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**Hudson School Committee
Open Session Minutes**

Meeting Date: June 17, 2014

Location: Administration Building
155 Apsley Street

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

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

Regular Meeting – May 27, 2014: A motion to approve the minutes was made by Mr. Luoto, and seconded by Mrs. O'Brien. On a vote of 7-0, the motion passed.

III. Special Reports and Presentations

Growing Information Writers – A Learning Progression: District Literacy Coaches Kathy Provost and Heather Fisher began their presentation by thanking Dr. Lyons and Dr. Fortuna for the wonderful support and the opportunity they have given to them and the students of Hudson Public School in the past years.

Ms. Provost and Ms. Fisher shared a PowerPoint presentation which highlighted some of the work on the literacy initiative which begins with the students in kindergarten and increases each year to 5th grade. Quinn Middle School students Gianna Dempsey and Maia Frias did a presentation on the life of Abigail Adams and Mercie Warren.

Committee members thanked the students for their presentation and Ms. Provost and Ms. Fisher on their wonderful work and commitment to literacy for the students.

Discussion of Appointment of the Next Superintendent of Schools: Committee Chair asked Committee members for a motion to appoint Dr. Jodi Fortuna as the next Superintendent of Schools. A motion to enter into contract negotiations with and appoint Dr. Jodi Fortuna as the next Superintendent of Schools was made by Mr. Luoto and seconded by Ms. O'Brien. On a vote of 5-1-1, with Mr. Davis opposing and Ms. Hay abstaining, the motion passed.

Discussion ensued.

IV. Superintendent's Report

Dr. Lyons congratulated Dr. Fortuna on her appointment as the next Superintendent of Schools.

Quinn Middle School Principal Search: Dr. Lyons announced that Jason Webster of Marlborough was named the new Quinn Middle School Principal and thanked Principal Reagan, the search committee, staff, students, parents and the community for their involvement in the lengthy search.

Search for Farley Elementary School Principal: Dr. Lyons announced that Sharon MacDonald has accepted a position in Sudbury as principal of an elementary school and thanked Ms. MacDonald for leading the Farley Elementary for the past six years and that she will be missed by her school community and her administrative colleagues.

Dr. Lyons noted that the search for Ms. MacDonald's replacement must begin immediately and asked that any School Committee member interested in serving on the screening committee let Ms. Dunnell know as soon as possible.

Luis Macedo Retirement Party: A Memorable Event: A retirement party was held for Luis Macedo on Saturday, June 14th. The event had a wonderful turnout which included locals and interscholastic athletics leaders from across the State to honor and congratulate Mr. Macedo on his career as a Hudson High School teacher, coach, and Athletic Director and wished Mr. Macedo a wonderful and well-earned retirement with gratitude for what he accomplished at Hudson High School.

Teachers College Summer Institute: Farley Elementary Reading Specialist Stacey MacLeod has been accepted into the prestigious Teachers College Summer Institute. The Reading and Writing Project at Teachers College draws literacy specialists from around the world and it this is quite an honor for the District.

V. Community Comments

Parent Liz Jackson shared some of her concerns regarding the school system and the number of administrators leaving the District with School Committee members.

Discussion ensued.

Parent Kelly Mazza continued the discussion regarding the school system and the number of administrators leaving the District with School Committee members.

Discussion ensued.

VI. Old Business

None.

VII. New Business

Discussion of Potential Future Relocation of Administration Offices: Town Executive Assistant Tom Moses spoke to the Committee on the possibility of relocating the Administration Offices to 428 Main Street. This relocation would require an engineering and programming study to be done. The Town is requesting that the school fund this study in the amount of \$28,500 from existing lines in the FY15 budget and the Town would then return the money to the schools on the November Warrant. Dr. Lyons noted that the budget does have the flexibility to execute on a feasibility study in a more timely fashion than the Town can.

A motion for the School Department to fund this engineering and programming study in the amount of \$28,500 with the understanding that the full amount would be returned to the school budget in November was made by Mrs. Dunnell and seconded by Ms. Hay. On a vote of 7-0, the motion passed.

Committee members thanked Mr. Moses for his assistance and guidance in this project.

VIII. Reclassifications

A motion to approve the reclassification of funds, as presented, was made by Mr. Luoto and seconded by Ms. Hay. On a vote of 7-0, the motion passed.

XI. Subcommittee and Building Committee Liaison Reports

Committee member Jennifer O'Brien noted that Policy Subcommittee had met to discuss policy priorities.

X. Executive Session/Adjournment

At 8:07 p.m., Committee Chair Susan Dunnell noted that there was no need for Executive Session.

A motion to adjourn was made by Ms. Valcourt and seconded by Mr. Luoto. On a vote of 7-0, the motion passed

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer O'Brien, Secretary
Hudson School Committee

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List of Documents Source and Location

DOC NAME	SOURCE	LOCATION
School Committee Minutes of May 27, 2014	School Committee	Superintendent's Office
Superintendent's Report	Superintendent	Superintendent's Office
Reclassifications (2)	Finance Department	Superintendent's Office