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**Hudson School Committee
Open Session Minutes**

Meeting Date: May 28, 2013

Location: Administration Building
155 Apsley Street

Members present: Susan Dunnell, George Calnan, Jennifer O'Brien and Brian Davis

Members absent: Lynn Valcourt
Tammy Ducey
Lorraine Nelson

Student Representative: Alex Schley

Others present: Dr. Kevin M. Lyons, Superintendent
Julia M. Pisegna, Recording Secretary

I. Call the Meeting to Order – 7:05 p.m.

The meeting was called to order by Committee Chair Susan Dunnell.

II. Approval of Minutes

1. Regular Meeting – May 28, 2013: A motion to approve the minutes was made by Mr. Calnan and seconded by Mrs. O'Brien. On a vote of 4-0, the motion passed.

Committee Chair, Susan Dunnell, announced that the Agenda would be taken out of order.

III. Special Reports and Presentations

“Integrating and Collaboration to Bring Writer’s Workshops Into the Lives of Students” – Michael Correa, Teachers and Students:

Mike Correa, Teachers Patty Regh, Catherine Murphy, Diane Hoff, Debra Cooper Soloman, Laura Miller and students demonstrated how literacy and art are being integrated in the elementary curriculum. The Writers Workshop model teaches writing to students where students use illustrations as a mean to organize their thoughts and ideas and then to develop those thoughts and ideas into written communication. Students also demonstrated how to make their story match their illustration by creating representations of people, as well as a variety of techniques showing movement in illustrations.

Dr. Lyons commented on what a wonderful collaboration it was of art educators and classroom educators working together. Committee members congratulated the students, teachers and Mike Correa for their wonderful work and the success of the art program.

2. Spelling Bee: Dr. Lyons showed photos of the HEF Spelling Bee/Grade 9 CAP project which was held on May 16th. Teacher Beth Albota explained how the 9th grade students undertook the management of all tasks required to hold the spelling bee with limited guidance from teachers and adult volunteers. Students shared their thoughts on some of the work and responsibility they had to put this event together.

Committee members thanked the students for sharing their experiences and look forward to next year's HEF Spelling Bee.

IV. **Old Business**

Recommendation of the Buildings and Grounds Subcommittee to Name the Farley Library the James C Boyd Library: Sue Goyette, President of the Farley Home and School Association, read a letter to the Committee requesting that the Farley Library be named the James C. Boyd Library. Committee member Mr. Calnan shared his thoughts on Jim Boyd and noted it would be a fitting tribute to have the library named in his honor.

A motion to approve the recommendation of the Buildings and Grounds Subcommittee to name the Farley Library the James C. Boyd Library was made by Mr. Calnan and seconded by Mr. Davis. On a vote of 4-0, the motion passed.

V. **Superintendent's Report – Dr. Kevin Lyons**

Budget Update: Dr. Lyons updated the Committee on the FY14 Senate Final Budget Proposal which provided a slight increase in funding for Chapter 70 Local Education Aid and Charter Tuition Reimbursement. Dr. Lyons noted that the Budget Subcommittee is scheduled to meet in June to review the preliminary work and recommendations of administration and to develop a recommendation on the budget to the School Committee who will vote on a final budget on June 25th.

Charlene Cook's Departure and the Appointment of Mary McCarthy: Dr. Lyons announced that after nine years, Charlene Cook will leave as Principal of the J.L. Mulready School on June 30th and become the new Principal of Hardy Elementary School in Wellesley and noted what a loss it is for the District and the Mulready community.

Dr. Lyons announced that Dr. Mary McCarthy will take over as Principal of J.L. Mulready School and shared that her experience in kindergarten will serve the students and faculty at Mulready well, as the school transitions to a K-4 elementary school.

National Honor Society Induction: The Hudson High School National Honor Society Chapter held the 59th Annual Induction Ceremony on May 13th. Forty-one members of the Junior Class and three members of the

Senior Class were inducted. Character, scholarships, service and leadership characterize these inductees and all of the members of the Hudson High School National Honor Society Chapter.

Hudson High School Senior Awards Night: The 2nd Annual Senior Awards Night was held on May 23rd. It was a fitting event to honor the scholarship and service of many seniors.

Launch of Strategic Planning Survey: The Hudson Public Schools Strategic Planning Survey will launch on May 28th. The survey seeks feedback from parents, staff and community about the District's goals and priorities and ask what the priorities should be for the next several years.

Dr. Lyons noted that the survey is being emailed to all staff individual email addresses and to all addresses of parents that we have in our database. The survey link will also be sent out on all list serves and will be distributed in a variety of ways. Individuals who do not receive the survey link by email can go to the District web page and click on the YourVoice box, or request paper copies available in the Office of the Superintendent. The survey will close on June 11th.

TAMY Awards: Dr. Lyons shared that the winners of the TAMY Awards had just been announced. Hudson High School student Edward Andrews won best supporting actor. The TAMY Awards, the regional high school musical theatre awards recognizes the hard work, hours, and dedication of cast members, designers and directors, nominated 15 Hudson High School students and faculty members.

Laura Girard was nominated by the Massachusetts Educational Theatre Guild for Best Actress in a musical for her role as *Ariel*. Laura also won The Spotlight on Stars Competition and will be competing in New York City on July 1st in the Jimmy Awards, which is a national competition to find the best high school musical theatre performers.

Town Master Forum: The Town Master Forum will be held on Monday, June 10th beginning with an Open House at 4:30 p.m. followed by the meeting at 7:00 p.m. The Hudson Public Schools will present capital needs over the next 15 years. The schools will also have a display of the Quinn Middle School with a thank you to the community for its support.

VI. Special Reports and Presentations (continued):

Jenny Gormley, Director of Health, Nursing and Safety, presented the data from the most recent administration (2012) of the MetroWest Adolescent Health Survey results administered to High School and Middle School students.

Dr. Sam Wong and Lee Waingortin were also in attendance.

Committee members thanked Ms. Gormley for the updated information and thanked her and the school nurses for all their hard work and dedication. The latest data is posted on the District webpage.

VII. New Business

Approval of the 2013-2014 School Committee Meeting Calendar:

Dr. Lyons recommended approval of the 2013-2014 School Committee Meeting Calendar. A motion to approve the 2013-2014 School Committee meeting calendar, as presented, was made by Mr. Calnan and seconded by Mrs. O'Brien. On a vote of 4-0, the motion passed.

VIII. Community Comments

None.

IX. Reclassifications

A motion to approve the reclassification of funds, as presented, was made by Mr. Calnan and seconded by Mrs. Dunnell. On a vote of 4-0, the motion passed.

X Subcommittee and Building Committee Liaison Reports

Dr. Lyons shared with the Committee a photo of the new kitchen sink, cabinets and countertops there were installed at Forest Avenue Elementary School.

XI. Executive Session/Adjournment

At 8:35 p.m., Committee Chair Susan Dunnell noted that there was need for Executive Session to discuss strategy with respect to or in preparation for collective bargaining with the Hudson Paraeducators Association and with the Hudson Education Association, because an open session may have a detrimental effect on the bargaining position of the Committee and that the Committee would not return to public session.

Dr. Lyons called the roll:

Mrs. Dunnell – yes
Mr. Calnan – yes
Mrs. O'Brien – yes
Mr. Davis – yes

Not Approved

Motion to adjourn the regular meeting and enter into Executive Session was made by Mr. Calnan and seconded by Mrs. O'Brien. On a vote of 4-0, the motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Lynn Valcourt, Secretary
Hudson School Committee

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List of Documents Source and Location

DOC NAME	SOURCE	LOCATION
School Committee Minutes of May 14, 2013	School Committee	Superintendent's Office
Superintendent's Report	Superintendent	Superintendent's Office
Correspondence dated May 23, 2013 from Dave Tobin, MASS School Finance	MASS School Finance	Superintendent's Office
School Choice Ad – 2013-2013	Superintendent	Superintendent's Office
59 th Annual National Honor Society Program	National Honor Society	Superintendent's Office
Hudson High School Scholarship and Award Night Program	Brian K. Reagan	Superintendent's Office
YourVoice Announcement	Superintendent	Superintendent's Office
Correspondence dated January 8, 2013 from Sue Goyette, Farley Home and School Association	Sue Goyette	Superintendent's Office
Emotion and Expression – Art Integration with Writers Workshop	Michael Correa	Superintendent's Office
Student Art Work	Michael Correa	Superintendent's Office
PowerPoint Presentation	Jenny Gormley	Superintendent's Office
MetroWest Adolescent Health Survey Key Indicator Report	MetroWest Health Foundation	Superintendent's Office
2013-2014 School Committee Meeting Calendar	Superintendent	Superintendent's Office
Photograph of the new cabinets, countertop and sink at Forest Avenue Elementary School	Len Belli	Superintendent's Office
Reclassifications (2)	Finance Department	Superintendent's Office