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Hudson School Committee
Open Session Minutes

Date: November 8, 2011

Location: Administration Building
155 Apsley Street

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

Absent: Ricky Gelin –Student Representative

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

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 – October 25, 2011: A motion to approve minutes was made by Mr. Baran and seconded by Mr. Calnan. On a vote of 7-0, the motion passed.

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

- Storm of October 29th and 30th – Dr. Lyons described the issues that arose from the first winter storm and the damage which was wide-spread across central Massachusetts. He also expressed his gratitude to Hudson DPW, Hudson Light and Power and Hudson Police and Fire Departments, all of whom played a key role in assessing the conditions and updating the progress of the cleanup in the aftermath of the storm.
- Convocation of Educator Evaluation Committee: Dr. Lyons shared with the Committee the November 29th kick-off of the Educator Evaluation Committee. The new school system team will be responsible for the design and implementation of the new educator evaluation systems which will comply with new state regulations.
- Budget Process Update: Dr. Lyons reported that the Budget Subcommittee meetings are scheduled to begin on November 9th. Each principal and department director has met with both Dr. Lyons and Patty Lange to ensure that budget requests meet with the appropriate system approach to District Goals.
- High School Counseling Department: New School Profile and Brochure: Dr. Lyons provided the Committee with copies of the work done by the HHS Counseling Department to improve communication with students, parents and colleges. The Counseling Department has also upgraded their website: http://www1.hudson.k12.ma.us/hhs_guidance/index.html.

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- Massachusetts 4th and 8th Grade Students First in Nation on NAEP - Again: Dr. Lyons shared with the Committee a letter received from Gov. Deval Patrick regarding the 2011 National Assessment of Educational Progress, which ranked Massachusetts 4th and 8th grade students first in the Nation on NAEP – again!
- HHS Golf Team Overnight Field Trip Cancelled: Dr. Lyons updated the Committee on the status of the overnight field trip. Due to the relocation of the tournament playoffs, the previously approved overnight trip was not needed. Dr. Lyons informed the Committee that the HHS Golf Team had just completed the tournament playoffs and the HHS Golf Team came in 2nd place in the tournament.
- Kennedy Middle School Technology Planning and Transition: Dr. Lyons informed the Committee that Brian Daniels, Ellen Schuck and JFK teachers will present to the Committee on November 29th with a progress report on the technology transition at JFK.
- Red Ribbon Week Helicopter: Dr. Lyons shared with the Committee the great success of Red Ribbon Week which included a powerful presentation for both students and adults on the consequence of drug and alcohol use. The week was capped off by the landing of the DEA surveillance helicopter which landed on October 28 - right on schedule.

IV. Student Presentations

None.

V. Community Comments

None.

VI. Special Reports & Presentations

1. New Teacher Induction Program: Teacher Mentoring: Todd Wallingford, along with teachers Leslie Williams and Claire Howe, shared with the Committee the success of the New Teacher Induction Program. The presentation highlighted the mentoring of new teachers, assisting them inside and outside of their classrooms, and the positive impact the program was having on our new teachers.

VII. Old Business

None.

VIII. New Business

None.

Reclassification of Funds

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

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Subcommittee and Building Committee Liaison Reports

Mr. Baran shared with the Committee that the Policy Subcommittee held its second meeting. The next meeting scheduled for November 14th will prioritize policies, and Mr. Baran indicated that he will continue to provide status updates to the Committee.

Communications

Ms. Valcourt discussed with the Committee the Report of the Massachusetts Association of School Committees Resolution Committee. Resolutions will be considered and voted at the Massachusetts Association of School Committees meeting on November 11, 2011. The School Committee voted to instruct the Hudson School Committee representative to be guided as to her/his vote as recorded below:

Resolution 1 – Providing greater access for students to exploratory visits to Chapter 74 approved vocational education programs. A motion to vote no on Resolution 1 was made by Mrs. Ducey and seconded by Mrs. Nelson. On a vote of 7-0, the motion to vote no was approved.

Resolution 2 - Teacher Evaluation - A motion to vote no on Resolution 2 was made by Mr. Baran and seconded by Mrs. Nelson, with Mrs. Valcourt abstaining. On a vote of 6-0-1, the motion to vote no was approved.

Resolution 3 – Charter School Funding – A motion to vote yes on Resolution 3 was made by Mrs. Ducey and seconded by Mr. Baran. On a vote of 7-0, the motion to vote yes was approved.

Resolution 4 – Enactment of a Freeze on Federal Regulations Pending the Reauthorization of No Child Left Behind – A motion to vote yes on Resolution 4 was made by Mr. Baran and seconded by Mr. Calnan. On a vote 7-0, the motion to vote yes was approved.

Resolution 5 – State Educator Evaluation Process – A motion to vote yes on Resolution 5 was made by Mrs. Ducey and seconded by Mr. Baran. On a vote of 7-0, the motion to vote yes was approved.

Executive Session/Adjournment

At 8:09 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 Mrs. Ducey. On a vote 7-0, the motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Lynn Valcourt, Secretary
Hudson School Committee

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List of Documents Source and Location

DOC NAME	SOURCE	LOCATION
School Committee Minutes of November 8, 2011	School Committee	Superintendent's Office
Superintendent's Report	Superintendent	Superintendent's Office
Superintendent's PowerPoint	Superintendent	Superintendent's Office
High School Counseling Department: New School Profile and Brochures (3)	Superintendent	Superintendent's Office
Correspondence from Gov. Deval Patrick re: 2011 National Assessment of Educational Progress	Superintendent	Superintendent's Office
Hudson Public Schools Mentoring Program 2011-2012 Handbook	Superintendent	Superintendent's Office
Regulations on Evaluation of Educators: An Overview	Superintendent	Superintendent's Office
Reclassifications	Superintendent	Superintendent's Office
Massachusetts Association of School Committees - Report of the Resolutions Committee	School Committee	Superintendent's Office