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**Hudson School Committee
Open Session Minutes**

Meeting Date: September 23, 2014

Location: Administration Building
155 Apsley Street

Members present: Jennifer O'Brien, Brian Davis, Michele Tousignant Dufour, Allyson Hay and Glen Maston

Members absent: Lynn Valcourt
George Luoto
Alex Schley, Student Representative

Others present: Dr. Jodi Fortuna, Superintendent
Julia M. Pisegna, Recording Secretary

I. Call the Meeting to Order – 7:02 p.m.

The meeting was called to order by Committee Chair Jennifer O'Brien.

II. Approval of Minutes

Regular Meeting – September 9, 2014: A motion to approve the minutes was made by Mrs. Tousignant Dufour and seconded by Mrs. Hay. On a vote of 5-0, the motion passed.

III. Superintendent's Report – Dr. Jodi Fortuna

Progress Toward Goals and Superintendent's Professional Growth:

The first meeting of the year for the Tri-County Superintendent's Roundtable was held on Wednesday, September 17th. Dr. Fortuna noted that the discussion of Goggle applications was very informative and supportive of student learning.

Dr. Fortuna updated the Committee on her professional practice goals of spending one half day a week at each of the schools. Dr. Fortuna continues to find this observation essential time with both principals and educators.

Personnel and Celebrations:

A Hudson High School teacher reached out to Principal Brian Reagan and offered to take senior pictures at no charge for those seniors who might not otherwise be able to afford to have portraits done for the yearbook.

Cindy Fensin has joined the Administration Building staff as Director of Human Resources. Cindy will attend a future School Committee meeting.

Transportation:

Bus No. 3 continues to have issues. Dr. Fortuna reached out to families affected by this bus. The transportation team continues to investigate and respond to every issue.

Parent and Community Groups:

The first Parent Conversation meeting was held on Tuesday, September 16th. There was great discussion on topics ranging from communication, technology and the new math program.

The next Parent Conversation Night will be held on Wednesday, October 15th at 6:30 at the Administration Building to discuss MCAS results. Dr. Fortuna invited all to attend.

Dr. Fortuna met with Steve Freitas, Executive Director of CHAPS, Inc. to discuss the possibility of mutual collaboration to enhance and enrich the educational opportunities for children of all ages.

District Events:

9/27/14 –Sensory Movie Night – Hudson High School – 10:00 a.m.

9/30/14 –Forest Avenue School Open House at 6:00 p.m.

10/1/14 –Mulready Open House at 6:00 p.m.

10/2/14 – Farley Open House at 6:00 p.m.

Enrollment:

As of this date, enrollments numbers are up. The official numbers from the Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education will be out in October.

Subcommittee Reports:

Mrs. O'Brien shared that the Policy Subcommittee met on Monday, September 15th and discussed the 2014-2015 policy initiatives.

The Community and Business Partnership Subcommittee meeting is scheduled for Monday, September 29th at 6:00 p.m. All were invited to attend.

The Public Relations Subcommittee meeting is scheduled for Thursday, October 9th at 6:00 p.m. All were invited to attend.

IV. Matters for Discussion –

Superintendent's Entry Plan:

Dr. Fortuna highlighted her Entry Plan for the District which focuses on:

- Understanding of the District and the opportunities for growth and development
- Begin an open, honest and constructive dialogue with all stakeholder groups
- Build relationships between the District and municipal departments
- Initiate a data-based foundation from which to build solid strategic decisions

Committee members thanked Dr. Fortuna for her presentation and look forward to future updates as the process continues.

Hudson High School Hockey Team Potential Cuts:

Coach Nanartowich has brought to Dr. Fortuna's attention the possibility of a sizeable number of 8th grade students who may be interested in playing HHS hockey this winter and the concern that approximately ½ of these students are not physically ready to play at the high school level where players can check, and suggests that these players remain playing youth hockey for one more year. Due to this safety issue, there will be the potential for hockey cuts this year.

Principal Brian Reagan and Jessica Winders, Athletic Director, will attend a School Committee meeting in the spring to provide data and recommendations regarding any permanent changes made to the District's no-cut policy.

V. Public Participation

Assistant Hockey Coach Brian Ross shared with the Committee that he feels some players are not physically ready to play at the high school level and would benefit from an additional year of youth hockey.

Parent Brian Miranda also spoke to the Committee regarding players remaining in the youth hockey program.

Discussion ensued.

VI. Matters for Action

Approval of Hudson High School Overnight Field Trip to Helmstedt, Germany - April 14-24, 2015: Dr. Fortuna recommended approval for the Hudson High School overnight field trip to Helmstedt, Germany - April 14-24, 2015.

A motion to approve the Hudson High School overnight field trip to Helmstedt, Germany - April 14-24, 2015 was made by Mrs. Hay and seconded by Mr. Maston. On a vote of 4-0-1, with Mr. Davis abstaining, the motion passed.

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Approval of Rescind School Committee Policy GDF Aides (Paraprofessionals): Dr. Fortuna noted that this item should be to revise Policy GDF A, not to rescind. No action was taken on this matter.

Discussion ensued.

Approval of Rescind School Committee Policy GDI Federal Project Personnel Seniority:

Dr. Fortuna recommended approval to rescind School Committee Policy GDI *Federal Project Personnel Seniority*.

A motion for approval to rescind School Committee Policy GDI *Federal Project Personnel Seniority* was made by Mrs. Tousignant Dufour and seconded by Mrs. Hay. On a vote of 5-0, the motion passed.

Approval of Rescind School Committee Policy GDLA Clerical Overtime:

Dr. Fortuna recommended approval to rescind School Committee Policy GDLA *Clerical Overtime*.

A motion for approval to rescind School Committee Policy GDLA *Clerical Overtime* was made by Mrs. Hay and seconded by Mrs. Tousignant Dufour. On a vote of 5-0, the motion passed.

Approval of Contract with Looney Math Consulting in the Amount of \$22,500.00: Dr. Fortuna recommended approval of the Contract with Looney Math Consulting in the amount of \$22,500.00.

A motion to approve the Contract with Looney Math Consulting in the amount of \$22,500.00 was made by Mrs. Tousignant Dufour and seconded by Mr. Maston. On a vote of 4-1-0, with Mr. Davis opposing, the motion passed.

Approval of Final PARCC vs. MCAS Decision:

The District is required to notify the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education by October 1st if we wish to participate in the PARCC test for the 2014-2015 school year.

Dr. Fortuna recommended to the Committee that Hudson remain on MCAS testing for the 2014-2015 school year.

Discussion ensued.

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A motion to approve MCAS testing in the Hudson Public Schools for the 2014-2015 school year was made by Mrs. Hay and seconded by Mrs. Tousignant Dufour. On a vote of 5-0, the motion passed.

VII. Reclassifications

A motion to approve the reclassification of funds, as presented, was made by Mrs. Tousignant Dufour and seconded by Mrs. Hay. On a vote of 4-0, the motion passed.

Items of Interest to the School Committee:

Mrs. O'Brien will bring forward to the Policy Subcommittee a contract for the school photographer.

Dr. Fortuna updated the Committee on the inquiry made in the previous school Committee meeting regarding dress code.

Principals are enforcing the guidelines when they feel it causes a disturbance to learning and will address the dress code on a case-by-case basis.

Executive Session/Adjournment

At 8:15 p.m., Committee Chair Jennifer O'Brien noted that there was no need for an Executive Session.

Motion to adjourn was made by Mrs. Tousignant Dufour and seconded by Mrs. Hay. On a vote of 5-0, the motion passed

Respectfully submitted,

Michele Tousignant Dufour, Secretary
Hudson School Committee

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List of Documents Source and Location

DOC NAME	SOURCE	LOCATION
Superintendent's Report	Superintendent	Superintendent's Office
Minutes of September 9, 2014	Superintendent	Superintendent's Office
Entry Plan of Superintendent	Superintendent	Superintendent's Office
Memo from Brian Reagan re: Hudson High School Potential Hockey Cuts dated September 19, 2014	Superintendent	Superintendent's Office
Memo from Brian Reagan re: Hudson High School Overnight Field Trip to Helmstedt, Germany dated September 18, 2014	Superintendent	Superintendent's Office
Hudson School Committee Policy G DFA Aides (Paraprofessionals)	Hudson School Committee	Superintendent's Office
Hudson School Committee Policy GDI Federal Project Personnel Seniority	Hudson School Committee	Superintendent's Office
Hudson School Committee Policy GDLA Clerical Overtime	Hudson School Committee	
Contract with Looney Math Consulting	Finance Department	Superintendent's Office
Reclassifications (2)	Finance Department	Superintendent's Office