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**Hudson School Committee  
Open Session Minutes**

**Meeting Date:** April 23, 2013

**Location:** Administration Building  
155 Apsley Street

**Members present:** Susan Dunnell, Lynn Valcourt, Tammy Ducey, George Calnan,  
Jennifer O'Brien, Lorraine Nelson and Brian Davis

**Student Representative:** Alex Schley

**Others present:** Dr. Kevin M. Lyons, Superintendent  
Julia M. Pisegna, Recording Secretary

**I. Call the Meeting to Order – 7:05 p.m.**

The meeting was called to order by Committee Chair Susan Dunnell.

**II. Approval of Minutes**

1. Regular Meeting – April 9, 2013: A motion to approve the minutes was made by Mrs. Ducey and seconded by Mr. Calnan. On a vote of 7-0, the motion passed.

**III. Superintendent's Report – Dr. Kevin Lyons**

Budget Update: Dr. Lyons updated the Committee on the recommendation of the House Ways and Means Committee last week for funding Chapter 70 for FY14 at \$109M, less than half of the \$226M the Governor proposed. The impact on anticipated revenues to Hudson would be dramatic with a decrease of \$1,080,338 and a budget breaker if Chapter 70 funding is not increased by a House and Senate vote.

Dr. Lyons will continue to update the Committee on any new developments.

Full-Day Kindergarten Enrollment: Dr. Jodi Fortuna provided the Committee with an up-to-date report on enrollment numbers, deposit requirements met and wait-listed students.

Committee Chair thanked Dr. Fortuna for the updated information.

Boston Marathon: Dr. Lyons commented on the events of the past week and the tragedy at the Boston Marathon and noted that both staff and administration remain vigilant watching students who may require counseling or assistance.

Walk and Bike to School Day: Dr. Lyons announced that Friday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> will be Walk and Bike to School Day. The three elementary schools will participate and Dr. Lyons invited all to join in.

IV. **Special Reports and Presentations**

None.

V. **Community Comments**

None.

VI. **Old Business**

Follow-up Discussion on Next Steps for Discussions with Hudson SEPAC:

Dr. Lyons announced the date for the Hudson School Committee Liaisons meeting with the Hudson Special Education Parent Advisory Council as Thursday, May 9<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m., to be held at the Administration Building.

Committee Chair Susan Dunnell thanked the Dr. Fortuna and Noah Budiansky, Co-President of the Hudson Special Education Parent Advisory Council, for their efforts and shared the Committee's desire to come together and work with collaboratively.

VII. **New Business**

1. Approval of Visions and Values Statements:

Dr. Lyons recommended approval of the Vision and Values Statements for the Hudson Public Schools. These statements were drafted by school administration (SAT) which included existing statements and language consistent with the District's five broad goals and historical commitments. The Strategic Goals Subcommittee has reviewed and revised the statements and SAT strongly supports them and believes those changes resulted in better documents.

Ms. Valcourt thanked those who participated in the survey and would like them to know how valuable their input was and much of their thoughts and opinions were included and reflected in these statements.

Discussion ensued. Mrs. Ducey suggested that the words "successful active citizens" be added to the Vision paragraph to be amended to read as follows:

“Vision

In partnership with families and community, we will maintain standards of academic excellence, preparing all students to be intellectually curious, academically confident, and successful active citizens in a competitive and global environment.”

With the aforementioned amendment, a motion to approve the Vision and Values Statements was made by Mrs. Ducey and seconded by Mrs. Nelson. On a vote of 7-0, the motion passed.

VIII. **Reclassifications**

A motion to approve the reclassification funds, as presented, was made by Mrs. Ducey and seconded by Ms. Valcourt. On a vote of 7-0, the motion passed.

IX. **Subcommittee and Building Committee Liaison Reports**

Mrs. Ducey noted that the next JFK School Building Subcommittee will be held on Tuesday, May 7<sup>th</sup> at 4:30 p.m.

Student representative Alex Schley noted there was a meeting held with Brian Reagan regarding the no-cut athletics policy. A survey is scheduled to be given on Friday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> to student athletes representing both junior varsity and varsity sports and Alex will update the Committee on those results.

X. **Executive Session/Adjournment**

Committee Chair Susan Dunnell noted that there was no need for Executive Session. At 7:50 p.m., a motion to adjourn was made by Ms. Valcourt and seconded by Mrs. Nelson. On a vote of 7-0, the motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Lynn Valcourt, Secretary  
Hudson School Committee

List of Documents Source and Location

<b>DOC NAME</b>	<b>SOURCE</b>	<b>LOCATION</b>
School Committee Minutes of April 9, 2013	School Committee	Superintendent's Office
Superintendent's Report	Superintendent	Superintendent's Office
Kindergarten Full-Day Summary	Dr. Jodi Fortuna	Superintendent's Office
Draft Vision and Values Statement dated April 2013	Superintendent	Superintendent's Office
Draft Vision and Values Statement dated June 2012	Superintendent	Superintendent's Office
Vision, Values and Involvement Survey	Superintendent	Superintendent's Office
Reclassifications (5)	Finance Department	Superintendent's Office