

**Hudson City School District
Regular Board of Education Meeting
Monday, April 9, 2018 – 6:30 p.m.
Hudson Senior High School Library**

Minutes Meeting #20

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A Regular Meeting of the Hudson City School District Board of Education was held on Monday, April 9, 2018 following the 2018-2019 Educational Plan presentation, in the Hudson Senior High School Library, 215 Harry Howard Avenue, Hudson, NY.

CALL TO ORDER: The regular meeting was called to order by Carrie Otty at 6:00 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance. Dr. Maria Suttmeier, Superintendent, presented the 2018-2019 Educational Plan with a 2.99 percent tax levy and a 3.25 percent tax levy. Board Members will be asked to approve one of scenarios. The following Board Members were in attendance:

PRESENT: Carrie Otty, Board President
Maria McLaughlin, Board Vice President
Sage Carter
Sumayyah Shabazz
Linda Hopkins
Willette Jones
Lucinda Segar
Noah Taylor (Student Representative) Arrived at 6:30 p.m.

ALSO PRESENT: Superintendent Dr. Maria Lagana Suttmeier
Coordinator of School Improvement April Prestipino
School Business Administrator Sharifa Carbon
District Clerk and Clerk of the Board Leslie Coons

PRESENTATION **Presentation:** As part of Dr. Suttmeier’s Educational Plan, Associate Principal, Alyssa Sabbatino, did an informational session on AVID. April Prestipino, Coordinator of School Improvement also elaborated on the new program Camp Invention. Business Administrator, Sharifa Carbon, reviewed the steps to reach the tax levy, and reminded the Board Members of the impact on the calculation for the 2019-2020 budget process.

AGENDA ACCEPTED The regular meeting resumed at 7:21 p.m.

Acceptance of Agenda: Board President, Carrie Otty, made a motion to accept the board meeting agenda with the following additions:

- Add Hand Carry Consensus Agenda items C and D.
- Add Real Properties Discussion to Executive Session.

Board Member, Linda Hopkin, seconded the motion.

Ayes – 7 Nays – 0

MOTION CARRIED

PRESENTATION VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTER RECRUITMENT

Student Representative Report: Student Representative, Noah Taylor, gave the student representative report:

- Classes resumed today after a week of Spring Break.
- The next Creative Career Luncheon will be on April 13, 2018. Carrie Haddad will be the guest speaker.
- Third Quarter High School Report Card Conferences are scheduled for April 17, 2018 from 6 to 8 p.m.
- CASDA College Fair is being held on April 24, 2018 from 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the High School Gym. A third party will be present to register eligible students to vote.

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORT

Student Representative Report (continued):

- Columbia-Greene Community College's Celebration of Excellence will be held on April 25, 2018. Students being honored include Siddique Ahmed, Sharmin Akther, Ummeh Era, Karissa Garbarini, Maison Goldstien, Matthew Haigh, Kacey Crast, Khadija Khan, Kierstin Colloton, Maya Alvarez, Nadia Miah, Sifath Khan, Annalise Tampasis, Noah Taylor, Tayjul Tonmoy, Brianna Tsitsera and Isabelle Waldron.
- On Monday, April 16, 2018, Students in Mr. McDarby's AP Environmental Marine Science class and Ms. Flint's class are taking a trip to the Bronx Zoo.
- The Rotary Students of the Month are Jake McDonald and Byonte Jones.
- A Young Writers Contest is taking place and will be open to grades 9 through 12. There are three categories of writing: Non-Fiction, Fiction, and Poetry. Cash prizes will be awarded.
- The Staff vs. Students Reading Competition is still going on through April 30, 2018. The group to read the most books wins bragging rights.
- The Multicultural Festival, which showcases the student body's diversity, will be held on May 3, 2018, from 1:45 to 3:00 p.m. in the High School Cafeteria and Auditorium.

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORT (continued)

Personnel Agenda: Board President, Carrie Otty, made a motion to accept Personnel Agenda items A through G. Board Member, Willett Jones, seconded the motion.

PERSONNEL AGENDA

Ayes – 7 Nays – 0

MOTION CARRIED

Old Business:

OLD BUSINESS POLICY COMMITTEE

A. Policy Committee:

- 1) Fourth Reading of 5405, Student Wellness – Linda Hopkins made a motion to adopt Policy 5405 with the edits discussed. Board Vice President, Maria McLaughlin, seconded the motion.

ADOPT POLICY 5405 STUDENT WELLNESS

Ayes – 7 Nays – 0

MOTION CARRIED

Public Forum: Parent Angel Hotaling asked the Board specific questions that could not be addressed in a public setting because of FERPA laws. Dr. Suttmeier assured Ms. Hotaling that a meeting would be scheduled for her to address her concerns.

PUBLIC FORUM

Business Administrator Report: Mrs. Sharifa Carbon, School Business Administrator, thanked the board members for their support during the budget process. There was no additional business office update.

BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

Coordinator of School Improvement Report: Ms. Prestipino, Coordinator of School Improvement, reported on the following:

COORDINATOR OF SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT REPORT

- Mind Science of Bias – Administrators and community members attended training on the meaning of Bias and how to recognize Bias, particularly in the school setting. The training fit with the District's Restorative Justice Practices.
- Computer-based testing starts on Wednesday, April 11, 2018 for the NYS Grade 5 English Language Arts exam. All testing will start for grades 3 through 5 on Thursday, April 12, 2018.

Superintendent Report:

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT CAPITAL PROJECT

A. Capital Project:

- Phase I – Shaker Flats has begun installing pads for the additional bleachers.
- Phase II – Framing is now visible from the road. Progress is slightly ahead of schedule.

B. General Updates:

GENERAL UPDATES

- Board President, Carrie Otty, and Board Member, Willette Jones, joined Dr. Suttmeier for the JLE Parent/Teacher Night. Only one parent stopped by. She expressed support for the merge.

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT (continued) Superintendent's Report (continued)

General Updates (continued):

- Farm East Credit is sponsoring a Paint & Sip Night to benefit College Possible, which is a fund to assist Hudson High School Seniors in need of dorm supplies and school supplies as a Freshman student. The event will take place on May 11, 2018 at 6:30 p.m. at the Mount Washington House in Hillsdale, New York. Cost is \$35 per person. Reservations are accepted until all seats are full. Space is limited to 65 participants.
- A solar media event is being planned for May. Stay tuned for details.

CELEBRATING WHAT'S RIGHT

Celebrating What's Right:

- Hudson High School Students took over the radio waves on WGXC for two hours last week. Dr. Suttmeier was pleased at how the students' pride and loyalty for their school resonated throughout the broadcast.
- The Sunshine Committee is working on a Closing Ceremony for John L. Edwards Primary School. The Ceremony is scheduled for June 15, 2018. Ideas are coming together.
- CASDA will honor Board President, Carrie Otty, with an Excellence in School Service Award on April 18, 2018. Ms. Otty shared that the Board had also nominated Dr. Suttmeier for the District Leadership Award, but only one award was given that. Several awards were given to board members. Dr. Suttmeier expressed that Ms. Otty's award was deserved.

CONSENSUS AGENDA

Consensus Agenda: Board President, Carrie Otty, made a motion to accept consensus agenda items A through d. Board Member, Lucinda Segar, seconded the motion.

Ayes – 7 Nays – 0

MOTION CARRIED

- A. Be It Resolved, that the Board of Education adopts the 2018-2019 calendar, as attached.
- B. Be It Resolved, that the Board of Education arranges for placement of students with disabilities (CPSE/CSE meetings held on February 15, 28, March 1, 20, 21, 22, 23, 27, 2018).
- C. **BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education of the Hudson City School District ("District") authorizes the submission of the following proposition to be voted on by the duly qualified and registered voters of the District at the Annual Meeting and Election to be held on May 15, 2018:
 Proposition Funding Repair Reserve Fund
 Shall the Board of Education of the Hudson City School District be authorized to fund the Repair Reserve Fund in the amount of \$715,000 in order to defray the cost of the repair of school district facilities, including but not limited to the Blue Hawk Sports Complex, the source of which funds shall be transferred from unassigned fund balance as of the end of the 2016-2017 school year?
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the District Clerk be authorized to add the language of this proposition to the Legal Notice of the Annual Meeting and Election to be published in newspapers having general circulation within the District.
- D. Be It Resolved, that the Board of Education approves the attached Service Agreement between Hudson City School District and Snowflake Technologies dba Living Tree for the remainder of the 2017-2018 school year.

New Business:

1. As part of the Capital Project, the Varsity Baseball Field is being upgraded. JV and Modified Baseball Teams will be practicing at the MCSIS Field and the Varsity Team will be bussed to the Greenport Town Park. The current school bus run goes to the same area, so there will be no additional cost to bus the athletes.
2. Board Member, Sage Carter, asked about transportation for swim classes. There has not yet been a request for the Board to approve the transportation for the MCSIS students to be transported to the High School for lessons. Dr. Suttmeier will check with Ms. DeDominicis, but feels this usually happens later in the year.
3. Board President, Carrie Otty, made a motion to adopt a proposed budget in the amount of \$48,769,728, which reflects a 3.25 percent tax levy. Board Vice President, Maria McLaughlin, seconded the motion.

Ayes – 7 Nays – 0

MOTION CARRIED

No one signed up to speak in Public Forum.

Upcoming Meeting Dates:

UPCOMING MEETINGS

Board of Education Meetings –

- *Tuesday, April 17, 2018* at 6:30 p.m. – Special Board of Education Meeting (RCG Questar III Annual Budget Vote and Election) at the Hudson Senior High School Library.
- *Tuesday, May 1, 2018* at 6:30 p.m. – Special Board of Education Meeting (Budget Hearing) at the Hudson High School Library.

Committee Meetings/Community Events –

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

- *Friday, April 13, 2018* at 3:15 p.m. – Policy Committee Meeting in the Central Office.

Executive Session: Board President, Carrie Otty, made a motion to enter into executive session at 7:52 p.m. for the purpose of discussing the employment history of a particular person(s) and discussing the sale of real property. Board Member, Willette Jones, seconded the motion. No further business will occur.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Ayes – 7 Nays – 0

MOTION CARRIED

Out of Executive Session: Board Member, Willette Jones, made a motion to exit executive session at 8:30 p.m. Board Member, Lucinda Segar, seconded the motion.

OUT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION

Ayes – 7 Nays – 0

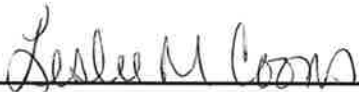
MOTION CARRIED

Adjournment: Board Vice President, Maria McLaughlin, made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 p.m. Board Member, Sumayyah Shabazz, seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned.

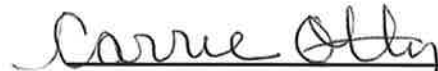
ADJOURNMENT

Ayes – 7 Nays – 0

MOTION CARRIED



**Leslie M. Coons, District Clerk
Board of Education**



**Carrie Otty, President
Board of Education**

HUMAN RESOURCES

Personnel Agenda

April 9, 2018

8.

A. INSTRUCTIONAL STAFF PROBATIONARY PERIOD EXTENSION

| Last Name | First Name | Tenure Area | Location | New Probationary Dates | Former Probationary Dates | Notes |
|------------|------------|-----------------------|----------|------------------------|---------------------------|--|
| 1. Coryell | Julia | English Language Arts | HJHS | 09/01/16-08/31/19 | 09/01/16-08/31/18 | Original probationary appointment was after 07/01/15, when probationary appointments for previously tenured teachers increased to 3 years. |

B. TEACHING ASSISTANT UNPAID LEAVE OF ABSENCE

| Last Name | First Name | Position | Location | Effective Dates |
|-----------|------------|--------------------|----------|-------------------|
| 1. Holze | Toni | Teaching Assistant | MCSIS | 02/05/18-03/29/18 |

C. LUNCH AIDE APPOINTMENT

| Last Name | First Name | Position | Type of Appointment | Location | Hours | Rate of Pay | Effective Date | Notes |
|-----------|------------|------------|--|----------|--------------------|------------------|----------------|---------------------|
| 1. Reed | Sherry | Lunch Aide | Probationary period of no more than 52 weeks | MCSIS | 1.75 hours per day | \$10.40 per hour | 04/09/18 | Posting #N013018-37 |

D. UNPAID LEAVE OF ABSENCE DATE CHANGE

| Last Name | First Name | Position | Location | New Return Date | Notes |
|--------------|------------|---------------------|----------|-----------------|--|
| 1. Tuczynski | Sandra | Food Service Helper | HJHS | 04/09/18 | LOA was previously approved through 05/27/18 |

HUMAN RESOURCES Personnel Agenda

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E. EXTRA-CURRICULAR SPORTS APPOINTMENT*

| Last Name | First Name | Position | Season | Stipend | Effective Date |
|--------------|------------|--|--------|---------|----------------|
| 1. Bernockie | Evan | Boys' Varsity Baseball Assistant Coach | Spring | \$2,996 | 04/10/18 |

F. SUBSTITUTE STAFF APPOINTMENT

| Last Name | First Name | Position | Certification | Rate of Pay | Effective Date |
|-----------|------------|-------------------------------|---------------|------------------|----------------|
| 1. Whalen | Lauren | Substitute Teaching Assistant | Non-Certified | \$12.00 per hour | 04/09/18 |

G. CREATE SUMMER ACADEMIC ACADEMY POSITIONS 2018

| Position (Positions will be filled based on student enrollment) | Location | Hours/Rate of Pay | Effective Dates | Notes |
|--|----------|---|--|-----------------------|
| 1. 4 – Teachers for KD Preview Academy (Gr. K) | JLE | 8 days, 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.; 3 hrs. per day of instruction @ \$47/hr. and 2 hrs. of prep time @ \$42/hr. | 07/30/18-08/02/18 and 08/06/18-08/09/18 | Funding via Title IA |
| 2. 4 – Teachers for Boost Up Academy (Gr. 2) | JLE | 8 days, 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.; 3 hrs. per day of instruction @ \$47/hr. and 2 hrs. of prep time @ \$42/hr. | 07/30/18-08/02/18 and 08/06/18-08/09/18 | Funding via Title IA |
| 3. 1 – Shared ENL Teacher (certified) | JLE | 8 days, 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.; 3 hrs. per day of instruction @ \$47/hr. and 2 hrs. of prep time @ \$42/hr. | 07/30/18-08/02/18 and 08/06/18-08/09/18 | Funding via Title III |
| 4. 5 – Teacher Aides for Kindergarten and Grade 2 Summer Academy | JLE | 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. each day @ contractual rate of pay | 07/30/18-08/02/18 and 08/06/18-08/09/18 | Funding via Title IA |

All appointments are subject to and shall not constitute employment by the District unless and until clearance for employment has been received from the State Education Department relating to fingerprinting and criminal history record check of the prospective school employee, where required by law.

*Appointments are contingent upon successful completion of CPR, AED & First Aid for Coaches