

Hudson School Committee
Open Session Minutes

Date: September 27, 2011

Location: Administration Building
155 Apsley Street

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

Members absent: David Baran

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.

Mrs. Dunnell reported that due to the absence of Mr. Baran, the Committee will move the date to vote on the Appointment of the Assistant Superintendent to a special School Committee meeting, date to be determined.

Motion to approve rescheduling the vote of the Appointment of the Assistant Superintendent was made by Mrs. Ducey and seconded by Mrs. Nelson. The vote was 5-1 with Mr. Calnan abstaining.

II. Approval of Minutes

Regular Meeting - September 13, 2011: Motion to approve minutes was made by Mrs. Ducey and seconded by Ms. Valcourt. On a vote of 5-0, the motion passed.

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

- Dr. Lyons reported on the 2011 MCAS and explained that while the District numbers indicated a few gains and a few dips when compared to 2010, the District is on the right path, and that the teaching and learning systems being put into place in place will make the difference in these results.
- Dr. Lyons shared the 2011 AYP and DESE Level Designations results with the Committee. Dr. Lyons explained that Massachusetts is the highest achieving state in the United States and that the DESE levels are a Massachusetts comparison. This report indicates that the District remained at exactly the same level DESE designations as last year.

Approved

- Dr. Lyons reported on the status of the JFK Project LEED Certification of open space approval. Dr. Lyons stated that there was new information available to share with the Committee, but the action item will be presented on the next agenda scheduled for October 11th. Dr. Lyons provided information about LEED Certification for the JFK project and the need for School Committee approval of a significant commitment, maintaining a percentage of open space on the middle school property for the life of the building. He explained this commitment in the context of Hudson being reimbursed by MSBA for performance on the LEED criteria. Committee members asked for more information before October 11th, including questions about design capacity, enrollment, impact of the one open space criteria, is partial reimbursement possible for fewer than 50 points earned, when will performance be measured, is there an opportunity to make-up a missed commitment, and is there room to build additions at any other school site?

Dr. Lyons said he would get answers to the Committee and try to have both David Harris of OMR and Buildings and Grounds Director, Len Belli, present at the October 11th School Committee meeting.

- Dr. Lyons shared with the Committee mementoes Michael Correa brought back from the 2011 Scholastic Arts and Writing Awards ceremony held in Washington, D.C. These included the book, *The Best Teen Writing of 2011*, and a calendar of artwork.

IV. **Student Presentations**

Ricky Gelin presented to the Committee an update on items being addressed by the Student Council, including dress code and respect for teachers and peers. He will be updating the Committee in regards to progress.

V. **Community Comments**

None.

VI. **Special Reports & Presentations**

1. Kennedy Middle School Technology Future: Brian Daniels and Ellen Schuck presented a report on the technology planning for the Kennedy Middle School which included information and an update on planning for a one-to-computing environment. Committee members had a hands-on demonstration of the new technology teachers can use in the classrooms.

VII. **Old Business**

None.

Approved

VIII. **New Business**

1. Approval of Buildings and Grounds Contract with Lemoi Erectors, Inc. –

Dr. Lyons recommended approval of a Buildings and Grounds Contract with Lemoi Erectors, Inc. Motion to approve the Buildings and Grounds Contract with Lemoi Erectors, Inc. was made by Mrs. Dunnell and seconded by Mrs. Ducey. On a vote 5-0, the motion passed.

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

Mrs. Dunnell recommended approval of moving the date in which to appoint a School Committee member to the Town Master Plan Steering Committee to the October 11, 2011 School Committee meeting. The item was tabled for action until the October 11th School Committee meeting.

3. Approval of Change of Dates: HHS Ice Hockey Trip:

Dr. Lyons recommended approval of the change in date of the HHS Ice Hockey Trip to Lake Placid to December 8-11, 2011. Motion to approve the change of date for the Hudson High School Ice Hockey trip to December 8 – 11, 2011 was made by Mr. Calnan. Motion was seconded by Mr. Valcourt. On a vote 5-0, the motion passed unanimously.

4. Approval to Opt-Out of Race to the Top Activity:

Dr. Lyons recommended approval to opt-out of a Race to the Top activity, roll-out of P-12 Teaching and Learning System. The recommendation was supported by the teachers union representatives and the School Committee representative to the RTTT Team. Motion to approve to Opt-Out of Race to the Top Activity was made by Mrs. Ducey. Motion was seconded by Mr. Calnan. Vote was unanimous. The motion passed.

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 5-0, the motion passed unanimously.

Subcommittee and Building Committee Liaison Reports

Mrs. Ducey reported that building tours have been completed. She noted the excellent work of the custodians and maintenance personnel – the schools look great.

Approved

Communications

Committee members discussed attendance at the MASC Conference to be held on November 9-12, 2011.

Executive Session/Adjournment

At 8:43 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.

Ms. Valcourt made a motion to enter Executive Session.

The motion was seconded by Mrs. Ducey.

Dr. Lyons called the roll:

Mrs. Dunnell – yes
Ms. Valcourt – yes.
Mrs. Ducey – yes
Mr. Calnan – yes
Mrs. O’Brien – yes
Mrs. Nelson – 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

Approved

List of Documents Source and Location

DOC NAME	SOURCE	LOCATION
School Committee Minutes of September 13, 2011	Superintendent	Superintendent's Office
Superintendent's Report	Superintendent	Superintendent's Office
Superintendent's Power Point Presentation	Superintendent	Superintendent's Office
2011 MCAS Results	Superintendent	Superintendent's Office
2011 AYP and DESE Level Designations	Superintendent	Superintendent's Office
LEED Certification handout consisting of 9 pages	Superintendent	Superintendent's Office
Buildings and Grounds Contract Procurement Sheets	Superintendent	Superintendent's Office
Memorandum re: Master Plan Steering Committee	Superintendent	Superintendent' Office
Memorandum re: Hudson High School Ice Hockey Trip Change of Date	Brian K. Reagan	Superintendent's Office
Race to Top Information Sheets	Superintendent	Superintendent's Office
Reclassification of Funds	Director of Finance	Superintendent's Office