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**Hudson School Committee
Open Session Minutes**

Meeting Date: September 4, 2012

Location: Administration Building
155 Apsley Street

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

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 – August 21, 2012: Motion to approve the minutes was made by Mr. Calnan and seconded by Ms. Valcourt. On a vote of 5-0-1, with Mrs. Ducey abstaining, the motion passed.

Chair Susan Dunnell paused the meeting for a moment of silence in remembrance of Jim Boyd, former principal in Hudson for over 30 years. Mr. Calnan shared stories of Jim's life and his many accomplishments.

III. Superintendent's Report - Dr. Lyons reported:

Opening of School: Opening day for instructional staff was held on August 28th, with students arriving on August 29th. The students were happy and energetic and the staff was ready for them.

Buildings and Grounds: Dr. Lyons thanked the Buildings and Grounds Department for their hard work during the summer getting the schools ready.

Len Belli updated the Committee on summer projects highlights that were completed, including the following:

- painting at the High School
- painting at Forest
- new flooring in six classrooms at Forest
- renovations of the library at Farley
- new roof at Farley
- air conditioning work at the nurse's station at Farley
- early abatement work was done at J.F.K.

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During the staff opening day, Dr. Lyons thanked the custodians and acknowledged their hard work and staff also recognized the custodians for all they do.

Also on staff opening day, Dr. Elizabeth Englander gave her presentation on Anti-bullying. It was very well received.

Food Services: Dr. Lyons also noted that Whitson's Food Company began service in the schools. Overall, it went very well. The Whitson's website is now up and running.

Dr. Lyons then updated the Committee that the Food Services Contract has been approved by the attorneys and Whitson's. The contract is now back with Finance Director, Patty Lange, who is editing the agreed changes and packaging a number of materials that will be forwarded to the DESE. DESE will now approve the contract to ensure that it meets all nutritional laws and regulations. The contract will then come back to School Committee for approval.

Home and School: Dr. Lyons thanked the Home and School Association for the new staff members welcome baskets which they provided during the three-day orientation program.

Transportation: Bus transportation went very well. There are always a few issues at the start of school, but we are very pleased with R.L. McCarthy Bus Company.

Student Enrollment: Official numbers come out on October 1, 2012, but as of the first day of school:

Hubert Kindergarten:	201
Mulready Elementary	284
Preschool at Mulready	12

Forest Avenue Elementary	329
Farley Elementary	492
Preschool at Farley	11
J.F.K. Middle School	468
Hudson High School	1,045
Preschool at HHS	98

District Enrollment: 2,940

School Choice: This year we are at 128, which is 11 fewer than last year.

Grade 8:	7
Grade 9:	15
Grade 10:	24
Grade 11:	44
Grade 12:	38

Hiring Report:

There were thirty-seven new staff members. There were a lot of August hires, and a lot of inter-district transfers, which include thirteen staff in new assignments. There are nine vacancies, which are primarily paraeducator vacancies, and one administrator position.

New Hires:

NAME	POSITION
Mary Young	BCBA
Heather Fischer	Elementary Literacy Coach
Jennifer Letourneau	Reading Coach/Specialist
Terri Buscemi	Math Specialist
Colleen White	Elementary Teacher
Lisette Barberio	Paraeducator
Christine Lange	Paraeducator
Susan Falco	Paraeducator
Maria Ferrecchia	Paraeducator
Jennifer Dufromont	Secretary
Kaitlyn Ferreira	Special Education Teacher
Brooke May	Special Education Teacher (Preschool)
Meghan Gasek	Elementary Technology Teacher
Lindsey Eggleston	Elementary Teacher
Krista Coppelino	Elementary Teacher
Colleen Reilly	Paraeducator
Katelyn Brunelle	Paraeducator
Samantha Moore	Paraeducator
Sharon Bokankowitz	.5 FTE Reading Teacher
Deborah Devereaux	.5 FTE Pre-School Teacher
Kristopher Langan	Business Education Teacher
Maureen DeRoy	English/Language Arts Teacher
Shivonne St. George	Grade 8 Social Studies Teacher
Miriam Meyer	HHS Director of Special Education Prog.
Mireia Illarri Gonzalez	High School Latin/Spanish Teacher
Jennifer Hoffman	High School Science Teacher
Jennifer Gero	Paraeducator
James Duffy	Paraeducator
Ashley Bridgeman	Paraeducator
Andrea Woodacre	Replacement English/Lang. Arts Teacher
David Leibowitz	Social Studies Teacher
Robert Valois	Technology Teacher
Andrea Boure	World Language Teacher
Ana Claudia Henriques	World Language Teacher

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Brian Kubiak	English/Language Arts Teacher
Deirde Durso	Middle School Technology Teacher
Cynthia Rockel	Science Teacher
Scott Hodne	Social Studies
Peter Senghas	Social Studies Teacher
Melissa Marcotte	Special Education Teacher
AnneMarie Caloggero	.5 Spec. Ed Teacher/.4 Reading Teacher
Jane Carme	ABA Therapist
John McQuirk	ABA Therapist
Maureen Gay	ABA Therapist
Cynthia Prockett	Child Development Preschool Program
Maria Gulliver	Elementary Teacher
Linda Lane	Elementary Teacher
Melissa Johnson	Elementary Teacher
Kolleen Rettig	ELL Teacher
Catherine Murphy	Grade 3 Teacher
Linsey Colarullo	Elementary Technology Teacher
Andrea Bigos	Replacement Preschool Spec. Ed. Teacher

Teacher Evaluation Contract: The Teacher Evaluation contract language has been submitted to DESE for review. The Teacher's Association has scheduled a ratification meeting for Wednesday, September 12th.

Cardinal Electrical Contract: The Board of Selectman has approved the Cardinale Electric Services contract as a special town employee, but there is still one piece open regarding disclosure. Paul Blazer will inform me when that process is complete and when the town's counsel has approved the contract. I will continue to keep the Committee informed of any status updates.

Thank you: Dr Lyons thanked Michael and Ford Polia who assisted in providing time and equipment, as well as Paul White for providing electrical services, so that there is now outside wireless at Hudson High School, which enables HUDtv to broadcast live from the Morgan Bowl and from the athletic fields, including sports or other activities that happen on the field.

Dr, Lyons also thanked Intel Corporation for their \$2,100 scholarship for HHS teacher for core or advanced training.

IV. Student Presentations

None.

V. Community Comments

None.

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VI. **Special Reports & Presentations**

None.

VII. **Old Business**

None.

VIII. **New Business**

Elementary Transition

Approval of Organization of the Schools: Location of Kindergarten Classes:

A motion to _____, as presented, was made by Ms. Valcourt and seconded by Mrs. Ducey. On a vote of 5-0-1, with Mr. Davis abstaining, the motion passed.

Approval of Transportation Policy: A motion to support consideration of Kindergarten to grade 4 transportation policy, as presented, was made by Mrs. Ducey and seconded by Ms. Valcourt. On a vote of 5-0-1, with Mr. Davis abstaining, the motion passed

Superintendent's Evaluation:

Reclassification of Funds: A motion to reclassify funds, as presented, was made by Mrs. Ducey and it was seconded by Mr. Calnan. On a vote of 6-0, the motion passed.

Subcommittee and Building Committee Liaison Reports

Mrs. Ducey reported to the Committee that two walk-throughs of the new Quinn Middle School. The progress is amazing, and the space is wonderful.

IX. 1. **Communications**

None.

X. **Executive Session/Adjournment**

Mrs. Dunnell noted that there was need for Executive Session.

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Roll Call:

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

At 8:50 p.m., Ms. Valcourt made a motion to adjourn and seconded by Mr. Calnan. On a vote of 6-0, 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 June 26, 2012	School Committee	Superintendent's Office
Superintendent's Report	Superintendent	Superintendent's Office
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