

**Hudson School Committee  
Open Session Minutes**

**Meeting Date:** December 11, 2012

**Location:** Administration Building  
155Apsley 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

**Absent:** Julia M. Pisegna, Recording Secretary

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

The meeting was called to order by Mrs. Dunnell.

**II. Approval of Minutes**

1. Regular Meeting – November 27, 2012: Minutes for the November 27<sup>th</sup>, 2012 meeting will be on the agenda for approval at the January 8<sup>th</sup>, 2013 meeting.

**III. Special Reports & Presentations**

Update on the Virtual High School Collaborative: Jeff Elliot, CEO of VHS, provided a brief overview of VHS and shared his vision for VHS in his new position. Mr. Elliot also presented a check in the amount of \$8,742.50 to the School Committee.

Committee members thanked Mr. Elliott for his presentation.

**IV. Superintendent's Report - Dr. Lyons reported on the following:**

Draft Vision and Values and Strategic Planning: A survey to staff, parents and the community will be sent out in December and will gather feedback on the draft vision and core value statements that were shared with the Committee and staff in June. This survey also addresses family and community involvement with the schools. Dr. Lyons and the Strategic Goals Subcommittee will review the survey results and use the data to help develop a survey on strategic priorities.

Substance Abuse Coalition Update: The Hudson Community Adolescent Substance Abuse Coalition held their second meeting on November 29<sup>th</sup>. The team of students, parents, school personnel, business leaders and local government agencies continues to grow. The next meeting is planned for January and will be held in the evening at 6:00 p.m. Dr. Lyons invited all to attend.

State Police Search at Hudson High School: The State Police completed a canine drug search of Hudson High School and reported that there were no illegal substances found. The search was at the request of the school system and is repeated periodically as a deterrent. Dr. Lyons thanked the State Police for their continued work with Hudson Public Schools.

Budget Development Update: The School Committee Budget Subcommittee met in November and December to hear school and budget requests for FY14. The final presentation of the recommended preliminary budget to the School Committee is scheduled for January 22<sup>nd</sup>.

Governor's Announced 9C Cuts: Governor Patrick announced 9C cuts to the FY13 budget due to decreased revenue collections and lower revenue projections. An analysis of the cuts, provided by the MA Municipal Association, was provided to the Committee. Dr. Lyons will continue to keep the Committee informed of any new developments.

Mulready Roof Statement of Interest (SOI) Not Funded: We received notification that the MSBA, unfortunately, passed Hudson over for funding in the FY12 submission group for the requested assistance with replacing the Mulready roof and abating asbestos. The MSBA suggested that we reapply in the FY13 submission.

Health Advisory Council Meeting of December 7<sup>th</sup> – The School Health and Safety Advisory Council met on December 7<sup>th</sup>. Senator Jamie Eldridge and Representative Kate Hogan were guests. Dr. Wong and MetroWest Moves shared their efforts to make inroads into the town infrastructure that would make walking to school safer for students.

Phase 1 of Point-of-Sale Implemented Week of December 3 – The POS system was started on Tuesday, December 4<sup>th</sup> at Hudson High School, Wednesday, December 5<sup>th</sup> at Mulready and JFK, Thursday, December 6<sup>th</sup> at Farley, and on Friday, December 7<sup>th</sup> at Forest Avenue. Dr. Lyons thanked cafeteria personnel and building administrators who assisted in making it a smooth transition.

Promise Monday at Forest Elementary: Dr. Lyons shared a photo of students stating their pledges and their class ideas on how to demonstrate responsibility over the intercom as part of the Forest Avenue Leaves of

Citizenship Program.

V. **Community Comments**

None.

VI. **New Business**

1. Approval of Superintendent's Annual Plan: A motion to approve the Superintendent's Annual Plan was made by Mr. Calnan and seconded by Mrs. Ducey. On a vote of 7-0, the motion passed.
2. Approval of Out-of-State Travel for Athletic Director: Dr. Lyons recommended approval for the out-of-state travel for Luis Macedo to attend the National Athletic Directors' Conference December 13th -18th in San Antonio, Texas. A motion to approve the out-of-state travel for Luis Macedo was made by Mrs. Ducey and seconded by Mr. Calnan. On a vote of 7-0, the motion passed.
3. Reclassification of Funds:  
None.
4. Subcommittee and Building Committee Liaison Reports:  
Ms. Valcourt reported that the Strategic Goals Subcommittee outlined its focus on strategic planning activities for the coming months.

VII. **Old Business**

None.

VIII. **Communications**

Student representative Alex Schley reported on student concerns about the new nutrition regulations, the longer lunch lines, and the increase in student costs. Ms. Schley also reported on conversations with other students and coaches at Hudson High School regarding the sports no-cut policy.

Various perspectives on a no-cut policy were addressed by School Committee members. Ms. Schley will continue to update the Committee on student conversations in this regard.

IX. **Executive Session/Adjournment**

At 8:16 p.m., Mrs. Dunnell noted that there was no need for Executive Session.

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>
Superintendent's Report	Superintendent	Superintendent's Office
PowerPoint Presentation	Superintendent	Superintendent's Office
Hudson Community Adolescent Substance Abuse Coalition Agenda	Hudson Board of Health	Superintendent's Office
9C Summary by Massachusetts Municipal Association	MMA Director Geoff Beckwith	Superintendent's Office
Correspondence dated December 3, 2012 re: Hudson's FY2012 SOI Status	John McCarthy, Executive Director of MSBA	Superintendent's Office
School Health and Advisory Council Agenda	Jenny Gormley	Superintendent's Office
Superintendent's Annual Plan	Superintendent Lyons	Superintendent's Office
Hudson High School Out-of-State Travel Memorandum for Athletic Director Luis Macedo	Brian K. Reagan	Superintendent's Office