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Hudson Athletic Booster Club Takes Ownership of Stadium Project

HUDSON, Ohio – September 2, 2010 – At Wednesday night’s school board meeting, The Hudson City School District licensed the Athletic Booster club to build the new stadium at Hudson High School. At the completion of the project, the stadium will be gifted to the school district.

“In the end the school district will own the stadium, but up until that point, it is a privately funded project,” said Hudson City Schools Business Manager Derek Cluse. “By taking ownership, the Booster Club allows the district to focus its energy on education while the Boosters and the Hudson City Schools Foundation can continue to raise money and keep the project moving in order to complete the stadium.”

Additional benefits to Booster Club ownership include the flexibility to accept in-kind donations, the ability to structure an agreement with a construction manager to build the entire stadium with transparency, more control over the quality and the project cost.

Also, once the construction price is set, the construction manager will assume the risk of cost overruns if the project goes over budget. If it stays under budget, those funds would be used to enhance the project.

The school district will be part of an advisory committee made of school officials and booster club members. The school board will provide final approval of the construction manager, the final design, and the project budget. The advisory committee as a whole will issue a Request for Proposal to select the construction manager and oversee the construction operations.

The stadium project got underway last year with the generous \$2 million donation from the Tom and Joy Murdough Foundation. Since the stadium is a privately funded project, the Hudson City Schools Foundation, along with the Booster Club, must raise the additional funds needed in order to complete the project.

“Our goal is to begin using the stadium by the fall 2011 football season,” said Hudson City Schools Foundation President Ed Sogan. “In order to do that, the remaining funds need to be raised by the end of this year. I’d like to thank the Booster Club for taking ownership of this project. It will ensure a fair price, great quality and an efficient timetable. This is really the most beneficial options for the donors, the district and the community.”

For more information on the stadium project, visit www.hudsonschoolsfoundation.com.

Hudson City Schools Foundation

The Hudson City Schools Foundation, established in 2008, is a fund of the Hudson Community Foundation. It is a community-based organization established to enhance the education of all children in the public schools by providing funds not available through public sources. Its mission is to augment the learning environment in the arts, athletics and academics in order to ensure a student's ability to compete successfully in today's challenging global marketplace. www.hudsonschoolsfoundation.com

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