

**REGULAR MEETING
HUNTINGTON UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION
September 11, 2006**

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of the Huntington Union Free School District was held on Monday, September 11, 2006, at Huntington Intermediate School, Lowndes Avenue, Huntington Station, NY 11746. Mr. Lee called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM.

ROLL CALL

There were present Board of Education Members Black, Collyer, Forte, Lee, Marchi, McGrath and Rogan; Superintendent Finello, Messrs. Giani, Grackin and O'Brien and Mrs. Bender.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A MOTION was made by Mrs. Collyer and seconded by Mr. Forte to go into Executive Session to discuss legal and personnel matters.

MOTION carried.

At 6:30 PM the Board of Education went into Executive Session.

At 8:20 PM Mr. Lee reconvened the meeting.

EMERGENCY EVACUATION PROCEDURE

Mr. Lee discussed the exits to be used in the event of any emergency.

SMOKE FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT

Mr. Lee announced that the Huntington Union Free School District is a smoke-free district and smoking is prohibited in all buildings and on school grounds.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mr. Lee led the Board of Education and those others present in the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

Moment of Silence

September 11th being the anniversary of 9/11/01, Mr. Lee asked for a moment of silence for those who lost their lives. Mr. Lee read six names of Huntington High School graduates who lost their lives on 9/11.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A MOTION was made by Mrs. Collyer and seconded by Mr. McGrath to approve the Minutes of the following meeting of the Board of Education:

August 18, 2006

MOTION carried.

APPROVAL OF WARRANTS

A MOTION was made by Mrs. Marchi and seconded by Mrs. Collyer to approve the following Warrants:

June 2006:

General Fund Warrant #3	\$ 1,436,265.51
General Fund Warrant #4	\$ 2,252,788.86
School Lunch Warrant #2	\$ 19,153.52
School Lunch Warrant #3	\$ 5,747.43
Special Aid Warrant #3	\$ 533,725.74
Special Aid Warrant #4	\$ 117,880.35
Workers Comp Warrant #2	\$ 40,490.51
Capital Warrant #28 03/04 Capital Projects	\$ 8,017.59
Capital Warrant #19 04/05 Capital Projects	\$ 88,553.47
Capital Warrant #27 New Renovations	\$ 9,038.82

MOTION carried.

COMMUNICATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Opening of School 2006

Mr. Finello reported on the successful opening of school on September 6th. There are 4255 students, 834 employees, 37 new teachers, 4 new support staff and 7 new administrators. He complimented the new administrators for an outstanding job in preparing for opening day. He also reported that Buildings and Grounds worked on seven in-house projects. In addition, twelve capital projects were completed.

Mr. Lee complimented Mr. Rispoli and his Buildings and Grounds staff for a job well done.

In regard to transportation, Mr. Giani reported that opening day went well. He thanked the community for their patience.

Alumni Dance

Mr. McGrath reported that there was an alumni dance on Saturday, September 9, 2006 where Mr. Jack Abrams was honored by the alumni and the district.

PUBLIC COMMENTARY

A parent is concerned about children who have to walk to school and the dangerous conditions because of the lack of sidewalks in some areas.

A parent is concerned about her child's bus stop. She distributed the attached letter to the Board of Education. She also said that if anything happens to her child, she will sue the school district.

(See attached)

A parent asked who pays for the water mains and inquired about the fuel tank bid. He also wanted to know what money was put into technology this year. Mr. Grackin explained. The parent also inquired about modernizing the science rooms at the high school. Mr. Grackin explained what has been done. The parent also inquired about sidewalks and safety for students. Mr. Finello explained about his meetings with the Town of Huntington regarding sidewalks.

A Washington parent told the Board that a Sgt. from Des Moines, Iowa, who has just returned from Iraq, would be visiting the students at Washington School. The children wrote to her when she was in Iraq. Several activities are planned for her visit.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND ACTION

Internal Audit Function Policy, 2nd Reading

A MOTION was made by Mrs. Black and seconded by Mrs. Collyer to approve the Internal Audit Function Policy.

(See attached)

High School Auditorium Renovation Schedule

Mr. Rispoli talked about the scheduling of work for renovations of the auditorium at Huntington High School. He said the auditorium is scheduled to be fully functioning by February 2007.

Mrs. Fretz explained the November and December calendar and the adjustments that will need to be made for concerts, rehearsals, etc. at the high school. Extensive discussion followed.

High School Summer School Analysis

Dr. Leonardi presented an analysis of the number of students who failed classes during the school year and the number who attend summer school. She explained the grading system for the Huntington High School students in summer school. Extensive discussion followed.

Mr. Stein, who was the principal of the 2006 summer school, gave statistics of those students passing and failing in summer school. He spoke about student attendance, behavior and safety. Extensive discussion followed.

Mrs. Lehnert, Mathematics teacher at high school, talked about changes that are in compliance with the State regulations and the higher expectations for the high school students and the grading system.

CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION

A MOTON was made by Mrs. Marchi and seconded by Mrs. Collyer to authorize the district administration to arrange for the provision of appropriate special education programs and services for students as enumerated in the CSE and CPSE meetings:

CSE: 10220

CPSE: 1. 24870

2. 24726
3. 25010
4. 24879
5. 25011
6. 24786
7. 25012
8. 24995

INSTRUCTIONAL PERSONNEL

On the recommendation of the Superintendent, a MOTION was made by Mrs. Marchi and seconded by Mrs. Collyer to approve the following changes in Instructional Personnel:

Teacher Probationary Appointments

<u>Name</u>	<u>Tenure Area</u>	<u>Prob.Appt. Date</u>	<u>Tenure Date</u>	<u>Cert. Status</u>
Sarah Fardella Special Education teacher Huntington Intermediate Sch. I, Step 1 \$43,500	Spec Ed	9/1/06	9/1/09	Students W/ Disabilities BirthGr 6 EarlyChild- hoodBirth – Gr. 6, Initial

Ms. Fardella was a long-term substitute teacher at Huntington Intermediate from April 2006 through June 2006.

Elizabeth Moran Literacy Collaborative teacher Washington Sch. IV, Step 2 \$51,605	Elementary	9/1/06	9/1/08*	Elem.Prov.
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Ms. Moran was a long-term substitute elementary teacher in 2005-06

Brian Stellato Music teacher Finley Sch. II, Step 4 \$50,315	Music	10/1/06 (on or before)	10/1/09	MusicProv.
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AnneMarie Romeo Foreign Language teacher Finley Sch. I, Step 1 \$43,500	Foreign Lang.	2/1/07	2/1/10	Ital Initial
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Appointment of Long-Term Substitutes

Margaret Bender, Special Education teacher, Washington, Sch. V, Step 1, \$51,815, effective September 1, 2006 through approximately January 26, 2007 – for J. Stucchio

Theresa Duffy, Elementary teacher, Southdown, Sch. IV, Step 4, \$55,875, effective September 1, 2006 through June 30, 2007 – for N. Allard
Ms. Duffy had been a long-term substitute teacher in 2005-06

Beth Minoff, Elementary teacher, Washington, Sch. IV, Step 4, \$55,875, effective September 1, 2006 through January 26, 2007 – for V. Creighton

Julia Schwartz, English teacher, Finley, Sch. IV, Step 1, \$49,910, effective September 1, 2006 through June 30, 2007 – for L. Winters

Teacher Resignations

Gina Pellettiere, Music teacher, Finley, effective on or before October 1, 2006

Sebastiana Viviana Mancuso, Foreign language teacher, Finley, effective on or before September 30, 2006

Part-Time Teacher Appointment

Filomena Sorrentino, .6 foreign language teacher, Finley, Sch. V, Step 2, \$32,124, effective September 12, 2006

Appointment of Permanent Per-Diem Substitute

AnneMarie Romeo, Finley, effective September 12, 2006, \$105 per diem

Salary Schedule Changes

<u>Teacher/School</u>	<u>From:</u>	<u>To:</u>
Effective 9/1/06:		
Richard Agnello/HS	Sch. IV, Step 5 \$58,110	Sch. V, Step 5 \$60,045
Catherine Barth/WH	Sch. VII, Step 7 \$69,670	Sch. VIII, Step 7 \$73,155
Allison Daly/J	Sch. VI, Step 3 \$58,070	Sch. VII, Step 3 \$60,645
Carol Daub/WH/HI	Sch. IV, Step 15 \$81,375	Sch. V, Step 15 \$83,630
Kristi Detor/J	Sch. VII, Step 8 \$71,905	Sch. VIII, Step 8 \$75,425
Jeffrey Dicker/W	Sch. VI, Step 7 \$67,095	Sch. VII, Step 7 \$69,670
Peter Deschler/WH	Sch. IV, Step 1 \$49,910	Sch. V, Step 1 \$51,815
Edward Florea/HS	Sch. VI, Step 3.5 \$59,195	Sch. VIII, Step 3.5 \$65,190
Debra Foster/W	Sch. IV, Step 6 \$60,375	Sch. V, Step 6 \$62,640
Alicia Furman/FMS	Sch. VII, Step 9 \$74,190	Sch. VIII, Step 9 \$77,685

Alissa German/FH	Sch. I, Step 3 \$46,675	Sch. II, Step 3 \$48,350
Renee Gonsalves/HS	Sch. VI, Step 8 \$69,405	Sch. VII, Step 8 \$71,905
Michael Graziano/HS	Sch. II, Step 4 \$50,315	Sch. IV, Step 4 \$55,875
Megan Himmelmann/W	Sch. VI, Step 4 \$60,320	Sch. VII, Step 4 \$62,840
Krista Kozlosky/FMS	Sch. IV, Step 3.5 \$54,745	Sch. V, Step 3.5 \$56,665
Nicole Malizia/FH	Sch. II, Step 4 \$50,315	Sch. III, Step 4 \$52,325
Mitchell Malle/WH	Sch. VII, Step 20 \$96,380	Sch. VIII, Step 20 \$100,235
Michael McCabe/FMS	Sch. VI, Step 7 \$67,095	Sch. VII, Step 7 \$69,670
Elizabeth Moran/W	Sch. II, Step 2 \$46,620	Sch. IV, Step 2 \$51,605
Kimberly Murray/FH	Sch. VI, Step 3 \$58,070	Sch. VII, Step 3 \$60,645
Carrie Postel/HI	Sch. IV, Step 5 \$58,110	Sch. V, Step 5 \$60,045
Lauren Principe/HS	Sch. VII, Step 10.5 \$77,585	Sch. VIII, Step 10.5 \$81,420
Melody Renick/SD	Sch. VII, Step 8 \$71,905	Sch. VIII, Step 8 \$75,425
Jennifer Rodgers/FMS	Sch. II, Step 4 \$50,315	Sch. IV, Step 4 \$55,875
Carol Soskil/HI	Sch. V, Step 4.5 \$58,915	Sch. VI, Step 4.5 \$61,475
Vincent Tannazzo/FMS	Sch. V, Step 4 \$57,775	Sch. VI, Step 4 \$60,320
Camille Tedeschi/HS	Sch. IV, Step 5 \$58,110	Sch. VI, Step 5 \$62,625
Eric Triolo/HI	Sch. VII, Step 7 \$71,905	Sch. VIII, Step 7 \$73,155

Appointment of After-School Educators 2006-07

\$44.12 per hour, High School Library, 2 hours per day, one teacher each day, 4 days per week, effective September 2006:

Katherine Eastman
Camille DeCanio
Georganne White

Additional Work

Complete District Self-Review Monitoring Protocol for the IDEA Part B Performance Plan, not to exceed 3 days:

Cynthia Fletcher, School Psychologist, \$461.75 per diem
Renee Troffa, Special Education teacher, \$242.48 per diem
Priya Mondkar, Elementary teacher, \$258.03 per diem

Coaching Recommendations

<u>Coach</u>	<u>Sport</u>	<u>Step</u>	<u>Salary</u>
Add:			
Robert Gilmor	JV Tennis Girls	1	\$3446
Joseph Crocco	Var Asst. Football	4	\$5517
Vincent Tannazzo	JHB Soccer	1	\$3186

Delete:

James Hoops	JV Tennis-Girls	4	\$4300
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Approval of Substitute Teacher List

(See green sheet)

Appointment of Driver Education Instructor

Kevin McQuade, effective September 18, 2006, \$42.10 per hour

NON-INSTRUCTIONAL PERSONNEL

On the recommendation of the Superintendent, a MOTION was made by Mrs. Collyer and seconded by Mrs. Marchi to approve the following changes in Non-Instructional Personnel:

Appointments

<u>Unit</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Salary</u>	<u>Eff.Date</u>	<u>Replacing</u>
Aide	Wanda Rivera-Wilson 3 hours	DL Aide Southdown	\$11.92/hr	9/1/06	N.Michaels
Aide	Ryan Shaw 6.5 hours	Bldg. Aide Woodhull	\$11.92	9/12/06	K. Jost

Change of Assignments

<u>Name</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>
Paula Blackwell	6.5 hrs, Hunt. Int.	7 hrs. FMS
Myesha Calderon	6.5 hrs. Hunt. Int.	7 hrs. FMS
Geraldine Jenkins	6.5 hrs. Hunt. Int.	7 hrs. FMS
Monica McReynolds	6.5 hrs. Hunt. Int.	7 hrs. FMS
Stephany Moore	6.5 hrs. Hunt. Int.	7 hrs. FMS
Juanita Turner	6.5 hrs. Hunt. Int.	7 hrs. FMS
Nilsa Michaels	7 hrs. Southdown	6.5 hrs Jefferson

Resignation

Donald Taylor, Security, effective September 7, 2006

Termination

Barbara Peyser, Aide, Flower Hill, effective September 1, 2006

Additional Work

Travis Lee, 5 hours, \$10.50 per hour, Parental Involvement Activity, funded by grant

Linda Leeke, maintain Student Support Services archives, \$10.50 per hour, funded by grant

Rita Barry, 1 day, at \$252.89 per diem, sports physicals, Finley

Approval of Section 913

Approval of Non-Instructional Substitutes

CLERICAL
CUSTODIAL
FOOD SERVICE
NURSE
SCHOOL TEACHER AIDE
SECURITY
(green sheets)

MOTION carried.

BUSINESS

Approval of Contracts

SCOPE

A MOTION was made by Mrs. Collyer and seconded by Mrs. Black to approve the contract with SCOPE for Before and After School Child Care Program for the 2006-07 school year.

(See attached)

MOTION carried.

Eden II

A MOTION was made by Mrs. Collyer and seconded by Mrs. Black to approve the contract with Eden II for the 2006-07 school year.

(See attached)

MOTION carried.

Budget Transfers

A MOTION was made by Mrs. Collyer and seconded by Mrs. Black to approve the attached budget transfers.

(See attached)

MOTION carried.

CLOSING REMARKS BY BOARD MEMBERS

Mr. McGrath is interested in having LIPA do an energy evaluation.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A MOTION was made by Mrs. Marchi and seconded by Mrs. Collyer to go into Executive session to discuss personnel matters.

At 10:35 PM the Board of Education went into Executive Session.

At 11:30 PM Mr. Lee reconvened the meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

A MOTION was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting.

At 11:35 PM the meeting was adjourned.

MOTION carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Catherine Bender
District Clerk

