

**REGULAR MEETING
HUNTINGTON UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION
March 19, 2007**

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of the Huntington Union Free School District was held on Monday, March 19, 2007, at Huntington Intermediate School, Lowndes Avenue, Huntington Station, NY 11746. Mr. Lee called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

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 7:00 p.m. the Board of Education went into Executive Session.

At 7:45 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:

March 5, 2007

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 January 31, 2007: :

General Fund	\$43,186,246.04
Capital Fund	2,556,548.35
Special Aid Fund	849,072.46
School Lunch Fund	248,920.84
Trust and Agency Fund	875,460.09
Payroll Fund	0

MOTION carried.

EXPENDITURE REPORT

Revenue Status Report through January 31, 2007 was distributed for “Information Only” as follows:

- a) General Fund

Expenditure Reports through February 28, 2007 were distributed for “Information Only” as follows:

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

COMMUNICATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mrs. Rogan said she attended “March Madness” basketball game between the teachers from Huntington Intermediate School and Woodhull Intermediate School. She said it was a great outpouring of support. Huntington Intermediate won.

PUBLIC COMMENTARY

At that portion of the meeting set aside for questions and comments from the public a parent is concerned about the possible elimination of the senior portfolio course. She was also disturbed that Dr. Leonardi's presentation at the previous meeting was done on an overhead instead of power point. She felt it was outdated. She is also upset about the number of school psychologists in the district. Dr. Mingin explained the role of the psychologist in each of the schools.

Carmen Kasper translated a letter written by a Spanish-speaking parent from Woodhull. This parent is upset that her child, a current fourth grader, will be moved to Huntington Intermediate for September. She said he started in Huntington Intermediate in the fall and had a bad experience. The family moved and he now attends Woodhull. Mr. Lee asked to have the letter translated to English for the Board.

A parent expressed concerns about the possible elimination of the senior portfolio class at the high school. She said her son was in the class and it took stress out of the college application process.

A Finley/Woodhull parent is concerned about the audio system in each building. He's an audio engineer and said the system is inadequate. When the students have a performance, it is difficult to understand them. He shared the attached with the Board.

(See attached)

Mr. McGrath is concerned about the possible elimination of the portfolio course and not teaching the students keyboarding. He said that Northport has a large business department with many opportunities for the students. Feels more business courses should be offered at the high school. Discussion followed as to whether to make a decision now about the the portfolio class or wait until the April 16th Board meeting. The Board asked Dr. Leonardi and Mr. Noce to poll the current eleventh graders to see if there is sufficient interest in the portfolio class for next year. If there is enough interest, then the class may run.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION/ACTION

Western Suffolk BOCES Long Range Planning Study

Bonnie Cap from Western Suffolk BOCES presented the enrollment and facility information report that was prepared by Western Suffolk BOCES. The long-range planning report included demographics, historical enrollment, projected enrollment and facilities. The report offered three alternatives to relieve the overcrowding. A final copy will be ready next week.

(See attached)

A parent asked how this report compared to ELFACS report that was on website. Mr. Lee explained that this was a tool to be used for the future.

A parent questioned the numbers for next year at Flower Hill.

2007-2008 Budget Presentation – Special Education, Pupil Personnel, Co-Curricular and Interscholastic Athletics, Capital Projects

Mr. O’Brien presented the proposed Special Education and Pupil Personnel budget for 2007-2008. Dr. Mingin explained the needs of the Special Education Department with regard to the students. With regard to Interscholastic Athletics, Mr. Lee would like to see a second football team at Finley.

Mr. Grackin explained the Capital Reserve Proposition with regard to the \$1,500,000 Capital Reserve fund and where the money should be expended.

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:

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| 1. 22650 | 2. 22362 | 3. 23282 | 4. 24555 |
| 5. 22267 | 6. 23731 | 7. 23771 | 8. 24661 |
| 9. 21580 | 10.23915 | 11.21549 | 12.24245 |
| 13.21510 | 14.21793 | 15.25050 | 16.21329 |
| 17.24936 | 18.24936 | 19.24225 | 20.24450 |
| 21.25077 | 22.25083 | 23.25093 | 24.22863 |

CSE Annual Reviews:

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| 1. 24808 | 2. 23902 | 3. 24195 | 4. 24482 | 5. 24613 |
| 6. 24432 | 7. 24614 | 8. 23298 | 9. 22747 | 10.23192 |
| 11.24862 | 12.23454 | | | |

CPSE:

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| 1. 25095 | 2. 25046 | 3. 25114 | 4. 25047 |
| 5. 24776 | 6. 24900 | 7. 25098 | 8. 25105 |
| 9. 25106 | 10.25099 | 11.25089 | 12.25107 |

CPSE Annual Reviews:

- 1. 24513

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:

Request for Leave of Absence

Tracey McManus, elementary teacher, effective March 28, 2007 through June 30, 2007 – child care

Appointment of Long-Term Substitutes

Susan DeMaio, elementary teacher, Washington, effective March 28, 2007 through June 30, 2007, Sch. IV, Step 1, \$49,910, - for T. McManus – child care

Lisa Travis, Reading teacher, Jefferson, effective March 22, 2007 through June 30, 2007, Sch. V, Step 2, \$53,540 – for L. Sugrue – child care
Ms. Travis was previously appointed to start on March 29, 2007

Approval of Athletic Supervisors

\$28.56 per hour:

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|-----------------|-----------------|
| Ignatius Asaro | John Mohlenhoff |
| Michael Byrnes | Steven Muller |
| Shari Campbell | Robert Nesky |
| Rose Canino | Joseph Poller |
| Michael Catania | Tara Reminick |
| Steven Davis | |
| Jordan Haber | |

Coaching Recommendations

<u>Coach</u>	<u>Sport</u>	<u>Step</u>	<u>Stipend</u>
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Deletion:

Brian Gallagher	JH Track-G	3	\$3753
Joseph Martone	JH Asst. Lacrosse-B	2	\$3483

Eric Mininni	JH Asst. Track-G	3	\$3535
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Addition:

Jerome Merkerson	JH Lacrosse-B7	1	\$3387
Joseph Roy	JH Asst. Lacrosse-B7	1	\$3199
Travis Tate	JH Asst. Track-B	2	\$3271
Kristi Detor	JH Track-G	2	\$3186
Lorraine DeFelice	JH Asst. Track-G	1	\$2998

Coaching Vacancies as of 3/13/07: JH Baseball
JV Softball

Approval of New Substitute Teacher(s)

(See green sheet)

Approval of Adult Education Instructor

\$25 per hour:

Spring: Kenneth Clark

Approval of Voluntary Substitute Teachers

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

Huntington Intermediate:

Patricia Dillon
Joann Kavanagh

Finley Middle School:

Karen Behrman
Mary Lou Erickson
Alicia Furman
Timothy Madden
Michael McCabe
Travis Smith
Carol Wasilewski

MOTION carried.

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:

1. APPOINTMENTS

<u>Unit</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Salary</u>	<u>Eff.Date</u>	<u>Replacing</u>
Aide	Margaret Getter	1:1 Aide Southdown	\$11.92/hr	3/20/2007	Student # 24415
Aide	Barbara Santoro	1:1Aide Washington	\$11.92/hr	3/20/2007	Student # 24531
Food Service	Hatice Ayden	High School 10:00AM-2:00PM	\$10.10/hr	3/20/2007	Patricia Steinard

2. LONG TERM SUBSTITUTE APPOINTMENT

Lynne Arleo, aide, Finley Middle School, effective March 5, 2007 thru March 16, 2007 11.92/hr – for Suzanne Millner, TA, March 19, 2007 thru April 16, 2007, \$11.92/hr – for Monica McReynolds

3. RETIREMENT

Clerical, Carol Doyna, Purchasing, effective July 1, 2007
Retirement increment not to exceed \$3500.00

4. APPROVAL OF NON-INSTRUCTIONAL SUBSTITUTE LISTS

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

MOTION carried.

BUSINESS

Approval of Overnight Field Trip

A MOTION was made by Mrs. Marchi and seconded by Mrs. Collyer to approve the overnight field trip for high school students in the Suburban Rural Exchange Program to Woodstock, Vermont from April 12, 2007 to April 15, 2007.

(See attached)

MOTION carried.

Approval of Capital Reserve Proposition

A MOTION was made by Mrs. Marchi and seconded by Mrs. Collyer to approve the following Capital Reserve Proposition for the May 15, 2007 vote.

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education be authorized to expend from the Capital Reserve Fund, established by voters of the district at the annual district election held June 3, 2003, an amount not to exceed \$1,500,000 for: at Huntington High School, renovation of the parking lot and sidewalks, \$620,000; at Finley Middle School, replacement of a fuel tank, \$125,000; at Woodhull Intermediate School, replacement of ceilings, \$300,000, and replacement of the public address system \$26,000; at Flower Hill Primary, renovation of the sidewalks, \$135,000, and security lighting, \$22,000; at Southdown Primary School, replacement of a fuel tank, \$125,000; at Washington Primary School, replacement of a fuel tank, \$125,000, and replacement of stage wiring, \$22,000.

MOTION carried.

Acceptance of Donation

Huntington Foundation for Excellence in Education (HFEE)

A MOTION was made by Mrs. Marchi and seconded by Mrs. Collyer to accept the following donations from the Huntington Foundation for Excellence in Education:

Grant	Staff	School	Amount	Code
Smart Board Technology for the Math Dept.	Wayne Edwards	Huntington HS	\$2,047	A2110-200-20-0164
Enhancing Communications	Jarrett Stein	Huntington HS	\$6,500	A2110-200-20-0540
New Auditorium Curtain	Allison Von Vange	Huntington Int.	\$8,454	A1621-402-15-0716

		TOTAL	\$17,001	
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(See attached)

MOTION carried.

Approval of Facilities Use Request

A MOTION was made by Mrs. Marchi and seconded by Mrs. Collyer to approve the use of facilities by the Boys' and Girls' Club.

(See attached)

MOTION carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTARY

At that portion of the meeting set aside for questions and comments from the public a parent asked if the Business Department is cut, how will the district administer the scholarship fund that was left to the district by the Higbie family.

A parent was upset that the portfolio class may be eliminated.

A parent asked why kids were not cut from teams instead of creating an additional team. She felt money should be put back into education such as a full-time aide for the dual language program or to reduce class size.

A parent questioned why non-instructional special education salary is increased. It was explained that the salaries went to teacher assistant code from aides code. She also questioned why there aren't cuts in clubs and sports. Mr. Finello and Mr. Grackin explained. This parent also questioned the reduction in the summer school code. Mr. Grackin explained.

ADJOURNMENT

A MOTION was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting.

At 10:50 p.m. the meeting was adjourned.

MOTION carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Catherine Bender
District Clerk

