HARVARD BIOSCIENCE INC Form 8-K May 27, 2011

# UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

# FORM 8-K

#### **CURRENT REPORT**

Pursuant to Section 13 OR 15(d) of

The Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported) May 25, 2011

# HARVARD BIOSCIENCE, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

**Delaware** (State or other jurisdiction

001-33957 (Commission 04-3306140 (IRS Employer

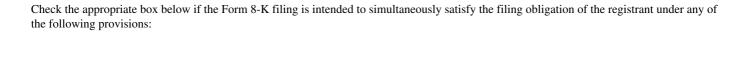
of incorporation) File Number) Identification No.)

01746

(Zip Code)

84 October Hill Road, Holliston, MA (Address of principal executive offices) Registrant s telephone number, including area code: (508) 893-8999

(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)



- " Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
- " Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)
- " Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
- " Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

#### Item 5.07 Submission of Matters to a Vote of Security Holders

On May 25, 2011, Harvard Bioscience, Inc. (the Company) held its 2011 Annual Meeting of Stockholders (the Annual Meeting). At the Annual Meeting, the Company s stockholders voted on the following proposals: (i) the election of two Class II Directors for three-year terms, such terms to continue until the annual meeting of stockholders in 2014 and until such Directors successors are duly elected and qualified or until their earlier resignation or removal, (ii) the approval of the Harvard Bioscience, Inc. Third Amended and Restated 2000 Stock Option and Incentive Plan, (iii) the ratification of the appointment of KPMG LLP as the Company s independent registered public accounting firm for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2011, (iv) the approval, by a non-binding advisory vote, of the compensation of the Company s named executive officers and (v) the recommendation, by a non-binding advisory vote, of the shareholder vote to approve the compensation of the Company s named executive officers. The voting results are reported below.

#### Proposal 1 - Election of Directors

David Green and John F. Kennedy were elected as Class II Directors for three-year terms, such terms to continue until the annual meeting of stockholders in 2014 and until such Directors successors are duly elected and qualified or until their earlier resignation or removal. The results of the election were as follows:

Name	Votes For	Votes Withheld	<b>Broker Non-Votes</b>
David Green	22,264,882	303,333	4,398,860
John F. Kennedy	21.014.474	1.553.741	4.398.860

Proposal 2 Approval of the Harvard Bioscience, Inc. Amended and Restated 2000 Stock Option and Incentive Plan

The Harvard Bioscience, Inc. Third Amended and Restated 2000 Stock Option and Incentive Plan was approved. The results of the approval were as follows:

Votes For	Votes Against	<b>Votes Abstained</b>	<b>Broker Non-Votes</b>
16,780,927	5,772,506	14,782	4,398,860

#### Proposal 3 - Ratification of the Appointment of KPMG LLP

The appointment of KPMG LLP as the Company s independent registered public accounting firm for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2011 was ratified. The results of the ratification were as follows:

Votes For	Votes Against	Votes Abstained
26,830,127	113,706	23,242

Proposal 4 Approval, by Non-Binding Advisory Vote, of the Compensation of the Named Executive Officers

The compensation of the Company s named executive officers was approved, by a non-binding advisory vote, as follows:

Votes For	Votes Against	Votes Abstained	<b>Broker Non-Votes</b>
22,399,565	141,727	26,923	4,398,860

Proposal 5 - Recommendation, by a Non-Binding Advisory Vote, of the Frequency of the Shareholder Vote to Approve the Compensation of the Company s Named Executive Officers

The frequency of the shareholder vote to approve the compensation of the Company s named executive officers was recommended to be 1 year, by a non-binding advisory vote, as follows:

1 Year	2 Years	3 Years	Votes Abstained	<b>Broker Non-Votes</b>
21.844.296	21.752	684.090	18,077	4.398.860

#### **SIGNATURE**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

HARVARD BIOSCIENCE, INC.

(Registrant)

May 27, 2011 (Date)

/s/ THOMAS MCNAUGHTON
Thomas McNaughton

Chief Financial Officer & Principal Accounting Officer