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**Hudson School Committee  
Open Session Minutes**

**Meeting Date:** November 13, 2012

**Location:** Hudson High School  
69 Brigham Street

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

**Members absent:** Lorraine Nelson

**Student Representative:** Alex Schley

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

**I. Call the Meeting to Order – 7:04 p.m.**

The meeting was called to order by Mrs. Dunnell.

**II. Approval of Minutes**

1. Regular Meeting – October 23, 2012: Motion to approve the minutes was made by Mrs. Ducey and seconded by Mr. Calnan. On a vote of 6-0, the motion passed.

**III. New Business**

1. Approval of Hudson High School Wrestling Team Out-of-State Tournament: Dr. Lyons recommended approval of the out-of-state travel on January 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>, 2013 for the Hudson High School Wrestling Team. A motion to approve the out-of-state travel for the Hudson High School Wrestling Team was made by Mrs. Ducey and seconded by Mr. Calnan. On a vote of 5-1-0, with Mr. Davis opposing, the motion passed.
2. Approval of Hudson High School Drama Society Trip to New York: Dr. Lyons recommended approval of the out-of-state travel on April 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>, 2013 for the Hudson High School Drama Society. A motion to approve the out-of-state travel for the Hudson High School Drama Society was made by Mrs. Ducey and seconded by Ms. Valcourt. On a vote of 5-1-0, with Mr. Davis opposing, the motion passed.
3. Approval of Hudson High School Germany Exchange Trip: Dr. Lyons recommended approval for the Hudson High School Germany Exchange Trip April 9<sup>th</sup> to April 19<sup>th</sup>, 2013. A motion to approve the Hudson High School Germany Exchange Trip was made by Mrs. Ducey and seconded by Mr. Calnan. On a vote of 5-1-0, with Mr. Davis opposing, the motion passed.

#### 4. Elementary Transition

- ◆ Continued Discussion of Programs at Hubert Kindergarten Center for 2013-2014: Dr. Lyons and Committee Chair Susan Dunnell continued the discussion for the programs at Hubert Kindergarten Center for 2013-2014.

Dr. Lyons shared with the Committee that he met with Julianna Bahosh, Brian Reagan, Steve Freitas, Jodi Fortuna, Patty Lange, Len Belli and Julie McGowan (Preschool Teacher) on October 26<sup>th</sup> and reported back on the recommendation of that group with strong consensus support for Option 5.

Committee members expressed their thoughts on the various options. Mrs. Ducey shared that the Buildings and Grounds Subcommittee has gone through the building and found it to be in exceptional condition, and felt that leaving the building vacant would not be the right choice.

Chair Susan Dunnell opened it up for public comment. Questions ranged from deposits, lottery, whether there would be a nurse on the premises, would the building have a leader, and the cost to taxpayers for the renovations to the high school. Dr. Lyons, School Committee members, administrators and teachers responded to all questions.

A motion to approve Option 5 as follows:

Option 5: CHAPS and Preschool from High School Shared Use. Have CHAPS and the existing Pre-K program share Hubert, using three rooms each and making some accommodations to share the common multi-purpose room, was made by Mrs. Ducey and seconded by Mr. Calnan. On a vote of 4-2-0, with Ms. Valcourt and Mr. Davis opposing, the motion passed.

- ◆ Continued Discussion About Transportation Model For September 2013: The next transition issue was a continued discussion regarding the transportation model for September 2013.

Dr. Lyons showed the various options for the public to review and noted that these are the three options that were presented to the Committee earlier and that nothing had changed in these options.

Committee Chair Susan Dunnell opened the discussion for public comment.

Some concerns brought up were in regard to siblings, bus passes, Boys and Girls Club bus, and bus capacity. Dr. Lyons, School Committee members and administrators responded to all questions. Mrs. Dunnell thanked the public for its input.

A motion to approve Option 1 as follows:

### Transport K-4 Students Together Elementary Schools and Kindergarten Begin at Same Times

1. Maintains 1-mile eligibility with exceptions for grades 1-4
2. Current practice of kindergarten bus stops closer than .5 miles maintained
3. Must enforce grades 1-4 bus pass system (kindergarten siblings exceptions)
4. Must enforce JFK walk zone-bus pass system for JFK
5. High School late bus 3:30-3:45 (currently 3:15)
6. Boys and Girls Club Forest Ave. pick-up 20 minute delay
7. Mulready preschool cannot start at same time as preschools in other locations
8. May require a 13th bus

was made by Mrs. Ducey and seconded by Ms. Valcourt. On a vote of 6-0, the motion passed.

- ◆ Continued Discussion of Tuition for Full-Day Kindergarten in 2013-2014: The next transition issue was a continued discussion regarding the tuition for full-day kindergarten in 2013-2014.

Dr. Lyons updated the Committee with a summary of the last meeting's discussion and suggested it is not necessary to make a decision on this right now.

Chair Susan Dunnell discussed the lottery system, and opened the discussion up for public comment.

During public comment, questions were asked in regard to the full-day kindergarten curriculum versus half-day, how the lottery system would work, deposits and time-frame.

Kindergarten teacher, Laura Mullen, provided further explanation about how half-day and full-day curriculum differs. She also explained the need to make a decision sooner rather than later.

Dr. Lyons shared that he had met with the kindergarten teachers and spoke to each of them as they shared their thoughts and experiences, and commended them as a staff for handling this whole process as they have and the confidence he has in them.

Chair Susan Dunnell thanked the public for their continued input and concerns.

5. Proposed Revisions to School Committee Policies:

Dr. Lyons introduced the proposed revisions to update the five non-discrimination related policies to reflect the term “gender identity” which has been added to the protected group clauses in each of the five policies that reference non-discrimination.

This is required to be in compliance with the Massachusetts Gender Identity law that went into effect on July 1, 2012:

1. First Reading of Proposed Revision to School Committee Policy JJAB Posters Announcing Meetings or Events Sponsored By Student Groups
2. First Reading of Proposed Revision to School Committee Policy KHB Advertising
3. First Reading of Proposed Revision to School Committee Policy KHC Distribution and Posting of Written Materials for Students in Schools
4. First Reading of Proposed Revision to School Committee Policy GBA Equal Employment
5. First Reading of Proposed Revision to School Committee Policy AC Non-Discrimination Policy and Grievance Procedure

A motion was made by Ms. Valcourt to approve the changes for all five policies on one motion. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Ducey. On a vote of 6-0, the motion passed.

Reclassification of Funds: A motion to reclassify funds, as presented, was made by Ms. Valcourt and seconded by Mrs. Ducey. On a vote of 6-0, the motion passed.

Subcommittee and Building Committee Liaison Reports:

Dr. Lyons shared a slideshow with updated pictures of the new Quinn Middle School. Mrs. Ducey also reported that the space is beautiful.

10. Appointment of New Negotiating Team Member to School Committee Custodian Contract Negotiating Team:

Chair Susan Dunnell explained the need for a member to be added to the negotiating team for custodians and asked that Committee members consider joining the team.

IV. **Special Reports & Presentations**

None.

V. **Superintendent's Report** - Dr. Lyons reported:

1. Teacher Evaluation Contractual Agreement Approval: The ESE has approved the agreement between the Hudson School Committee and the Hudson Education Association in regard to contractual language for teacher evaluation.

2. Potential for Building Project in Forest Avenue District: Dr. Fortuna attended a Town Master Planning meeting held on Wednesday, November 7th. The project discussed, on Cabot Lane, has the potential to be approved and will bring 88 one-bedroom units and 88 two-bedroom units to the Forest Avenue district.

Mrs. Ducey also shared with the Committee her knowledge of a 35 unit complex that is being discussed, also in the Forest Avenue district.

3. Hudson Community Adolescent Substance Abuse Coalition: Dr. Lyons attended the first meeting of the Hudson Community Adolescent Substance Abuse Coalition, along with Jenny Gormley, Brian Daniels and Laurie Curley. This Coalition oversees the administration of the 3-year MetroWest Foundation grant awarded to the Town of Hudson in partnership with the Hudson Public Schools. Dr. Lyons invited School Committee members to join the coalition. The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, November 29<sup>th</sup> from 9:00-10:30 at Hudson High School.

4. Deborah Owen Published: Dr. Lyons congratulated Hudson High School Library Teacher, Deborah Owen, who recently published the article titled "Exit Tickets: The Reflective Ticket to Understanding", co-written by Patricia Searles, in the *Library Media Connection* November/December issue.

5. National Art Honor Society: The National Art Honor Society Induction Ceremony was held on October 17<sup>th</sup> at Hudson High School. The ceremony included three Hudson High School alumni, Colleen Higgins, Danielle DeCiero and Geoff King who were guest speakers. They had a great message for the audience and it was very well received.

6. Mulready Playground Donation: Dr. Lyons thanked Mary Alain, grade 2 parent at Mulready, who was awarded a \$500.00 grant from her employer, Harvard-Pilgrim Health for the Mulready playground.

7. Snow Days: Dr. Lyons updated the Committee on the closing of schools on October 29<sup>th</sup> and October 30<sup>th</sup> as a result of Hurricane Sandy.

8. School Council Training: School Council Training was scheduled for Tuesday, October 30<sup>th</sup> but cancelled due to the weather and school closure. Dr. Lyons noted that it would be difficult to reschedule, and will allow the School Councils to move ahead with their agendas. Mr. Calnan noted that principals are capable of providing any needed training to School Councils. Mrs. Dunnell noted that a published guide for School Councils is available from ESE.

**VI. Community Comments**

None.

**VII. Old Business**

Approval of Food Service Management Company Contract:

A motion to approve the Food Service Management Company Contract with Whitsons Culinary was made by Ms. Valcourt and seconded by Mrs. Ducey. On a vote of 6-0, the motion passed.

**VIII. Communications**

Dr. Lyons mentioned that he attended the MASC conference on November 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup>. The results of voting on the resolutions is posted on the M.A.S.C. website.

Student representative, Alex Schley, reported that the two scheduled School Council meetings were cancelled. She will update the Committee when the School Council meets.

**IX. Executive Session/Adjournment**

At 8:25 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. Ducey. On a vote of 6-0, 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 October 23, 2012	School Committee	Superintendent's Office
Superintendent's Report	Superintendent	Superintendent's Office
Hudson High School Wrestling Team Out-of-State Travel Memorandum	Brian K. Reagan	Superintendent's Office
Hudson High School Drama Society Out-of-State Travel Memorandum	Brian K. Reagan	Superintendent's Office
Hudson High School Germany Exchange Trip Memorandum	Brian K. Reagan	Superintendent's Office
Elementary Transition Decisions 2012-2013	Elementary Transition Committee	Superintendent's Office
Disposition of Hubert	Elementary Transition Committee	Superintendent's Office
Options for Transportation	Elementary Transition Committee	Superintendent's Office
Fiscal Year 2013 Policies for Quality Full-Day Kindergarten Grantees For School Year 2012-2013	ESE	Superintendent's Office
Proposed Revision – School Committee Policy JJAB Posters Announcing Meetings or Events Sponsored by Student Groups	School Committee	Superintendent's Office
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Deutsch Williams Labor and Employment Law Newsletter	Deutsch Williams	Superintendent's Office
Education Evaluation System Memorandum	ESE	Superintendent's Office
Hudson Community Adolescent Substance Abuse Coalition	Hudson Board of Health	Superintendent's Office
Hudson Youth Substance Abuse Coalition Meeting Minutes	Hudson Board of Health	Superintendent's Office
“Exit Tickets: The Reflective Ticket to Understanding	Deborah Owens	Superintendent's Office
National Art Honor Society Induction Ceremony	Art Honor Society	Superintendent's Office
Whitsons Food Service Contract	Whitsons	Superintendent's Office
Reclassifications (3)	Finance Department	Superintendent's Office