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**Hudson School Committee  
Open Session Minutes**

**Meeting Date:** May 27, 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  
Alex Schley, Student Representative

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

The meeting was called to order by Committee Chair Susan Dunnell. Mrs. Dunnell welcomed new member, Allyson Hay, to the Committee.

**II. Approval of Minutes**

Regular Meeting - May 13, 2014: A motion to approve the minutes was made by Mr. Luoto, and seconded by Ms. Valcourt. On a vote of 7-0, the motion passed.

**III. Superintendent's Report**

Welcome to New School Committee Member Allyson Hay: Dr. Lyons congratulated new member, Allyson Hay, on her appointment by the Joint Meeting of the Hudson School Committee and Hudson Board of Selectmen on May 19<sup>th</sup> and thanked Ms. Hay for her interest in serving.

Budget Update: The May financial projection was completed by Finance Director Patty Lange. The increase in savings from the March projection to the May projection in the school choice amount carried over from FY14 to FY15 is \$402,308, and went from 1,326,894 to 1,729,202.

Dr. Lyons, Dr. Fortuna and Mrs. Lange met with Town executive Mr. Moses and Mr. Sandini and discussed the updated numbers on both the Town side and the school side. This discussion will continue during the week of May 26<sup>th</sup> for a final appropriation estimate.

A.P.P.L.E. Institute, May 21-23: The Federation for Children with Special Needs held the Annual A.P.P.L.E. (Advancing Parent Professional Leadership in Education) Leadership Institute on Tuesday, May 21<sup>st</sup> through Thursday, May 23<sup>rd</sup>.

Hudson School Committee member Jenn O'Brien, parents Noah Budiansky and Siobhan Madison attended. Hudson Public Schools was represented by staff members Cathy Kilcoyne, Dr. Jodi Fortuna, and Dr. Lyons. It was a great training session for collaborating to help ensure the best education for all students, especially with a focus on students with disabilities.

Fingerprinting Conference May 15<sup>th</sup>: Kelley DiFolco and Jennifer Waldron represented the Hudson Public Schools at a regional conference in Needham on the newly mandated fingerprinting process.

Hudson has begun to implement the fingerprinting requirements and Dr. Lyons will continue to update the Committee on any new developments.

Project Lead The Way Trade Show, May 15<sup>th</sup>: The First Annual Hudson Public School's Project Lead the Way Trade Show was held on Thursday, May 15<sup>th</sup> in the Hudson High School Cafeteria. It was a wonderful exposition of our students' work and the instruction and mentorship of our teachers.

Quinn Middle School Principal Search Update — The Screening Committee met on Tuesday, May 20<sup>th</sup> to review sixteen applications. The Committee felt that the candidate pool was significantly better this round and narrowed the list to six. The six semi-finalists are being interviewed on Monday, June 2<sup>nd</sup> and Tuesday, June 3<sup>rd</sup>. The Committee will forward the finalists to Dr. Lyons on the evening of Tuesday, June 3<sup>rd</sup>.

PARCC v. MCAS Next Year: The District will make a decision by the end of June to enter into PARCC testing next year, or continue with MCAS for another year. On Monday, May 19<sup>th</sup>, Hudson hosted a statewide workshop for Superintendents on the advantages and disadvantages of going to PARCC next year. Dr. Lyons will bring a recommendation to the School Committee on Tuesday, June 24<sup>th</sup>.

Discussion ensued.

Hudson High School Spring Concert, May 19<sup>th</sup>: Dr. Lyons noted that the Hudson High School Spring Concert was held on Monday, May 19<sup>th</sup> and was a great success with some terrific talent among the students and teachers. Dr. Lyons thanked Mr. Caron and Mrs. McLellan for their hard work in putting such a great production together.

Town Hall Meeting on Underage Drinking, May 21<sup>st</sup>: Director of Health, Nursing and Safety Jenny Gormley attended the Town Hall Meeting on underage drinking held on Wednesday, May 21<sup>st</sup> and shared some highlights with Committee members.

Committee Chair Susan Dunnell thanked the Town and Mrs. Gormley for such an informative event and expressed the seriousness of this issue and the importance of continuing to get this information out to both students and parents.

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H.H.S. Drama Society METG Nominees: Dr. Lyons shared a report from Hudson High School Director of Theatre Kathleen McKenzie:

The Massachusetts Educational Theatre Guild (METG) announced the nominees for their Musical Theatre Awards and Hudson High School's production of *The Producers* was nominated for 6 awards:

Best Hair and Makeup

Best Props

Best Featured Actor- Vinicius Bulhoes

Best Actor- Jack Colaianni

Best Acting Ensemble (this is for the entire company of the show) Best Overall Production

The actual MET Awards Ceremony will take place at the Cutler Majestic Theatre in Boston on Monday, June 9<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. Cody Grimm and Jack Colaianni will perform *We Can Do It* at the awards ceremony in front of 1,200 people.

Fifty-six Massachusetts schools were eligible for nomination for the MET Awards. It is an honor to be one of five schools to be singled out for each of these categories.

Dr. Lyons congratulated Ms. McKenzie and the Hudson High School Drama Club and wished them luck at the awards ceremony on June 9<sup>th</sup>.

#### IV. **Special Reports and Presentations**

1. Art Integration: Mike Correa and staff members Dianne Hoff, Deirdre D'Urso Jenna Johnson and Lisa O'Brien shared a video of students showing off their work on habitat and clay animals, fraction fish and hibernation winter survival. Teacher Louis Martinez shared his "*Harry, The Hairy Elephant*" story which highlights the creativity of the Department and their efforts to merge art with subject areas and with social issues work at all grade levels.

Committee Chair Susan Dunnell and members thanked Mr. Correa and staff members for their wonderful work.

2. New Elementary Report Cards: Director of Elementary Education Karen Martin presented to the Committee on the new and significant revisions to elementary report cards. Ms. Martin and the elementary teachers have integrated parent and teacher feedback to make this edition more user-friendly and meaningful. Teacher Carlene Isham and parent Denise Reid shared with the Committee their excitement over the new report cards.

Discussion ensued.

3. Enhanced Lockdown Guidelines Update: Director of Health, Nursing and Safety Jenny Gormley updated the Committee on the training of staff this past winter and spring. Mrs. Gormley collaborated with the Hudson Police Department on this inclusive approach to training staff and that specific feedback from staff is being used to define the new guidelines.

Dr. Lyons noted that this public presentation is the first announcement that the schools will implement new guidelines in September 2014 and that parent communications will follow in the coming weeks.

Discussion ensued.

Committee Chair Susan Dunnell and members thanked Mrs. Gormley for her informative presentation and look forward to future updates.

V. **Community Comments**

None.

VI. **Old Business**

Discussion of Internal Search Process for Position of Superintendent: The Committee discussed MASC facilitated focus groups of the last two weeks in regard to the desired qualities of the next Superintendent and the Question and Answer sessions with Assistant Superintendent Dr. Jodi Fortuna.

Discussion ensued.

Committee Chair Susan Dunnell announced that the Committee will hold a meeting on Tuesday, June 17<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. to continue this discussion.

VII. **New Business**

**Reclassifications**

None.

VIII. **Subcommittee and Building Committee Liaison Reports**

Committee member Brian Davis inquired about a School Committee member speaking at Hudson High School graduation.

Discussion ensued.

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XI. **Executive Session/Adjournment**

At 9:20 p.m., Committee Chair Susan Dunnell noted that there was need for an Executive Session to discuss strategy with respect to preparation for negotiations with the Secretaries Association and to discuss pending litigation, because an open session may have a detrimental effect on the bargaining position, or legal position of the Committee.

Ms. Valcourt made a motion to enter Executive Session and seconded by Mr. Luoto.

Vote by roll call:

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

Respectfully submitted,

Lynn Valcourt, Secretary  
Hudson School Committee

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List of Documents Source and Location

<b>DOC NAME</b>	<b>SOURCE</b>	<b>LOCATION</b>
School Committee Minutes of May 13, 2014	School Committee	Superintendent's Office
Superintendent's Report	Superintendent	Superintendent's Office
A.P.P.L.E. Institute Agenda – May 21-May 23, 2014	A.P.P.L.E. Institute	Superintendent's Office
A.P.P.L.E. Institute Program	A.P.P.L.E. Institute	Superintendent's Office
Correspondence to Staff dated May 27, 2014 re: Fingerprinting	Dr. Kevin M. Lyons	Superintendent's Office
Statewide Applicant Fingerprint Identification Services Program Registration Guide	Massachusetts State Police	Superintendent's Office
Statewide Applicant Fingerprint Identification Services Program MASPA Workshop May 14, 2014	Massachusetts State Police	Superintendent's Office
PLTW Trade Show Photo	Ellen Schuck	Superintendent's Office
2015 PARCC/MCAS Choice M.A.S.S. Drive-In Conference May 19, 2014	DESE	Superintendent's Office
Hudson High School Spring Concert Program	HHS Performing Arts Department	Superintendent's Office
Town Hall Underage Drinking Event Flyer	Hudson YSAP Coalition	Superintendent's Office
Congratulations – Amazing News for HHS Drama Tweet dated May 23, 2014	Superintendent	Superintendent's Office
'Harry, The Hairy Elephant' Booklet	Lou Martinez, Teacher – Farley Elementary School	Superintendent's Office
New Elementary Report Cards	Karen Martin	Superintendent's Office
Enhanced Lockdown Procedures	Jenny Gormley	Superintendent's Office
Reclassifications (none)	Finance Department	Superintendent's Office