

**Hastings-on-Hudson  
Regular Board of Education Meeting  
Tuesday, July 16, 2024**

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**Members present**

Silvia Robles  
Alexander Dal Piaz  
David Barone  
Catherine DiMartino  
Maureen Lennon-Santana

**1. OPENING OF MEETING**

A. [Call to Order](#)

- Meeting called to order at 12:00 PM

**2. PUBLIC COMMENT**

A. Public Comment

- No public comment

**3. BUSINESS**

A. [Business Items](#)

1. Buildings and Grounds bids awarded for the 2024-2025 school year.
2. Cafeteria meal pricing for the 2024-2025 school year is as follows:  
Hillside Breakfast meal \$2.75 and Lunch meal \$3.25  
Farragut Middle & Hastings High School Breakfast Meal \$3.50 and Lunch meal \$4.50
3. Budget Transfer.
4. MAY 2024 Revenue & Expenditure.
5. Recommendation to award Contract No. 1 - General Construction for Burke Fields Drainage Improvements to R. Pagni & Sons, Inc. in the amount of \$308,000.
6. Recommendation to award bid for Concrete and Masonry - Capital Renovation.
7. Recommendation to award bid for Asphalt Paving Services - Capital Renovation.
8. Hi Tech Elementary School, proposal to install air conditioning at Hillside Elementary School.
9. RESOLVED, the Board of Education of the Hastings-on-Hudson Union Free School District hereby authorizes the Superintendent of Schools to hire faculty and staff during the period between July 16, 2024 and October 8, 2024, with such staff members authorized to commence employment upon hire subject to retroactive approval by the Board of Education at its next scheduled meeting.
10. Recommendation to award bid for Architectural and Engineering Services to LAN Associates.
11. Recommendation to award bid for Fiscal Advisor to Capital Market Advisors, LLC.
12. SWBOCES Co-Ser 555 Amendment for 2024-2025, G&R Inclusive Group ICT Support.

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

Motion by Silvia Robles, second by David Barone.  
Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yes: Silvia Robles, Alexander Dal Piaz, David Barone, Catherine DiMartino, Maureen Lennon-Santana

#### B. [Salary of Non-Represented Staff](#)

1. Salary of Non-Represented staff. ([Enc](#))

RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approve the salaries of non-represented staff.

Motion by David Barone, second by Catherine DiMartino.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yes: Silvia Robles, Alexander Dal Piaz, David Barone, Catherine DiMartino, Maureen Lennon-Santana

### 4. PERSONNEL

#### A. [Appointments](#)

1. Jenna DeGrazia, appoint to Per Diem substitute teacher district wide effective August 28, 2024 for the 2024-2025 school year.
2. Larissa Judd-Pojanowski, appoint to Per Diem substitute teacher district wide effective August 28, 2024 for the 2024-2025 school year.
3. Schedule B appointments for the 2024-25 School Year as per attached spreadsheet. ([Enc](#))
4. Christian Anacassis, re-appoint for summer employment in the Buildings and Grounds department effective July 9, 2024.
5. Marissa Staffu, appoint to 1.0 FTE School Psychologist at Hastings High School, MA, Step 2, \$71,872 effective August 28, 2024. Probationary period August 28, 2024-August 27, 2028. Tenure eligibility date August 28, 2028. Certification held: School Psychologist - Provisional.
6. Joanne Cipollina, appoint to position of substitute nurse, effective July 16, 2024.
7. Roshni Thomas, appoint to 1.0 FTE Special Education teacher at Hastings High School, MA, Step 2, \$71,872 effective August 28, 2024. Probationary period August 28, 2024 - August 27, 2028. Tenure Eligibility Date August 28, 2028. Certifications held: Students with Disabilities 7-12 - Initial, English Language Arts 7-12 - Initial.

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

Motion by David Barone, second by Catherine DiMartino.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yes: Silvia Robles, Alexander Dal Piaz, David Barone, Catherine DiMartino, Maureen Lennon-Santana

#### B. [Terminations](#)

1. Anne Marie Fardo, probationary Teacher Aide has been terminated effective June 30, 2024.

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

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

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yes: Silvia Robles, Alexander Dal Piaz, David Barone, Catherine DiMartino, Maureen Lennon-Santana

### 5. SECOND PUBLIC COMMENT

#### A. Second Public Comment

- No public comment

## 6. BOARD OF EDUCATION COMMENTS

### A. [Board Comments](#)

- Silvia Robles highlighted the importance of onboarding new trustees, especially in understanding financial information. She suggested meetings with budget officials, Maureen, and Melissa for practical insights.
- Dr. McKersie plans to facilitate onboarding with meetings involving principals, special ed administrators, and the budget officials. He stressed the value of orientation and structured trustee meetings.
- Alex Dal Piaz agreed with the proposed orientation and emphasized the accessibility and usefulness of meeting with Keane and Beane.
- Dr. McKersie noted that he and Dr. Szymanski will facilitate the board retreat. Participants are encouraged to complete light homework and skim assigned chapters to enhance discussions. Emphasis is on practical tools and active learning.

## 7. ADJOURNMENT

### A. [Adjournment](#)

- Motion to adjourn the meeting.

Motion by David Barone, second by Catherine DiMartino.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yes: Silvia Robles, Alexander Dal Piaz, David Barone, Catherine DiMartino, Maureen Lennon-Santana

*Melissa DeLaBarrera*

**Submitted by:**

**Melissa DeLaBarrera**

**District Clerk**