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**Hudson School Committee
Open Session Minutes**

Meeting Date: June 24, 2014

Location: Administration Building
155 Apsley Street

Members present: Lynn Valcourt, Jennifer O'Brien, Brian Davis, George Luoto, and Michele Tousignant Dufour

Members absent: Susan Dunnell
Allyson Hay

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

I. Call the Meeting to Order – 7:04 p.m.

The meeting was called to order by Committee Co-Chair Lynn Valcourt.

II. Approval of Minutes

Regular Meeting –June 10, 2014: A motion to approve the minutes was made by Ms. Valcourt and seconded by Mrs. O'Brien. On a vote of 5-0, the motion passed.

Regular Meeting –June 17, 2014: A motion to approve the minutes was made by Ms. Valcourt and seconded by Mrs. O'Brien. On a vote of 5-0, the motion passed.

III. Superintendent's Report – Dr. Kevin Lyons

Search for Farley Elementary School Principal: Dr. Lyons announced that Karen Martin will chair the Screening Committee. Dr. Lyons will continue to update the Committee on the search process.

End of Year Faculty Convocation – June 23rd: Faculty and staff met in the Hudson High School auditorium for the last day of school meeting and the following awards were presented:

Service to Education:

Hudson Police Department
Lieutenant Richard DiPersio
Detective Chad Crogan
Officer Roger Downing
John Parent
Marianne Vergano-Laughton
Sandra Maiuri

Retirees

Sharon Carloni	15 years of service
Carole Dunlap	28 years of service
Judy Flum	13 years of service
Maria Afonso-Goddard	36 years of service
Luis Macedo	35 years of service
Anne McGowan	16 years of service
Mary Michniewicz	27 years of service
Doris Monteiro	27 years of service
Robin O'Connell	30 years of service
Alice Poirier	25 years of service
Christine Restell	25 years of service
Wendy Sweet	19 years of service
Julie Shaw	8 years of service
Christine Williamson	15 years of service

Years of Service Award

Robin O'Connell	30 years of service
Luis Macedo	35 years of service

Assabet Valley Collaborative Quarterly Report:

A motion to appoint Dr. Jodi Fortuna as the Hudson representative of the Assabet Valley Collaborative was made by Ms. Valcourt and seconded by Mrs. O'Brien. On a vote of 5-0, the motion passed.

IV. Special Reports & Presentations:

General Federation of Marlborough Junior Woman's Club Teacher Appreciation Writing Contest Award Presentation: Katie Robey of the Foundation presented the Teacher Appreciation Award to Leslie Williams.

Makayla's 3D Printed Hand: Ellen Schuck and Ryan Dailey presented a video and shared the story of Makayla Shutt's new hand.

Committee members thanked Mr. Dailey and Makayla for the sharing the touching story of Makayla's new prosthetic hand and for all their hard work in putting this amazing project together.

Growing Informational Writers: A Learning Progression: Literacy coaches Kathy Provost and Heather Fisher shared a continuum of writing samples from kindergarten through grade 5 which highlighted the work of students and staff in the writing component of the literacy initiative.

Committee members thanked Ms. Provost and Ms. Fisher for the exciting literacy work that is being done in the District.

Report on Advanced Parent Professional Leadership in Education: Director of Pupil Services Cathy Kilcoyne and Noah Budiansky presented to the Committee a report on the recent A.P.P.L.E. Institute event which they attended and the action plan that Hudson is implementing.

Committee members thanked Ms. Kilcoyne and Mr. Budiansky for their presentation and look forward to future updates.

V. **Community Comments**

None.

VI. **Old Business**

None.

VII. **New Business**

Approval of Contract with the Superintendent-Elect:

A motion to approve the contract with Dr. Jodi Fortuna was made by Ms. Tousignant Dufour and seconded by Mr. Luoto. On a vote of 4-1-0, with Mr. Davis opposing, the motion passed.

Approval of Agreement with the Secretarial Association June 2014 to June 2016:

Dr. Lyons introduced Secretarial Association President Maureen Parker and Mrs. O'Brien and the Agreement with the Secretarial Association dated June 2014 to June 2016 was signed.

Committee members thanked President, Maureen Parker, for her leadership and goodwill during the process.

Approval of Final FY15 Budget:

Dr. Lyons presented the recommended Final FY15 School Budget in conjunction with the recommendation of the Budget Subcommittee.

Personnel Budget:

A motion to approve the Personnel Budget, as presented, in the amount of \$29,082,413.37 was made by Mr. Luoto and seconded by Mrs. Tousignant Dufour. On a vote of 5-0, the motion passed.

General Expenses:

A motion to approve the General Expense Budget, as presented, in the amount of \$7,016,777.32 was made by Ms. Valcourt and seconded by Mr. Luoto. On a vote of 5-0, the motion passed.

Transportation:

A motion to approve the Transportation Budget, as presented, in the amount of \$1,931,341.50 was made by Ms. Valcourt and seconded by Mrs. Tousignant Dufour. On a vote of 5-0, the motion passed.

Approval of David J. Quinn Middle School Student/Parent Handbook:

Quinn Middle School Principal Brian Daniels presented the changes to the 2014-2015 Quinn Middle School Student/Parent Handbook. Dr. Lyons recommended approval of the 2014-2015 Quinn Middle School Student/Parent Handbook.

A motion to approve the 2014-2015 David J. Quinn Middle School Student/Parent Handbook, as presented, was made by Ms. Valcourt and seconded by Mrs. Tousignant Dufour. On a vote of 5-0, the motion passed.

Approval of the 2014-2015 Hudson High School Student/Parent Handbook:

Hudson High School Principal Brian Reagan presented the changes to the 2014-2015 Hudson High School Student/Parent Handbook. Dr. Lyons recommended approval of the 2014-2015 Hudson High School Student/Parent Handbook.

A motion to approve the 2014-2015 Hudson High School Student/Parent Handbook, as presented, was made by Mrs. Tousignant Dufour and seconded by Mr. Luoto. On a vote of 5-0, the motion passed.

Discussion of PARCC/MCAS and School Committee Decision:

Dr. Lyons and Dr. Fortuna shared with the Committee an overview of the pros and cons of PARCC/MCAS testing.

Discussion ensued.

A motion to not take action on a final decision on PARCC/MCAS was made by Mrs. O'Brien and seconded by Ms. Valcourt. On a vote of 4-1-0, with Mr. Davis opposing, the motion passed.

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Approval of Contract with Advanced Presentation Systems, Inc. in the Amount of \$18,896

Dr. Lyons recommended approval of the contract with Advanced Presentation Systems, Inc. in the amount of \$18,896 to equip additional Hudson High School classrooms with projection and smart tools.

A motion to approve the contract with Advanced Presentation Systems, Inc. in the amount of \$18,896 was made by Ms. Valcourt and seconded by Mr. Luoto. On a vote of 5-0, the motion passed.

VIII. Reclassifications

A motion to approve the reclassification of funds, as presented, was made by Mr. Luoto and seconded by Mrs. Tousignant Dufour. On a vote of 5-0, the motion passed.

IX. Subcommittee and Building Committee Liaison Reports

None.

X. Executive Session/Adjournment

At 9:52 p.m., Committee Co-Chair Lynn Valcourt noted that there was need for an Executive Session to discuss strategy with respect to preparation for negotiations with non-union personnel, because an open session may have a detrimental effect on the bargaining position, or legal position, of the Committee.

A motion to enter into Executive Session was made by Mrs. Tousignant Dufour and seconded by Ms. Valcourt.

Vote by roll call:

Ms. Valcourt - yes
Mrs. O'Brien – yes
Mr. Davis – yes
Mr. Luoto - yes
Mrs. Tousignant Dufour – yes

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer O'Brien, Secretary
Hudson School Committee

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