

**HUDSONVILLE PUBLIC SCHOOLS
REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES
3886 Van Buren Street
November 9, 2023
6:00 P.M.**

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

Administrators Present: Armstrong, Briggs, Crete, Fast, Geerling, Gillette, Heagle, Meersma, Mucha, Stefanich, Szymanski, Taylor, Thomas, VanderJagt, VanSomeren, Waldie

President Barb Hooper 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

Teaching and Learning Feature

High School business teacher Chad Sytsma and students Carissa Maiville and Emmi Poelman shared their experiences from the Women in Construction event presented by female professionals in the construction industry. This event offered the opportunity to discover and experience a traditionally viewed male-oriented career. Mr. Sytsma also reported on Discover Manufacturing event which is a regional talent council collaboration between manufacturers, education, economic development and workforce development, convened by West Michigan Works! and recognized as a critical resource to our region's manufacturers in supporting their long-term talent needs.

Recognition of Visitors and Hearing of People Present

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

Mindy VandenHeuvel
Genna Brong
Jill Bosnjak
Jennifer Johnson

Action Items – Consent Agenda

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

1. Approval of Minutes
 - Regular Meeting – October 12, 2023
 - Work Session – October 30, 2023
2. Trip Requests
 - Riley Street Middle School, 8th grade choir, Chicago, IL, May 17-18, 2023
 - High School Band, Orlando, FL, December 26, 2024-January 1, 2025
 - High School Winter Guard, Frankfort, IL, February 23-25, 2024
 - High School Winter Guard, Dayton, OH, April 10-14, 2024

3. Presentation of Bills

The following is an analysis of the payments:

Payroll	\$4,041,321.68
Benefits	3,051,391.40
Accounts Payable	<u>810,633.95</u>
Total General Fund	\$7,903,347.03

Ayes: All

Motion Carried

Resolution to Accept Audit Report

Motion by Sneden, supported by Hall to accept the audit report for year ended June 30, 2022, as presented by Patrick Briggs, Assistant Superintendent of Business and Finance. Ayes: All
Motion Carried

Bus Bid Recommendation

Motion by Hall, supported by Bolhuis to approve the 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 as presented by Patrick Briggs, Assistant Superintendent of Business and Finance. Ayes: All
Motion Carried

Summer Tax Resolution

Motion by Sneden, supported by Bolhuis to approve the summer tax resolution as presented by Patrick Briggs, Assistant Superintendent of Business and Finance. Ayes: All
Motion Carried

SOAR V Goals – 1st Reading

Motion by Hall, supported by Sneden to accept the first reading of the SOAR V goals as presented by Dr. VanderJagt, Superintendent. Ayes: All
Motion Carried

Elementary Course Approval

Motion by Sneden, supported by Bolhuis to approve the elementary courses as presented by Ami Taylor, Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum and Instruction. Ayes: All
Motion Carried

High School Math Course Approval

Motion by Bolhuis, supported by Sneden to approve the high school math courses as presented by Ami Taylor, Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum and Instruction. Ayes: All
Motion Carried

Student Council Report

Jane Tacoma, Senior, reported that the Student Council sponsored blood drive generated 104 participants and they exceeded their goal of 84. Their next blood drive is January 16. The second annual Snowcoming is being planned for January 26 or February 16 following a home basketball game. The council posted encouragement posters for exam week and will treat students to donuts on the last day.

Building Reports

Georgetown Elementary Principal Randy Waldie reported that next week is parent teacher conference week and it will be fun to have parents in the building. He shared that they have had veterans in the building to talk about their service throughout the week. He thanked the parent club for the successful walk-a-thon event sharing that the school has fewer students but raised about the same amount as last year. Grade level winners were able to a “Pie the Guys” event where Dr. VanderJagt graciously took a pie in the face. He reported that the fourth-grade class took a field trip to a STEAM event at the Grand Rapids Griffins arena and they sang the national anthem at the game. He shared that the students have been enjoying the comfort dogs that are training at their building.

South Elementary Principal Mark Heagle shared that there have been several celebrations at South including the walk-a-thon and writing celebrations. Staff are focusing on interventions to help struggling students. Currently, they have 142 out of 395 students who qualify for Title I services. Teachers and support staff are leading the interventions and monitoring progress on each student. Over the year they see numbers drop because students are given strategies to develop the necessary skills. Parent conferences are next week and fifth graders will lead their conferences talking about their strengths and growth points which is a great experience for them.

Baldwin Street Middle School Principal Ryan Crete reported that staff had a recent data drive reviewing testing scores and they had a significant increase in the STAR reading scores and M-STEP success. Since covid they have seen a drop in scores and they are seeing improvement. Currently, 12% of their students require additional academic support. Students are excited to impact many families with the thanksgiving food drive, Shop with a Hero event, and the giving tree project they are launching this year. Music programs are gearing up for the holiday concerts on December 12, 13, and 14. The adapted soccer games were a success with our students with special needs competing against nearby schools.

Assistant High School Principal Joe Szymanski shared that the high school food drive starts on November 10 and students will be putting together food baskets for the community. He reported that the West Michigan Construction Institute that was highlighted in the teaching and learning feature has been impactful for the students that are attending the program. He thanked Chad Sytsma for the career exposure that he shares with students. He shared that exam week was coming to an end and it has been a stressful time for students and staff. He gave a shout out to teachers working on Professional Learning Communities making sure students understand and comprehend standards before they move on to the next learning standard. He shared that the play "Rumors" started that evening and would run through the weekend. He reported that the marching band performed well at Ford Field last weekend and that winter sports start next week.

Superintendent Report

Dr. VanderJagt shared that he has been meeting with townships with possibly share cost for motion activated lighted school zone signs on high-speed roads near our schools hoping to bring awareness to drivers in those areas. He reported that construction bids for the renovations to the Early Childhood Center were opened today and they came in higher than expected. He congratulated Jane Tacoma for being one of the twenty-four students were recognized at the Hudsonville Education Foundation Gala that had over 300 people in attendance. He reminded the board that the December 14 regular meeting would take place at Eagle Auditorium following the ribbon cutting ceremony at the fieldhouse.

Adjournment

Motion by Sneden, supported by Bolhuis to adjourn 7:46 p.m. Ayes: All
Motion Carried

Robin VandenBerg, Recording Secretary for the Board of Education