

Approved

**Hudson School Committee
Open Session Minutes**

Date: February 15, 2012

Location: Administration Building
155 Apsley Street

Members present: Susan Dunnell, Tammy Ducey, David Baran, George Calnan, Jennifer O'Brien and Lorraine Nelson

Absent: Lynne Valcourt
Ricky Gelin, Student Representative

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

I. Call the Meeting to Order – 7:03 p.m.

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

II. Public Comment Period

Committee Chair, Susan Dunnell, informed the Committee that the Agenda would be taken out of order in order to proceed with the Public Comment Period with regard to the consideration of approval to rename Kennedy Middle School the David J. Quinn Middle School.

After several speakers which included friends, former students, former athletes and co-workers of Mr. Quinn and comments from Committee Members, a motion to approve the renaming of the Kennedy Middle School the David J. Quinn Middle School was made by Mr. Calnan and seconded by Mrs. Ducey. On a vote of 6-0, the motion passed.

III. Approval of Minutes

Regular Meeting –February 13, 2012: Motion to approve minutes was made by Mr. Calnan and seconded by Mrs. Ducey. On a vote of 6-0, the motion passed.

IV. Superintendent's Report – Dr. Kevin Lyons reported on the following:

- Photos of the first steel going up at the Middle School were shown.
- Massachusetts was granted a No Child Left Behind waiver by the U.S. Department of Education which removes the unfair categorization of schools as failing and allows the state to implement a better system.
- Susan Dunnell and he presented the FY13 Preliminary School Budget to the Board of Selectmen and it was well received.

- That the School Health and Safety Advisory Council and the Wellness Policy Committee met and discussed the draft survey on District wellness practices and implementation of the Wellness Policy.
- The Elementary Transition Committee had distributed a full-day kindergarten survey and has received 149 responses.
- The Assistant Superintendent selection process is moving ahead on schedule. The interview committee will forward 2-3 candidates to the superintendent by March 8th.
- The ESE “Model System” for Educator Evaluation which we are required to implement in September 2012. The joint administrative-teacher committee continues to meet to discuss our options and implementation. This will be a process subject to collective bargaining.
- The TELL MASS Survey will be available to teachers March 12- April 6 and this survey is important to our Race To The Top work.

V. **Community Comments**

Jorge Teixeira expressed concerns about the proposed change to the High School schedule and the planning process for the proposed 1:1 computing environment in the new Middle School.

VI. **Special Reports & Presentations**

1. Hudson High School Special Olympics Unified Team

Athletic Director, Luis Macedo, shared with the Committee that Hudson High School was recently accepted into the Midland-Wachusett League’s new Unified Sport Track and Field League which pairs Special Olympics athletes with partner athletes for training and competition. Hudson High School received a grant in the amount of \$2,500 to support this participation.

VII. **Old Business**

1. **Approval of School Committee Policy Revision JFABB: Enrollment of Children of Employees:**

Mr. Calnan read the following School Committee Policy Revision JFABB: Enrollment of Children of Employers into the record:

“The legal children of full-time employees of the Hudson Public Schools who do not reside in Hudson may enroll in the school district, subject to the enrollment requirements for all students. In addition, legal children of full-time employees of our affiliated CHAPS program and the Hudson-Maynard Adult Learning Center may also enroll subject to the same definitions and requirements. Placement of students in a specific elementary school is subject to enrollment as determined by

the Superintendent of Schools.

If employment terminates for an employee, the former employee's child enrolled under this policy must attend school in his/her district of residence.

The former employee may apply for enrollment of his/her child in the Hudson Public Schools under the Massachusetts School Choice law. (M.G.L. Chapter 76, Section 12B).

The District does not provide transportation to students enrolled under this policy. Transportation to and from school and activities is the sole responsibility of the employee.”

Motion to approve was made by Mrs. Ducey and seconded by Mr. Calnan. On a vote of 6-0, the motion passed.

2. Approval of School Committee Policy Revision JICC: Student Transportation: Discipline

Mrs. O'Brien read the proposed addition to Policy JICC as follows: “Some school buses may be equipped with video cameras, and the video tapes may be used as evidence in disciplining students who misbehave on the bus.”

Motion to approve was made by Mrs. Ducey and seconded by Mr. Calnan. On a vote of 6-0, the motion passed.

VIII. Student Presentations

None.

IX. New Business

1. Approval of New High School Schedule for Implementation in 2013-2014:

Hudson High School Principal, Brian Reagan, presented his proposal for change in the High School schedule to be implemented in 2013-2014. He described the process, work of the Schedule Committee, and his reasons for selection of the schedule presented.

Dr. Lyons recommended approval of the new High School schedule for implementation in 2013-2014. A motion to approve was made by Mrs. Ducey and seconded by Mr. Calnan. On a vote of 6-0, the motion passed.

2. Approval of Overnight Field Trip – Hudson High School Tennis Team:

Dr. Lyons recommended approval of an overnight field trip for members of the Hudson High School Tennis Team to Newport, Rhode Island on March 23rd and 24th. A motion to approve the trip was made by Mr. Calnan and seconded by Mr. Baran. On a vote of 6-0, the motion passed.

3. Approval of Overnight Field Trip – Hudson High School students to Columbia Scholastic Press Association National Convention in New York City:

Dr. Lyons recommended approval of an overnight field trip for members of the Hudson High School online newspaper, *The Big Red*, to New York City on March 13th to 16th. A motion to approve the trip was made by Mrs. Ducey and seconded by Mr. Calnan. On a vote of 6-0, the motion passed.

4. Approval of Proposed Change to 2011-2012 School Calendar – Hudson High School Half-Days for May 17th and May 18th:

Dr. Lyons recommended approval of the proposed change to the 2011-2012 School Calendar for Hudson High School reverse half-days on May 17th and May 18th. The change from May 15th and May 16th to May 17th and May 18th is needed to avoid conflict between MCAS and advanced placement tests. A motion to approve the change to the 2011-2012 School Calendar was made by Mrs. Ducey and seconded by Mr. Calnan. On a vote of 6-0, the motion passed.

5. First Reading of Proposed New Policy: IMG Service Animals:

Mr. Baran shared with the Committee an overview of the policy due to new state and federal regulations in place and informed the Committee that the policy will be posted on the website for review.

After discussion with Committee Members, Dr. Lyons suggested the Policy Subcommittee would address questions raised and that potential revisions would be emailed to Committee members and posted to the District website.

6. First Reading of Proposed New Policy: JJIF Athletic Concussion:

Dr. Lyons informed the Committee that the full policy will be posted on the District website for review, and that this will be an item on agenda for the next meeting for a vote.

X. **Reclassification of Funds**

Motion to approve reclassification of funds as presented was made by Mrs. Ducey and seconded by Mr. Calnan. On a vote of 6-0, the motion passed.

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

Dr. Lyons reported that he and Director of Finance, Patty Lange are working on Request For Proposals for food management and they are nearing the point of presentation. Budget Subcommittee Chair, Susan Dunnell will call a meeting of the Budget Subcommittee to have that discussion.

XII. **Communications**

Dr. Lyons shared with the Committee the new Open Meeting Law Guide which was just received from Town Hall.

XIII. **Executive Session/Adjournment**

At 9:23 p.m., Committee Chair, Susan. Dunnell, noted that there was no need for Executive Session.

Motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Calnan and seconded by Mrs. Ducey.

Respectfully submitted,

Lynn Valcourt, Secretary
Hudson School Committee

List of Documents Source and Location

DOC NAME	SOURCE	LOCATION
Superintendent's Report	Superintendent	Superintendent's Office
Superintendent's Power Point Presentation	Superintendent	Superintendent's Office
Minutes of January 24, 2012	Superintendent	Superintendent's Office
"Health Students, Healthy Schools"	Massachusetts Department of Public Health	Superintendent's Office
2nd Annual Cook-Off - Pizza!	HHS Advisory Council	Superintendent's Office
Full Day Kindergarten Survey	Jodi Fortuna	Superintendent's Office
Educator Evaluation Guide	DESE	Superintendent's Office
TELL MASS Survey		
HHS Schedule Revision	Brian K. Reagan	Superintendent's Office
HHS Tennis Team Overnight Field Trip	Brian K. Reagan	Superintendent's Office
HHS Overnight Field Trip to Columbia Scholastic Press	Brian K. Reagan	Superintendent's Office
Proposed 2011-2012 School Calendar Change	Brian K. Reagan	Superintendent's Office
Hudson High School Principal Brian Reagan's PowerPoint Presentation	Brian K. Reagan	Superintendent's Office
Proposed New Policy IMG Service Animals	School Committee	Superintendent's Office
Proposed New Policy: JJIF Athletic Concussion	School Committee	Superintendent's Office
Reclassification of Funds	Director of Finance	Superintendent's Office