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Hudson School Committee  
**Open Session Minutes**

**Date:** October 11, 2011

**Location:** Administration Building  
155 Apsley Street

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

Members absent: Lorraine Nelson

Student Representative: Ricky Gelin

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 the Chair, Susan Dunnell.

**II. Approval of Minutes**

Regular Meeting – September 27, 2011: Motion to approve minutes was made by Mrs. Ducey and seconded by Ms. Valcourt, with Mr. Baran abstaining. On a vote of 5-1, the motion passed.

Committee Chair, Mrs. Dunnell, reported that the Agenda will be taken out of order. The next item will be consideration of Old Business Original Item No. 1 LEED Certification - Open Space Approval for the JFK project.

**Old Business**

1. LEED Certification Open Space Approval

David Harris of OMR and Len Belli, Director of Buildings and Grounds, presented information on the status of the JFK Project LLED Certification relative to open space approve and answered questions posed to them by School Committee members. Mr. Harris made a point of the fact that a commitment to any one criterion can be withdrawn later in the certification process.

A motion to approve the commitment to maintain 40% of the open space on the JFK site was made by Ms. Valcourt and seconded by Mr. Baran. On a vote of 6-0, the motion passed.

**III. Superintendent's Report:**

- Dr. Lyons reported on the Forest Avenue School Leaves of Citizenship program kick-off assembly which was held last week. He described the excellent dramatic presentation of Kathleen McKenzie's Hudson High School Advanced Theater class. He recognized an excellent example of Community Service Learning and commented on how their skits captured the children's imagination and attention. The Hudson High School theater students were: Nick Allan, John (Jack) Colaianni, Alison Eadie, Duncan Martinez, Brooke Mega, Shirley Plucinski, Kennedy Prashaw, Carly Usherwood and Samantha (Sammi) Waldsmith. The staff of Forest Avenue School will be in attendance at a future School Committee meeting to share the Leaves of Citizenship program with members.
- Dr. Lyons shared with the Committee the reasons for an initial investigation of expansion of the science lab space at Hudson High School – increased enrollment in lab science courses is driven by two factors. First, more colleges are looking for three years of a lab science in their admission decisions. Also, there is a likelihood that MA Board of Elementary and Secondary Education will soon make the MassCore curriculum mandatory. MassCore requires three years of a lab science for graduation. Student demand for lab science classes is exceeding capacity in the classroom space and this concern has been growing for several years. Dr. Lyons has asked Brian Reagan, Len Belli, Kate Chatellier and Angie Wilcox to be present at a future meeting during the budget cycle to share details regarding this matter.
- Dr. Lyons presented the need for change in District math programs and materials due to changes in the MA Curriculum Frameworks. He stated that he expects this to be a subject of budget discussion this year with costs, K-12, distributed over a 3-4 year period.

**IV. Special Reports & Presentations**

MCAS Elementary Results and Analysis: The Elementary Leadership Team presented highlights of the MCAS results and detailed grade level tests, subgroup results, growth scores, and comparable town statistics.

**Student Presentations**

- V. Ricky Gelin reported to the Committee the new Concerned Students of Hudson High School Council will focus on student delinquency, polls of teachers and students, about any increases in student problem behavior and additions to the Hudson High School handbook. He will report on the upcoming elections to the Community Council to be held at the High School.

**VI. Community Comments**

None.

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VII. **Old Business**

1. Appointment of School Committee Member to Town Master Plan Steering Committee –

Mrs. Ducey made a motion to approve Lynn Valcourt as the primary representative to the Town Master Plan Steering Committee and to approve Lorraine Nelson as the alternate member. The motion was seconded by Mr. Baran. The motion passed on a vote of 5-1, with Ms. Valcourt abstaining.

VIII. **New Business**

1. Appointment of Hudson High School Wrestling Trip to Peru, New York

Dr. Lyons recommended approval of the Hudson High School Wrestling Trip to Peru, New York scheduled for January 6-8, 2012. Motion to approve the Hudson High School Wrestling trip to Peru, New York, was made by Mrs. Ducey. Motion was seconded by Mr. Baran. On a vote 6-0, the motion passed unanimously.

2. Approval of Hewlett-Packard Donation:

Dr. Lyons recommended approval of the acceptance of the Hewlett-Packard donation of \$10,000.00 worth of Hewlett-Packard equipment and thanked Mr. Chuck Bear, a Hewlett-Packard employee, who facilitated the donation. Motion to approve acceptance was made by Ms. Valcourt. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Ducey. On a vote 6-0, the motion passed unanimously.

Committee Chair, Mrs. Dunnell, also publicly thanked Mr. Chuck Bear and Hewlett-Packard for their generous donation to the Hudson Public Schools.

**Reclassification of Funds**

None.

**Subcommittee and Building Committee Liaison Reports**

Mrs. Ducey reminded the committee members of the ground-breaking at JFK Middle School scheduled for Wednesday, October 12<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m.

Baran reported that the Policy Subcommittee meeting is scheduled for Monday, October 17<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m.

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IX. **Communications**

Confirmation was made with Committee Chair, Sue Dunnell, and Ms. Valcourt regarding attendance at the MASC-MASS conference scheduled to begin on November 9<sup>th</sup> in Hyannis.

X. **Executive Session/Adjournment**

At 8:38 p.m., Mrs. Dunnell noted that there was a need for an Executive Session for the purpose of discussing collective bargaining strategy with the secretaries union.

Mrs. Ducey made a motion to enter Executive Session.

The motion was seconded by Ms. Valcourt.

Dr. Lyons called the roll:

Mrs. Dunnell – yes  
Ms. Valcourt – yes.  
Mrs. Ducey – yes  
Mr. Baran - yes  
Mr. Calnan – yes  
Mrs. O'Brien – yes

The motion passed.

Mr. Calnan noted for the record that he would recuse himself from any discussion concerning the secretaries union.

Mrs. Dunnell noted the session was being called under MGL Ch.39, S.23,B(3) for the purpose of discussing collective bargaining strategies with the secretarial union and teachers union and the Committee would not return to public session.

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 September 27, 2011	Superintendent	Superintendent's Office
Superintendent's Report	Superintendent	Superintendent's Office
Superintendent's Power Point Presentation	Superintendent	Superintendent's Office
LEED Certification handout consisting of 9 pages	Superintendent	Superintendent's Office
Memorandum re: Master Plan Steering Committee	Superintendent	Superintendent' Office
Memorandum re: Hudson High School Wrestling Trip to Peru, New York	Brian K. Reagan	Superintendent's Office
Plot Plan from David Harris of OMR	Superintendent	Superintendent's Office