

**HUDSONVILLE PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
High School Auditorium  
5037 32<sup>nd</sup> Avenue  
May 11, 2023  
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, Olson, Ross, Stefanich, Taylor, VanderJagt, VanSomeran, VerWys, Waldie

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

**Approval of Agenda**

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

**Teaching and Learning Features / Board Recognition**

The board recognized the following students:

Millie Bendert, from Park Elementary, read a book that inspired her to do more! She received the support of Mrs. Stefanich and Millie organized a fundraiser that is now inspiring others.

Juliet Dykema for winning the district fifth grade t-shirt design contest for The 5/6 Building at Georgetown.

The Varsity Winter Guard for winning the 2023 MCGC State Championship in class Scholastic A.

**Student Council Report**

Briella Beemer, junior, reported that Jane Tacoma will be the public relations reported for the 2023-2024 school year. She reported that the Student Council would be handing out ice cream to Renaissance students soon. She said that some of the council students will be volunteering at the Riverbank Run handing out water and cheering them on. She reported that the Student Council's last meeting of the school year will be on Friday and they would meet over the summer to prepare for homecoming.

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

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

Joan Bass  
Carl Wiersum  
Dana O'Dell  
Jamie Rodriguez  
MJ Hernandez  
Tara VanDis  
Stacey Langstraat  
Aron Duby  
Randy Buist  
Emily Brechting  
Jill Bosnjak

**Action Items – Consent Agenda**

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

1. Approval of Minutes
  - Regular Meeting – April 13, 2023
  - Work Session – April 24, 2023
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2. Human Resource Item

- Middle School Athletic Facilitator Job Description

3. Trip Requests

- Marching Band State Finals, Detroit, MI, November 2-4, 2023
- Marching Band Grand Nationals, Indianapolis, IN, November 10-11, 2023

4. Presentation of Bills

The following is an analysis of the payments:

Payroll	\$3,507,146.93
Benefits	2,776,541.19
Accounts Payable	<u>794,538.48</u>
Total General Fund	\$7,078,226.60

Ayes: All

Motion Carried

**SEL Curriculum Recommendation**

Motion by Hall, supported by Sneden that the board approve the recommendation to adopt the RULER curriculum as modified by the District for grades K-5 as presented by Dr. VanderJagt, Superintendent.

Bolhuis-Aye, Chanski-Nay, Davis-Nay, DeWitt-Aye, Hall-Aye, Hooper-Nay, Sneden-Aye

Motion Carried

**Chromebook Purchase Recommendation**

Motion by Sneden, supported by DeWitt to approve the recommendation to purchase 1,750 Dell Chromebooks through People Driven Technology for a total amount of \$407,791 as presented by Patrick Briggs, Assistant Superintendent of Business and Finance. Ayes-All

Motion Carried

**Copier Bid Recommendation**

Motion by Davis, supported by Bolhuis that the board approve a contract with Applied Innovation in the amount of \$911,020.20, payable in sixty-month installments for new networked document imaging systems as presented by Patrick Briggs, Assistant Superintendent of Business and Finance. Ayes-All

Motion Carried

**Radio Contract Recommendation**

Motion by Sneden, supported by DeWitt to approve a contract with Mobile Communications of America in the amount of \$285,042, for reconfiguration and expansion of the district's existing radio communication system as presented by Patrick Briggs, Assistant Superintendent of Business and Finance. Ayes-All

Motion Carried

**Human Resource Items**

Motion by DeWitt, supported by Bolhuis to approve the following certified hires as presented by Anne Armstrong, Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources:

Devin Doublestein

Position: ASD Teacher, 5/6 @ Georgetown

Collin Davis

Position: Social Worker

Leigha Zmudka

Position: .5 Speech Pathologist

Belmira Walston

Position: 4th Grade Teacher

Ayes-All

Motion Carried

Motion by Bolhuis, supported by DeWitt to reluctantly accept the retirement requests for the following certified staff as presented by Anne Armstrong, Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources:

Elizabeth Bocks

High School PE Teacher, 33 years of service

Sheila Bragg-Deyo (retiring 11/10/23)

High School Math Teacher, 23 years of service

Charlotte Greenlund

Georgetown Elementary 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Teacher, 35 years of service

Diane Kahler

South Elementary 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Teacher, 27 years of service

Pamela Lynema

Alward Elementary 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Teacher, 19 years of service

Amy Smith

Baldwin Street Middle School Resource Teacher, 23 years of service

Matt Tanis

Riley Street Middle School Math Teacher, 29 years of service

Kelly Yoakem

Riley Street Middle School Art Teacher, 30 years of service

Ayes-All

Motion Carried

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

Motion by Sneden, supported by Hall to approve the second and final reading of the additions/revisions of the following board policies as presented by Dr. VanderJagt, Superintendent:

1615-Use of Tobacco by Administrators

3215-Use of Tobacco by Professional Staff

4215-Use of Tobacco by Support Staff

5512-Use of Tobacco by Students

7434-Use of Tobacco on School Premises

9160-Public Attendance at School Events

2623-Student Assessment

6325-Procurement-Federal Grants/Funds

8390-Animals on District Property

8400-School Safety Information

Ayes: All

Motion Carried

### **Board Policy Updates/Revisions – 1<sup>st</sup> Reading**

Motion by Hall, supported by Bolhuis to approve the 1<sup>st</sup> reading of the following board policies as presented by Dr. VanderJagt, Superintendent:

9130-Public Complaints

7540.02-Web Accessibility, Content, Apps, and Services

7540.03-Student Technology Acceptable Use and Safety

7540.04-Staff Technology Acceptable Use and Safety

8305-Information Security

8315-Information Management

9700.01-Advertising and Commercial Activities

Ayes-All

Motion Carried

**Superintendent Report**

Dr. VanderJagt, Superintendent, thanked the retirees for their 219 combined years of service. He reported the high school store is slated to move to their new location in the connector on Friday and that all high school students would be using the current freshman campus cafeteria next year to start the school year. He reminded the board of the graduation ceremony on May 22 at Hope College where we will be recognizing 478 graduates. He thanked the community for their support for passing the milage and sinking fund election items. Dr. VanderJagt shared that staff were recognized for appreciation for the last two weeks. He thanked and celebrated all staff for their commitment to our district and students.

**Closed Session**

Motion by Hall, supported by Sneden to go into closed session to discuss a legal opinion letter at 9:14 p.m.

Ayes-All

Motion Carried

**Open Session**

Motion by Davis, supported by Sneden to return to open session at 9:40 p.m. Ayes-All

Motion Carried

**Adjournment**

Motion by DeWitt, supported by Davis to adjourn 9:42 p.m. Ayes: All

Motion Carried

Robin VandenBerg, Recording Secretary for the Board of Education