

**REGULAR MEETING
HUNTINGTON UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION
OCTOBER 29, 2007**

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of the Huntington Union Free School District was held on Monday, October 29, 2007, at Huntington High School, Oakwood and a McKay Roads, Huntington, New York 11743. Mr. Lee called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL

There were present Board of Education Members: Black, Lee, Paci, Rogan, Superintendent Finello, Messrs. Giani, O'Brien, Mrs. Keegan and Mrs. Troffa. Mr. McGrath, Mrs. Collyer and Mr. Grackin were absent.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A MOTION was made by Mrs. Rogan and seconded by Mrs. Black 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 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.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A MOTION was made by Mrs. Black and seconded by Mrs. Rogan to approve the Minutes of the Board of Education Meeting of October 15, 2007.

MOTION carried.

COMMUNICATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Western Suffolk BOCES Bond Referendum

Mr. Finello informed those present of Western Suffolk BOCES upcoming vote on January 29, 2008. Information will be posted on our website.

MRSA

Mr. Finello briefed the Board of Education on the steps that the school district is taking to prevent any cases of MRSA. Mr. Finello defined MRSA and how it is spread. Mr. Finello informed the Board of a presentation by the Commission of Public Health on October 31, 2007 that he and other members of the district will be attending. Mr. Rispoli, Director of Facilities, informed the Board of the steps the custodians are currently taking in cleaning the buildings. Discussion followed.

Marching Band

Mrs. Fretz, Director of the Performing Arts, reported on the Marching Band Trip to Syracuse, which marked the end of the marching band season. Our band came in fifth place.

Lowndes Avenue Task Force

Mrs. Rogan reported that she attended a meeting of the Task Force on October 17, 2007. It was a well attended meeting. They are working on developing goals for the coming year. Discussion followed.

Website

Mrs. Black suggested that the website be used as a communication tool between the public and Board members. Discussion followed.

Board Resignation

Mr. Paci discussed the options open to the Board of Education in the wake of Mr. Forte's resignation.

PUBLIC COMMENTARY

A district resident presented the Board of Education with a proposal for a feasibility study of wind generated electricity for the school district.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

Western Suffolk BOCES Summer School 2007 Report

Mr. O'Brien reported that over 270 children participated in summer school. Mr. Jarrett Stein, Principal of the Summer School, presented a very detailed report indicating that Huntington students performed at the highest level as compared to all other school districts in the Township of Huntington. Summer school was an enormous success, without any incidents or disruptions. Mr. Stein thanked the summer school staff (90 percent were Huntington teachers), as well as the children, for their participation. Discussion followed.

Foreign Language Requests

The Educational Development Committee (EDC) recently approved the following three proposals as presented by Mr. O'Brien for Board approval:

1. Latin Checkpoint A
2. Grade 6 Foreign Language Flex Program
3. Spanish Dual Language in Grade 6

Mr. O'Brien described each of these in detail. Discussion followed each description. The Board decided not to vote of item #3 at this time – Spanish Dual Language in Grade 6.

A MOTION was made by Mrs. Black and seconded by Mrs. Rogan to approve

1. Latin Checkpoint A
2. Grade 6 Foreign Language Flex Program.

MOTION carried.

PERSONNEL ITEMS

INSTRUCTIONAL PERSONNEL

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

1. TENURE RECOMMENDATION

Glenn Edwards, Elementary teacher, effective November 19, 2007

2. TEACHER ASSISTANT PROBATIONARY APPOINTMENT

<u>Name</u>	<u>Tenure Area</u>	<u>Prob.Appt. Date</u>	<u>Tenure Date</u>	<u>Cert. Status</u>
Erin O'Leary Teacher Assistant Huntington Int. \$11.92 per hour	T.A.	10/30/07	10/30/10	Initial, Early Child- hood

3. LONG-TERM SUBSTITUTE APPOINTMENTS

Jessie Brennan, Southdown, Reading teacher, effective approximately November 5, 2007 through approximately March 25, 2008, Sch. I, Step 1, \$45,130 – for C. Schlosser – child care

Irene Sofos, Huntington Intermediate, ESL teacher, effective October 30, 2007 through June 30, 2008, Sch. V, Step 1, \$53,760 – for E. Melloy – child care

4. TEACHERS RETURNING FROM LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Danielle Walsh, elementary teacher, effective January 28, 2008
Jennifer Marsh, ESL teacher, effective November 26, 2007

5. SALARY SCHEDULE CHANGE

<u>Teacher</u>	<u>From:</u>	<u>To:</u>
Effective September 1, 2007:		
Kathleen Mallen-Ozimkowski	Sch. VII, Step 1 \$59,030	Sch. VIII, Step 1 \$62,085

6. APPOINTMENT OF HIGH SCHOOL ADVISOR

<u>Name</u>	<u>Activity</u>	<u>Stipend</u>
Veturia Cranganu	AP French Independent Study	\$819
Rosanne Brienza	PART (Protection of Animal Rights Team)	\$1086

7. APPROVAL OF AFTER-SCHOOL EDUCATORS

Finley Middle School, ELA Test Preparation, approximately 2 hours per week, \$45.77 per hour, funded by grant:

Jennifer Poach
Kimberly Finneran

Martin Howfield

Washington, 2nd and 3rd Grade ELA & Math Test Preparation, approximately 3 hours per week, \$45.77 per hour, funded by grant:

Jessica Davis
Kathryn Dresch
Lauren Frisenda

Flower Hill, 2nd and 3rd Grade ELA & Math Test Preparation, approximately 3 hours per week, \$45.77 per hour, funded by grant:

Jill De Trano
Claudia Mingin

Huntington Intermediate, ELA, Math and Science Test Preparation, approximately 2 hours per week, \$45.77 per hour, funded by grant:

Carolyn Naldi

Provide Literacy Collaborative Cohort Training, 20 hours (5 hours each), \$45.77 per hour, funded by Title IIA grant:

Catherine Barth	<u>Substitutes:</u>
Heather Weinstein	Lisa Grammatico
Nicole Parrett	Ana Constantine
Allison Curran	Sherri Meagher
	Brenda McManus

8. APPOINTMENT OF SAFE AND DRUG FREE SCHOOLS COUNSELORS

\$50 per hour, not to exceed 128 hours, funded by Title IV grant:

Denise Fields
Elaine Gilmartin

9. APPOINTMENT OF PEER MEDIATION COORDINATOR 07-08

\$25 per hour, not to exceed 40 hours, funded by Safe & Drug Free Grant:

Sharon Holly

10. APPOINTMENT OF FALL MARCHING BAND ADVISORS

<u>Advisor</u>	<u>Activity</u>	<u>Stipend</u>
Delete:		
Phil Kester	Battery Instructor	\$1748
Add:		
Phil Kester	Battery Instructor	\$1513
Simon MacVicar	Battery Instructor	\$ 235

Michael Zadik	Tech #1	\$1451
Simon MacVicar	Student Sup #1	\$ 479
Simon Mac Vicar	Student Sup #2	\$ 479

11. APPOINTMENT OF HS MUSIC ADVISORS

<u>Advisor</u>	<u>Activity</u>	<u>Stipend</u>
Lisa Leonardi	HS Tri M Music Honor Society	\$1186
HS Jazz Ensemble (split)	Jason Giachetti Christopher Scarnato	\$1960 \$ 367

12. COACHING RECOMMENDATIONS

<u>Name</u>	<u>Sport/Position</u>	<u>Step</u>	<u>Salary</u>
Richard Agnello	Boys Basketball/JH	4	\$4678
Kimberly Betz	Girls Basketball/Var Asst	2	\$4412
Debra Cheskes	Girls Winter Track/Var	4	\$6403
Damianos Contopoulos	Boys Volleyball/JH	3	\$3894
James Creighton	Boys Basketball/JV	1	\$4429
Michael Fabio	Fencing/Var Asst.	4	\$4211
Louis Giani	Wrestling/Var	4	\$7936
Louis R. Giani	Wrestling/JH Asst.	4	\$4201
Alan Kuver	Fencing/Var	4	\$5456
Philip Lowe	Boys Basketball/JH	4	\$4678
Philip Lowe	Girls Basketball/JH	4	\$4578
Timothy Madden	Boys Basketball/Var Asst.	4	\$5456
Michael Marinello	Wrestling/JH	4	\$4443
Margaret McConnell	Boys Swimming/Var Asst.	4	\$5025

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Eric Mininni	Girls Volleyball/JH	4	\$4223
Kieran Mock	Wrestling/Var Asst.	4	\$5454
Lynn Perzeszty	Boys Swimming/JH	4	\$4194
Carrie Postel	Girls Volleyball/JH	4	\$4223
Bradley Reminick	Girls Basketball/Var	4	\$7967
Rebecca Robey	Cheering/Var	4	\$3949
Jennifer Rodgers	Girls Basketball/JV	2	\$4829
Michael Schmitz	Boys Basketball/Var	2	\$6824
Gilbert Smith	Boys Swimming/Var	4	\$7107
Travis Smith	Wrestling/Var Asst.	4	\$5454
Ronald Wilson	Boys Winter Track/Var	4	\$6403

COACHING VACANCIES AS OF OCTOBER 24, 2007: Boys Winter Track/Var Asst.
 Cheering/JH
 Cheering/JV
 Girls Basketball/JH
 Girls Winter Track/Var Asst.

13. INTRAMURAL RECOMMENDATIONS

<u>Name</u>	<u>Step</u>	<u>Salary</u>	<u>Season</u>	<u>Activity</u>
Delete:				
Alan Kuver	4	\$1485	Fall	Fencing 7-12
Alan Kuver	4	\$1485	Spring	Fencing 7-12
Karen Fischer	1	\$ 483.96	Winter	Multi-Sport
Add:				
Michael Fabio	1	\$1210	Fall	Fencing 7-12
Michael Fabio	1	\$1210	Spring	Fencing 7-12
Lynn Hefele	1	\$ 483.96	Winter	Multi-Sport

14. ADDITIONAL WORK

Mary Bly, Corrective Reading and Horizons Reading Program coach, 10 days at \$540.23 per diem, coaching and ongoing training for teachers and professional development, funded by grant

PSAT Proctors, High School, \$45.77 per hour, not to exceed 200 hours total

15. APPROVAL OF NEW INSTRUCTIONAL SUBSTITUTES

\$90 per diem:

Timothy Connolly
Nadeen Filiberto
Judith Knoerzer
Naima Robinson
Jonathan Searles

16. APPOINTMENT OF EVENING HIGH SCHOOL ADMINISTRATOR

Edward Florea, 2007-08 school year, \$55.84 per hour, up to 16 hours per week maximum

17. APPOINTMENT OF EVENING HIGH SCHOOL TEACHERS – FALL 2007

\$49.77 per hour and additional hour for every five hours taught:

<u>Teacher</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Teaching Hours per Week</u>
Craig McKee	Earth Science	5.5 hrs
	Earth Science Lab	5.5 hrs.
Jordan Gould	Global 9 and 10	4 hrs.
Frederick Bisogno	U.S. History	4 hrs.
	Participation in Govt/Eco	4 hrs.
Anna Fabela	Living Environment	5.5 hrs.
	Living Environment Lab	5.5 hrs.
TBA	English 9/10	4 hrs.
TBA	English 11/12	4 hrs.

18. PAYMENT FOR PART-TIME TEACHERS

November 6, 2007 – Superintendent’s Conference Day:

Joan Anderson, .4 Foreign Language, \$277.73

Nadine Araoz, .4 ESL, \$205.68
 Scott Brennan, .4 Business, \$155.34
 Veturia Cranganu, .8 Foreign Language, \$62.59
 James Creighton, .9 Physical Education, \$25.89
 Deidre Mayer, .6 Foreign Language, \$166.30

MOTION carried.

NON-INSTRUCTIONAL PERSONNEL

On the recommendation of the Superintendent a MOTION was made by Mrs. Black and seconded by Mrs. Rogan 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>
Clerical	Madeline Musante	10 Month Clerk Typist High School	\$20, 357.	11/13/07	Suzanne Smythe
Aide	Kedian Lyons	Aide 7 Hrs High School	\$11.92/Hr	10/30/07	New
Aide	Sevda Cabas	Aide 7 Hrs High School	\$11.92/Hr	10/30/07	New
Aide	Lisa Breland	Aide 7 Hrs Finley Middle	\$11.92/Hr	10/22/07 to 12/19/07	Stephany Moore
Food Service	Andrea Floro	Food Service High School 4 Hrs.	\$10.10/Hr	10/30/07	Margarita Marascia
Food Service	Marina Zelaya	Food Service High School 4.5 Hrs.	\$10.10/Hr	10/30/07	Filomena Mazzei
Food Service	Ida Jordan	Food Service Finley 4.5 Hrs.	\$10.10/Hr	10/30/07	Fotini Bastakes
Food Service	Lucrecia Contreras	Food Service Woodhull 5.5 Hrs.	\$10.10/Hr	10/30/07	Maryanne Matarazzo
Food Service	Angela Amorison	Food Service Jefferson – from 5.5 hours to 6.5 Lead FSW	\$15.00/Hr	10/30/07	Aphrodite Bastakis
DELETE					
Aide	Diana Charles	Aide 7 Hrs	\$11.92/Hr	10/30/07	New

High School

2. APPOINTMENT OF CENTRAL TREASURER

Claude Masear, Huntington Intermediate, \$250.00 stipend, effective 10/30/07

3. STUDENT APPOINTMENTS

The following students to work as babysitters during the ESL parent meetings that will take place from October to May, funded by the Title III grant.

Caitlin Ortiz	\$7.15 per hour
Hector Vega	\$7.15 per hour

4. PART TIME APPOINTMENTS

After School ELA and Math Test Preparation for aides, at Jefferson, at current rate of pay, funded by Title III grant.

Rosalia Alvarado	\$13.55
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5. ADDITIONAL WORK

Aide, Caroline Rivas, up to 10 hours at \$45.77 per hour for translation at parental involvement workshops, funded by the Title IIA Grant

Aide, Wanda Gonzalez, one day to assist with LAB-R, at contractual rate of pay: \$17.64 per hour

Aide, Veronica Velazquez, up to 6.5 hours, to translate during parent/teacher conferences, at contractual rate of pay, \$17.19 per hour

PSAT Proctors, High School – 3 aides, 5 clerical not to exceed 5 hours, to be paid at their contractual rate of pay

6. RETIREMENT AWARD

Custodian, Donald Prisco, Retirement increment not to exceed \$750.00
Mr. Prisco's retirement was Board approved at the 10/15/07 meeting

7. APPROVAL OF NON-INSTRUCTIONAL SUBSTITUTES

Meghan Bennett	Clerical, Aide
Mena Norton	Clerical, Aide
Florence McCoskery	Aide
Clara Murisco	Aide
Damour Yanick	Aide

Ana Harris	Aide
Lisa Breland	Aide
Alison Burns	Aide
Emily Salazar	Aide
Demetra Doscas	Clerical, Aide
Sammie Smith	Custodian
Daniel Conforti	Custodian
Marlene Mckenna	Nurse

MOTION carried.

BUSINESS

Approval of Contract

A MOTION was made by Mrs. Rogan and seconded by Mr. Paci to approve the following contract for the 2007-2008 school year:

- a) Sheehan and Company

(See attached)

Bid Award

Fuel Oil Bid

A MOTION was made by Mrs. Rogan and seconded by Mr. Paci to approve the award to John's Fuel Oil with a price of .12 (cents) added to OPIS NY Harbor Spot Barge Weekly Average.

MOTION carried.

Approval of Overnight Field Trips

A MOTION was made by Mrs. Rogan and seconded by Mr. Paci to approve an overnight field trip by the Huntington High School Wrestling Team on 1/25-1/26/08 to:

- a) Albany High School;
- b) Unadilla Valley Central High School;
- c) Windsor High School

MOTION carried.

A MOTION was made by Mrs. Rogan and seconded by Mr. Paci to approve a Highstepper Dance Team overnight field trip to Orlando, Florida 2/29/08 – 3/3/08.

MOTION carried.

Second Reading of Policy

A MOTION was made by Mrs. Rogan and seconded by Mr. Paci to approve the second reading of the modifications to Policy #7530 – Child Abuse and Neglect/Maltreatment. This policy incorporates revisions placed into statute this past summer.

MOTION carried.

A MOTION was made by Mrs. Black and seconded by Mrs. Rogan to adopt Policy #7530 – Child Abuse and Neglect/Maltreatment.

MOTION carried.

Approval of Convention

A MOTION was made by Mrs. Rogan and seconded by Mrs. Black to approve attendance by Richard McGrath at a New York State School Boards (NYSSBA) Convention in New York City October 25 – 28, 2007.

MOTION carried.

Approval of Fire Inspections

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

(See attached)

Disposal of Equipment

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

Equipment	Model	Quantity	Location
Dell Computer G1	24KSZ 24LQG 24LSH 24NGX	4	HHS
Dell Computer GX1	FJ39K FJM30 FJM49	3	HHS

MOTION carried.

Approval of Mileage Reimbursement

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

Jackeline Galante	Teacher Aide
Elizabeth Troffa	District Clerk

MOTION carried.

Budget Transfers

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

(See attached)

Approval of Resolution

A MOTION was made by Mrs. Rogan and seconded by Mrs. Black to approve the following Resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board of Education hereby authorizes counsel in the federal action currently pending in the United States District Court, Eastern District of New York, CV-0703437, to make an offer of judgment pursuant to Rule 68 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure for settlement purposes only, payment of which will be made by the district limited to the extent of its insurance deductible.

MOTION carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTARY

At the portion of the meeting set aside for questions and comments from the public, a parent had questions about the chemicals being used by our custodial staff to clean the classrooms. Mr. Rispoli answered her questions. She also commented on Safe Halloween being on October 30th instead of October 31st. This parent also asked if children fail French, must they switch to Spanish? She also had a questions about a teacher who did not get tenure and if that teacher had been hired for summer school. It was explained that Western Suffolk BOCES does the hiring for summer school.

Another parent asked for clarification between bilingual and dual language classes. Mrs. Kasper explained it to her and answered her questions.

A resident questioned why we only get 37 percent state aid back when 33 percent of our students receive free/reduced lunch. Mr. Lee answered her questions. Discussion followed.

Another resident asked what would happen if we do not find additional space by September. Discussion followed.

CLOSING REMARKS BY BOARD MEMBERS

Mr. Paci commented that we need to take into consideration the location of cesspools by the buildings that might be considered for portable classrooms.

Mr. Lee thanked Jack Abrams, Curator of the Heritage Room, for being our host for the evening. Mr. Abrams told a story about a flagpole from the Woodbine Avenue School.

Another resident had questions about the Lowndes Avenue Task Force. Mrs. Rogan answered them. Discussion followed.

ADJOURNMENT

A MOTION was made by Mrs. Black and seconded by Mrs. Rogan to adjourn the meeting.

At 9:25 p.m. the meeting was adjourned.

MOTION carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Elizabeth Troffa
District Clerk