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**Hudson School Committee
Open Session Minutes**

Meeting Date: August 25, 2015

Location: Administration Building
155 Apsley Street

Members present: Jennifer O'Brien, Allyson Hay, Brian Davis, George Luoto,
Glenn Maston and Elizabeth Hallsworth

Members absent: Michele Tousignant Dufour

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

I. Call the Meeting to Order – 7:04 p.m.

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

II. Approval of Minutes:

None.

III. Public Participation:

None.

IV. Reports:

Student Representative Report

None.

Superintendent's Report – Dr. Jodi Fortuna

Dr. Fortuna shared with the Committee that Teacher Orientation day was held on August 25th to August 27th and that welcoming new teachers to the District is one of the many highlights of the Superintendent's job.

Dr. Fortuna announced the hiring of the following staff members:

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Name	Position	Location
Jennifer Lipton	School Psychologist	Forest Avenue Elementary
Ashley Conley	Speech & Language Pathologist	Farley Elementary School
Elizabeth Novak	Speech & Language Pathologist	Mulready Elementary School
Reed Prior	Physics Teacher	Hudson High School
Shane McArdle	English Teacher	Hudson High School
William Carvajal	Spanish Teacher	Hudson High School
Allison Heyman	ELL Teacher	Quinn Middle School
Renne Brancaleone	Math Teacher	Quinn Middle School
Heather Allen	Kindergarten Teacher	Farley Elementary School
Victoria Andrade	Social Studies Teacher	Quinn Middle School
Alexander Hoyt	Social Studies Teacher	Quinn Middle School
Michelle Norsworthy	ELL Teacher	Forest Avenue Elementary
Kelly Barringer	Speech & Language Pathologist	Quinn Middle School
Danielle Spilotros	Elementary Library/Media Teacher	Farley Elementary School
Chris Crowley	Math Teacher	Hudson High School
Sytske Campbell	Elementary Teacher	Forest Avenue Elementary
Kimberly Primeau	Preschool Teacher	Hudson High School
Julie Basler	Elementary District Math Coach	Administration Building
Tracie Lampson	Math Coach	Hudson High School
Mafalda Moreira	Portuguese Teacher	Hudson High School
Molly Igo	English Teacher	Quinn Middle School
Nichole Frantoni	Elementary Teacher	Farley Elementary School
Jillian Hughes	.5 Kindergarten Teacher	Farley Elementary School
Stacey Rodriguez	.7 Art Teacher	Forest Avenue Elementary School
Ashley Steinhaus	.6 Music Teacher	Mulready Elementary School
Kelly Bernier	Integrated Preschool Teacher	Hudson High School

Subcommittee Reports:

None.

V. **Matters for Discussion:**

1. Discussion for the Proposed Delay in the Hudson High School 2017 NEASC Accreditation Visit

Dr. Fortuna recommended approval for the proposed delay in the Hudson High School 2017 NEASC Accreditation visit.

Principal Brian Reagan discussed with the Committee reasons for the proposed delay in the Hudson High School 2017 NEASC Accreditation visit highlighting the progress being made towards the creation of a redesigned accreditation process which includes:

- A focus on school-identified improvement goals that relate to robust curriculum, instruction and assessment standards
- A focus on a school's capacity to continuously reflect upon and improve its practice, rather than an overly prescriptive or a "one size fits all" approach
- An emphasis on formative feedback and an iterative process of planning and improvement rather than a summative, point in time pass/fail orientation
- A process that is shorter, less disruptive of other school initiatives, less duplicative of other external requirements, and less costly

Mr. Reagan noted that given the amount of work the District faces to meet state and federal mandates and the demands of our own District Improvement Plan, it would involve a significant amount of professional development time and fiscal resources to a process that is unsettled.

Mr. Reagan also noted that Hudson remains committed to the spirit of the accreditation process and is eager to hear more about NEASC's review of the current process and how any changes that emerge as a result will be aligned with the District's local work, as well as the obligations placed on the District by the Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education.

Discussion ensued.

Dr. Fortuna and Mr. Reagan will continue to keep the Committee up to date on any new developments with NEASC.

A motion to approve the delay in the Hudson High School 2017 NEASC Accreditation visit was made by Mr. Luoto and seconded by Ms. Hay. On a vote of 6-0, the motion passed.

VI. Matters for Action:

1. Approval of Year-End Transfers and Closing of FY15:

Patty Lange, Executive Director to Finance and Operations, presented the year-end transfers and encumbrances for the closing of FY15.

Discussion ensued.

Transfer of Funds

A motion to approve the transfer of \$73,396.51 from Personnel to FY15 Transportation was made by Mr. Luoto and seconded by Ms. Hallsworth. On a vote of 6-0, the motion passed.

A motion to approve the transfer of \$831,865.57 from FY15 Personnel to FY15 General Expense was made by Mr. Luoto and seconded by Ms. Hay. On a vote of 6-0, the motion passed.

A motion to approve the transfer of \$88,477.29 from School Choice to FY15 Food Services Revolving Fund was made by Mr. Maston and seconded by Ms. Hallsworth. On a vote of 6-0, the motion passed.

Encumbrances

A motion to approve to encumber \$110,330.40 from FY15 General Expense to FY16 funds was made by Mr. Luoto and seconded by Mr. Maston. On a vote of 6-0, the motion passed.

A motion to approve to encumber \$303,919.66 from FY15 Personnel to FY16 funds was made by Mr. Luoto and seconded by Ms. Hay. On a vote of 6-0, the motion passed.

A motion to approve to encumber \$1,567.50 from FY15 Transportation to FY16 funds was made by Ms. Hay and seconded by Ms. Hallsworth. On a vote of 6-0, the motion passed.

VII. Reclassifications:

A motion to approve the reclassifications of funds, as presented, was made by Ms. Hay and seconded by Mr. Luoto. On a vote of 6-0, the motion passed.

VIII. Items of Interest to the School Committee:

Mr. Luoto asked that the previously scheduled School Committee meeting for Tuesday, September 22nd be changed to Monday, September 21st due to the Jewish holiday.

Mr. Davis noted that he has received inquiries regarding the grass being cut at Quinn Middle School.

Discussion ensued.

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IX. Executive Session/Adjournment

At 7:42 p.m., Committee Chair Jennifer O'Brien noted that there was no need for Executive Session.

A motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Davis and seconded by Mrs. Hay. On a vote of 6-0, the motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Michele Tousignant Dufour, Secretary
Hudson School Committee