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**Hudson School Committee
Open Session Minutes**

Meeting Date: March 26, 2013

Location: Administration Building
155 Apsley Street

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

Members absent: Lynn Valcourt
Tammy Ducey

Student Representative: Alex Schley

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

I. Call the Meeting to Order – 7:03 p.m.

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

II. Approval of Minutes

1. Regular Meeting – March 12, 2013: A motion to approve the minutes was made by Mr. Calnan and seconded by Mrs. O'Brien. On a vote of 5-0, the motion passed.

III. Superintendent's Report – Dr. Kevin Lyons

2013-2014 School Calendar: With consent of the Committee Chair, Dr. Lyons removed the action item on the 2013-2014 School Calendar pending further discussion with the Hudson Education Association. The item will be tabled for final recommendation on April 9, 2013.

Kindergarten Registration: Dr. Jodi Fortuna reported the kindergarten enrollment numbers as follows:

Farley Elementary School:

45 full-day students
11 wait list students
49 half-day students

Forest Avenue Elementary School:

15 full-day students
15 wait list students
20 half-day students

Mulready Elementary School:

15 full-day students

6 wait list students

19 half-day students

Deposits to secure full-day placements are due on April 12th.

Budget Update: Dr. Lyons reported that the school budget meeting with the Finance Committee was held on March 13th. The Committee members asked a number of questions and were very understanding of the needs in the schools' FY14 budget, while acknowledging funding limitations on the Town side.

Dr. Lyons will continue to update the Committee on the status of Chapter 70 funding.

Annual Cook-Off: The Third Annual Cook-Off was held on March 21st and was a wonderful success. Over 200 people, including parents, students, staff and members of the community, attended. Teams from Hudson High School, JFK, Farley and Forest Avenue competed in the Hearty Soup competition. Hudson High School won the Overall Best Soup Award, with Farley coming in 2nd place. Farley also won the People's Choice Award and Team Spirit Award. There were also stations which focused on wellness including school nurses doing blood pressure tests and vendors featuring nutritious food. It was a wonderful evening with great messages on wellness, nutrition and the benefits of movement.

Spring Wellness Newsletter: The Spring Wellness Newsletter was sent to parents and includes a large number of activities encompassing wellness.

Sixth Snow Day on March 19th: The District had the 6th snow day of this winter on March 19th necessitating the need to add a day to the 2012-2013 School Calendar. The Committee will vote on an action item for adding June 24, 2013 as the last day of school.

4th and 5th Grade Parent Information Nights: The first 4th and 5th Grade Parent Information Night was held at Mulready School on March 29th. Brian Daniels and staff met with parents to discuss the transition for students to Quinn Middle School and to answer their questions. The meeting was very well attended. There are additional information meetings scheduled for April 2nd at Farley and April 4th at Forest Avenue.

Congratulations to Ms. June Murray: Dr. Lyons congratulated Hudson High School Teacher June Murray who was recently named the recipient of the William Spratt Award for Teaching High School Social Studies. This is a state-wide honor. Ms. Murray will be formally honored at the

Massachusetts Council for Social Studies awards dinner in April.

Dr. Lyons showed a DVD to Committee members and the audience made by the staff and students of Farley Elementary School. The video was shown to students in anticipation of MCAS testing. The DVD was very well received. Dr. Lyons and Committee members thanked the staff of Farley Elementary for a great job.

IV. Special Reports and Presentations:

Hudson Special Education Parent Advisory Council – Noah Budiansky, Secretary/Assistant Chairperson of the Hudson Special Education Parent Advisory Council, highlighted various issues and challenges of children of special needs and disabilities and their families, the IEP process, the FAPE process in Hudson, the mission and goals of the SEPAC, and expressed the Council's interest in having more guest speakers at their events.

Committee Chair Susan Dunnell and members thanked Mr. Budiansky for the overview and thanked the audience for their attendance.

V. Old Business

None.

VI. Community Comments

None.

VII. New Business

1. Pre-approval of Hudson High School World Language Overnight Field Trip to Portugal April, 2014: Dr. Lyons recommended pre-approval of the Hudson High School World Language overnight field trip to Portugal in April, 2014. A motion to pre-approve the Hudson High School World Language overnight field trip to Portugal in April, 2014 was made by Mr. Calnan and seconded by Mrs. O'Brien. On a vote of 5-0, the motion passed.
2. Approval of Revision of the 2012-2013 School Calendar to Include Monday, June 24, 2013 as a School Day: Dr. Lyons recommended approval of the revision of the 2012-2013 School Calendar to include Monday, June 24, 2013 as a school day. A motion to approve the revision of the 2012-2013 School Calendar to include Monday, June 24, 2013 as a school day was made by Mr. Calnan and seconded by Mrs. Nelson. On a vote of 5-0, the motion passed.

3. Revision of Policy AC Non-Discrimination and Revision of Policy KHC Distribution and Posting of Written Materials: Proposed revisions to School Committee Policies AC and KHS were presented to the Committee. The indicated revisions are required by agreement as part of a settlement of litigation dated March 13, 2008. The proposed revisions have been reviewed by the Policy Subcommittee and School Committee legal counsel. The proposed revised policies will be posted on the School Committee policy page. Dr. Lyons noted that the revisions of Policy AC *Non-Discrimination* and revision of Policy KHC *Distribution and Posting of Written Materials* will be tabled for the next meeting scheduled for Tuesday, April 9th, 2013.

VIII. **Reclassifications**

A motion to reclassify funds as presented was made by Mr. Calnan and seconded by Mrs. O'Brien. In a vote of 5-0, the motion passed.

IX. **Subcommittee and Building Committee Liaison Reports**

Mrs. O'Brien reported that the Policy Subcommittee continues to meet and discuss upcoming policies.

Dr. Lyons reported that the Building Committee had met on site and remarked on the progress and noted the project remains on schedule.

Student representative Alex Schley updated the Committee on the results of the no-cut policy survey which was given to parents and students. It was determined that they will continue to review the data and further investigate. Next, the team will speak with coaches.

Ms. Schley will continue to provide further updates to the Committee.

X. **Executive Session/Adjournment**

At 8:15 p.m., Chair Susan Dunnell noted there was a need for Executive Session to discuss strategy with respect to or in preparation for collective bargaining (HEA Level Three Grievance) because an open discussion may have a detrimental effect on the bargaining position of the Committee.

A motion to enter Executive Session was made by Mr. Calnan and it was seconded by Mrs. O'Brien. On a vote of 5-0, the motion passed.

Not Approved

Dr. Lyons called the roll:

Mrs. Dunnell:	Yes
Mr. Calnan:	Yes
Mrs. O'Brien:	Yes
Mrs. Nelson:	Yes
Mr. Davis:	Yes

Committee Chair Susan Dunnell announced that the Committee would enter Executive Session and not return to public session.

Respectfully submitted,

Lynn Valcourt, Secretary
Hudson School Committee

List of Documents Source and Location

DOC NAME	SOURCE	LOCATION
School Committee Minutes of March 26, 2013	School Committee	Superintendent's Office
Superintendent's Report	Superintendent	Superintendent's Office
2013-2014 School Calendar Draft	Superintendent	Superintendent's Office
Copy of Facebook Comments re: School Day	Superintendent	Superintendent's Office
Memorandum from Mitchell D. Chester, Commissioner DESE re: Guidance on the 180-Day Requirement	DESE	Superintendent's Office
Kindergarten Enrollment Breakdown	Dr. Jodi Fortuna	Superintendent's Office
Spring Wellness Newsletter	Jenny Gormley	Superintendent's Office
Special Education and the Role of the Hudson Special Education Parents Advisory Council Presentation	SEPAC	Superintendent's Office
Memorandum from Brian K. Reagan re: Pre-Approval of Hudson High School World Language Overnight Field Trip to Portugal April, 2014	Brian K. Reagan	Superintendent's Office
Revision to 2012-2013 School Calendar to Include June 24, 2013 as a School Day	Superintendent	Superintendent's Office
Revision of School Committee Policy AC-Non Discrimination	School Committee	Superintendent's Office
Email from John Davis dated February 28, 2013 re: General Release April 11, 2008 – Post Settlement Press Release	John J. Davis, Pierce, Davis & Perritano	Superintendent's Office
Revision of School Committee Policy KHC – Distribution and Posting of Written Materials	School Committee	Superintendent's Office
Town Annual Report	Kevin M. Lyons, Superintendent of Schools	Superintendent's Office
Open Meeting Law Guide dated March 12, 2013	Office of Attorney General Martha Coakley	Superintendent's Office
Reclassifications (1)	Finance Department	Superintendent's Office