

**REGULAR MEETING
HUNTINGTON UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION
March 5, 2007**

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of the Huntington Union Free School District was held on Monday, March 5, 2007, at Huntington Intermediate School, Lowndes Avenue, Huntington Station, NY 11746. Mr. Lee called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m..

ROLL CALL

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

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 p.m. the Board of Education went into Executive Session.

At 8:00 p.m. 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 meeting of the Board of Education:

February 12, 2007

MOTION carried.

A MOTION was made by Mrs. Collyer and seconded by Mrs. Marchi to amend the Minutes of February 12, 2007 to add Mr. Giani's response to Mrs. Black as follows:

Elementary Facilities and Class Size Committee (ELFACS) Recommendations

Mrs. Black asked how this attendance zone was chosen. Mr. Giani responded that the committee looked to extend already existing zones and looked at number of students and student ethnicity to do so. This brought better balance in enrollment and ethnicity. Extensive discussion followed.

MOTION carried.

COMMUNICATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

National Merit Scholarship Finalists

Mr. Finello was proud to announce that High School seniors Hanna Payne and Matt Rienzo have been named National Merit Scholarship finalists this year.

Girls Varsity Basketball

Mr. Lee announced that the Girls Varsity Basketball team almost made Huntington history this year. They were two points away from being the Suffolk Girls Basketball champions. It was the first time Huntington High School Girls Varsity Basketball team was in the county championship.

South Huntington

Mr. Lee thanked South Huntington for allowing Huntington High School to use the Walt Whitman auditorium on March 1st for their concert.

High School Field

Mr. McGrath saw boys soccer team on the new field at the high school after a heavy rainstorm and they were able to play as though it had not rained.

New York State Wrestling Tournament

Mr. Finello announced that Jose Vasquez placed third in the 96 lb weight at the New York State Wrestling Tournament and won a bronze medal.

PUBLIC COMMENTARY

At that portion of the meeting set aside for questions and comments from the public a parent asked if the district is doing away with senior portfolio class at the high school. Mr. Giani explained that there is a projected decrease for that class for next year. Mr. McGrath requested a list of other classes that may be eliminated next year and a copy of the curriculum guide. Mr. Lee wants consideration given to running AP French.

A parent was upset about paying for AP tests. Would like it placed in the budget. He also would like the libraries in all the buildings to be the central focus of the building and have the computers in the library. He also thinks the district should hire a technology person for computer maintenance similar to a director position. He also inquired about participation in more science competitions for the high school students who want to excel in science programs.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND ACTION

Proposal for Architectural Services

Mr. Smith from Burton, Behrendt, Smith, reported on the proposal for a facilities study that will be done by his firm for the Touro Building. He explained that the study would show what would be required to put Touro back in line. The study should take 6-8 weeks.

Mr. Smith also reported on the proposed spatial needs analysis for Finley Middle School to add space to the building to house either 6-8th graders or 5-8th graders. This analysis would take 4-8 weeks.

Mr. O'Brien said the long-range planning study being done by Western Suffolk BOCES will be ready for March 19th meeting.

A MOTION was made by Mrs. Collyer and seconded by Mrs. Marchi to approve the proposals for architectural services for Touro and Finley as presented.

(See attached)

MOTION carried.

Technology Update

Mr. Grackin gave an update on the technology projects that are going on in the district. Extensive discussion followed.

(See attached)

Regarding the computers in the schools, Mrs. Rogan is concerned about what is blocked for students and if too much is blocked. Mr. Grackin explained that the district uses I-Prism to monitor what the students can access.

School Budget 2007-2008, 1st Draft

Mr. Grackin presented an overview of the proposed budget for 2007-2008 with an increase of 4.98%.

CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION

A MOTION 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:

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| 1. 23906 | 2. 24415 | 3. 24853 | 4. 22914 | 5. 24715 |
| 6. 25060 | 7. 24997 | 8. 24890 | 9. 24365 | 10.22625 |
| 11.22478 | 12.22878 | 13.22447 | 14.24864 | 15.24505 |
| 16.24706 | 17.24938 | 18.25092 | 19.25115 | 20.25103 |
| 21.25050 | 22.22820 | 23.23795 | 24.24422 | 25.25023 |
| 26.24071 | 27.21365 | 28.24595 | 29.25054 | 30.25063 |
| 31.25067 | 32.20376 | 33.25073 | 34.24693 | 35.20556 |
| 36.25065 | 37.25066 | | | |

MOTION carried.

CPSE:

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| 1. 25084 | 2. 25000 | 3. 24922 | 4. 25086 | 5. 25079 |
| 6. 25087 | 7. 25088 | 8. 25038 | 9. 25090 | 10.24699 |
| 11.24981 | | | | |

MOTION carried.

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:

Requests for Leave of Absence

Amy Goldberg, English teacher, 2007-08 school year – child care

Jessica Boyle, Instructional Technology Coordinator, effective March 29, 2007 through June 30, 2007, child care

Nancy Burke-Allard, Title I Coordinator, effective six weeks after the birth of baby, anticipated to be March 9, 2007, and concluding approximately June 18, 2007

Part-Time Appointment

Irene Bauer, School Psychologist, \$400 per day, not to exceed 68 days, effective March 6, 2007 thru June 30, 2007, to complete HS triennial re-evaluations, initial CSE evaluations, CSE meetings, funded by grant

Approval of Voluntary Substitute Teachers

Effective January 30, 2007, \$30 per period:

Huntington Intermediate

Joanne Holsclaw
Carrie Postel
Eric Triolo

Finley

Brendan McGowan

Appointment of After-School Staff

\$44.12 per hour, 2 hours per week, Intermediate Schools, prepare students for Science exam, funded by grant:

Woodhull: Dina Telesco
 Jenny Strachovsky

Huntington Int: Mark Helstrom

Additional Work

Reading Recovery Professional Development Training, \$44.12 per hour, funded by grant:

Heather Horton – 5 hours
Megan Himmelmann – 5 hours
Louise Sugrue – 15 hours
Barbara McKenna – 15 hours
Annemarie Faulkner – 15 hours

Parental Involvement Workshop, \$44.12 per hour, 2 hours each, funded by grant:

<u>Flower Hill</u> Leticia Cuthbertson Barbara Denis Liane Neumann Barbara McKenna Kimberly Murray Suzanne Knoerzer Cynthia Fletcher Claudia Mingin	<u>Woodhull</u> Christine Amodeo Soraya Triessl Rachel Quattrocchi Melissa deBruin Kristen Roseto Karen Swanson Robert Gruebel
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Coaching Recommendations

<u>Coach</u>	<u>Sport</u>	<u>Step</u>	<u>Salary</u>
David Wilson	JV Asst. Lacrosse – B	1	\$3410

Coaching Vacancies as of 2/13/07:

JH Baseball	JH Lacrosse – B7
JH Assist. Lacrosse – B7	JV Softball
JH Track – G	JH Asst. Track-G
JH Asst. Track-B	

Approval of New Substitute Teacher(s)

(See green sheet)

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	Joseph Cassidy Southdown	Head Custodian	\$54,245.	3/6/07	Thomas Wagner
Student	Molly Burnett	Lab Assistant	\$6.75/hr	2006-2007	

Part-Time Appointments

After School Science Program at Woodhull Intermediate for Aides at current rate of pay, funded by grant.

Jackie Sagredo \$17.87/hr

Parental Involvement Workshop at Woodhull Intermediate for Aides, 2 hours at current rate of pay, funded by grant.

Ryan Shaw \$11.92/hr

Temporary Assignment

<u>Unit</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Salary</u>	<u>Eff.Date</u>	<u>Replacing</u>
Custodial	Jason McDonald	Acting Head Custodian/Washington	\$208.63/day	10/17/06 thru 03/05/07	Thomas Wagner

Retirements

Clerical, Madeline Emmons, Senior Steno, Washington Primary, effective July 1, 2007, retirement increment not to exceed \$3500

Aide, Catherine Walker, Huntington High School, effective June 30, 2007

Request for Leave of Absence

Food Service Worker, Rosario Ramirez, Woodhull Intermediate, effective March 6, 2007
approximately three months – child care

Approval of Section 75 Request

RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby suspends the employee listed in the attached confidential schedule for a period of thirty (30) days without pay pending a hearing pursuant to Section 75 of the New York State Civil Service Law. This suspension shall commence on March 6, 2007.

Appointment of Hearing Officer – Section 75

RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby appoints Stephen Bluth to serve as the Hearing Officer in connection with a hearing pursuant to Section 75 of the New York State Civil Service Law against the employee listed in the attached confidential schedule.

Approval of Non-Instructional Substitute Lists

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

MOTION carried.

BUSINESS

Approval of Contracts

Lynn Stock

A MOTION was made by Mrs. Marchi and seconded by Mrs. Collyer to approve the attached contract with Lynn Stock for \$2800 to teach inservice courses at the high school.

(See attached)

MOTION carried.

SCOPE Before and After School Child Care Program

A MOTION was made by Mrs. Marchi and seconded by Mrs. Collyer to approve the attached contract with SCOPE for the Before and After School Child Care Program for 2007-2008.

(See attached)

MOTION carried.

Approval of Resolutions

SEQRA

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

RESOLUTION

Whereas, the Board of Education of the Huntington Union Free School District desires to embark upon capital improvement projects at various district schools as follows:

Finley Middle School	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Replacement of fire alarm system▪ Asbestos abatement of boiler room▪ Replacement of stage wiring
Flower Hill Primary School	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Replacement of public address system
Huntington Intermediate School	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Replacement of fire alarm system
Huntington High School	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Replacement of stage wiring▪ Asbestos abatement of boiler room▪ Replacement of hallway student lockers▪ Replacement of gymnasium folding partitions with gymnasium curtain
Jefferson Primary School	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Replacement of public address system▪ Replacement of fire alarm system▪ Replacement of HVAC units-gymnasium
Southdown Primary School	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Replacement of public address system▪ Replacement of clock system
Washington Primary School	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Replacement of clock system
Woodhull Intermediate School	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Removal and replacement of asbestos floor tile▪ Replacement of exterior doors▪ Replacement of security system

Whereas, said capital improvement projects at the above schools are subject to classification under the State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA); and

Whereas, replacement, rehabilitation, and reconstruction of a structure or facility, in kind on the same site, including upgrading building to meet building or fire codes and routine activities of educational institutions, including expansion of existing facilities by less than 10,000 square feet of gross floor area, are classified as Type II under the current Department of Environmental Conservation SEQRA Regulation (Section 6 NYCRR 617.5 (c)(2); and

Whereas, the SEQRA declare Type II Actions to be actions that have no significant impact on the environment and require no further review under SEQRA;

Now, therefore be it resolved, that the Board of Education of the Huntington Union Free School District declares itself as lead agency for the proposed capital improvement projects and has examined all information related to the capital improvement projects and has determined that the above described capital improvement projects at Huntington High School, Flower Hill Primary School, Southdown Primary School, Finley Middle School, and Jefferson Primary School are classified as Type II Actions pursuant to Section 617.5 (c)(2) of the SEQRA regulations.

MOTION carried.

EXCEL Proposition

A MOTION was made by Mrs. Marchi and seconded by Mrs. Collyer to approve the following Proposition that will be placed on the May ballot enabling the school district to use the EXCEL Aid that is due:

PROPOSITION

RESOLVED:

(a) That the Board of Education of the Huntington Union Free School District, in the County of Suffolk, New York (the "District"), is hereby authorized to undertake a facilities improvement project (the "EXCEL Project") substantially as referred to and described in an outline prepared by the District (the "Plan"), which Plan is on file and available for public inspection in the office of the District Clerk, said EXCEL Project consisting of the construction of improvements to all District school buildings, including (as and where necessary): improvements to the fire alarm, security and public address systems; replacement of lockers, doors, floor tiles, stage wiring, gym partition and clock systems; asbestos abatement; and HVAC improvements; all of the foregoing to include the original equipment, machinery, apparatus and ancillary or related site, demolition and other work required in connection therewith; and to expend therefor, including preliminary costs and costs incidental thereto and to the financing thereof, an amount not to exceed the estimated total cost of \$1,359,070; provided that the detailed costs of the

components of the EXCEL Project as set forth in detail in the Plan may be reallocated among such components if the Board of Education shall determine that such reallocation is in the best interests of the District;

(b) that a tax is hereby voted in the aggregate amount of not to exceed \$1,359,070 to finance such costs, such tax to be levied and collected in installments in such years and in such amounts as shall be determined by said Board of Education;

(c) that the District has been allotted and expects to receive EXCEL ("Expanding our Children's Education and Learning") aid in a sufficient amount to fund said estimated total cost of not to exceed \$1,359,070 and the amount of taxes herein authorized to be levied will be reduced by the amount of any EXCEL aid so received by the District; and

(d) that in anticipation of said tax, bonds of the District are hereby authorized to be issued in the aggregate principal amount of not to exceed \$1,359,070 and a tax is hereby voted to pay the interest on said bonds as the same shall become due and payable.

Such Proposition shall appear on the ballot labels to be inserted in the voting machines used for voting at said Annual District Meeting and Election in substantially the following condensed form:

PROPOSITION

YES

NO

RESOLVED:

(a) That the Board of Education of the Huntington Union Free School District, in the County of Suffolk, New York (the "District"), is hereby authorized to construct improvements to all District school buildings and to expend therefore an amount not to exceed \$1,359,070; (b) that a tax is hereby voted in the aggregate amount of not to exceed \$1,359,070 to finance such costs, such tax to be levied and collected in installments in such years and in such amounts as shall be determined by said Board of Education; (c) that the District has been allotted and expects to receive EXCEL ("Expanding our Children's Education and Learning") aid in a sufficient amount to fund said estimated total cost of not to exceed \$1,359,070 and the amount of taxes herein authorized to be levied will be reduced by the amount of any EXCEL aid so received by the District; and (d) that in anticipation of said tax, bonds of the District are hereby authorized to be issued in the aggregate principal amount of not to exceed \$1,359,070 and a

tax is hereby voted to pay the interest on said bonds as the same shall become due and payable.

MOTION carried.

Approval of Overnight Field Trip

Greenkill

A MOTION was made by Mrs. Marchi and seconded by Mrs. Collyer to approve the attached overnight field trip request for Woodhull and Huntington Intermediate Schools sixth graders to go to Greenkill.

(See attached)

MOTION carried.

Acceptance of Donation

Jean Herlich, Creative School of the Performing Arts

A MOTION was made by Mrs. Marchi and seconded by Mrs. Collyer to accept the donation of \$400 from Ms. Jean Helrich, Director of the Creative School of Performing Arts, to the Jefferson School for use in the Art Department.

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:

Item	Serial No.	Quantity	Condition
Canon Desk Top Copier	NVX66600	1	Beyond repair

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.

PUBLIC COMMENTARY

At that portion of the meeting set aside for questions and comments from the public a parent thanked Mr. Grackin for the presentation on technology.

Mrs. Black would like a letter sent home to high school parents that the district does not endorse post-prom activities.

Mrs. Collyer wanted people to know that the purchase of Touro is not as simplistic, not as cheap and would not be ready for September as was stated in an editorial in the Huntington News.

Mrs. Black would like representatives from the affected attendance zones represented on the ELFACS Committee.

ADJOURNMENT

A MOTION was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting

At 10:10 p.m. the meeting was adjourned.

MOTION carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Catherine Bender
District Clerk

