the District Mid-Year Update

Dr. McKersie and Dr. Szymanski gave the Board a brief summary of the Mid-Year State of the District Report.

[Click here to view Mid-Year State of the District Report](#)

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

**4. OLD BUSINESS**

A. Unused Inclement Weather Days 2022-2023

Unused Inclement Weather Days 2022-2023

Board voted on the following days with Dr. McKersie having the authority to change them if needed due to an emergency closing.

- Friday, March 31, 2023
- Monday, April 10, 2023
- Friday, June 23, 2023
- Friday, May 26, 2023
- Tuesday, May 30, 2023

[Click here to view Inclement Weather Memo](#)

[Click here to view discussion](#)

RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approve the following five (5) give-back emergency closure days.

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

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

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

## 5. BUSINESS

### A. [Business Items](#)

1. Invoice for approved HEF Grant, Sweethearts & Heroes, Gr. K-4, 9-12, Anti-Bullying, Diversity, Equity and Inclusion.
2. Warrants.
3. Budget Transfer.
4. Colleen O'Sullivan, contract to provide transition services.
5. Somers Central School District, Contract for Health Services.
6. County of Westchester, electronic voting machines and related services, agreement.
7. Appoint Election Inspectors for the May 16, 2023 Budget Vote and Board Elections: Kathleen Soderstrom, as Chairperson, Linda Johnson, Christopher Costello, Richard Martin, John Mondello, Brian Allen and Lisa Westerfield.
8. Appoint Board of Registrars for April 19, 2023 and May 10, 2023, in-person registration: Kathy Soderstrom, Brian Allen, Christopher Costello and John Mondello.
9. To award bid for Reynolds drainage work to WD Excavation & Contracting Inc. in the amount of \$261,120.00.

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

Motion by Silvia Robles, 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. [Placement and/or Services for CSE and CPSE](#)

CSE: 10489, 9098, 10898, 11716, 7703, 11793, 11273, 12517, 11817, 10591

CPSE: 12588

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 2022-2023 school year.

Motion by Silvia Robles, 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

## 6. PERSONNEL ([CONSENT](#))

### A. Appointments

1. Doug Friedman, appoint to Per Diem substitute teacher district wide effective April 1, 2023 for the remainder of the 2022-2023 school year.
2. Melissa Jethu, appoint to Permanent Building substitute teacher at Farragut Middle School effective March 15, 2023 for the remainder of the 2022-2023 school year.
3. Sarah Stern, appoint to 1.0 FTE English Language Arts teacher at Hastings High School, MA+15, Step 7, \$90,299, effective August 29, 2023. Probationary period August 29, 2023-August 28, 2027. Tenure date: August 29, 2027. Certification held: English Language Arts 7-12 - Professional.
4. Schedule B appointment request as per attached spreadsheet. ([Enc](#))

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

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

### B. Amendment

1. Matthew Williams, amend effective date of Permanent Building substitute teacher at Hillside Elementary School to September 29, 2022 through the end of the 2022-2023 school year.

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

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. Retirement

1. Joseph Willie, Science teacher at Hastings High 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 retirement.

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

## 7. MINUTES

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

1. Approval of Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of March 7, 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 7, 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

## 8. COMMITTEE REPORTS

### A. [Facilities](#)

Alex Dal Piaz and Maureen Caraballo gave the Board a brief overview of the items that were covered at the last facilities committee meeting.

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

## 9. POLICIES

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

1. Policy No. 5421 - Concussion Management

RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education adopt Policy No. 5421.

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

## 10. SECOND PUBLIC COMMENT

### A. Second Public Comment

- No public comment

## 11. AGENDA REVIEW

### A. [Agenda Review](#)

March 28th:

- Second Budget Presentation

## 12. BOARD OF EDUCATION COMMENTS

### A. [Comments](#)

- Doreen Bucher commented that the PTSA Meeting is the same night as Gender Discussion at Hillside and wondered if it can be moved in case there are people who want to attend both.
- Dr. McKersie clarified that they were designed so that the budget forum will follow that presentation at 7:15 PM and might encourage attendance for the forum.

## 13. ADJOURNMENT

### A. [Adjournment](#)

Meeting adjourned at 8:59 PM

Motion to adjourn the meeting.

Motion by Damaris-Lois Lang, 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**