

Hastings-on-Hudson Regular Board of Education Meeting (Monday, March 22, 2021)

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1. OPENING OF MEETING

A. 5:00 PM - Call to Order - Expected motion to move into Executive Session to discuss a personnel matter.

Meeting called to order at 5:04 PM

Members Present:

Lauren Berman, Silvia Robles, Alison Andrus, Jeremy Galland

Motion to move into Executive Session to discuss a personnel matter.

Motion by Alison Andrus, second by Silvia Robles.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yes: Jeremy Galland, Lauren Berman, Silvia Robles, Alison Andrus

B. 7:30 PM - Regular Board of Education Meeting - Public portion opens.

Members present

Jodie Meyer, Doug Sundheim, Jeremy Galland, Jeremy Arnon, Lauren Berman, Silvia Robles, Alison Andrus

Lauren Berman:

- Welcomed all to the public portion of the meeting, shared some brief thoughts on Women's History Month in recognition of all the women that serve in leadership roles in Hastings

C. Announcements

Valerie Henning-Piedmonte:

- This week building administrators will be sharing their pre-recorded presentations of their updated school re-opening plans in preparation for the all-in return on April 12
- Finalizing plan for surveillance testing starting the week of April 19th, more information will be shared in this Friday's community update

D. Administrative Comments

Melissa Szymanski:

- Congratulated faculty and 5th grade students on the airing of their performance on School House Rock Live Jr.
- Adam Oppenheimer moving on to compete at the national Jr. Science and Humanities Symposium
- Provided a brief update to this year's state assessment tests

E. Student Report

Sabine Hinkaty:

- Music department looking to release recordings of their pieces by the end of the week
- NAHS and Amnesty International hosting student art auction on April 29th
- Applications for National Honor Society and The Peer Leadership program are open to juniors and due in April

Sophia Maniero:

- Virtual swim meet today, teams swam in their own pool and submitted recordings of their times
- Badminton tournament this weekend - teachers, students, and police officers participated
- Prom will likely be held outdoors on the waterfront on the Harvest on the Hudson patio

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

A. Public Comment

- No public comment

3. PRESENTATIONS

A. Budget Presentation

Maureen Caraballo, Melissa Szymanski, Andrew Wendol, Jeanette Kocur and Joseph Martorana presented the budget to the board

Important Dates to remember:

- April 7th - Budget Review
- April 20th - Budget Adoption
- May 4th - Budget Hearing

- May 18th - Budget Vote

Click [here](#) to view budget presentation

4. BUSINESS

A. Business Items

1. Mr. Israel Wahrman, IHO, case #550968.
2. Cross contract for Regional Recruitment application system.
3. Local Live TV and event production as per attached, to provide cameras and streaming services.
4. Asbestos project and Air Monitoring-in the amount of \$8,852.83.
5. Elliot Y. Merenbloom to provide Master Scheduling services.
6. Byram Hills School District, piggy back bid agreements for Electrical Supplies and HVAC On-Call Annual Service.
7. Budget Transfer
8. Revised 2020-2021 Professional Development plan.
9. Nassau County BOCES Piggyback contract.

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

Motion by Jodie Meyer, second by Jeremy Arnon.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yes: Jodie Meyer, Doug Sundheim, Jeremy Galland, Jeremy Arnon, Lauren Berman, Silvia Robles, Alison Andrus

5. PERSONNEL

A. Appointments

1. Gerard Marciano, appoint to .6 FTE English 7-12 teacher position for the 2021-2022 school year. Certification held: English 7-12 - Permanent.
2. Beth Rudd, appoint to .4 FTE English 7-12 teacher position for the 2021-2022 school year. Certification held: English 7-12 - Permanent.
3. Cassie Valencia, appoint to per diem substitute district wide upon verification of fingerprint clearance.
4. Schedule B appointments as per attached [spreadsheet](#).

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

Motion by Jeremy Galland, second by Silvia Robles.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yes: Jodie Meyer, Doug Sundheim, Jeremy Galland, Jeremy Arnon, Lauren Berman, Silvia Robles, Alison Andrus

B. Leaves of Absence

1. Laura Ritch, Teacher Assistant at Hillside Elementary School has requested a leave of absence as follows: NYPSL January 4, 2021-January 8, 2021. She returned to work on January 11, 2021.
2. Melissa Vigada, Special Education teacher at Hillside Elementary School has requested a leave of absence as follows: NYPSL February 11, 2021-February 12, 2021. She returned to work on February 22, 2021.
3. Kristina Ippolito, Special Education teacher at Hillside Elementary School has requested a leave of absence as follows: NYPSL February 24, 2021-March 3, 2021. She returned to work on March 4, 2021.
4. Kaitlyn O'Sullivan, Elementary K-6 teacher at Hillside Elementary School has requested a leave of absence as follows: NYPSL February 22, 2021-March 1, 2021. She returned to work on March 2, 2021.

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

Motion by Alison Andrus, second by Silvia Robles.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yes: Jodie Meyer, Doug Sundheim, Jeremy Galland, Jeremy Arnon, Lauren Berman, Silvia Robles, Alison Andrus

C. Resignation

1. Mariya Pushkantser, 1.0 FTE English Language Arts Leave Replacement at Farragut Middle School has provided notice of resignation effective April 16, 2021.

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

Motion by Jodie Meyer, second by Doug Sundheim.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yes: Jodie Meyer, Doug Sundheim, Jeremy Galland, Jeremy Arnon, Lauren Berman, Silvia Robles, Alison Andrus

D. Retirements

1. Stephanie Hammond, Teacher Aide at Hillside Elementary School has provided notice of retirement effective July 1, 2021.
2. Gerard Marciano, English teacher at Hastings High School has provided notice of retirement effective August 5, 2021.
3. Valerie Henning-Piedmonte, Ed.D., Superintendent of Schools, has provided notice of resignation for the purpose of retirement effective July 1, 2021.

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

Motion by Jeremy Arnon, second by Silvia Robles.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yes: Jodie Meyer, Doug Sundheim, Jeremy Galland, Jeremy Arnon, Lauren Berman, Silvia Robles, Alison Andrus

6. 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

Motion by Jeremy Galland, second by Silvia Robles.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yes: Jodie Meyer, Doug Sundheim, Jeremy Galland, Jeremy Arnon, Lauren Berman, Silvia Robles, Alison Andrus

7. OLD BUSINESS

A. Construction Project Update

Maureen Caraballo provided a brief update on the week's progress and schedule of the construction project at Hillside:

- Week of March 29th - asbestos abatement will be performed
- Concrete sub-contractor is expected to mobilize by the end of the month
- Concrete carpenters have begun the work for the foundation
- Rebar will start by the end of this week
- Pouring of the leveling pad should begin by the end of the week
- Material submittal continue to be vetted and approved

Click [here](#) to view the construction project update

8. SECOND PUBLIC COMMENT

A. Second Public Comment

Jennifer Destin:

- Wanted to share her gratitude for Valerie as a parent of a child with an IEP. Thankful for all that Valerie has done in her role at the district that has had a direct impact on children like her daughter.

Marit Haahr:

- Wanted to thank Valerie - appreciates all she has done, all the ways she has made herself accessible to parents in the district and led us through the pandemic.

9. BOARD OF EDUCATION COMMENTS

A. Comments

- No comments from the board

10. ADJOURNMENT

A. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn the meeting.

Motion by Alison Andrus, second by Jodie Meyer.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yes: Jodie Meyer, Doug Sundheim, Jeremy Galland, Jeremy Arnon, Lauren Berman, Silvia Robles, Alison Andrus