

HUDSON SCHOOL COMMITTEE
March 24, 2020
155 Apsley Street – Administration Building
7:00 p.m.

AGENDA

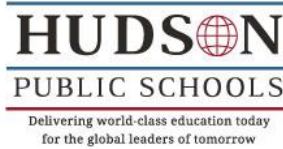
As you all know we are adjusting to unique circumstances in response to the public health crisis posed by the COVID-19 outbreak. The operation of our schools has been significantly impacted by it. Our first priority is for the safety of everyone in our community, and we are confident that the measures that have been taken so far have addressed those concerns, although we are prepared to adapt further if it is called for as the spread of the virus unfolds.

Having addressed safety, we must also keep an eye on ongoing business needs and planning for the future. Therefore we will be holding the regular school committee meeting as scheduled next Tuesday, March 24th. The governor has relaxed some aspects of the open meeting law, which will allow committee members to participate in the meeting remotely if they desire. We are working to set up a means for committee members to have virtual participation. The meeting will be televised as usual, but the agenda will be simplified compared to usual, with only a few main items. One is to give Dr. Rodrigues an opportunity to provide additional updates on our district activities in response to the COVID-19 outbreak. Another item is for the committee to be able to vote on the proposed budget for next year. This item was planned for this meeting date, and cannot be delayed. The school committee is scheduled to present our approved budget to the Board of Selectmen at their meeting on April 6, and as of now that meeting is taking place as scheduled, to the best of our knowledge. Therefore we need to be prepared and have an approved budget to present at that time. Finally we may have some approval of maintenance contracts and financial reclassifications to take care of as well.

Under the circumstances of having a virtual meeting for the school committee this Tuesday, we have discussed and considered each item that would normally be on the agenda. One of the challenges the virtual meeting poses is how to fairly incorporate the typical public participation section of the meeting. We feel at this time that we cannot offer a way to incorporate public participation that will work in a way that is fair and satisfactory to everyone. Therefore, for this one meeting, we will not have a public participation section on the agenda. If it is determined that school committee meetings need to offer a virtual participation option for any future meetings beyond next week's meeting, we will work to develop a way for public participation to be incorporated back into the agenda.

Please keep in mind that feedback to the committee can be sent to us at any time, using the general email address hps_schoolcommittee@hudson.k12.ma.us, or by using any committee member's individual email address as listed on the district website at <http://www.hudson.k12.ma.us/school-committee>. The agenda for next week's meeting will officially be posted by the close of business tomorrow, March 20th.

Thank you for your continued support and patience as we learn how to adjust our practices for this unusual situation we find ourselves in.



I. Call to Order

II. Approval of Minutes

None

III. Public Participation:

None

IV. Reports and Presentations

- a) Report of the Superintendent: COVID19 Update
- b) Subcommittee Reports
 - Budget Subcommittee (if any)
 - Policy Subcommittee (if any)
 - Strategic Goals Subcommittee (if any)
 - Superintendent's Evaluation Subcommittee(if any)
 - Buildings and Grounds Subcommittee (if any)
- c) Student Presentation (if any)

V. Matters for Discussion:

- a) Old Business
- b) New Business

VI. Matters for Action:

- a) Old Business
- b) New Business
 - 1. Approval of FY21 Budget
 - 2. Approval of Contract with N & T Mechanical Contractors, Inc. in the amount of \$ 244,256.00 for the boiler replacement at Hudson High School
 - 3. Reclassification of Funds

VII. Items of Interest to the School Committee

VIII. Executive Session

Not Needed

IX. Adjournment

The Agenda reflects topics that the Chairperson reasonably anticipates will be discussed.