

Hillsboro-Deering School District School Board

Regular Meeting Minutes

March 1, 2010

In attendance:

School Board Members-

Chair Paul Plater

John Segedy

Rich Pelletier

Marjorie Porter

Administration-

Dr. Barbara Baker

Ernie Muserallo, Business Administrator

Patty Parenteau, Director of Student Support Services

Helene Bickford, Director of Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment

Donna Stafford, High School Principal

Michael Pon, The Villager

Community members

A. Call to Order

Chair Plater called the meeting to order at 6:03pm.

B. Pledge of Allegiance

Chair Plater led the Pledge of Allegiance and asked for a moment of silence to recognize the deaths of Selectman Paul Haley, and a member of Dr. Baker's family.

C. Spotlight on Students

1. HDES Students from Ms. Smith's grade 3 class-the writing process

Dr. Baker introduced Ms. Smith's class; Ethan Blevens and Katherine Montaniez both explained the writing process.

D. Recognitions

Curtis Hines recognized Skylar Mackenzie for scoring 1,000 points in Basketball.

E. Correspondence

The letter explaining the NHSBA Scholarship program was read by Chair Plater.

Marjorie discussed the letter written by the Communications Committee explaining the Warrant Articles.

F. Public Comment

G. Student Representative's Report-Curtis Hines

High School-The week prior to break held a successful winter carnival which was won by the senior class. May 1st has been set for the Prom which will be held at the Monadnock Country Club. Winter Sports awards night will be March 11th at 6pm. The DECA State Conference will be Wednesday-Friday.

Middle School-There will be a Black and White dance this Friday. There will be a community meeting on the 26th.

Elementary School-There will be a Band Recital at 6:30 pm on the 10th. Eshu, an African dancer, will be visiting the student assembly on the 11th.

H. Superintendent's Report

1. HS Principal Search Committee

Dr. Baker discussed the nominations for the Principal Search Committee and is waiting to hear from the Board and the Federation. The Board discussed who should be on the committee. These choices will be made at 5 o'clock on March 15th . The information that will go into the posting was discussed.

I. Business Administrator's Report

1. Grounds Maintenance Contracts Discussion

Ernie provided an invitation to bid for grounds maintenance services. This will be discussed further in non-public session. Chair Plater felt that the community expects this.

J. Old Business

1. HS Trimester Schedule

Donna brought the Board up to date on the work done on the trimester schedule. The committee that has worked on this explained with a PowerPoint presentation.

Paul asked about the number of teachers and was told it would take the same number of staff.

Marjorie asked about AP classes. Those that meet for a full year get 2 credits. With the trimester schedule they will be meeting for less time. Marjorie was told that they will then earn 1.5 credits. Scores have been in the National average range. She then asked about the student teacher ratio and planning blocks. The number of students may be increased while the prep time is being decreased. Marjorie asked about classes that would be offered for one trimester. Donna said she would provide a colored draft matrix of classes to the Board members.

Rich asked about the transition and if the teachers would be ready (delivery and instruction). Liz explained that the planning is adjusted on a day to day basis anyway. The need for professional development time was brought up. Donna said that the rest of meeting times in the schedule have been dedicated to staff development. Rich then asked how the upcoming seniors will deal with the credit change and was told that the graduation credits have gone from 26 to 24. Rich clarified that he is more concerned with the student who may need two credits in, for example, English. The credit recovery, online, summer school and other options were explained. There are ways to meet the needs of students needing core credits.

John asked how many periods Freshman Academy will take and was told four out of the five. He asked about music and was told that those decisions will not be made without Mrs. Welch.

A short break was taken at 8pm.

John continued with his questions. He asked about specific courses and AP offerings.

Marjorie asked how delayed opening days would be treated and was told that periods would be shorter as it is done now.

2. Race to the Top Grant Discussion

Dr. Baker did not apply because there are still too many unanswered questions and it also involves negotiations. The district currently has enough on its plate. This is something that the new superintendent may want to take on. John feels that it may hurt the district by waiting and Marjorie responded that there are too many strings attached that may end up causing more damage than good.

K. Minutes- February 15, 2010

Tabled until the next meeting.

M. Public Comment

Beffa acknowledged the hard work that went into the PowerPoint presentation and how good it looks on paper. She still has concerns about the scheduling/master schedule.

She then brought up the received schedule of things to do from January 9, 2009 including curriculum and developing new courses. Many things have not been done yet.

John Bramley said he is in favor of the trimester schedule but does not think the school is ready. He is glad that they will be talking about it on Wednesday, as a faculty. He then asked about

the principal search committee.

Brian, from the high school, said that work has been done on the trimester schedule and they can be ready.

N. Action Items

1. Appointments, Leaves and Resignations

Certified Staff:

RESIGNATIONS:

Martha Browne – HDHS Library Media Specialist, retirement, effective 6/30/2010

Kathy Lassey – HDMS Grade 6 Teacher, retirement, effective 6/30/2010

Non-Certified Staff:

APPOINTMENTS:

Lydia Bailey – HDES Paraeducator, \$10.19/hr., 3.25 hrs./day, effective 3/1/10

Dawn Marshall - HDES Office Paraprofessional, temporary position, \$10.19/hr., 4 hrs./day, effective 3/2/10

Marjorie and John both want it known that resignations are being accepted with regret.

Motion to approve made by Marjorie, seconded by John and approved 4-0.

2. HS Trimester Schedule

Rich continues to be concerned about the teachers being ready. Marjorie would like to see the course handbook. She noted that some teachers who have expressed concern have found themselves in uncomfortable positions. Dr. Baker asked for the indicator of preparedness.

Marjorie made a motion to put the trimester schedule off until next year, seconded by John. Motion failed 1-3; Paul, John and Rich voted against.

3. Board Members for Principal Search Committee

Motion to table this made by John, seconded by Rich and approved 4-0.

John made a motion to sanction Rich, no second.

O. Non-Public Session-RSA 91-A:3 II (c)

Motion to go into non-public session made by Marjorie, seconded by Rich.

Paul, yes; Rich, yes; John, yes; Marjorie, yes.

P. Call Back to Order

Chair Plater called the meeting back to order at 9:08pm.

Q. Action Following Non-Public Session

Marjorie motioned to follow the Business Administrator's recommendations for Grounds and Plow contracts as discussed in non-public session; seconded by Rich and approved 3-1 with Paul

casting the dissenting vote.

Motion to seal the minutes of the non-public session made by Marjorie, seconded by John and approved 4-0.

R. Non-Public Session RSA 91-A:3 II (a)

Motion to go into a second non-public session made by Rich and seconded by Marjorie.

S. Action Following Non-Public Session

Motion to seal the minutes made by Marjorie, seconded by Rich and approved 4-0.

T. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn made by Marjorie, seconded by Rich and approved 4-0.

Respectfully Submitted,

Shelly Gardner, Board Secretary

The next Hillsboro-Deering School Board will be held on Monday, March 15, 2010 at 6:00pm in the HDES Media Center