

**HUDSONVILLE PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
Freshman Campus Media Center  
3370 Allen Street  
March 9, 2023  
6:00 P.M.**

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

Administrators Present: Armstrong, Baer, Beel, Bernard, Briggs, Crete, Geerling, Gillette, Fast, Heagle, McClure, Meersma, Mucha, Szymanski, Taylor, Thomas, VanderJagt, VanSomeren, VerWys, Waldie

Barb Hooper, President, 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

**Student Council Report**

Ethan DeLine, senior, shared the names of next year's executive board. He reported that the snowball dance was a success with over 600 students in attendance. He shared that their next blood drive is scheduled for March 22. Some upcoming events include giving bus drivers M&M's in appreciation of their dedication, graduation on May 22, and seniors being able to leave their mark by painting a brick to be displayed.

**Teaching and Learning Features**

Heidi Newenhouse and Brian Courville, CI Teachers, presented on their Unified and adapted sports programs. These events pairs students with disabilities with their peers and the entire school body looks forward to the competitions each year.

Craig VanderWall, Band Director, and the newly formed Eagle Claw Percussion Ensemble performed for the board.

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

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

Jessica Noble  
MJ Hernandez  
David Bendert  
Benicia Kyle

**Action Items – Consent Agenda**

Motion Hall, supported by Sneden to approve the following consent agenda items:

1. Approval of Minutes
  - Regular Meeting – February 9, 2023
  - Work Session – February 27, 2023
2. Trip Requests
  - Boys Volleyball, Fishers, IN, March 17-19, 2023
  - High School, Puerto Rico, June 15-23, 2025

3. Presentation of Bills

The following is an analysis of the payments:

Payroll	\$3,605,128.78
Benefits	2,862,760.55
Accounts Payable	<u>645,303.87</u>
Total General Fund	\$7,113,193.20

Ayes: All  
Motion Carried

**5/6 Building Furniture Bid Recommendation**

Motion by Hall, supported by Bolhuis to approve the 5/6 building furniture package for a total of \$1,225,226 as presented by Patrick Briggs, Assistant Superintendent of Business and Finance. Ayes: All  
Motion Carried

**eRate Funded Technology Purchase Recommendation**

Motion by Sneden, supported by DeWitt to approve two (2) eRate technology purchase recommendations for a total of \$855,323 as presented by Patrick Briggs, Assistant Superintendent of Business and Finance. Ayes: All  
Motion Carried

**Middle School Science Curriculum Adoption**

Motion by Sneden, supported by Bolhuis to adopt Mi-STAR Science curriculum recommendation as presented by Ami Taylor, Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum and Instruction. Ayes: All  
Motion Carried

**Board Policy Update/Revisions – 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading**

Motion by Sneden, supported by Bolhuis to approve the second and final reading of the updates/revisions to policy 2210-Curriculum Development – Approved Courses as presented by Dr. VanderJagt, Superintendent. Ayes: All  
Motion Carried

**Human Resource Item**

Motion by DeWitt, supported by Sneden to approve the following human resource item as presented by Anne Armstrong, Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources:

Rachel Caswell

Position:	HS Resource
Replacing:	Vacancy due to resignation in September

Ayes: All

Motion Carried

**Superintendent Report**

Dr. VanderJagt, Superintendent, reported that Inter-School Advisory Council parents participated in a tour of the 5/6 building following their meeting on March 3. He shared that invites to parents of current 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> graders, who will attend the new building, were sent an invitation to sign up for a tour on March 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup>. He reported that the main positive feedback from focus groups was our supportive staff and the findings would be shared with the board at the March work session.

**Adjournment**

Motion by Sneden, supported by Hall to adjourn 6:57 p.m. Ayes: All  
Motion Carried

Robin VandenBerg, Recording Secretary for the Board of Education