

HUDSONVILLE PUBLIC SCHOOLS
WORK SESSION MINUTES
3886 Van Buren Street
January 22, 2024
6:00 p.m.

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

Administrators Present: Armstrong, Beel, Briggs, Bush, Geerling, Fast, McClure, McDowell, Meersma, Taylor, Thomas, VanderJagt, VanSomeran

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

Approval of Agenda

Motion by Davis, supported by DeWitt to approve the agenda as presented. Ayes: All
Motion Carried

Recognition of Visitors and Hearing of People Present

President Hooper opened up the floor to the audience. The following addressed the board:
Mindy VandenHeuvel
Aron Duby

High School Band Update

High School Band Director Craig VanderWall and Principal Jordan Beel provided an update on the band program. They are proposing requiring marching band for all band students entering the high school starting with the class of 2028.

Positive Behavior Interventions & Intervention Supports (PBIS) Review

The administrative committee for PBIS provided an update on PBIS. The team explained the why, the three-tier system, what teachers think about the program, common myths, prior staff trainings, FERPA requirements, and next steps.

Sex Education Advisory Board Update

Ami Taylor, Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum and Instruction, provided a draft handout of items the advisory board would like to add the district website. She also informed the board of an updated 5th grade puberty video that will come before them for approval. Approval of the video will require two public hearings which will take place on February 26 and March 14.

High School Science Courses Review

Ami Taylor, Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum and Instruction, shared a list of current high school science courses for board review.

Superintendent Goals

Dr. VanderJagt provided five draft goals. The board held discussion and provided feedback to refine some of the proposed goals.

Trip Requests

Dr. VanderJagt presented spring break trip requests to Florida for the high school baseball and softball teams.

Policy Additions/Revisions

Dr. VanderJagt reviewed the following board policy additions/revisions:

- 0122 – Board Powers
- 1420 – School Administrator Evaluation
- 3120 – Employment of Professional Staff
- 3130 – Assignment and Transfer
- 3131 – Staff Reductions/Recalls
- 3139 – Staff Discipline
- 3140 – Termination and Resignation
- 3142 – Probationary Teachers
- 3220 – Professional Staff Evaluation
- 6520 – Payroll Deductions
- 8300 – Continuity of Organizational Operations Plan

Board Recognition Month

Dr. VanderJagt thanked the board for their service and dedication to the district.

Board Code of Conduct Review (#6-10)

Dr. Hooper read numbers 6-10 of the Board Code of Conduct and the board discussed each statement. Dr. Hooper suggested the board to take the MASB self-assessment tool. Dr. VanderJagt offered to contact Jay Bennett to schedule a date.

Adjournment

Motion by Bolhuis, supported by DeWitt, to adjourn at 9:34 p.m. Ayes: All

Motion Carried

Robin VandenBerg, Recording Secretary for the Board of Education