

**HUDSONVILLE PUBLIC SCHOOLS
WORK SESSION MINUTES
3886 Van Buren Street
October 30, 2023**

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

Administrators Present: Armstrong, Beel, Briggs, Fast, Matthews, Taylor, Thomas, VanderJagt

President Hooper called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

Approval of Agenda

Motion by Sneden, supported by Bolhuis 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:

Gwen Snoeyink
Mindy VandenHeuvel

Audit

Joel Korson, Maner Costerisan Certified Public Accounts, gave an audit presentation for the year ended June, 30, 2023. Results were as follows:

Financial Statements - *Unmodified opinion*.
Federal Awards - Unmodified opinion - No significant deficiencies or material weaknesses
Audited bond expenditures in accordance with Section 1351a - *District is in compliance*.
Audited sinking fund expenditures in accordance with Section 1212 - *District is in compliance*.

SOAR V Draft

Administrative leaders Ami Taylor, Jordan Beel, Anne Armstrong, Mandy Thomas, and Patrick Briggs gave an overview of short, long, and on-going SOAR V goals in the areas of Curriculum, Co-Curricular, Human Resources, Special Services, Finance / Building and Site. These goals will come before the board for the first reading at the November 9 meeting.

Bus Bid Review

Patrick Briggs, Assistant Superintendent of Business and Finance, reviewed a recommendation to purchase two Thomas Minotour 14 passenger school buses, five Thomas Saf-T-Liner C2 77 passenger school buses, and one Thomas Saf-T-Liner C2 77 passenger school bus with air conditioning and a wheelchair lift from Hoekstra Transportation of Grand Rapids, Michigan at a cost not to exceed \$1,062,347 plus reasonable associated costs.

Diversity Advocacy Committee

Mandy Thomas, Director of Special Services, reported that the Diversity Advocacy Committee has met once at the beginning of the school year. They are still in the early stages of their committee work and have identified ways to identify a problem of practice and are exploring avenues to be proactive.

State Assessment Data

Ami Taylor, Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum and Instruction, reviewed a presentation on Spring 2023 academic data. The report focused on Hudsonville Public scores compared to Ottawa County Public Schools, and state-wide peer group schools. She also reported on SAT scores, Advanced Placement scores, and graduation and dropout rates compared to the two groups. Dr. VanderJagt shared that building administrators were meeting to plan strategies for future testing cycles.

Enrollment

Dr. VanderJagt presented the following from last fall count to this year's fall count: Cohort changes, building changes, student transfers in/out, and Hudsonville/Georgetown housing metrics from 2020 to present.

Non-Homestead Options

Dr. VanderJagt discussed options for the board to consider for the May non-homestead millage election. Currently, the millage goes before voters for a yearly renewal. Other options would be to bring a four-year proposal before voters and after four years bring a five-year renewal to voters so that it would be on the same schedule as the Sinking Fund Renewal election.

High School Courses – Math

Ami Taylor, Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum and Instruction, presented the current high school math courses for review.

Trip Requests

Dr. VanderJagt presented out of state/overnight trip requests for Riley Street Middle School 8th grade choir, high school marching band, and high school winter color guard. These will be brought before the board for approval at the November regular meeting.

Board Code of Conduct Review – Codes 1-5

At the September 18 regular meeting the board discussed setting goals for the board. It was suggested to develop goals from the Board's Code of Conduct that is signed annually. The board discussed items 1-5:

1. I will fairly and equally represent all students under the care of Hudsonville Public Schools, recognizing the number one concern is the educational welfare of all students.
2. I will conduct business of the board openly and honestly and avoid any conflict of interest.
3. I understand and recognize that I, alone, have no legal authority but rather our authority which include actions and decisions as a board is by majority vote.
4. I will ensure the decisions of the board are supported and enacted even if I do not personally agree nor possibly voted for the ultimate outcome.
5. I understand my role as a board member centers around hiring and evaluating the superintendent of schools and developing School Board of Education policy.

Adjournment

Motion by Davis, supported by DeWitt, to adjourn at 9:43 p.m. Ayes: All
Motion Carried

Robin VandenBerg, Recording Secretary for the Board of Education