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**Hudson School Committee
Open Session Minutes**

Meeting Date: October 25, 2022

Location: Hudson High School and GoogleMeet

Members present: Michele Tousignant Dufour, Christopher Monsini, Steven Sharek, Steven Smith, Mark Terra-Salomão, Christopher Yates

Members present participating remotely: Molly MacKenzie

Members absent:

Others present participating: Marco Rodrigues, Superintendent; Kathy Provost, Assistant Superintendent; Daniel Gale; Dave Champigny; Sarah Davis, Bob Knittle; Todd Wallingford; Ellen Schuck;

I. Call the Meeting to Order: 7:00PM

II. Approval of Minutes: Regular Meeting October 11, 2022

Mr. Yates requested amendments to the minutes to include questions he posed regarding policy updates and convening an executive session.

A motion to amend and approve the minutes was made by Mr. Terra-Salomão and seconded by Mr. Smith.

Ms. Tousignant Dufour	Yes
Ms. MacKenzie	Yes
Mr. Monsini	Yes
Mr. Smith	Yes
Mr. Sharek	Yes
Mr. Terra-Salomão	Yes
Mr. Yates	Yes

On a 7-0 vote the amended minutes were approved.

***Item V.a.3, Erin MacKay Memorial Presentation,** was taken out of order, after the approval of minutes. Mr. Dave Champigny Principal of Forest Avenue Elementary School, introduced a memorial video and the artist, Mr. Josh Winer, who created the mosaic.

III. Public Participation

Ms. Cheryl Langill, chairperson of Hudson SEPAC, thanked Ms. Schuck and Ms. MacKenzie for adding closed captioning to the school committee video streams.

She shared that policies reviewed had changes to wording in general. During the policy subcommittee meeting she brought up concerns with the wording for policies regarding harassment and retaliation. The point of contact for filing a complaint is the director of student services. She is concerned that people would need to reach out to the director of student services even when complaints were against the student services department.

IV. Reports and Presentations

a) Report of the Superintendent: MCAS and Accountability Report

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Dr. Marco Rodrigues, Superintendent, presented on MCAS and Accountability. He also introduced Dr. Kathy Provost, Ms. Sarah Davis, Mr. Bob Knittle, and Mr. Todd Wallingford to present.

A copy of the slide deck was included in the packet.

Discussion ensued.

b) Subcommittee Reports:

- **Budget Subcommittee**
none
- **Policy Subcommittee**
none
- **Strategic Goals Subcommittee**
none
- **Buildings and Grounds Subcommittee**
none
- **Superintendent's Evaluation Subcommittee**
none

c) Student Presentation

Ms. Alexandra McDowell and Ms. Millie Olynciw-Olkuski, sophomores, are representing the student body at Hudson High. They shared the following updates:

- Behavioral success in school - including cell phone policy, better academics, attention in class, active participation
- Great performance in athletics
- The Hawk's Nest was opened
- Washington DC Trip excitement grows
- Sophomores are organizing a potential class trip
- Fundraising for flag football game in the future
- Seniors are trying to fundraiser to paint parking spots - issues with environmental concerns

Regarding the day after Halloween, 11/1: students are wondering if a late start would be possible or reverse-half-day. In lieu of this, a no-homework weekend was requested. This is outside the scope of the committee's responsibilities. No action was taken.

Discussion ensued.

V. Matters for Discussion

a. Old Business

1. **None**

b. New Business

1. **FY24 Budget Timeline**

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Dr. Rodrigues and Mr. Dan Gale presented the timeline. A copy was included in the packet. Discussion ensued regarding the budget process and timeline.

2. Parent Listening Session Highlights

Dr. Rodrigues shared highlights from the latest Parent Listening Session.

3. *Erin McKay Memorial Presentation*

This item was taken at the start of the meeting before Public Participation.

VI. Matters for Action

a. Old Business

1. 2nd Reading and Approval of Policy Review Section A and Section D

Mr. Yates suggested holding off on voting to discuss policies related to current litigation and to have the district's legal counsel review the language.

Discussion ensued.

A motion to defer the vote was made by Ms. Tousignant Dufour. and seconded by Mr. Smith.

Ms. MacKenzie	Yes
Mr. Monsini	Yes
Mr. Smith	Yes
Mr. Sharek	Yes
Mr. Terra-Salomão	Yes
Mr. Yates	Yes
Ms. Tousignant Dufour	Yes

On a 7-0 vote the vote on policy updates was deferred.

2. Superintendent Successor Planning

Ms. Tousignant Dufour mentioned there is an internal candidate. She inquired if the committee would like to limit the search internally or go external.

Discussion ensued.

A motion to approve the external search for the superintendent succession was made by Ms. Tousignant Dufour and seconded by Mr. Yates.

Ms. MacKenzie	Yes
Mr. Monsini	Yes
Mr. Smith	Yes
Mr. Sharek	Yes
Mr. Terra-Salomão	Yes
Mr. Yates	Yes
Ms. Tousignant Dufour	Yes

On a 7-0 vote the external search was approved.

b. New Business

1. Approval of 2022-2023 Superintendent’s Goals

A motion to approve the goals was made by Mr. Sharek and seconded by Mr. Smith.

Mr. Terra-Salomão	Yes
Mr. Yates	Yes
Ms. Tousignant Dufour	Yes
Ms. MacKenzie	Yes
Mr. Monsini	Yes
Mr. Smith	Yes
Mr. Sharek	Yes

On a unanimous vote the goals were approved.

2. Approval of 457B Plan Adoption

A motion to approve the 457B Plan was made by Mr. Sharek and seconded by Mr. Terra-Salomão .

Mr. Yates	Yes
Ms. Tousignant Dufour	Yes
Ms. MacKenzie	Yes
Mr. Monsini	Yes
Mr. Sharek	Yes
Mr. Smith	Yes
Mr. Terra-Salomão	Yes

On a unanimous vote the 457B Plan was approved.

3. Approval of Student Activity Funds Guidelines

A motion to approve the Guidelines was made by Ms. Tousignant Dufour and seconded by Mr. Smith.

Ms. Tousignant Dufour	Yes
Ms. MacKenzie	Yes
Mr. Monsini	Yes
Mr. Smith	Yes
Mr. Sharek	Yes
Mr. Terra-Salomão	Yes
Mr. Yates	Yes

On a 7-0 vote the guidelines were approved.

4. Approval of FY23 Student Activity Accounts for Hudson High School

5. Approval of FY23 Student Activity Accounts for Quinn Middle School

No action was taken on items VI.b.4 and VI.5.

6. Approval of Reclassification of Funds

A motion to approve the reclassifications was made by Ms. Tousignant Dufour and seconded by Mr. Smith.

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Ms. MacKenzie	Yes
Mr. Monsini	Yes
Mr. Smith	Yes
Mr. Sharek	Yes
Mr. Terra-Salomão	Yes
Mr. Yates	Yes
Ms. Tousignant Dufour	Yes

On a 7-0 vote the reclassifications were approved.

VII. Items of Interest to the School Committee

Mr. Terra-Salomão mentioned that 2 lamp posts outside the high school are out.

Mr. Yates mentioned preliminary conversations between the Hudson and Marlborough Rotary Clubs to raise funds for literacy and dual language programs. He suggested getting involved and suggested Ms. Pimentel.

VIII. Executive Session

IX. Adjournment

A motion to adjourn was made by Ms. Tousignant Dufour and seconded by Mr. Terra-Salomão

Mr. Monsini	Yes
Mr. Smith	Yes
Mr. Sharek	Yes
Mr. Terra-Salomão	No
Mr. Yates	Yes
Ms. Tousignant Dufour	Yes
Ms. MacKenzie	Yes

On a 6-1 vote The Hudson School Committee adjourned the meeting at 10:17PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Mark Terra-Salomão, Secretary
Hudson School Committee