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Hudson School Committee  
**Open Session Minutes**

**Date:** November 29, 2011

**Location:** Administration Building  
155 Apsley Street

Members present: Susan Dunnell, Lynn Valcourt, George Calnan, Jennifer O'Brien and Lorraine Nelson

Absent: Tammy Ducey and David Baran

Others present: Dr. Kevin M. Lyons, Superintendent  
Julia M. Pisegna, Recording Secretary  
Ricky Gelin – Student Representative

**I. Call the Meeting to Order – 7:00 p.m.**

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

**II. Approval of Minutes**

Regular Meeting –November 8, 2011: A motion to approve minutes was made by Mr. Calnan and seconded by Mrs. Nelson. On a vote of 5-0, the motion passed.

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

- District E-mail Outage: Dr. Lyons reported on the District email outage that occurred November 20-23. The cause of the disruption was a power outage that resulted in an unplanned server shut-down and data corruption. Administration is looking at a prevention plan that would include a back-up power generator installed near the HHS server room.
- Elementary Transition Committee: Dr. Lyons announced the formation of the Elementary Transition Committee appointed to study the impact of the movement of 5<sup>th</sup> grade to a 3-grade Middle School in September 2013 on grades K-4. He mentioned the opportunities, including offering full-day kindergarten and the challenges, including the logistics of relocating classrooms and staff, facilities issues, the impact on budget and the impact on people and school culture. The Committee will work in five task forces to address these issues and produce preliminary recommendations to the Superintendent in June 2012. George Calnan and Jodi Fortuna will co-chair the Committee.
- Budget Process Update: Dr. Lyons reviewed the budget development process and announced dates for reviewing Budget Subcommittee meetings. He indicated a full School Committee budget workshop will be scheduled for early January.
- Parent Engagement: Farley and Forest Literacy Workshops: Dr. Lyons shared with the Committee the success of the "Raising Readers" workshop held for first grade parents at Forest Avenue School and the "Read With Me" parent/student workshop held at the Farley School. He commended the teacher teams that planned and delivered the multi-session workshops.

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- JFK Students Join Global Photo Project: Dr. Lyons shared with the Committee that JFK students participated in a program called *Take Ten* which was viewed by Secretary of State Hillary Clinton while she attended the Asia conference.
- Alice – Tales of a Curious Girl: – Dr. Lyons informed the Committee and the public that the Hudson High School Drama Club will present the play *Alice – Tales of a Curious Girl* on Saturday, December 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> at the High School and that tickets are now available.

#### **IV. Student Presentations**

None.

#### **V. Community Comments**

None.

#### **VI. Special Reports & Presentations**

Kennedy Middle School Technology Planning – Brian Daniels and Ellen Schuck, along with JFK teachers Spencer Ziegler, Meaghan Kelly, Margaret Woodcome, presented a report on the technology planning for the Kennedy Middle School. The JFK teachers demonstrated how teachers are using 1:1 devices in the classrooms utilizing a combination of iPads and netbooks. They described a plan that would encourage families to purchase 1:1 devices for students and that they were looking to offer a lease/purchase plan through a third party. They identified the iPad as the device of choice. They also announced that there will be several public forums planned for December-January for discussion of the plan.

#### **VII. Old Business**

None.

#### **VIII. New Business**

Motion to accept Intellectual Property payment from VHS in the amount of \$8,264.00 was made by Ms. Valcourt and seconded by Mr. Calnan. On a vote 5-0, the motion passed.

#### **Reclassification of Funds**

None.

#### **Subcommittee and Building Committee Liaison Reports**

Mr. Calnan reported that the Policy Subcommittee is working on a few policies. He informed the Committee that these would be presented for a first reading at the December 13<sup>th</sup> School Committee meeting.

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### **Communications**

HHS student Ricky Gelin informed the Committee that students are discussing difference options in regard to potential changes in the High School schedule. Mr. Reagan provided the results of a faculty survey to students who are having their own discussions.

Ms. Valcourt shared a communication from Representative Nicki Tsongas regarding the No Child Left Behind Act.

### **Executive Session/Adjournment**

At 9:52 p.m., Committee Chair, Mrs. Dunnell, noted that there was no need for an Executive Session.

Motion to adjourn was made by Ms. Valcourt. Motion was seconded by Mr. Calnan. On a vote 5-0, the motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Lynn Valcourt, Secretary  
Hudson School Committee

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List of Documents Source and Location

<b>DOC NAME</b>	<b>SOURCE</b>	<b>LOCATION</b>
School Committee Minutes of November 29, 2011	School Committee	Superintendent's Office
Superintendent's Report	Superintendent	Superintendent's Office
Superintendent's PowerPoint	Superintendent	Superintendent's Office
JFK/Kennedy MS 1:1 Initiative Presentation	Brian Daniels	Superintendent's Office
Read With Me So We Can Talk!	Charlene Cook	Superintendent's Office
Take Ten	Brian Daniels	Superintendent's Office
Correspondence from Representative Nicki Tsongas dated November 16, 2011	Superintendent	Superintendent's Office