

**HUDSONVILLE PUBLIC SCHOOLS
WORK SESSION MINUTES
Freshman Campus Media Center
3370 Allen Street
June 19, 2023**

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

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

President Hooper called the meeting to order at 6:07 p.m.

Approval of Agenda

Motion by DeWitt, supported by Hall 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 individual addressed the board:
Gwen Snoeyink

Graduation Alliance

Craig Steenstra, Instruction Technology Coordinator, shared information about Graduation Alliance which is a platform for online courses that is currently being used for some of our students in summer school and we plan to use it for our alternative education program in the future. Students would be assigned to mentor teachers from Hudsonville to oversee the online courses. More will be brought to the board at future meetings.

5/6 "Read Room" Book Purchase

Nicole Ball, Library/Media Integration Specialist, and Melanie McClure, 5/6 Building @ Georgetown Principal, shared their process of choosing books for the Read Room at the 5/6 building. Patrick Briggs, Assistant Superintendent of Business and Finance, presented a recommendation to purchase 5,281 library books from Mackin for \$92,462.

Course Approvals

Dr. VanderJagt, Superintendent, presented the current elementary courses for review.

Policy Revisions – 5460-Graduation Requirements

Mandy Thomas, Special Services Director, and a team from the high school presented proposed changes to the current graduation requirements policy. The changes would allow for students with IEP's, students with a Personal Curriculum, and students in the alternate education program to achieve a diploma.

Early Graduation Request

Dr. VanderJagt, Superintendent, presented an early graduation request for the board's consideration.

Advertising at Athletic Events

Dr. VanderJagt, Superintendent, shared that a local business is willing to purchase a new scoreboard at the athletic complex. They would like to put their business name on the back side of the sign. It is current practice not to allow signage advertising. The board had discussion on making exceptions. Future conversations will take place.

Lawn Mower Purchase

Patrick Briggs, Assistant Superintendent of Business and Finance, presented a recommendation to purchase two John Deere 1575T, 37 horse power, four-wheel drive tractors with 72" mower decks and 47" snowblower from GreenMark Equipment at a price not to exceed \$89,130 plus reasonable costs.

Board Appeal Process

President Hooper led a discussion on how the board appeal process could be improved.

Board Relations

The board discussed the need to improve board relations with teachers and different groups of people after reading results of the SOAR V survey comments. Some outcomes included arranging times to have dialogue with teachers at their buildings, scheduling a MASB Self-Assessment Tool meeting, setting goals for improvement, and revisiting the board core values.

Closed Session

Motion by Hall, supported by DeWitt that the board go into closed session to discuss property and security.

Ayes: All

Motion Carried

Regular Session

Motion by Davis, supported by DeWitt that the board go return to regular session. Ayes: All

Motion Carried

Adjournment

Motion by Hall, supported by Bolhuis, to adjourn at 8:37 p.m. Ayes: All

Motion Carried

Robin VandenBerg, Recording Secretary for the Board of Education