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## **Hudson School Committee Open Session Minutes**

**Meeting Date:** January 9, 2024

**Location:** Hudson High School and GoogleMeet

**Members present:** Erica Ankstitus, Molly MacKenzie, Chris Monsini, Steven Sharek, Steven Smith, Mark Terra-Salomão, Christopher Yates

**Members present participating remotely:**

**Members absent:**

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

### **I. Call the Meeting to Order: 7:03PM**

### **II. Approval of Minutes:**

Regular Meeting December 12, 2023

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

The minutes were approved with a 5-0 vote with 2 abstaining.

### **III. Public Participation**

- Sara Frost, parent of Mulready student: she shared her concerns with the potential of parking school buses in the lot behind Mulready Elementary School. She hopes the school committee and department of public works will work together to find an alternative.
- Michelle Peterson, parent of Mulready student: she shared concerns about the potential plan of parking school buses behind Mulready Elementary School. She suggested the plan was not thought out at all.
- Brian White, echoed the comments of previous speakers: that the idea of storing school buses behind Mulready Elementary School is not a good one.
- Elizabeth Maienza, parent of students at Mulready, also shared her disagreement with the idea of using the back lot to store school buses.
- Elizabeth Carpenter, parent of Mulready Elementary students, shared her disagreement with using Mulready's lot for housing school buses.
- Zack Maule, parent of Mulready students, shared his concerns with using Mulready's lot for housing school buses.
- Cheryl Langill, President of Hudson Special Education Parent Advisory Committee, invited members of the school committee and community to attend a yearly mandatory presentation on the basic rights for special education evaluation and eligibility for students. It will be a virtual meeting on Tuesday, January 16 at 6:30pm. She will share a link with committee members.

### **IV. Reports and Presentations**

#### **a) Student Presentation**

- **Recycling Ideas and Efforts - Grade 5 Students from Quinn MS**

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Bardy Charbonneau, Maely Collins, Beatrix Johnson, Emma Kuzara, Emily LeBlanc, Josephine Monsini, Yasmin Nedes, Elizabeth Tracy, and Logan Walsh created the presentation and shared it with the committee. They discussed ideas on how to better recycle, compost, and choose less styrofoam for the district.

Angelina Percuoco and Julian Ehlke, Hudson High School students, shared updates from the student body with the committee:

1. Previous Sports Events
2. Previous School Events
  - a. HHS Home and School Meeting
3. Upcoming School Events
  - a. Drama Society “Mean Girls”
  - b. No School - MLK - January 15, 2024
  - c. Mid-Year Exams
  - d. Half-Day of School
  - e. Spotlight on HHS
4. Community Council Initiatives
  - a. Dodgeball Tournament
  - b. Kiss Your Crush Fundraiser
  - c. ARC Enrichments
  - d. Homework Free Vacation
5. Concerns of Study Body
6. Community Council Suggestion Box

**b) Report of the Superintendent**

- **District Updates**
- **Enrollment Report**

Dr. Brian Reagan, Superintendent, presented updates to the committee. Topics included: School Bus Storage Follow-Up, Kindergarten Registration, Enrollment. A copy of his memo and presentations were included in the packet.

Discussion ensued.

**c) Subcommittee Reports:**

- **Budget Subcommittee**  
Will meet on 1/11/24
- **Policy Subcommittee**  
none
- **Strategic Goals Subcommittee**  
Will schedule a meeting with Tom Gregory, Town Executive
- **Buildings and Grounds Subcommittee**

- none
- **Superintendent’s Evaluation Subcommittee**  
none
- **Student Advisory Subcommittee**  
Met on 12/18/23

**V. Matters for Discussion**

**a. Old Business**

**1. FY25 Budget Development Update**

Discussion ensued.

**b. New Business**

**1. Discussion of User Fees**

Dr. Reagan introduced Mr. Dan Gale, Director of Finance and Operations.

**2. Assabet Valley Collective Audit Update**

Discussion ensued.

**VI. Matters for Action**

**a. Old Business**

**1. None**

**b. New Business**

**1. Energy Management Services Agreement**

- i. Approval of Phase 1: Farley Air Conditioning Project with Trane, Inc. in the amount of \$1,540,942.00

A motion to approve Phase 1 was made by Mr. Yates and seconded by Mr. Sharek

On a unanimous vote, it was approved.

A motion to authorize Dr. Reagan and Mr. Smith as signatories to the contract was made by Mr. Monsini and seconded by Ms. Ankstius

On a unanimous vote they were approved.

**2. Consent Agenda:**

- i. Approval of Grant 24-274 SPED Part B IDEA in the amount of \$22,548.00 to support Hudson Public School District to implement IEP Improvement Projects.
- ii. Approval of 2022 RIT PLTW Mini-Grant in the amount of \$20.00 to be used only in support of supplies/materials for the PLTW program in HPS.

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

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On a unanimous vote the consent agenda was approved.

3. Reclassification of Funds

A motion to approve the reclassification of funds was made by Mr. Yates and seconded by Mr. Sharek.

On a unanimous vote the reclasses was approved.

**VII. Items of Interest to the School Committee**

Mr. Terra-Salomão announced he will not seek re-election this year.

**VIII. Executive Session**

Mr. Smith made a motion to go into executive session, and not return to open meeting, pursuant M.G.L. c. 30A section 21(a) for the following purposes:

Purpose (3): to discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining with the Hudson Paraeducator Association, if an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the bargaining position of the public body and the chair so declares.

Ms. MacKenzie seconded the motion.

Approved unanimously.

Public Meeting Ended at 9:10PM.

**IX. Adjournment**

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