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**Hudson School Committee
Open Session Minutes**

Meeting Date: January 8, 2019

Location: 155 Aspley Street

Members present: Steven Smith, George Luoto, Elizabeth Hallsworth, Adam Tracy, Nina Ryan and Matthew McDowell

Members absent: Glenn Maston

Others present: Dr. Marco C. Rodrigues, Superintendent
Annamarie O'Donnell, Recording Secretary

I. Call to Order 7:02 p.m.

The meeting was called to order by Committee Vice Chair, Steve Smith.

II. Approval of Minutes:

Regular Meeting: December 18, 2018

A motion to approve the minutes of December 18, 2018 was made by Mr. Luoto and seconded by Mr. Tracy. On a vote of 6-0, the motion passed.

III. Public Participation:

None

IV. Reports and Presentations:

Report of the Superintendent

a) Report of the Superintendent:
No Report

b) Subcommittee Reports

Mr. Smith reported that the Policy Subcommittee had met earlier and there will be some of the section J Policies available for review by the full committee at the next meeting.

Mr. Tracy reported that the Strategic Goals Subcommittee would be convening soon to look at the results of the Communication Survey.

c) Student Presentation

Student alternate Emily Figuerido reported that there has been a lot of ARC program discussion among the student body, mostly positive. The Community Council is also looking at a stress free weekend initiative.

V. **Matters for Discussion:**

- a) Old Business
- b) New Business
 - 1. Presentation by Green Hudson

Brian White, Hudson resident and co-founder of Green Hudson reported on the activities of Green Hudson. He gave an overview of the company, shared their mission statement and goals for 2019. The focus of the group is on sustainability, conservation, efficiency, and education. Green Hudson is open to anyone interested in helping with sustainability issues at the local level.

For 2019, Green Hudson has chosen to focus on the following three initiatives:

- Green Communities
 - Support Hudson becoming a green community. This results in a grant once Hudson is accepted into the program. The District can get involved by being a part of the Energy Reduction Plan through various initiatives
- Heat Smart
 - Hudson has applied jointly with Sustainable Stow for a state grant for a joint heat pump initiative.
- Plastic Reduction
 - Plastic Bottle and Bag reduction, opportunities for direct engagement with students

Public Education Campaign & Outreach are at the core of all three of these initiatives. Mr. White also spoke about the textile recycling program.

Discussion ensued about the cost benefit relationship of solar with a municipality.

- 2. Discussion of the American Federation of State, County, and Municipal Employees AFL-CIO, Local Council 93, Hudson Public Schools Custodians Local, Negotiation Team Members

Dr. Rodrigues stated that one more committee member has been added to the negotiation team for the custodians union. The team consists of Mr. Tracy, Ms. Hallsworth, and Ms. Ryan. There will be a meeting scheduled soon.

VI. **Matters for Action:**

- a) Old Business
 - 1. Second Reading and approval of Proposed Adoptions and Revisions of School Committee Policies Section KF and KF-R Community Use of School Facilities

Mr. Smith stated that after the last meeting, feedback was given and a change was made to remove the requirement of having an administrator present. Dr. Rodrigues met with and received feedback from Steve Santos from the Hudson

Recreation Department regarding the procedure document. Some modifications were made to this document. This document will be a living document with changes made as needed.

Discussion ensued about elections, and whether there was specific language in the policy for coordinating elections. Dr. Rodrigues suggested that a policy change was not needed, but could be managed through the calendar and procedure document. A motion to approve the Proposed Adoptions and Revisions of School Committee Policies Section KF and KF-R Community Use of School Facilities was made by Mr. Smith and seconded by Ms. Hallsworth. On a vote of 6-0, the motion passed.

b) New Business

1. **Approval of Contract with Denver Equipment Co/ of Charlotte, Inc. in the amount of \$18,322.20 for Steamer and Kettle Equipment at Farley Elementary School**

Dr. Rodrigues stated that the procurement was modified to reflect gas equipment instead of electric. The net dollar amount spent is less.

A motion to approve the Contract with Denver Equipment Co/ of Charlotte, Inc. in the amount of \$18,322.20 for Steamer and Kettle Equipment at Farley Elementary School was made by Mr. Tracy and seconded by Ms. Hallsworth. On a vote of 6-0, the motion passed.

2. **Approval of the FY19 Hudson Cultural Council #3196 Renewal Grant in the amount of \$350.00**

A motion to approve the FY19 Hudson Cultural Council #3196 Renewal Grant in the amount of \$350.00 was made by Mr. Tracy and seconded by Ms. Hallsworth. On a vote of 5-0-1, with Mr. Luoto abstaining, the motion passed.

3. **Approval of Warrant Articles for May 2019 Town Meeting**

A motion to approve the warrant articles for the town meeting for Professional Development and the contract for transportation was made by Mr. Luoto and seconded by Mr. Tracy. On a vote of 6-0, the motion passed.

VII. **Items of Interest to the School Committee**

Mr. Luoto's last day on the committee will be January 31, 2019.

Mr. Smith noted that there would be a joint vote of the Board of Selectmen and the School Committee for filling the vacancy for the remaining three months of the term. This meeting is scheduled for February 11, 2019. After that, the remaining one year left on the

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term will come up for election in May and any interested candidates are required to pull papers.

VIII. **Executive Session**

At 7:44 p.m., Committee Vice Chair, Steve Smith, noted that Executive Session was needed for the following reason:

To conduct strategy sessions in preparation with union personnel (Hudson School Secretarial Association) because an open session may have a detrimental effect on the legal position of the Committee.

Vote by roll call:

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| Mr. Smith | Yes |
| Mr. Luoto | Yes |
| Ms. Hallsworth | Yes |
| Mr. Tracy | Yes |
| Ms. Ryan | Yes |
| Mr. McDowell | Yes |

IX. **Adjournment**

At 7:44 p.m., Committee Vice Chair, Steve Smith, announced that the Committee would enter Executive Session and not return to Public Session.

Respectfully submitted,

Elizabeth Hallsworth, Secretary
Hudson School Committee