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**Hudson School Committee
Open Session Minutes**

Meeting Date: September 9, 2014

Location: Administration Building
155 Apsley Street

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

Members absent: None

Others present: Dr. Jodi Fortuna, Superintendent
Julia M. Pisegna, Recording Secretary
Alex Schley, Student Representative

I. Call the Meeting to Order – 7:03 p.m.

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

II. Approval of Minutes

Regular Meeting – September 19, 2014: A motion to approve the minutes was made by Mr. Luoto, and seconded by Mrs. Hay. On a vote of 7-0, the motion passed.

III. Superintendent's Report – Dr. Jodi Fortuna

Progress Toward Goals and Superintendent's Professional Growth: 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.

Transportation: To date, the majority of transportation issues centered around the afternoon elementary bus. Dr. Fortuna assured the community that the transportation team is actively working to address all issues and encouraged parents to put their request in writing to hps.busroutes@hudson.k12.ma.us.

Readiness Day: The annual Readiness Day was held on Tuesday, August 26th and included public safety, administration, school nurses, school secretaries, and representatives of the transportation company.

Dr. Fortuna thanked Chief Stevens, Chief Blood, Officer Downing, and Det. Crogan for their continued collaboration with the Hudson Public Schools.

District Events:

9/11/14 – Quinn Middle School Open House at 6:00 p.m.

9/16/14 – Parent Town Meeting at 6:30 p.m. at Quinn Middle School

9/18/14 – Hudson High School Open House at 6:30 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.

- IV. **Special Reports & Presentations** – Hudson’s 2014 Innovation School Fellow, Kevin Hava, presented a slideshow and updated the Committee on the initial planning efforts for the Hudson Public Schools Innovation School.

Dr. Fortuna thanked Mr. Hava for his hard work on this exciting project.

Committee members also thanked Mr. Hava and noted that they look forward to future updates as the planning process continues.

- V. **Community Comments**

Parent Tammy Hayword addressed the issue of student dress code to Committee members.

Discussion ensued.

- VI. **Old Business**

None.

- VII. **New Business**

Approval of Hudson High School Students to Attend the Journalism Education Association National Convention Overnight Field Trip to Washington, DC on November 5-8, 2014: Dr. Fortuna recommended approval for Hudson High School students to attend the Journalism Education Association National Convention overnight field trip to Washington, DC on November 5-8, 2014.

A motion to approve Hudson High School students to attend the Journalism Education Association National Convention overnight field trip to Washington, DC on November 5-8, 2014 was made by Mr. Luoto and seconded by Mrs. Tousignant Dufour. On a vote of 6-1-0, with Mr. Davis opposing, the motion passed.

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Approval of the Hudson High School Drama Society Overnight Field Trip to New York City on April 14-15, 2015: Dr. Fortuna recommended approval for the Hudson High School Drama Society overnight field trip to New York City on April 14-15, 2015.

A motion to approve the Hudson High School Drama Society overnight field trip to New York City on April 14-15, 2015 was made by Mr. Luoto and seconded by Mrs. Tousignant Dufour. On a vote of 6-1-0, with Mr. Davis opposing, the motion passed.

Approval of the Hudson High School Overnight Field to Peruvian Amazon in April, 2015: Dr. Fortuna recommended approval for the Hudson High School overnight field trip to Peruvian Amazon in April, 2015.

A motion to approve the Hudson High School overnight field trip to Peruvian Amazon in April, 2015 was made by Mr. Luoto and seconded by Mrs. Hay. On a vote of 6-1-0, with Mr. Davis opposing, the motion passed.

Dr. Fortuna thanked teacher June Murray for all her hard work in putting such a great trip and the experience of a lifetime together for the students.

Approval of Revised School Committee Agenda Structure: Dr. Fortuna recommended approval of the revised School Committee Agenda structure.

Discussion ensued.

A motion to approve the piloting of a revised School Committee Agenda for the next three meetings was made by Mrs. Hay and seconded by Mrs. Tousignant Dufour. On a vote of 7-0, the motion passed.

Approval of Revised Subcommittee Structure: Dr. Fortuna recommended approval of the revised Subcommittee structure to include to the following:

- School Committee Goals
- Community and Business Partnerships
- Public Relations
- Policy
- Budget

Discussion ensued.

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

Approval of Contract with McGraw Hill for Math Textbooks in the Amount of \$13,230.00: Dr. Fortuna recommended approval of the Contract with McGraw Hill for math textbooks in the amount of \$13,230.00.

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A motion to approve the Contract with McGraw Hill for math textbooks in the amount of \$13,230.00 was made by Mr. Luoto and seconded by Mrs. Tousignant Dufour. On a vote of 7-0, the motion passed.

Reclassifications

None.

Subcommittee and Building Committee Liaison Reports

Mrs. O'Brien shared a concern from a parent regarding the 8th grade trip to Washington, DC. Dr. Fortuna provided details regarding the trip.

Principal Brian Reagan then addressed the Committee regarding the possibility of a stipend in the FY16 budget for the staff planning and attending the 8th grade field trip to Washington, DC.

Discussion ensued.

Executive Session/Adjournment

At 8:15 p.m., Committee Chair Jennifer O'Brien noted that there was need for an Executive Session to discuss strategy with respect to preparation for arbitration with 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 Ms. Valcourt and seconded by Mr. Luoto.

Vote by roll call:

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

Respectfully submitted,

Michele Tousignant Dufour, Secretary
Hudson School Committee

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List of Documents Source and Location

| DOC NAME | SOURCE | LOCATION |
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| Superintendent's Report | Superintendent | Superintendent's Office |
| Minutes of August 26, 2014 | Superintendent | Superintendent's Office |
| Readiness Day Agenda | Superintendent | |
| Planning an Innovation School in Hudson Presentation and Memo | Kevin Hava | Superintendent's Office |
| Memo re: HHS Overnight Trip: Journalism Education Association National Convention | Brian K. Reagan | Superintendent's Office |
| Memo re: Overnight Field Trip Request – NYC | Brian K. Reagan | Superintendent's Office |
| Memo and Itinerary Documents re: Overnight Field Trip – Peruvian Amazon | Brian K. Reagan | Superintendent's Office |
| Sample Agenda | Superintendent | Superintendent's Office |
| Contract with McGraw Hill | Finance Department | Superintendent's Office |
| Reclassifications (none) | Finance Department | Superintendent's Office |