

HUDSON CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT  
SPECIAL BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING  
JULY 30, 2012 – 7:00 P.M.  
HUDSON JR. HIGH SCHOOL LIBRARY

Minutes Meeting #3

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The special meeting of the Hudson City School District Board of Education was held on July 30, 2012 at the Hudson Jr. High School library, 215 Harry Howard Ave., Hudson, NY.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The meeting was called to order by Vice President Elizabeth Fout at 7:00 p.m. with the following Board Members in attendance:

**PRESENT:** Elizabeth Fout  
Jeri Chapman  
Kelly Frank  
Tiffany Hamilton  
Carrie Otty  
Peter A. Rice, Jr.

**ABSENT:** Peter D. Merante, Sr.

**ALSO PRESENT:** Superintendent Maria J. Suttmeier

Ms. Frank made a motion, seconded by Ms. Otty, that the Board of Education accept the Board Agenda.

**AGENDA  
ACCEPTED**

Ayes – 6      Nays – 0      **MOTION CARRIED**

Be It Resolved, that the Board of Education, on a motion by Ms. Frank, with a second by Ms. Otty, amend the 2012-2013 calendar as follows:

**2012-2013  
CALENDAR  
AMENDED**

- A. Change Wednesday, September 5, 2012 from a half-day of student attendance in the morning with a half-day of professional development in the afternoon, to a full day of professional development with no student attendance. The first day of student attendance will be Thursday, September 6, 2012.
- B. Change Friday, October 26, 2012 from a full day for a Superintendent’s conference to a half-day of student attendance in the morning and a half-day for a Superintendent’s conference in the afternoon, with the remaining Superintendent’s conference half-day on a date to be determined in March 2013.

Ayes – 6      Nays – 0      **MOTION CARRIED**

Board of Education Goals Discussion -

**BOARD GOALS  
WORKSHOP**

Kelly Frank indicated that goals 1 and 2 from the 2011-12 school year for the Financial/Budget have been met.

Superintendent Maria Suttmeier led the discussion of the following five overarching categories derived from the Board of Education retreat held on July 13 & 14 with Dr. Butterworth facilitating. It was suggested that the Board of Education set a 3-year goal for each category.

1. Achievement
2. Instruction
3. Community
4. Funding
5. Teacher/principal effectiveness

**BOARD GOALS**

There was also a 6<sup>th</sup> category that the Board of Education could consider:

Facilities (reorganizing the district as we look at enrollment, grade bands, common core, etc.)

Discussion took place regarding a new mission statement for our district involving board, parents, administrators, etc.

Another topic discussed was where the focus was going to be; a FOCUS school or a FOCUS district? Would our focus be a K-12 focus rather than focusing on one school?

Much time was devoted to curriculum discussion.

**BOARD GOAL  
SET**

A 15% graduation rate increase over the next three years (i.e. 15 full percentage points over current graduation rate) goal was set by the Board. The administrators will advise the board of the five points they will focus on and then periodically report their progress to the Board.

**ADJOURNED**

On a motion by Ms. Frank, with a second by Ms. Otty, the Board of Education meeting was adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

Ayes – 6

Nays – 0

**MOTION CARRIED**