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**Hudson School Committee
Open Session Minutes**

Meeting Date: October 24, 2023
GoogleMeet

Location: Hudson High School and

Members present: Erica Ankstitus, Molly MacKenzie, Chris Monsini, Steven Sharek, Steven Smith, Christopher Yates

Members present participating remotely:

Members absent: Mark Terra-Salomão

Others present participating: Brian Reagan, Superintendent; Kathy Provost, Assistant Superintendent; Ellen Schuck; Dan Gale;

I. Call the Meeting to Order: 7:01PM

II. Approval of Minutes:

Regular Meeting October 10, 2023

A motion to approve the minutes was made by Mr. Sharek and seconded by Mr. Yates.

The minutes were approved unanimously.

III. Public Participation

Cheryl Langill spoke in two capacities.

First as an HPS parent: she will email the committee and Dr. Reagan further questions. District Improvement Plan Goal 1.2c regarding elementary literacy curriculum at elementary level. She asked:

Will the committee stakeholders include parents, specifically parents of dyslexic students? Will they continue to modify and supplement the curriculum? Does that indicate it is good? Or will they entirely change it?

As Chair of SEPAC: Ms. Langill has been reached out to by parents who complained about the current curriculum and requested it be evaluated for students with learning disability in mind, specifically dyslexia. She encouraged the committee to speak with parents when choosing what curriculum to purchase.

Additional updates: Anxiety meeting with Dr. Kusiak who presented to families and staff was positive. IEP process will have major changes in the coming year. Best Buddies Program was funded for Quinn before the pandemic, but due to the pandemic the program is no longer viable. They would like to use the funding for a spring field day for special education students. SEPAC annual round table with the superintendent will continue. Required presentations will be held and they'll notify the committee as appropriate.

IV. Reports and Presentations

a) Student Presentation

Angelina Percuoco and Julian Ehlke shared updates from the student body with the committee:

1. Previous Events
2. Upcoming Events
 - a. School events
 - b. Sports events
3. Junior Boosters Club “Thanksgiving in a Box” Drive
4. Panorama Social-Emotional Learning Survey
5. Community Council Initiatives
 - a. Penny wars
 - b. Activities fair
6. Concerns of Study Body
 - a. Community Council suggestion box

b) Report of the Superintendent

- **District Updates**
- **Draft FY25 Budget Development Timeline**
- **District Improvement Plan (DIP)**
- **School Improvement Plans:**
 - 1) **Hudson High School**
 - 2) **Quinn Middle School**

Dr. Brian Reagan, Superintendent, presented updates to the committee. He also discussed the FY25 Budget Timeline and the District Improvement Plan. A copy of his memo and presentations were included in the packet.

Dr. Reagan introduced Dr. Jason Medeiros, principal of Hudson High School, and Mr. Jeff Gaglione, principal of Quinn Middle School, who presented their respective school improvement plans. A copy of their presentation was included in the packet.

Discussion ensued.

c) Subcommittee Reports:

- **Budget Subcommittee**
none
- **Policy Subcommittee**
none
- **Strategic Goals Subcommittee**
none
- **Buildings and Grounds Subcommittee**
none
- **Superintendent’s Evaluation Subcommittee**
Met on 10.11.2023
- **Student Advisory Subcommittee**
Will meet on 10.30.2023

V. Matters for Discussion

a. Old Business

1. none

b. New Business

1. none

VI. Matters for Action

a. Old Business

1. Votes Relative to 2023 MASC Resolutions

- a) Resolution 1: A motion to abstain was made by Mr. Smith and seconded by Mr. Sharek. Unanimous vote to **abstain**
- b) Resolution 2: A motion to endorse was made by Mr. Sharek and seconded by Mr. Smith. 5 votes to **endorse** and 1 abstention
- c) Resolution 3: A motion to abstain was made by Mr. Yates and seconded by Ms. MacKenzie. Unanimous vote to **abstain**
- d) Resolution 4: A motion to endorse was made by Ms. MacKenzie and seconded by Mr. Yates. Unanimous vote to **endorse**
- e) Resolution 5: A motion to endorse was made by Mr. Sharek and seconded by Mr. Yates. Unanimous vote to **endorse**
- f) Resolution 6: A motion to endorse was made by Mr. Smith and seconded by Mr. Sharek. 5 votes to **endorse** and 1 opposition
- g) Resolution 7: A motion to endorse was made by Mr. Yates and seconded by Mr. Smith. 5 votes to **endorse** and 1 opposition
- h) Resolution 8: A motion to abstain was made by Mr. Monsini and seconded by Mr. Yates. 5 votes to **abstain** and 1 opposition

b. New Business

1. Approval of Superintendent's 2023-2024 Goals

A motion to approve the superintendent's goals was made by Mr. Yates and seconded by Mr. Monsini

On a unanimous vote, the goals were approved.

2. Consent Agenda:

- i. Approval of gift of 123 fiction and non-fiction books from various patrons in the amount of \$1,032.37 for use in Mulready Elementary School.

Approved

A motion to approve the items under consent agenda was made by Mr. Yates and seconded by Ms. MacKenzie.

On a unanimous vote the items were approved.

VII. Items of Interest to the School Committee

Ms. MacKenzie thanked Hudson Youth Soccer Association, coaches, and athletic department at HPS for bringing elementary students to the high school soccer game. It was a good experience.

VIII. Executive Session

IX. Adjournment

Mr. Yates made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Ms. MacKenzie.

On a unanimous vote the Hudson School Committee adjourned at 9:14PM.

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