

**REGULAR MEETING
HUNTINGTON UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION
AUGUST 14, 2007**

A meeting of the Board of Education of the Huntington Union Free School District was held on Tuesday, August 14, 2007, at Huntington Intermediate School, Lowndes Avenue, Huntington Station, NY 11746. Mr. McGrath called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

There were present Board of Education Members: Black, Forte, Lee, McGrath, Superintendent Finello, Messrs. Giani, Grackin, O'Brien, and Mrs. Troffa.

EMERGENCY EVACUATION PROCEDURE

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

SMOKE-FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT

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

PUBLIC COMMENTARY

At the portion of the meeting set aside for questions and comments from the public, Chris Bene, PTA Council President, expressed concerns over rumors regarding the Principal at Huntington High School and if she would be in place in September. Mr. McGrath responded and extensive discussion followed regarding how the position for the principal at the alternative high school was determined and where the funds would come from. Mr. Grackin, Mr. Giani, and Mr. Finello took part in the discussion about the need for an alternative high school that would be in session during the day and would serve the needs of students who currently are not successful. Discussion followed about space and overcrowding and when to expect the study that our architects are in the process of completing.

Carol Leek, PTA member, had questions about the budget and the alternative high school. Discussion followed.

Elaine May, PTSA President, Huntington High School also expressed concerns about the rumors and suggested information be put on the website. Discussion followed. All were in agreement to put information on the website.

Mrs. May also expressed gratitude for the Math course that was offered at Finley Middle School over the summer for students transitioning from Finley Middle School to the High School. The teacher was wonderful and the students were engaged and very successful.

PERSONNEL ITEMS

On the recommendation of the Superintendent, a MOTION was made by Mr. Lee and seconded by Mr. Forte to approve the following changes in instructional personnel:

1. APPOINTMENT OF DIRECTOR OF GUIDANCE AND TESTING K-12

Name	Tenure Area	Probationary Appointment Date	Tenure Date	Certification Status
Peter Paternostro	Director of Guidance & Testing	8/20/07	8/20/10	School Counselor Prov; SAS, Prov; SBA, Perm; SDA, Perm

2. ADDITIONAL WORK

Angelo Noce, Administrative Assistant, High School, 7 days at \$540.79 per diem, scheduling.

MOTION carried.

NON-INSTRUCTIONAL PERSONNEL

On the recommendation of the Superintendent, a MOTION was made by Mr. Lee and seconded by Mr. Forte to approve the following changes in non-instructional personnel:

SALARY ADJUSTMENT

Senior Accountant – Joyce Keegan, from \$101,537 to \$103,537, effective July 1, 2007.

MOTION carried.

ADJOURNMENT

A Motion was made by Mrs. Black and seconded by Mr. Lee to adjourn the meeting.

Meeting was adjourned at 5:45 p.m.

MOTION carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Elizabeth Troffa
District Clerk