

**REGULAR MEETING  
HUNTINGTON UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT  
BOARD OF EDUCATION  
October 16, 2006**

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of the Huntington Union Free School District was held on Monday, October 16, 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, Rogan; Superintendent Finello, Messrs. Giani, Grackin, O'Brien and Mrs. Bender.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

A MOTION was made by Mrs. Marchi and seconded by Mrs. Collyer 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 7:45 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.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A MOTION was made by Mrs. Collyer and seconded by Mrs. Marchi to approve the Minutes of the following meetings of the Board of Education:

September 19, 2006  
September 25, 2006

MOTION carried.

**TREASURER’S REPORT**

A MOTION was made by Mrs. Collyer and seconded by Mrs. Marchi to accept the following Treasurer’s Report of June 30, 2006: :

General Fund	\$ 5,742,169.60
Capital Fund	968,737.11
Special Aid Fund	178,559.90
School Lunch Fund	171,609.48
Trust and Agency Fund	126,872.48
Payroll Fund	0

MOTION carried.

**EXPENDITURE REPORT**

Expenditure Reports through September 30, 2006 were distributed for “Information Only” as follows:

- a) General Fund
- b) School Lunch Fund
- c) Special Aid Fund

**APPROVAL OF WARRANTS**

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

General Fund Warrant #5	\$ 1,672,272.14
General Fund Warrant #6	\$ 5,771,191.60

School Lunch Warrant #4	\$ 64,243.16
School Lunch Warrant #5	\$ 2,459.62
Special Aid Warrant #5	\$ 190,817.05
Special Aid Warrant #6	\$ 216,552.46
Workers Comp Warrant #3	\$ 23,571.53
Capital Warrant #29 03/04	\$ 33,568.86
Capital Warrant #20 04/05 Capital Projects	\$ 95,518.22
Capital Warrant #28 New Renovations	\$ 24,826.93

### **COMMUNICATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Mrs. Rogan spoke about a meeting with Wendy Hildebrant, MS, RD, from Heart Links at the Department of Family Medicine at Stony Brook University. Heart Links provides support to school districts to facilitate and support healthy school environments in compliance with the federally mandated school district wellness policy. There is no cost.

A MOTION was made by Mr. McGrath and seconded by Mrs. Black to authorize participation in the Heart Links Program.

MOTION carried.

### **PUBLIC COMMENTARY**

At that portion of the meeting set aside for questions and comments from the public a parent is concerned about the recent math scores published in Newsday. She feels the schools in the district are disproportionate in the distribution of students.

A parent feels there is a discrepancy between schools in regard to math and the consequence the scores have in regard to real estate.

A parent inquired about the high school students who were drunk at the Homecoming dance. She was advised to make an appointment with Dr. Leonardi.

## **ITEMS OF FOR DISCUSSION AND ACTION**

### **New York State Performance Plan/Performance Indicators**

Dr. Mingin presented the State Performance Plan and explained the effects it has on students with disabilities in Huntington School District.

### **Elementary English Language Arts Assessment**

Mr. O'Brien reported that the staff is very upset about the recent test results. He explained about the interventions that are in place to improve the ELA test scores in the district. Mr. Lee questioned the Literacy Collaborative commitment. Mr. O'Brien explained that it is the last year for commitment to BOCES and it will be evaluated.

### **High School Renovations**

Mr. Wisbauer and Mr. McDonald from Thomas Associates gave an update on the progress of the high school renovations. They explained the situation with State Ed regarding the variance for permanent bathrooms versus portable bathrooms and the cost implications. Extensive discussion followed.

## **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:

1. 23927	13.23480
2. 23282	14.23396
3. 24622	15.24831
4. 24500	16.21826
5. 24601	17.24829
6. 22142	18.21329
7. 24452	19.23056
8. 24143	20.24564
9. 22101	21.24982
10.23915	22.24907
11.24936	23.24998
12.20491	

CPSE:

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| 1. 24837 | 5. 24677 |
| 2. 24785 | 6. 24839 |
| 3. 24850 | 7. 25014 |
| 4. 25033 | 8. 25018 |

MOTION carried.

**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 Instructional Personnel:

**Tenure Recommendation**

Nicole Mulholland, Special Education, effective November 4, 2006

**Teacher Assistant Probationary Appointments**

<b><u>Name</u></b>	<b><u>Tenure Area</u></b>	<b><u>Prob.Appt. Date</u></b>	<b><u>Tenure Date</u></b>	<b><u>Cert. Status</u></b>
Donna Blair Teacher Asst. Flower Hill \$17.87 per hour	Teacher Assistant	9/28/06	9/28/09	T.A. Pend
Melissa Sarducci Teacher Asst. Southdown \$11.92 per hour	Teacher Assistant	10/17/06	10/17/09	T.A. Pend

**Resignation of Teacher Assistants**

Christine Bischoff, effective September 26, 2006

Genese Smith, effective September 27, 2006

### **Appointment of Long-Term Substitutes**

Robert Gruebel, Compensatory Math teacher, Woodhull, effective October 1, 2006 thru January 2, 2007, Sch. III, Step 1, \$47,135 – for R. Cirillo  
Mr. Gruebel has been previously appointed for the month of September

Irene Sofos, ESL teacher, Woodhull, effective October 11, 2006 thru approximately January 2, 2007, Sch. V, Step 1, \$259.08 per diem – for J. Reichle

### **Request for Leave of Absence**

Blake Woodworth, Speech therapist, effective 6 weeks after the birth of baby, anticipated to be December 1, 2006, and concluding on June 30, 2007 – child care

### **Appointment of Alternate High School Administrator**

Edward Florea, 2006-07 school year, \$53.82 per hour, up to 16 hours per week maximum

### **Appointment of Alternate High School Teachers – Fall 2006**

\$47.97 per hour and additional hour for every five hours taught:

<u>Teacher</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Teaching Hours per Week</u>
Craig McKee (1st half of sem.)	Earth Science and Earth Science Lab	4.5 hrs
Anna Fabela (2 <sup>nd</sup> half of sem.)	Earth Science and Earth Science Lab	4.5 hrs
Camille Tedeschi	Global 10	3 hrs.
Frederick Bisogno	U.S. History	3 hrs.
Jordan Gould	Economics	3 hrs.
Frederick Bisogno	Participation in Govt.	3 hrs.
Keri Machansky	English 10-11	3 hrs
Elizabeth Alpert	English 12	3 hrs.

**Appointment of Safe and Drug Free School Counselors**

\$50 per hour, not to exceed 207 hours, funded by Title IV grant:

Elaine Gilmartin  
Joanne Stone  
Denise Fields

Peer Mediation Coordinator, \$25 per hour, not to exceed 60 hours, funded by Title IV grant:

Sharon Holly

**Appoinment of Finley Cafeteria Supervisors**

\$26.92 per hour:

Andrew Chabot  
Michael Gavilan  
Judy Ann Pazienza  
Travis Smith

Substitutes:

Regina Connors  
Carol Ann Dow  
Heidie Magerle

**Appointment of After-School Supervision - Finley**

\$28.56 per hour, 2 hours per week:

Regina Connors  
Carol Ann Dow

**Appointment of Finley Advisors**

<u>Advisor</u>	<u>Club</u>	<u>Stipend</u>
Clinton Atkins	Mathletes 7	\$1579
	Mathcounts	\$1579

Frank Battista	Wind Ensemble	\$2243
	Tri-M Music Honor Society	\$ 755
Mark Belton	Art Club	\$1079
	Stage Crew	\$1488
Kathryn Costa & Sandra Dick	Banana Splits	\$ 539.50 ea.
Sandra Dick	Community Club	\$1079
Carol Dow	Dance	\$1079
Kimberly Finneran & Kimberly Schiller	Newspaper	\$ 766 ea.
Denise Grodzicki	Mathletes 8	\$1579
Christopher Helmke	Photography Club	\$1592
	Stage Crew	\$1488
John Hlavaty	Yearbook	\$1919
Sharon Holly	School Store	\$2924
Deborah Kim	Honor Strings Ensemble	\$2243
Angela Long & Jennifer Rodgers	Honor Society	\$ 789.50 ea.
Timothy Madden, Travis Smith & Mary Paar	Student Leaders	\$ 359.66 ea
Patrick O'Connor	Literary Magazine	\$1079
Josephine Rosado	Drama	\$3390
	Show Choir	\$2243
Christopher Scarnato	Jazz Ensemble	\$2243
Dee Weinstock	AV	\$3161



### **Appointment of Marching Band Advisors**

#### **Delete**

<u>Instructor</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Season</u>	<u>Salary</u>
Susan Hahn	Percussion Arranger	Fall	\$1123
Melissa Hendrickson (Not able to make full commitment)	Pit Instructor	Fall	\$1685

#### **Add:**

Susan Hahn	Visual Caption Head	Fall	\$1399
Melissa Hendrickson	Pit Instructor	Fall	\$ 685
Brian Stellato	Student Supervisor #1	Fall	\$ 462
	Pit Instructor	Fall	\$ 762
Rob Giannotti	Student Supervisor #2	Fall	\$ 462
	Pit Instructor	Fall	\$ 238

### **Appointment of High School Music Advisors**

<u>Advisor</u>	<u>Activity</u>	<u>Stipend</u>
Peter Deschler	Jazz Ensemble	\$2243
Steven Finch	Jazz Choir	\$2243
Laura Ayala	Highstepper	\$4196
Jennifer Carafano	Asst. High Stepper	\$3227
Lisa Leonardi	Instrumental Director Musical	\$1079
Steven Finch	Choral Director Musical	\$1079
Lisa Leonardi	Chamber Orchestra	\$2243
Lisa Leonardi	Tri-M Music Honor Society	\$1143
Jason Giachetti	Wind Ensemble	\$2243

**Approval of Substitute Teacher List**

(See green sheet)

AYES: Mrs. Black  
Mrs. Collyer  
Mr. Forte  
Mr. Lee  
Mr. McGrath  
Mrs. Rogan

ABSTAIN: Mrs. Marchi

MOTION carried.

**NON-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 Non-Instructional Personnel:

**Appointments**

<u>Unit</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Salary</u>	<u>Eff.Date</u>	
<u>Replacing</u>					
Custodial Dunn	Thomas Wagner	Chief Custodian Finley	\$57, 866/yr	10/17/06	Darrin
Security Taylor	Juan Pichardo Finley	Guard	\$16.63/hr	10/17/06	Don
Student	Gabriel Mahr High School	Lab Assistant	\$6.75/hr	2006-2007	
Student	Julianne Benedetto High School	Lab Assistant	\$6.75/hr	2006-2007	

**Request for Leave of Absence**

Aide, Lisa Malerba, Huntington Intermediate, effective approximately November 15, 2006 through January 1, 2007 – child care.

**Change of Assignment Clarification**

<u>Name</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>
Nilsa Michaels hours/week	7 hours/day  Southdown	Not to exceed 19.5  Jefferson

**Approval of Non-Instructional Substitute Lists**

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

**Increase in Assignments**

James Hoops, Coordinator Public Information Liaison, to include building public relations, from \$25,000 to \$27,500, effective September 1, 2006

Andrew Marlow, Public Information Liaison, to include webmaster, from \$20,000 to \$27,500, effective September 1, 2006

**Non-Contractual Salaries**

**Effective 7/1/06:**

Joseph Giani	\$160,684
David Grackin	\$158,006
Joyce Keegan	\$ 98,537

MOTION carried.

## **BUSINESS**

### **Approval of Contract**

#### Corinthian Therapy Management Services, Inc.

A MOTION was made by Mrs. Marchi and seconded by Mrs. Collyer to approve the contract with Corinthian Therapy Management Services, Inc., effective September 6, 2006 through June 30, 2007 for physical, occupational, speech therapy, special educators, social workers, psychologists and other licensed professionals.

(See attached)

MOTION carried.

### **Approval of Bid Awards**

#### Printed Forms

A MOTION was made by Mrs. Marchi and seconded by Mrs. Collyer to approve the bid award to American Business Forms for printing all district stationery for 2006-07.

MOTION carried.

#### Athletic Field Scoreboard

A MOTION was made by Mrs. Marchi and seconded by Mrs. Collyer to approve the bid award to Long Island Gym Equipment Co., for the purchase of the athletic field scoreboard for \$40,735.00.

MOTION carried.

### **Approval of Capital Change Order**

A MOTION was made by Mrs. Marchi and seconded by Mrs. Collyer to approve the change order to award a bid of \$273,280 to Landtek for exterior spectator bleachers for Huntington High School.

MOTION carried.

**Approval of Transfer to Workers' Compensation Reserve**

A MOTION was made by Mrs. Marchi and seconded by Mrs. Collyer to amend the prior resolution for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2006 by transferring \$735,000 to the Workers' Compensation Reserve.

MOTION carried.

**Approval of Scholarship Fund**

William H. Higbie Memorial Scholarship Fund

A MOTION was made by Mrs. Marchi and seconded by Mrs. Collyer to establish a scholarship committee to adhere to the terms of the will of William H. Higbie which states that the scholarship should be used for post secondary training in Business Education.

MOTION carried.

**Acceptance of Donations**

Cecile E. Higbie Estate

A MOTION was made by Mrs. Marchi and seconded by Mrs. Collyer to accept the donation of \$710,000 from the estate of Cecile E. Higbie and will adhere to the terms set forth in the will.

(See attached)

MOTION carried.

Grant-In-Aid

A MOTION was made by Mrs. Marchi and seconded by Mrs. Collyer to approve the donation of \$50,000 from Senator Carl Marcellino to be used in support of our Elementary Summer Remedial Reading Program and increase the budget codes as listed below:

Revenues	A3289	\$50,000
Appropriations	A2330-150-00-0472	\$35,000
	A2330-160-00-0472	\$15,000

MOTION carried.

### Metro Parking Systems

A MOTION was made by Mrs. Marchi and seconded by Mrs. Collyer to approve the donation of an HP Laserjet 4Plus Printer from Metro Parking Systems.

MOTION carried.

### **Approval to Apply for Shared Municipal Service Incentive Grant**

A MOTION was made by Mrs. Marchi and seconded by Mrs. Collyer to approve the district's participation with the Town of Huntington in a Shared Municipal Service Grant Program run by New York State.

MOTION carried.

### **FYI – Overnight Field Trips**

Syracuse University Dome: NY State Field Band Championships  
Highsteppers – Orlando, FL, National Championships

The overnight field trip instructional plans for the above listed field trips were distributed for informational purposes only.

### **Approval of Fire Inspections**

A MOTION was made by Mrs. Marchi and seconded by Mrs. Collyer to accept the annual fire inspections of all buildings.

(See attached)

MOTION carried.

### **Approval of New Bank Account**

A MOTION was made by Mrs. Marchi and seconded by Mrs. Collyer to approve the creation of a new account at Commerce Bank for funds from the sale of serial bonds.

MOTION carried.

**First Reading of Amended Regulation**

**Cellular Telephones**

A MOTION was made by Mrs. Marchi and seconded by Mrs. Collyer to approve the first reading of the modification to the Cellular Telephone Regulation to include one computer support technician and the attendance teacher.

(See attached)

MOTION carried.

**Disposal of Equipment**

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

<b>Equipment</b>	<b>Serial No.</b>	<b>Quantity</b>	<b>Condition</b>
Brother Intellifax 1550MC Fax Machine	00345	1	Beyond repair

MOTION carried.

**Approval of Mileage Reimbursement**

A MOTION was made by Mrs. Marchi and seconded by Mrs. Collyer to approve mileage reimbursement for the following school district employee for use of personal vehicle for school district business:

Louis R. Giani – Athletics

MOTION carried.

**Budget Transfers**

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

(See attached)

MOTION carried.

**CLOSING REMARKS BY BOARD MEMBERS**

Mrs. Black would like a whistleblower plan in place in the district. She also feels there should be an avenue for complaints to be recorded and addressed.

**ADJOURNMENT**

A MOTION was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting.

At 9:50 PM the meeting was adjourned.

MOTION carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Catherine Bender  
District Clerk