# HUDSONVILLE PUBLIC SCHOOLS REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES

3886 Van Buren Street March 14, 2024 6:00 P.M.

Members Present: Bolhuis, Chanski, Davis, DeWitt, Hall, Hooper, Sneden

Administrators Present: Armstrong, Beel, Briggs, Crete, Fast, Geerling, Gillette, Heagle, McClure, Meersma,

Mucha, Ross, Stefanich, Szymanski, Taylor, Thomas, VanderJagt, Verwys, Waldie

President Hooper called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

## Pledge of Allegiance

## Approval of Agenda

Dr. Hooper suggested adding an additional agenda item for the board to go into closed session at the conclusion of the meeting. Motion by Sneden, supported by Chanski to approve the addition to the current agenda. Ayes: All Motion Carried

## **Public Hearing for Sex Education Advisory Board Curriculum Recommendation**

Ami Taylor, Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum and Instruction, shared the recommendation of the SEAB for the board to approve updated 5<sup>th</sup> grade boys and girls puberty videos. A time for public comment on the recommendation. The following individuals addressed the board:

Gwen Snoeyink Dana O'Dell

## **Teaching and Learning Feature**

English Language Facilitator Aimee Dittmer and teacher Breanna Brink provided the board with an update on the English Language Learner program. The program currently serves 148 students.

## **Recognition of Visitors and Hearing of People Present**

President Hooper opened the floor to the audience. The following addressed the board:

Gwen Snoeyink Jill Bosnjak

#### Action Items - Consent Agenda

Motion DeWitt, supported by Davis to approve the following consent agenda items:

- 1. Approval of Minutes
  - Regular Meeting February 8, 2024
  - Special Meeting February 15, 2024
  - Work Session February 26, 2024
  - Special Meeting March 4, 2024
- 2. Trip Requests
  - Girl's Water Polo, Lincolnshire, IL, April 19-20, 2024
  - High School, Europe, June 8-19, 2026
- 3. Presentation of Bills

The following is an analysis of the payments:

 Payroll
 \$3,865,739.88

 Benefits
 3,171,557.00

 Accounts Payable
 1,105,228.70

 Total General Fund
 \$8,142,525.58

Ayes: All Motion Carried

## **Elementary Math Textbook Purchase Recommendation (C ST 3)**

Motion by Sneden, supported by Bolhuis to approve the recommendation to purchase the Bridges in Mathematics textbooks for \$304,738.18 as presented by Ami Taylor, Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum and Instruction. Ayes: All

Motion Carried

## **AP Physics Textbook Purchase Recommendation (C ST 2)**

Motion by DeWitt, supported by Sneden to approve the recommendation to purchase Physics for Scientists and Engineers: A Strategic Approach for \$7,180.00 as presented by Ami Taylor, Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum and Instruction. Ayes: All

Motion Carried

#### **Maintenance Mower Purchase Recommendation**

Motion by DeWitt, supported by Bolhuis to approve the recommendation to purchase one Ventrac 4520N, 32.5 horse power, all-wheel drive tractor with an HQ 682 tough cut 68" front mower attachment from Spartan Distributors of Sparta, Michigan at a price not to exceed \$35,673 plus reasonable associated costs as presented by Patrick Briggs, Assistant Superintendent of Business and Finance. Ayes: All Motion Carried

## **Technology E-Rate Purchase Recommendation**

Motion by Davis, supported by Chanski to approve the recommendation to purchase eight Cisco network switches and 96, seven-year licenses (including software updates, maintenance, and tech support) through Sentinel Technologies of Downers Grove, Illinois, for a total amount of \$157,722 as presented by Patrick Briggs, Assistant Superintendent of Business and Finance. Ayes: All Motion Carried

# 5th Grade Boys and 5th Grade Girls Updated Puberty Video Recommendation

Motion by Bolhuis, supported by Sneden to approve the recommendation to purchase updated 5<sup>th</sup> grade boys and 5<sup>th</sup> grade girls puberty video streaming contracts for a total amount of \$2000.00 as presented by Ami Taylor, Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum and Instruction. Ayes: All Motion Carried

# **High School Testing Schedule**

Motion by DeWitt, supported by Bolhuis to approve the change to the high school spring testing daily schedule as presented by Dr. VanderJagt. Ayes: All Motion Carried

#### **Student Council Report**

Jane Tacoma, Senior, reported the proceeds from the winter dance totaled \$3000. She reported the council will be hosting a parent's night out event and a blood drive on March 22. Students will gear up for spring break with spirit days the week of March 25.

## **Building Reports**

Georgetown Elementary Principal Randy Waldie shared that some board members will be mystery readers at Georgetown next week. He thanked Shelly VanKoevering and Tara Neinhuis have done exceptional work with the American Heart Association student fund raiser.

Jamestown Lower Elementary Principal Pete Geerling shared details about a "Battle of the Book Bracket" the school was participating in honor of March reading month. He also shared that on Friday's they are enjoying their "drop everything and read" Zoom time.

Baldwin Middle School Principal Ryan Crete shared the excitement of the links basketball games. He reported that state assessment testing would be administrated electronically this year the week after spring break. He thanked all of the board members who have participated in special events this school year.

High School Principal Jordan Beel shared details about the weekend's spring musical, "Mary Poppins." He invited board members to the March 22 Ann Pasquino Memorial Special Education Eagle Basketball Tournament from 8:30 a.m. - 2:15 p.m.

## Superintendent

Dr. VanderJagt, Superintendent, informed the board of the coding following the textbook purchase recommendation on the agenda. These coding's reflect strategic planning goals. He provided the board with draft dates for meetings during the 2024-25 school year and asked them to reach out to him if there were any date conflicts.

## **Closed Session**

Motion by Bolhuis, supported by Sneden to go into closed session to review a letter from legal counsel. Ayes: All Motion Carried

Regular Session Motion by Davis, supported by Bolhuis to return to regular session. Ayes: All Motion Carried

## **Adjournment**

Motion by Sneden, supported by Bolhuis to adjourn 7:32 p.m. Ayes: All Motion Carried

Robin VandenBerg, Recording Secretary for the Board of Education