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Hudson School Committee Open Session Minutes

Meeting Date: April 09, 2024

Location: Hudson High School and GoogleMeet

Members present: Erica Ankstitus, Steven Sharek, Steven Smith, Chris Yates

Members present participating remotely: Molly MacKenzie

Members absent: Chris Monsini, Mark Terra-Salomão

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

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

II. Approval of Minutes:

- Regular School Committee Meeting March 26, 2024

A motion to approve the 03/26/24 minutes was made by Mr. Sharek and seconded by Mr. Smith.

Ms. Ankstitus - Yes

Ms. MacKenzie - Abstain

Mr. Sharek - Yes

Mr. Smith - Yes

Mr. Yates - Abstain

The 3/26/24 SC minutes were approved with 3 yeases, 0 nos, and 2 abstentions.

III. Public Participation

- none

IV. Reports and Presentations

a) Student Presentation

Julian Ehlke, Hudson High School student, shared updates from the student body with the committee:

1. Previous Events:

- Friday, April 5** ~ Deadline for Grade 9 parents/guardians to opt out of the [SBIRT Health Screening](#)
- Monday, April 8** ~ HHS Home & School meeting at 6:30 pm in the High School library

2. Upcoming Events:

- Wednesday, April 10** ~ Half Day of School - Professional Development
- Thursday, April 11** ~ HHS Home & School sponsored Game Night
- Friday, April 12** ~ Deadline to submit UNESCO applications
- April 15-19** ~ No School Spring Break (Let's goooo)

- e. **Monday, April 22 ~ Washington DC Trip Parent/Student Informational meeting**
6:00 pm in the mini theater
- 3. School Events:
 - a. D.C. trip in October 2024: Hudson High School students now enrolled in Grades 8 and 9 will have the opportunity to visit Washington, D.C. in October 2024. An informational meeting for parents/guardians and students will be held on Monday, April 22 at 6:00 p.m. in the mini theater (E101).
 - b. Scholastic Writing Awards March 2024:
 - i. **Josephine Blake**
Gold Key, Critical Essay, "Mandating LGBTQ & Inclusive Education in Schools"
 - ii. **Bryanna Damasceno**
Honorable Mention, Memoir, "Oceans Away"
 - iii. **Emilie Frechette**
Silver Key, Flash Fiction, "Birth Certificate"
Honorable Mention, Flash Fiction, "Yesterday; Today; Tomorrow"
Honorable Mention, Short Story, "Eve Came Before Evangeline"
Honorable Mention, Flash Fiction, "Running"
 - c. UNESCO Applications Being Accepted: The United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) is organizing its 27th international conference in Portugal next January, focusing on the theme of "Climate Action" aligned with Sustainable Goal #13. This presents a unique opportunity to engage in ongoing research addressing global issues. Interested individuals can email Ms. Judy Pavao for an application or visit the UNESCO website for more information on the theme and past projects. The application deadline is Friday, April 12th.
 - d. HPS Health and Wellness Fair: This year's Hudson Public Schools' annual Health and Wellness Fair will take place at Hudson High School on Tuesday, May 7, 2024, from 5:00 to 8:00pm! This fair offers the community, schools, and families free services, resources, and information! We'll have a variety of merchants and booths again this year, as well as a complimentary dinner from Stevie's Café! We will also do another clothes drive at this occasion. We will take clothes contributions the week before at Hudson High School.
- 4. Community Council:
 - a. Today the community council held its annual school-wide meeting. We discussed with students how we can make the school a better environment for learning.
- 5. Concerns of the Student Body:
 - a. The council is currently editing a Community Council Newsletter where students can access information about the council and directions to where they can make suggestions.
 - b. We are also **still** collecting suggestions both in a community council suggestion box, and on our website.

b) Report of the Superintendent

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

Dr. Brian Reagan, Superintendent, presented updates to the committee. Topics included: Evaluation Update, Update on Building Projects, Diversity Equity Inclusion Acceptance & Belonging, Legislative Breakfast, Middle School Musical, and Enrollment. A copy of his memo and presentations were 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 04/02/2024
- **Student Advisory Subcommittee**
Met on 04/08/2024

V. Matters for Discussion

a. Old Business

1. None

b. New Business

1. None

VI. Matters for Action

a. Old Business

1. Approval of FY25 Budget

A motion to approve the FY25 Personnel Budget in the amount of \$38,196,915 was made by Mr. Smith and seconded by Mr. Sharek.

Ms. MacKenzie - Yes

Mr. Sharek - Yes

Mr. Smith - Yes

Mr. Yates - Abstain

Ms. Ankstius - Yes

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The FY25 Personnel Budget was approved with 4 yeses, 0 nos, and 1 abstention.

A motion to approve the FY25 General Expense Budget in the amount of \$8,970,660 was made by Mr. Smith and seconded by Mr. Sharek.

Mr. Sharek - Yes
Mr. Smith - Yes
Mr. Yates - Yes
Ms. Ankstitus - Yes
Ms. MacKenzie - Yes

The FY25 General Expense Budget was approved with 5 yeses, 0 nos.

A motion to approve the FY25 Transportation Budget in the amount of \$3,511,114 was made by Mr. Smith and seconded by Mr. Sharek.

Mr. Smith - Yes
Mr. Yates - Yes
Ms. Ankstitus - Yes
Ms. MacKenzie - Yes
Mr. Sharek - Yes

The FY25 Transportation Budget was approved with 5 yeses, 0 nos.

b. New Business

1. Consent Agenda:

- a. Approval of Quote in the amount of \$12,000.00 not to exceed \$15,000.00 with New England Cleaning Services Group and to allow Len Belli, Director of Facilities, to sign and enter into contract for districtwide temporary cleaning services for the period of 4/22/2024 - 06/07/2024 (This will be funded through the Building Maintenance Account).**
- b. Approval of Quote in the amount of \$14,525.00 with Davis Architects and to allow Len Belli, Director of Facilities, to sign and enter into contract for architectural services for the preparation of bidding documents for (2) modular classroom at the Mulready School. (This will be funded through the Building Projects Account)**

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

Mr. Yates - Yes
Ms. Ankstitus - Yes
Ms. MacKenzie - Yes
Mr. Sharek - Yes
Mr. Smith - Yes

Approved

On a unanimous vote the Consent Agenda was approved.

VII. Items of Interest to the School Committee

Mr. Yates and the Committee extended their gratitude to Dr. Reagan and his team for creating and delivering the FY25 budget book

Ms. MacKenzie mentioned upcoming events at Farley Elementary: May 19th trip to WooSox.
May 10th Haitian Heritage Celebration.

VIII. Executive Session

IX. Adjournment

Ms. McKenzie made a motion to adjourn and was seconded by Mr. Sharek. On a unanimous vote the committee adjourned at 7:55PM.

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