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**Hudson School Committee  
Open Session Minutes**

**Meeting Date:** November 14, 2017

**Location:** Administration Building  
155 Apsley Street

**Members present:** Michele Tousignant Dufour, Allyson Hay, George Luoto, Glenn Maston, Elizabeth Hallsworth, Steven Smith and Adam Tracy

**Members absent:** Ben Carme, Student Representative

**Others present:** Dr. Marco C. Rodrigues, 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, Michele Tousignant Dufour.

**Approval of Minutes:**

Regular Meeting: October 24, 2017

A motion to approve the minutes of October 24, 2017 was made by Mr. Luoto and seconded by Mr. Smith. On a vote of 7-0, the motion passed.

**Public Participation:**

None.

**Reports:**

**Report of the Superintendent**

Dr. Rodrigues shared with Committee members that the presentation tonight will be about English learners and how the District educates them, support services provided, and data collection representative of those services and the progression of the language acquisition that is in the District.

Director of English Learner Education, Erin Goldstein, presented to the Committee the ACCESS and MCAS testing data and identified the District level trends in English learner achievement and the diversity of these English learners, the changing demographics, the increase in numbers overall and the increase in English learners per school.

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Ms. Goldstein also shared the MCAS and ACCESS 2.0 achievement data for District proficiency in areas such as grade District progress and attainment, as well as gender, language, school, domain and student grade point average.

Discussion ensued.

Committee members thanked Ms. Goldstein for her presentation and look forward to future updates.

## **Student Report**

Student Representative, Ben Carne, was not present for the meeting but provided an update for Committee members:

### **1. High School Update:**

- Hudson High School Drama Society presents *The Adventures of Tom Sawyer*  
Dates: Friday, November 17<sup>th</sup>, Saturday, November 18<sup>th</sup>, and Tuesday, November 21<sup>st</sup>  
Time - 7:00 p.m.  
Location - Hudson High School Auditorium, 69 Brigham Street
- Thanksgiving Day – all were invited to attend the annual football game
- Spirit week (3 days)

**2. Community Council Update:** Mr. Carne's update indicated that the group acts as a voice for the student body to share their opinions and ideas and that Community Council has been hard at work planning the new year and mapping out goals, including:

- Teacher of the month
- Feminine Products
- Senior parking lot
- Design on pavement
- School- wide discussions
- Stress
  - Why isn't there a group to handle stress?
  - Any suggestions?

Discussion ensued.

## **Subcommittee Reports**

Committee member, Steve Smith, shared that the Policy Subcommittee had met and began review of Section 'A' of the current School Committee Policies Manual and that these policies will be brought before the full Committee at the next scheduled School Committee meeting on Tuesday, December 5<sup>th</sup>.

Committee Chair, Michele Tousignant Dufour, shared that the IBB training session for interest-based bargaining for the teacher and para unions has been completed. Officials negotiations will begin for both Hudson Education Association and Hudson Paraeducators Association.

**Matters for Discussion:**

1. Discussion of End of Year Summary Report FY17:

Executive Director of Finance and Operations, Patty Lange, presented to the Committee the annual financial report submitted by each District to the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education and highlighted the comparison of data items reported in FY15 through FY16 based on information reported and audited by the State to ensure that all Districts record the information accurately and in accordance with their guidelines.

Discussion ensued.

2. Discussion of October 1<sup>st</sup> Enrollment Update:

Executive Director of Finance and Operations, Patty Lange, presented to the Committee the October 1<sup>st</sup> enrollment numbers of 2,607 students which will be the District's foundation for Chapter 70 funding for FY19.

Ms. Lange and Dr. Rodrigues also highlighted comparison data for enrollment numbers for Assabet Valley Vocational High School and AMSA Charter School.

Discussion ensued.

3: Discussion of MASC Conference

Committee Chair, Michele Tousignant Dufour, attended the MASC Conference and participated in a number of sessions, including implementation of a college and career pathways program, the Superintendent evaluation process, State of the Economy, opioid crisis, social and emotional learning, as well as cyber security.

4. Discussion of Assabet Valley Collaborative Report

Dr. Rodrigues presented the first quarterly report of Assabet Valley Collaborative to Committee members which highlighted the activities of the Collaborative and their services provided. Future reports will include the annual report and financial audit, annual budget report and tuition rates, and any amendments to the By-laws of the Collaborative.

Discussion ensued.

5. Discussion and Update on Town Warrant and Town Meeting

Committee Chair, Michele Tousignant Dufour, invited all Committee members to attend the Town meeting scheduled for Monday, November 6<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 p.m. at Hudson High School and updated Committee members that the District did have a Warrant Article submitted for a new five-year transportation contract but because an extension was approved, this Warrant Article is no longer needed and has been withdrawn.

6. Discussion of MCAS Information Meeting with Parents

Dr. Rodrigues shared that two MCAS information meetings were held on November 6<sup>th</sup> and November 9<sup>th</sup> where parents were given an opportunity to speak with the Principals and Curriculum Directors about any questions that they had relative to the MCAS testing and results.

Dr. Rodrigues noted that six parents attended the first meeting and that the conversation was very rich and informative and covered a variety of topics. No one attended the second scheduled meeting.

Dr. Rodrigues encouraged anyone with a question or concern regarding MCAS to please contact their building Principal.

Discussion ensued.

7. Discussion of Aspen Update

Dr. Rodrigues shared that parents received information on how to access Aspen. There was a batch of emails that were bounced back as spam emails, but the District continues to work on that. Log in accounts continue to increase, and information continues to be updated on the District website for parents.

Discussion ensued.

**Matters for Action:**

**Reclassifications:**

A motion to approve the reclassifications of funds, as presented, was made by Mr. Luoto and seconded by Ms. Hay. On a vote of 7-0, the motion passed.

**Items of Interest to the School Committee:**

Committee member, Allyson Hay, noted that in the past, the Committee has participated in the Hudson Holiday Coalition and sponsored a family in Hudson. The Coalition was very successful last year and sponsored 150 families in Town, and Ms. Hay shared that she would be happy to coordinate that process for this year.

**Executive Session/Adjournment**

At 8:30 p.m., Committee Chair, Michele Tousignant Dufour, noted that Executive Session was needed for the following reason:

1. To conduct contract negotiations with union personnel (Hudson Paraeducators Association) because an open session may have a detrimental effect on the legal position of the Committee.

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A motion to enter into Executive Session was made by Ms. Tousignant Dufour and seconded by Ms. Hay.

Vote by roll call:

Ms. Tousignant Dufour – yes

Ms. Hay – yes

Mr. Luoto – yes

Mr. Maston – yes

Ms. Hallsworth - yes

Mr. Smith – yes

Mr. Tracy – yes

Committee Chair, Michele Tousignant Dufour, announced that the Committee would enter Executive Session and not return to public session.

Respectfully submitted,

Elizabeth Hallsworth, Secretary  
Hudson School Committee