



**Hastings-on-Hudson
Regular Board of Education Meeting
Tuesday, September 13, 2022**

Members present

Doug Sundheim
Jeremy Galland
Silvia Robles
Alexander Dal Piaz
Damaris-Lois Lang
Doreen Bucher
Maureen Lennon-Santana

1. OPENING OF MEETING

A. Call to Order at 6:30 PM - it is expected that a motion will be made to move into Executive Session for the purposes of discussing: 1. Collective Bargaining regarding CSEA contract; 2. A personnel matter regarding the Special Education Assistant Director candidate.

- The meeting was called to order at 6:33 PM by Doreen Bucher, Vice President
- Alexander DalPiaz joined remotely

Motion to move into Executive Session for the purposes of discussing: 1. Collective Bargaining regarding CSEA contract; 2. A personnel matter regarding the Special Education Assistant Director candidate.

Motion by Doug Sundheim, second by Jeremy Galland.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yes: Doug Sundheim, Jeremy Galland, Silvia Robles, Alexander Dal Piaz, Damaris-Lois Lang, Doreen Bucher, Maureen Lennon-Santana

- Public meeting opened at 7:31 PM

C. Appointment

- MariAngela Sanchez, appoint to 1.0 FTE probationary Assistant Director of Special Education district-wide, Asst. Director Special Ed Step 10, \$154,756, effective October 24, 2022. Probationary period October 24, 2022-October 23, 2026. Tenure date October 24, 2026. Certifications held: School District Leader - Professional, School Building Leader - Professional, School Psychologist - Permanent. (Enc)

RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approve the appointment.

Motion by Silvia Robles, second by Doug Sundheim.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yes: Doug Sundheim, Jeremy Galland, Silvia Robles, Damaris-Lois Lang, Doreen Bucher, Maureen Lennon-Santana

Not Present at Vote: Alexander Dal Piaz

2. REPORT FROM SUPERINTENDENT

A. School Opening Update

Dr. McKersie:

- We have had a good opening. Thanks to Maureen for making sure transportation is in order. The addition of bike lanes to Farragut Avenue is causing traffic to be denser during pickup and drop-off.
- We will soon be letting the community know about our Portrait of a Hastings Learner, working closely with Judith Wilson our partner, and will be selecting a core team to work on POHL, surveys going out later this month.
- This month is National Hispanic Heritage Month - thanks to HEF Andre Florio, Hamilton's percussionist will be performing in district later this month. Also coming up on October 1 - SEPTA's fall carnival.
- Hillside Safety Patrol is back at it with the 4th graders.
- The Whom Do I Contact document has been updated.
- A new video series is being rolled out by Jackie Saviano - Buzz will be out every other week.
- Safety and security are top priority - we are a safe and secure district thanks to Maureen Caraballo for forging a strong relationship with Altaris
- Covid - we will now be doing weekly counts.

B. District Highlights

Gus Renzin:

- Introduced new Student Liaison Elianna Carvalho and highlighted her impressive resume which made her an ideal candidate for the position.

3. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

A. Report from Assistant Superintendent, Curriculum and Instruction

Melissa Szymanski:

- Annual Professional Performance Review process that's required by the state - leadership team met to determine who will be observing who.
- Phyllis Udice of Hillside has assumed the Theatre Production Coordinator role - met to discuss expectations for budgeting, purchasing procedures, and staffing.
- NYSED Consolidated Application Title 1A and Title 2A funding have been submitted.
- English language learners have been a priority, Adriana Beaudreault, Michele Porter, Janice Mateo Toledo, and Melissa have been working closely together to identify those in need.
- Digital Learning and Technology: will be setting a date to present Technology Plan to the Board - interested in knowing what the Board wants to know in order to prepare for the presentation.

B. Report from Business Official

Maureen Caraballo:

- Thanked tech team - swamped the whole week - busy all day long. They have collected all Chromebooks, repurposed and re-inventoried.
- Transportation is off to a better start overall. Some tweaking was needed to some of the routes, but an overall very smooth start. Thanks to all who helped resolve the issues.
- Wanted to discuss flip-flopping early morning and late morning routes; if one year you are early the next year you are late. Many parents asking for it. Considering sending out a survey on this.
- Traffic is slower and tighter, reduction of lanes on Farragut Avenue has made it a safer situation for crossing guards and students.
- The switching of Hillside's schedule has impacted the traffic as well.
- All of our facilities have been reopened as of last week. Pickleball court lines were painted.
- 1st deposit from FEMA funds, to help pay for our drainage upgrade. Once we have the design will submit it to FEMA.
- Village updating drainage system.

4. STUDENT REPORT

A. Student Report

Gus Renzin:

- Pre-Season starting, sports teams have had great turnouts. Field hockey is undefeated, Football won their game on Saturday, soccer has been racking up the wins, and the cross country did well at the first meet-up.
- The pep rally is on Friday, and homecoming is this weekend.
- Clubs and student organizations working hard to build back the culture from pre-covid.

- The Peer Leadership retreat was successful with 24 seniors who are responsible for leading groups of freshmen.
- Project Share's first midnight run was on Saturday, delivering approximately 200 meals to the homeless on the Upper West Side.
- The pep band working hard to get ready for the Pep Rally.
- Seniors in the thick of the college process with college meetings all week.

Elianna Carvalho:

- Spirit Week this week was organized by the Student Union.
- The school play is underway, actors had a meeting with Ms. Udice today the play will be The Outsiders, directed by Laurie Walton. Auditions were this past Thursday and Friday and today are the callbacks as well as tomorrow. Approximately 40 students auditioned.
- This past Saturday the Juniors had a practice SAT.
- Over the past few days, there have been Code of Conduct Assemblies for all the grades.

5. PUBLIC COMMENT

A. Public Comment

- No public comment

6. BUSINESS

A. Business Items

1. Contract for educational services with Hendrick Hudson School.
2. Behavior Analysts of Oregon, contract.
3. Stipulation of Settlement.
4. Memorandum of Agreement with the Hastings Association of Office and Auxiliary Personnel Unit.
5. H2M architects + engineers - Proposal for Professional Services - Revision 02.
6. Recommendation to increase cafeteria petty cash for Hillside to \$150. Total cafeteria petty cash will now be \$700 (including the Farragut cafeteria).
7. Approve the use of Reserve for Liability Claims, to increase the budget in the amount of \$165,000 for a Special Education Settlement.
8. Pleasantville Union Free School District, contract.
9. A Plus Tutoring, contract.
10. Stipulation of Settlement.
11. Final 2021-22 AS-7 SWBOCES, contract.
12. Budget Transfer.

RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approve the business items.

Motion by Silvia Robles, second by Doug Sundheim.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yes: Doug Sundheim, Jeremy Galland, Silvia Robles, Damaris-Lois Lang, Doreen Bucher, Maureen Lennon-Santana

Not Present at Vote: Alexander Dal Piaz

B. Placement and/or Services for CSE and CPSE

RESOLVED, that upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools and the Committee on Special Education and the Committee on Preschool Special Education, the Board accepts the classifications and arrangements for the placement and/or services for the 2021-2022 school year:

CSE: 12082, 7765, 11516

CPSE: 12374

RESOLVED, that upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools and the Committee on Special Education and the Committee on Preschool Special Education, the Board accepts the classifications and arrangements for the placement and/or services for the 2022-2023 school year:

CSE: 7625, 11310, 11422, 12071, 12073, 10158, 12346, 10196, 10663, 11087, 12109, 11909, 10160, 10505, 10539, 7336, 11049, 10865, 11294, 11293, 11492, 10185, 11374, 10688, 10661, 10464, 11289, 10696, 10936,

11876, 10937, 11647, 10462, 7703, 10904, 11262, 10917, 10534, 11608
CPSE: 12429, 12419

RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Committee on Special Education and the Committee on Preschool Special Education, the Board of Education accepts the classifications and arrangements for the placement and/or services.

Motion by Silvia Robles, second by Maureen Lennon-Santana.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yes: Doug Sundheim, Jeremy Galland, Silvia Robles, Damaris-Lois Lang, Doreen Bucher, Maureen Lennon-Santana

Not Present at Vote: Alexander Dal Piaz

7. PERSONNEL

A. Appointments

1. Amanda Ryan, appoint to position of part-time school monitor, effective September 6, 2022.
2. Ivan Espinosa, appoint to 1.0 FTE probationary Technology teacher at Farragut Middle School, MA+30, Step 13, \$109,731 effective October 7, 2022. Probationary period October 7, 2022-October 6, 2026. Tenure date October 7, 2026. Certifications held: Educational Technology Specialist, Students with Disabilities (Grades 1-6) - Professional.
3. Amy Oliva, appoint to 1.0 FTE probationary Special Education teacher at Hillside Elementary School, MA, Step 4, \$75,038 effective August 30, 2022. Probationary period August 30, 2022-August 29, 2026. Tenure date August 30, 2026. Certifications held: Early Childhood Education (Birth-Grade 2) - Professional, Childhood Education (Grades 1-6) - Professional, Students with Disabilities (Birth-Grade 2) - Professional, Students with Disabilities (Grades 1-6) - Professional.
4. Tashawante Harris, appoint to School Monitor pending NYSED fingerprint clearance.
5. Updated Returning Substitute spreadsheet.
6. Updated Schedule B appointment request spreadsheet.
7. Pedro Toledo, appoint to position of part-time school monitor, effective September 6, 2022.
8. Regina Azzara, re-appoint to position of part-time school monitor, effective September 6, 2022.
9. Alana Galasso, appoint to position of part-time school monitor, effective September 13, 2022.
10. Fernando Cueto, appoint to position of part-time school monitor, effective September 13, 2022.

RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approve the appointments.

Motion by Doug Sundheim, second by Silvia Robles.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yes: Doug Sundheim, Jeremy Galland, Silvia Robles, Damaris-Lois Lang, Doreen Bucher, Maureen Lennon-Santana

Not Present at Vote: Alexander Dal Piaz

B. Amendments

1. Alyssa Santiago, School Monitor, amend appointment to Teacher Aide, Column I, Step 2 effective September 13, 2022.
2. Emily Cartwright, School Monitor, amend appointment to Teacher Aide, Column I, Step 2 effective September 13, 2022.
3. Amend appointment of Melissa DeLaBarrera to Confidential Interim Secretary to Chief School Officer, \$81,809, effective September 12, 2022.

RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approve the amendments.

Motion by Doug Sundheim, second by Silvia Robles.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yes: Doug Sundheim, Jeremy Galland, Silvia Robles, Damaris-Lois Lang, Doreen Bucher, Maureen Lennon-Santana

Not Present at Vote: Alexander Dal Piaz

C. Resignations

1. Giuseppina Belfiore, School Monitor at Farragut Middle School has provided notice of resignation effective June 24, 2022.
2. Victoria Moreno, Per Diem substitute teacher and upcoming Hastings High School Physical Education Regular Substitute/Leave Replacement has provided notice of resignation effective September 9, 2022.

RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education accept the resignations.

Motion by Doug Sundheim, second by Silvia Robles.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yes: Doug Sundheim, Jeremy Galland, Silvia Robles, Damaris-Lois Lang, Doreen Bucher, Maureen Lennon-Santana

Not Present at Vote: Alexander Dal Piaz

D. Leaves of Absence

1. Katrina Forbes, Elementary K-6 teacher at Hillside Elementary School, has requested a leave of absence as follows: NYSCPL August 30, 2022-September 1, 2022. She returned to work on September 6, 2022.
2. Stephanie Vega, Teaching Assistant at Hillside Elementary School, has requested a leave of absence as follows: FMLA with pay August 30, 2022-October 10, 2022. She will return to work on October 11, 2022.
3. Georgina Holder, School Monitor at Hillside Elementary School has requested a leave of absence as follows: September 6, 2022-September 9, 2022. She will return to work on September 12, 2022.
4. Michael LaRocco, Assistant Principal at Hillside Elementary School has requested a leave of absence as follows: Parental leave September 13, 2022-September 30, 2022. He will return to work on October 3, 2022.

RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approve the following leaves of absence.

Motion by Doug Sundheim, second by Silvia Robles.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yes: Doug Sundheim, Jeremy Galland, Silvia Robles, Damaris-Lois Lang, Doreen Bucher, Maureen Lennon-Santana

Not Present at Vote: Alexander Dal Piaz

8. MINUTES

A. Approval of Minutes

- Approval of Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of August 23, 2022.

RESOLVED that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education accepts the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of August 23, 2022.

Motion by Jeremy Galland, second by Doug Sundheim.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yes: Doug Sundheim, Jeremy Galland, Silvia Robles, Damaris-Lois Lang, Doreen Bucher, Maureen Lennon-Santana

Not Present at Vote: Alexander Dal Piaz

9. NEW BUSINESS

A. POHL Selection

- After a thorough discussion, the Board agreed to have Doug and Silvia be two of the Core Group members since they have the most experience on the Board with an additional member to be chosen by random drawing.
- Alex was chosen via random drawing.
- POHL Core Group Members: Doug, Silvia, Alex.

10. OLD BUSINESS

A. BOE Meeting Topics 2022-2023 - Finalize

- Dr. McKersie provided a brief overview of the BOE Meeting Topics document highlighting upcoming topics.
- Doug suggested a separate document for the budget schedule.
- Doreen raised the issue of the school calendar and trying to have it prepared earlier.

11. SECOND PUBLIC COMMENT

A. Second Public Comment

- No public comment

12. BOARD OF EDUCATION COMMENTS

A. Comments

Jeremy Galland:

- We know our priorities are this year Portrait of a Hastings Learner and our budget will be a heavy lift.
- The other heavy lift is contract negotiations, which are done in Executive Session and not in public with another Executive Session coming up in October.
- The large budget item to be discussed in the executive session is the largest aspect of the next three budgets.

Dr. Lang:

- Contracts are public

Alex Dal Piaz:

- At the Back to School nights will be talking about the importance of participation in POHL surveys.
- Encouraged board members to encourage participation with constituents.
- Authentic participation leads to deep authentic discussion.

13. ADJOURNMENT

A. Adjournment

- Motion to adjourn the meeting.

Motion by Silvia Robles, second by Damaris-Lois Lang.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yes: Doug Sundheim, Jeremy Galland, Silvia Robles, Damaris-Lois Lang, Doreen Bucher, Maureen Lennon-Santana

Not Present at Vote: Alexander Dal Piaz

Melissa DeLaBarrera

**Submitted by:
Melissa DeLaBarrera
District Clerk**