

Approved

**Hudson School Committee
Open Session Minutes**

Meeting Date: July 30, 2019

Location: 155 Aspley Street

Members present: Glenn Maston, Steven Smith, Matthew McDowell, and Michele Tousignant Dufour

Members absent: Adam Tracy, Nina Ryan, Rebecca Weksner

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

I. Call the Meeting to Order: 7:00 p.m.

The meeting was called to order by Committee Chair, Glenn Maston.

II. Approval of Minutes:

Regular Meeting: June 11, 2019

A motion to approve the minutes of June 11, 2019 was made by Ms. Tousignant Dufour and seconded by Mr. Smith. On a vote of 4-0, the motion passed.

III. Public Participation:

None

IV. Reports and Presentations

Report of the Superintendent

Dr. Rodrigues gave the following updates to the Committee:

Summer updates

Summer Programs

Student Services had two programs start, one on July 1 and one on July 8. There are 54 staff members are providing services to 100 students into August.

New Transportation Company

There has been a good start with First Student. The bus routes are being created and will be announced in mid-August. Parents will be given advance notice of the routes when the routes are available. There is a meet and greet event scheduled with Hudson Public Schools staff and First Student staff on August 19.

Discussion ensued about drivers, in particular if prior issues with drivers are being considered when First Student is looking at drivers coming over from NRT. Dr. Rodrigues confirmed that this is the case.

Hours of Operation Communication

Adjustments to school start times have been made to all Elementary Schools and Quinn Middle School. Messages are being sent to notify parents.

Subcommittee Reports

Budget Subcommittee

none

Policy Subcommittee

none

Strategic Goals Subcommittee

none

Superintendent's Evaluation Subcommittee

none

Other:

A Buildings and Grounds subcommittee meeting was held on July 16 to begin review of a petition for renaming the Hudson High School library. There will be another meeting on August 5.

Student Report

none

V. **Matters for Discussion:**

- a) Old Business
 - 1. Update of Calendar
Dr. Rodrigues stated that the calendar has been updated with MCAS dates that we have received.
- b) New Business
 - 1. Receipt of petition to name the Hudson High School Auditorium to honor former teacher Paul "Skip" Johnson
Mr. Maston stated that the School Committee has received an impressive petition to name the Hudson High School Auditorium in honor of former teacher Paul "Skip" Johnson. Mr. Maston stated that this will be moved to a public hearing with the Buildings and Grounds Subcommittee. The subcommittee will make a recommendation to bring the proposal back to the full committee.

VI. **Matters for Action:**

Old Business

- 1. Approval of School Committee Member Assignments

Mr. Maston stated that members needed to be nominated for the School Councils. Mr. McDowell stated that he could continue on the Quinn School Council. Mr. Maston suggested that since there were three committee members missing that this item be taken up again at the next school committee meeting.

New Business

1. Approval of Student Handbook and Electronic Distribution

Dr. Rodrigues informed the committee that the changes to the student handbooks are outlined in the back up documentation and that there is not a lot of new policy. He stated that some elements have new language as a result of things that happened last year. He also informed the committee that the documents will be distributed electronically and the district is currently working on a method to obtain electronic signatures.

Discussion ensued about the J policy section having to do with students. The attendance and discipline policies are currently being evaluated. The policy subcommittee will bring these two policies when ready to the full committee for approval. Dr. Rodrigues stated that since the handbook will be distributed electronically, we will be able to edit the handbook with the approved changes.

Discussion ensued about when handbook changes would take place.

Discussion ensued about the changes in the VHS approval process.

A motion to approve the Student Handbooks and electronic distribution was made by Mr. Smith and seconded by Ms. Tousignant Dufour. On a vote of 4-0, the motion passed.

2. Approval of Custodians' Contract Ratification

Dr. Rodrigues stated that the contract had been successfully negotiated and that the union has ratified the contract.

Ms. Tousignant Dufour thanked those who worked on the negotiating teams on both sides.

A motion to approve the custodians' contract was made by Ms. Tousignant Dufour and seconded by Mr. Smith. On a vote of 4-0, the motion passed.

3. Approval of 2019-2020 Student Activity Accounts- Hudson High School

Dr. Rodrigues stated that there have been changes in the practice of paying stipends. This was something pointed out to the district by the auditors.

Discussion ensued about the STRIVE activity account.

Discussion ensued about accounts that are closed.

A motion to approve the following four votes by consent agenda was made by Mr. McDowell and seconded by Mr. Smith.

1. Authorize the list of active accounts as presented for the 2019-2020 school year
2. Transfer \$1,468.85 of the inactive student activity funds to the Student Activities General Fund
3. Authorize list of stipends to be paid from the Hudson High School SAF
4. Authorize a \$75,000 maximum balance in the Student Activity Checking Account at Hudson High School.

On a vote of 4-0, the motion passed.

4. Approval of 2019-2020 Student Activity Accounts- Quinn Middle School

A motion to approve the following four votes by consent agenda was made by Ms. Tousignant Dufour and seconded by Mr. Smith.

1. Authorize the list of active accounts as presented for the 2019-2020 school year
2. Transfer \$875.63 of the inactive student activity funds to the Student Activities General Fund
3. Authorize list of stipends to be paid from the David J. Quinn Middle School SAF
4. Authorize a \$9,000 maximum balance in the Student Activity Checking Account at the Quinn Middle School.

On a vote of 4-0, the motion passed.

5. Approval of FY20-305 Title I Grant in the amount of \$310,461.00 (ESTIMATED)
6. Approval of FY20-140 Title II grant in the amount of \$61,539.00
7. Approval of FY20-180 Title III: English Language Acquisition and Academic Achievement Program grant in the amount of \$35,412.00
8. Approval of FY20-309 Title IV, Part A: Student Support and Academic Enrichment Grant in the amount of \$17,353.00
9. Approval of FY20 Safer Schools and Communities Grant in the amount \$60,000.00
10. Approval of FY20-240 SPED IDEA Allocation Grant in the amount of \$719,820.00
11. Approval of FY20-262 SPED Early Education Grant in the amount of \$47,616.00
12. Approval of Alliance Energy gift to the Hudson High School Science Program in the amount of \$500.00
13. Approval of Stop N Shop A+ School Rewards to Hudson High

Approved

School in the amount of \$734.38

A motion to approve the above items 5-13 by consent agenda was made by Mr. Smith and seconded by Ms. Tousignant Dufour. On a vote of 4-0 the motion passed.

14. **Reclassification of Funds**

A motion to approve the nine reclassification of funds by consent agenda was made by Mr. Maston and seconded by Mr. McDowell. On a vote of 4-0, the motion passed.

VII. Items of Interest to the School Committee

VIII. Executive Session

At 7:28 p.m., Committee Chair, Glenn Maston stated that Executive Session was needed for the following reason.

To discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining with union personnel (Hudson Education Association), because an open session may have a detrimental effect on the legal position of the Committee.

Vote by Roll Call:

Mr. Maston	Yes
Mr. Smith	Yes
Mr. McDowell	Yes
Ms. Tousignant Dufour	Yes

IX. Adjournment

At 7:29 p.m. Committee Chair, Glenn Maston, announced that the Committee would enter Executive Session and not return to Public Session.

Respectfully submitted,

Michele Tousignant Dufour, Secretary
Hudson School Committee