

H-D SCHOOL BOARD PUBLIC HEARING
AND SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
April 1, 2024 at 5:45 PM
H-D Elementary School Media Center

MINUTES

Present:

Administration:

Jennifer Crawford, Superintendent
Grant Geisler, Business Manager
Jeni Laliberte, Dir. of Curriculum and Instruction & Assessment
Stacey Vazquez, Director of Student Support Services
Mark Nichols, Maintenance Director
Jim O'Rourke, HS Principal
Marc Peterson, MS Principal
Robin Whitney, HDES Lower Principal
Nicole Barton, HDES Upper Principal
Justin Parsils, Assistant Principal
Brian McGinn, Interim Assistant Principal

Hillsboro-Deering School Board:

Chris Bober, Chair
Paul Plater, Vice Chair
Michael Kenney
Krista Davison

PUBLIC HEARING

The purpose of this hearing is to accept two SAFE Grants in the amounts of up to \$100,000 each in accordance with RSA 198:20-b .

A. Call Public Hearing to Order 5:45 Bober calls to order

- 1) Announcement as to the presence of a quorum, that the meeting has been duly called, and the notice of the meeting having been posted for time and in the manner required by law. *Public announcement that the meeting is being audio recorded and will appear on the internet at www.hdsd.org.*

B. Pledge of Allegiance and Moment of Silence

C. Presentation of SAFE Grants information

- 1) The State put out the 3rd round of grant money available for safety projects with specific criteria to use the funds. Three categories: access control, emergency alerting, and surveillance. The funds will be used to upgrade our public address systems. We applied for each of the HD schools and we were awarded \$100,000 each for HDMS and HDHS. We're on the wait list for HDES. Any monies not spent will go to an ES project. Hopeful that we'll get the HDES grant as well and, if so, that would be a different hearing later on.

D. Public Comment and Questions

- 1) Board questions – none.
- 2) **Public questions** –
 - a) Riche Colcombe questioned the intended use for the grant funds.

E. Close Public Hearing

- 1) Bober closed the public hearing at 5:52 PM.

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F. Call Meeting to Order at 5:52PM

G. Review Hillsboro-Deering School Board Norms

H. Correspondence-none

I. Recognitions-none

J. Public Comment- Limited to five minutes per person

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- 1) Riche Colcombe spoke about the donation fund
- 2) Bober asked if anyone else wants to speak? No
- 3) Bober stated he took notes and will get back to Riche on her concerns.

K. Consent Agenda (*action needed*)

- 1) Approve Minutes – March 18, 2024
- 2) Appointments, Leaves and Resignations
- 3) 24-25 Nominations List
- 4) Facilities Use Request
 - a) Camp Manahan – Animal Exhibit Presentation at HDMS on July 23rd, 9:00AM-Noon (in case weather prevents the exhibit at Manahan); waiver request of \$65 for building use fee
 - b) AAU Basketball Practice; HDMS Gym April 30-June 30; 2 nights/week 6:00 PM-9:00 PM; waiver request of \$1,170 for building use (9 weeks@ \$130/week).
- 5) Policies Update:
 - a) IC School Year and School Year Calendar – Final Board Approval
- 6) KCD Public Gifts – Final Board Approval
 - a) Pull Policy KCD from consent agenda and send back to policy committee for additional info.
 - b) Kenney moves to pull, seconded by Plater; passed 4-0-0
- 7) Plater moves to approve consent agenda, seconded by Davison; passed 4-0-0.
 - a) Note to pull AAU facilities request; Plater asked for clarification on games vs. practices.
 - b) Request to waive the building use fee of \$1,170. No additional custodial fee as this is during the regularly staffed time. Plater had concerns about additional people on campus.
 - c) Plater moves to approve AAU waiver request; Davison seconds. Passed 4-0-0

L.) Student Representative's Report – Mason Ferwerda

- 1) Snowfall ...
- 2) Pushed back school last meeting due to snow and now it's going to snow again and SATs have to be pushed back, but the seniors end on the same day no matter what.
- 3) HDES has been quiet; students preparing for solar eclipse. Dr. Gibbs presented; CARES program and had fun outside.
- 4) HDMS Dr. Gibbs on March 27 to parents; all school assembly to live by the golden rule.
- 5) HDHS spring sports underway; first games next week; DECA trip in 26 days; financial aid night on April 11 at 6:30; SATs are April 10th; prom tickets still on sale; prom is the 18th; lacrosse team had a tournament and played D1 schools and came out with a record and beat a D1 team.
- 6) Kenney asked if students will be viewing the eclipse, the length of time and appropriate glasses. Crawford confirmed that we were able to get good glasses for all of the HDES and enough to send home. They can have an excused absence or early release if they want to leave to watch it. There will be activities at school and notices were sent home about safety.

M.) Superintendent's Report

- 1) General Update
 - a) Solar eclipse
 - b) Weather – storm is coming and a weather call is scheduled for 3:00 tomorrow and she will let the community know asap on schedules; numerous power outages from last storm and still working on the cleanup from that; SATs were moved to accommodate any school closing due to storm, will be April 10th; HDHS will still be in the building on that day.
 - c) CONVAL lawsuit – appeal was officially filed and all of that will continue to work thru the legal system;
 - d) Public hearings at the State Board of Education on the revisions to the ED rules 306 which, set the minimum standards to public schools; significant set of revisions are happening April 3 and April 14th.
 - e) Funfest May 8th 4:45-6:00 and the Withington award nominations are accepted thru April 12th and recipient will be announced at Funfest.
- 2) Location Change April 15th Hillsboro Deering School Board Meeting at HDHS Media Center
 - a) Location of next HD school board meeting will be at the high school on April 15th;
- 3) Business Manager's Report – Grant Geisler
 - a) March Financial Report – covers March 1st to March 31st. See attached. No questions from Board.
 - b) Budget Transfer- Grant reviewed transfers (see attached). No questions from Board.
 - c) Updated Capital Maintenance Plan – 1 number changed and 1 item was added; we have leaks in the HS gym and it's from the original roof that never made it onto the capital plan so that was added; the boiler replacement will be less than anticipated; that will be presented at the next meeting as they're getting bids right now. We have a company coming in to look at all facilities to make sure we have everything covered and there will be a new plan before next budget cycle. Kenney asked about reconfiguring; Grant clarified that it's just straightening the parking lines; this part will redirect the traffic and fix parking but will not change the square footage of the lot. Mark Nichols clarified that.
 - d) Maintenance/HVAC/Roof Trust Fund Discussion – See attached
 - e) Technology Trust Fund Discussion – See attached.
 - f) Balances for maintenance etc.: See attached

N. Board Discussion

- 1) SAFE Grants
 - a) Any questions from board accepting safe grants? None
- 2) Staff Appreciation
 - a) Double checked the last several years; board voted to give staff gift cards to staff at local restaurants and it's been \$15 each year; do they want to make a motion? Bober stated how they used to have food for each building and this is better so they're not putting food out and shows appreciation. Is it in May? First week in May. Bober likes the idea; board supports doing this recognition.
- 3) Updated Capital Maintenance Plan
 - a) Any questions/concerns? No board questions
- 4) Maintenance/HVAC/Roof Trust Fund
 - a) Any questions/concerns? Jennifer clarified that in order to withdraw money from the trust funds we need to have a public hearing; we're asking for a motion tonight to have a public hearing to address withdrawing the funds; 5:45 on April 15th meeting?
 - b) Bober asked if there were questions? No
- 5) Technology Trust Fund

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- a) Riche Colcombe:
 - a) Questioned if the Trust Fund amounts include latest transfers;
 - b) Questioned whether the LNA position a teaching position;
 - c) Requested a delay in the greenhouse project as the funds could be better used for other needs around the schools; and
 - d) Questioned donation funds.
- 2) 6:50 PM closed public comment.

P. Action Items

- 1) SAFE Grants – Accept two SAFE Grants in the amount of up to \$100,000 each in accordance with RSA 198:20-b
 - a) Motion by Davison to accept the two SAFE grants in the amount of up to \$100,000 each; second by Plater; passed 4-0-0
- 2) Approve Facilities Use Waiver Requests
 - a) Camp Manahan --- done in the consent agenda
 - b) AAU Basketball --- done in the consent agenda
- 3) Approve Staff Appreciation Gift
 - a) Motion to authorize the Superintendent to purchase \$15 gift cards at various restaurants in Hillsboro for staff appreciation gifts. Motion made by Plater; seconded by Kenney; passed 4-0-0
- 4) Updated Capital Maintenance Plan
 - a) Kenney made a Motion to accept the Updated Capital Maintenance Plan as presented; seconded Plater; passed 4-0-0
- 5) Set Public Hearing for Maintenance/HVAC/Roof Trust Fund Withdrawal Request
 - a) Motion to set a public hearing for Maintenance/HVAC/Roof Trust Fund Withdrawal on April 15th at 5:45 made by Bober; seconded by Davison; passed 4-0-0
- 6) Set Public Hearing for Technology Trust Fund Withdrawal Request

- a) Motion for public hearing to set a public hearing for the Technology Trust Fund Withdrawal made by Davison; seconded by Kenney; passed 4-0-0

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

- 1) Davison makes a Motion to enter a non-public session pursuant to RSA 91-A:3, II (c). Seconded by Plater; Motion passed 4-0-0 at 6:57 PM
- 2) Roll call:
 - a) Chris Bober - yes
 - b) Michael Kenney - yes
 - c) Paul Plater - yes
 - d) Krista Davison – yes

R. Call Back to Order

- 1) Bober called the meeting back to order at 7:00 PM

S. Action After Non-Public Session - None

T. Adjournment

- 1) Davison moved to adjourn; Plater seconds; motion passed 4-0-0 at 7:00PM

Respectfully submitted,

Lynn M. Wheeler