

# **HUDSON SCHOOL DISTRICT**

## **Hudson School Board Workshop**

**September 4, 2012**

### **Approved Minutes**

Present            Mr. Lee Lavoie, Chairman  
                      Mrs. Laura Bisson, Vice Chair  
                      Mrs. Patty Langlais  
                      Mr. Lars Christiansen  
                      Mr. Bryan Lane, Superintendent  
                      Dr. Phyllis Schlichter, Assistant Superintendent  
                      Ms. Jeanne Saunders, Director of Special Services  
                      Mrs. Karen Burnell, Business Administrator  
                      Ms. Erin Cannamucio, Finance Director  
                      Mrs. Kate Minichiello, Director of Human Resources

Meeting was called to order at 6:35 pm with Ms. Cannamucio leading the Pledge of Allegiance.

Superintendent began with a statement that the purpose of the meeting was to inform the Board of anticipated revenue and expenditure issues for the 2013-14 budget. With all information, the possible increase without additional input from the schools could be 3.68% with an additional increase of 1% with changes in personnel.

Mrs. Burnell gave an overview of the revenue projections; kindergarten was increased due to increased enrollment.

Mr. Christiansen raised concerns around kindergarten and the need to consider it a 28A issue. He suggested that all costs for kindergarten be separated out and to allow it to be a separate part of the budget. Mr. Christiansen gave an explanation of past Board vote. Mrs. Bisson and Mr. Lavoie clarified some issues around cost and voting.

Ms. Saunders gave a description of the reasons for increases in catastrophic aid and Medicaid reimbursement. Questions and answers around this topic followed.

An explanation of expenditures began following the budget document distributed.

Additional expenditures beyond required costs were:

- Business Liaison being taken out of Perkins Grant / \$1 position in CTE center.
- At-Risk Coordinator – if the Board wanted to move forward/ \$1 position at HMS. Mr. Christiansen questioned the need and inquired why guidance and teachers could not meet the need. Mr. Lane and Mrs. Bisson responded.

- New positions in Special Education needed for preschool and intensive needs program. Ms. Saunders described the needs for these positions.

Mrs. Langlais asked questions about unanticipated increases in health insurance and about shifting some responsibility to employee. Mrs. Minichiello described the issues around life-changing qualifying events that make the district responsible. That began a discussion about changes in contract language for the upcoming contract.

Mrs. Minichiello described the benefits of the AESOP program.

Ms. Saunders described issues around Special Education increases.

Mrs. Langlais asked question about having corporate sponsors brought in to take some of the burden off the tax payer. Superintendent Lane indicated he would follow up on information gathered by Mrs. Langlais.

Mr. Christiansen indicated we need to market our programs better to gain support.

Mrs. Bisson asked what we could give up and if we can offset the increase for Business Liaison by putting some items into the Perkins Grant.

Superintendent spoke about shifting monies from different accounts as information came in. Dr. Schlichter indicated some changes in staff development implementation that could be helpful.

Mr. Christiansen asked about the fee for SERESC at \$15,000. Mr. Lane indicated more information on the benefits of being a SERESC partner would be coming.

Mr. Lavoie indicated that a 4% increase could not be sold to the voters, look to bring it down to 2% as the budget process goes along.

***Mrs. Langlais moves to adjourn, second by Mr. Christiansen. Motion to adjourn passes unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 8:10 pm.***

Respectfully submitted,

Bryan K. Lane  
Superintendent of Schools