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Hudson School Committee
Open Session Minutes

Date: September 13, 2011

Location: Administration Building
155 Apsley Street

Members present: David Baran, George Calnan, Lorraine Nelson, Tammy Ducey,
Jennifer O'Brien

Members absent: Susan Dunnell and Lynn Valcourt

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

I. Call the Meeting to Order – 7:00 p.m.

The meeting was called to order by Tammy Ducey.

II. Approval of Minutes

Regular Meeting – August 23, 2011: Mr. Calnan brought to the attention of Superintendent Lyons an edit in the minutes which required an amendment. Upon amendment of the minutes, a motion to approve minutes was made by Mr. Baran and seconded by Ms. Valcourt. The vote was 5-0. The motion passed.

III. Superintendent's Report - Dr. Kevin Lyons reported on the following:

- Rebekah Lizotte - National Medalist: Dr. Lyons recognized Rebekah Lizotte, a 2011 graduate of Hudson High School. Rebekah was a national medalist in the 2011 Scholastic Arts and Writing Awards. Her art work will displayed in Washington by the President's Committee on the Arts and Humanities. Though Rebekah was unable to attend, her father, Thomas Lizotte, and her sister, Brianna Lizotte, were present. Dr. Lyons noted that only 44 pieces of the 500 pieces receiving National Medals have this distinction.

Dr. Lyons also recognized Erin Yates, Hudson High School teacher, who was honored for her teaching and mentoring. Mrs. Yates shared with the Committee the significance of the award for not only Rebekah, but for Hudson High School and the Hudson Public Schools.

- Opening of School: Dr. Lyons shared with the Committee the success of the opening of school which started off with an instructional staff day on August 30. This included a presentation on anti-bullying awareness by Dr. Elizabeth Englander for all staff members. Dr. Lyons stated that the training was very well received by the staff.

Dr. Lyons also expressed satisfaction with the new transportation company, R.L. McCarthy, for getting off to a good start.

- New Staff Orientation: Dr. Lyons recognized the Home and School Associations for their participation in the new staff orientation and for the baskets provided to each new teacher and for all the work the Home and School Association does.

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- Enrollments: Dr. Lyons provided the Committee with a chart showing enrollment number on September 9th. 29 students transferred in from St. Michael's School, 22 students to the elementary schools and 7 students to JFK Middle School.
- Hiring Update: Dr. Lyons updated the Committee with the names and positions for newly hired staff members:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Position</u>
Christopher Botelho	JFK Middle School	Paraeducator
Matthew Brown	Hudson High School	Paraeducator
Kristina DeLuca	Forest Avenue Elementary School	Elementary Teacher
Alicia Dulmaine	C.A. Farley Elementary School	Paraeducator
Stanley Hansen	Hudson High School	Symphonic Choir Accompanist
Rebecca Iglesias	Mulready Elementary School	ABA Therapist
Chelsey Landry	Mulready Elementary School	ABA Therapist
Christine Lange	Forest Avenue Elementary School	Paraeducator
Michele Lattanzi	Forest Avenue Elementary School	Paraeducator
Calvin Rickman	JFK Middle School	ABA Therapist
Cynthia Rockel	Hudson High School	Science Teacher – Grade 8
Antonio Santos	Hudson High School	World Language Teacher

- Red Ribbon Week: Dr. Lyons shared with the Committee that Hudson will be a pilot district in Massachusetts for Red Ribbon Week to be held October 24-28. Dr. Lyons explained that it is a national drug prevention program which has been in existence since 1988 and originally chaired by President and Mrs. Reagan. Jenny Gormley has arranged with the National Guard for Hudson to pilot this program, Hudson Police, Fire and Public Health will participate.
- Tropical Storm Irene: Dr. Lyons presented to the Committee the plans that were put into place in the event that the Tropical Storm Irene affected Hudson. Len Belli, Ellen Schuck and Chris Perdue all went into storm-mode and prepared for the worst. Dr. Lyons was happy to report that unlike many other districts, Hudson opened each school as scheduled.

IV. Student Presentations

None.

V. Community Comments

None.

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VI. Special Reports & Presentations

1. Hudson Education Foundation Awards– Marianne Vergano-Laughton

Marianne Vergano-Laughton presented the Hudson Education Foundation Awards to the following people:

- Sarah Davis - JFK Middle School
Authors Inspire – Writer’s share their craft with JFK readers
- Dawn Yoshioka and Jacqueline Paton – JFK Middle School
Author visit – Yoko Kawashima Watkins
- Mary Kate Leidal – Forest Avenue School
Books are the seeds of citizenship
- Barbara Worrest – Arts Alliance
Building Bridges: Stories and songs of community and connectedness
- Kenneth High, Pamela Klotz and Marybeth Ryan – Hudson High School
The Civic Mirror
- Ann McGowan – Elementary and Hudson High School Physical Therapy
Integrating technology while working on student’s gross motor skills by using Xbox-Kinect Video System
- Jeannette McLellan and Kasey Galligan – Hudson High School
Keyboard/Guitar Class Instruments
- Julie Snyder – Hudson High School
Let’s Get Our Hands Dirty – Growing, cooking and eating local
- Kathleen Kelly – Forest Avenue School
Math Alive!
- Sarah Davis and Kelly Cabral – JFK Middle School
The Virtual Science and Mathematics Lab: Differentiation through technology

VII. Old Business

None.

VIII. New Business

1. Preliminary Approval of Hudson High School Ice Hockey Team Lake Placid Field Trip:
Brian Reagan and Mike Nanartowich presented their itinerary and plans for the hockey team to visit Lake Placid.

Motion for the approval of the field trip was made by Mr. Calnan and seconded by Mr. Baran. The vote was 5-0. The motion passed.

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2. 8th Grade Washington, D.C. Field Trip: Brian Reagan and Michelle Freitas presented plans for an 8th grade trip to Washington, D.C. They highlighted some of the locations that the students will visit, including museums and monuments where they experience the arts, history, sciences and technology. They shared the successes of the past trips and the anticipation of the students as they look forward to the annual trip to Washington, D.C.

Motion for the approval of the 8th Grade Washington, D.C. Field Trip was made by Mr. Calnan and seconded by Mr. Baran. The vote was 5-0. The motion passed.

Reclassification of Funds

Motion to approve reclassification of funds as presented was made by Mr. Baran and seconded by Mr. Calnan. On a vote of 5-0, the motion passed unanimously.

Subcommittee and Building Committee Liaison Reports

None.

Communications

None.

Executive Session/Adjournment

At 8:09 p.m., Mrs. Ducey noted that there was a need for an Executive Session for the purpose of discussing collective bargaining strategy with the secretaries union.

Mr. Calnan made a motion to enter Executive Session.

The motion was seconded by Mr. Baran. Vote by roll call:

Mrs. Ducey – yes.
Mr. Baran – yes
Mr. Calnan – yes
Mrs. O'Brien – yes
Ms. Valcourt - yes

The motion passed.

Mr. Calnan noted for the record that he would recuse himself from any discussion concerning the secretaries union.

Mrs. Ducey noted the session was being called under MGL Ch.39, S.23,B(3) for the purpose of discussing collective bargaining strategies with the secretarial union and the Committee would not return to public session.

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 September 13, 2011	School Committee	Superintendent's Office
Superintendent Report	Superintendent	Superintendent's Office
Memorandum and Itinerary for the Hudson High School Ice Hockey Team Trip to Lake Placid, New York	Brian K. Reagan	Superintendent's Office
Memorandum and Itinerary for the 8 th Grade Washington D.C. Field Trip	Brian K. Reagan	Superintendent's Office
Enrollment Chart	Superintendent	Superintendent's Office
List of New Hires	Superintendent	Superintendent's Office
Reclassification of Funds Requests	Superintendent	Superintendent's Office
2011 Scholastic Awards Notice and Media letter	Erin Yates	Superintendent's Office