

HUDSONVILLE PUBLIC SCHOOLS
REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES
3886 Van Buren Street
January 18, 2024
6:00 P.M.

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

Administrators Present: Armstrong, Beel, Briggs, Crete, Fast, Gillette, Heagle, McClure, Meersma, Mucha, Ross, Stefanich, Taylor, Thomas, VanderJagt, VanSomeran, Verwys, Waldie

Dr. VanderJagt, Superintendent, called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Approval of Agenda

Motion by Bolhuis, supported by Sneden to approve the agenda as presented. Ayes: All
Motion Carried

Election of Board of Education Officers

Dr. VanderJagt, Superintendent, opened the floor to accept nominations for president.

Motion by Sneden, supported by DeWitt to nominate Hall for president.

Motion by Chanski, supported by Davis to nominate Hooper for president.

Roll Call Vote: Bolhuis-Hooper, Chanski-Hooper, Davis-Hooper, DeWitt-Hall, Hall-Hall, Hooper-Hooper, Sneden-Hall

Motion Carried - Hooper will hold the office of president.

President Hooper opened the floor for nominations for the remaining offices:

Vice-President-

Motion by Chanski, supported by Davis to nominate Bolhuis for vice-president.

Ample time was provided and no other nominations were made.

Motion by Davis, supported by Bolhuis to close the nominations.

Motion to accept the nomination and elect Bolhuis for vice-president. Ayes: All
Motion Carried

Secretary-

Motion by Hall, supported by Bolhuis to nomination Sneden for secretary.

Ample time was provided and no other nominations were made.

Motion by Hall, supported by DeWitt to close the nominations.

Motion to accept the nomination and elect Sneden for Secretary. Ayes: All
Motion Carried

Treasurer-

Motion by Hooper, supported by Davis to nominate Chanski for treasurer.

Ample time was provided and no other nominations were made.

Motion by Bolhuis, supported by Sneden to close the nominations.

Motion to accept the nomination and elect Chanski for Treasurer. Ayes: All

Motion Carried

Assistant Secretary/Treasurer-

Motion by Chanski, supported by Hooper to nominate DeWitt for Assistant Secretary/Treasurer.

Ample time was provided and no other nominations were made.

Motion by Sneden, supported by Hall to close the nominations.

Motion to accept the nomination and elect DeWitt for Assistant Secretary/Treasurer. Ayes: All

Motion Carried

Teaching and Learning Feature

Sixth grade music teachers shared highlights of this year's required music electives which include band, choir, orchestra, and creative music.

Knights of Columbus Presentation

Tonino Michienzi, Deputy Grand Knight, present a check for \$2,312.66 to the Special Services Department.

Recognition of Visitors and Hearing of People Present

No one requested to address the board.

Action Items – Consent Agenda

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

1. Approval of Minutes

- Regular Meeting – December 14, 2023

2. Presentation of Bills

The following is an analysis of the payments:

Payroll	\$5,933,752.26
Benefits	4,140,695.71
Accounts Payable	<u>840,056.59</u>
Total General Fund	\$10,914,504.56

Ayes: All

Motion Carried

Staff Appreciation Resolution

Motion by DeWitt, supported by Sneden to approve the Staff Appreciation Resolution establishing the week of May 6, 2024, as Staff Appreciation Week and May 7, 2024, as Staff Appreciation Day as presented by Dr. VanderJagt, Superintendent. Ayes: All

Motion Carried

New Course Recommendations – 2nd Reading

Motion by Hall, supported by Sneden to approve the following new course recommendations as presented by Ami Taylor, Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum and Instruction:

STEAM – 7th grade Automation and Robotics B
AP Studio Art

Ayes: All

Motion Carried

Board Policy Additions/Revisions – 2nd Reading

Motion by DeWitt, supported by Bolhuis to approve the 2nd and final reading of the following policy additions/revisions as presented by Dr. VanderJagt, Superintendent:

1540 – Administrative Staff Reductions/Recalls
2370.01 – On-Line/Blended Learning Program
7217 – Weapons
7540.03 – Student Technology Acceptable Use and Safety
8305 – Information Security
8531 – Free and Reduced-Price Meals

Ayes: All

Motion Carried

Student Council Report

Jane Tacoma, Senior, shared that the student pep rally on December 22 held in the new fieldhouse was amazing. She reported that elections for executive board for the 2024-2025 school year will take place in February. Jane reported that this week's blood drive resulted in 94 successful draws with 30 first time donors. Student Council members are finalizing plans for the Snowcoming on February 16.

Building Reports

Alward Elementary Principal Heidi Mucha shared how proud she was of students for their ways of welcoming new students to their school. She reported that the third and fourth grade student leadership teams are planning for a presentation to the parent club board and an assembly for reading month. She shared that staff members are doing a fantastic job recognizing and awarding two staff members per week.

Early Childhood Center Director Rebecca VanSomeran shared that she is honored to be part of the Hudsonville team. She shared that one of their initiatives this year is holding building assemblies to prepare students for larger group learning. During the assemblies they are promoting positive behavior interventions and supports and having students participate in team activities.

Melanie McClure, 5/6 Building @ Georgetown Principal, thanked her music team for presenting the teaching and learning feature sharing that the positive feedback she has received from parents regarding the music programs is a testament to their leadership. She shared that many of their students are passionate about not leaving a carbon footprint and are brainstorming ways to reduce waste.

High School Principal Jordan Beel reported that the parent summer science meeting took place last week. This year they have sixty-five student applicants which is one of the largest groups in their history. He thanked Chris Bolhuis and Andrew DeWitt for their commitment to this class offering. He reported that they are preparing for their 8th grade parent night showcase. He thanked Dr. VanderJagt for making well thought out snow day calls to keep our students safe.

Superintendent

Representative Brad Slagh gave a legislative update to the board and asked to be invited to read to students for reading month in March.

Dr. VanderJagt presented the board with a draft of the SOAR V newsletter for their review.

He reported that we have used four of the six allotted snow days. He shared that we could apply for a waiver of up to three days if we needed to. He thanked Pat Briggs and Rob Matthews for checking roads each day to help him make the decision.

Adjournment

Motion by Hall, supported by Bolhuis to adjourn 7:10 p.m. Ayes: All
Motion Carried

Robin VandenBerg, Recording Secretary for the Board of Education