

**REGULAR MEETING
HUNTINGTON UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION
JANUARY 28, 2008**

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of the Huntington Union Free School District was held on Monday, January 28, 2008, at Finley Middle School, Greenlawn Road, Huntington, New York 11743. Mr. McGrath called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL

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

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 7:50 p.m. Mr. McGrath reconvened the meeting.

EMERGENCY EVACUATION PROCEDURE

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

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. He also requested that all cell phones be turned off.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A MOTION was made by Mrs. Rogan and seconded by Mrs. Black to approve the Minutes of the Board of Education Meeting of January 7, 2008.

MOTION carried.

COMMUNICATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Huntington Foundation for Excellence in Education (HFEE) Fundraiser

Mr. McGrath thanked those responsible for the HFEE fundraiser. This fundraiser honored Vicki L. Mingin, Executive Director of Student Support Services, for her many years of service to the district by giving her the *Spirit Award*.

Pride Awards

Mrs. Black and Mrs. Rogan attended the Science Pride Awards on January 17, 2008. They described a situation surrounding one of the recipients of this award and how deserving he was.

Western Suffolk BOCES Referendum

Mr. Finello announced the upcoming referendum on January 29, 2008 from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. He explained what the referendum was for and that Huntington residents are eligible to vote. Mr. Finello also announced the polling places.

PUBLIC COMMENTARY

Keith Meyers, a teacher at Woodhull Intermediate School and long time resident of the district, along with committee members in support of changing the name of Woodhull Intermediate School to Jack Abrams School made the case for this name change by describing the many years of dedication and service that Mr. Abrams has in the district, that he continues to impact many students and has been an inspiration to so many. Mr. Meyers appealed to the Board of Education to consider this request.

There was some discussion between a parent in the district and a member of the Board regarding the role of board members. This parent supported the Administration's plan as presented by Mr. Finello at the last Board meeting.

There were four speakers, residents or teachers in the district, who were in support of the Woodhull Intermediate School name change.

A parent and President of SEPTA would like to start a program that would build bridges between home and school for children who do not speak English in their household. She has a plan to educate non-English speaking parents.

A mother of two children in the district expressed her support of the Dual Language Program.

A resident in the district had some questions regarding state aid and changing district lines. Mr. McGrath responded that we do not have the authority to redraw district lines. He also had other budget questions that Mr. Grackin answered and said would be explained further in his upcoming presentation later this evening.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION/ACTION

Dual Language Presentation

Mr. O'Brien gave an overview of this program which is in its 6th year. He then presented Carmen Kasper, Director of Foreign Language, ESL and Bilingual Education. Mrs. Kasper gave a detailed report. Extensive discussion followed and questions were asked by Board members.

A MOTION was made by Mr. Lee and seconded by Mr. Paci to include Dual Language classes in all four primary buildings by enrollment and to continue the program into grade 6 for one period a day.

MOTION carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTARY

At that portion of the meeting set aside for questions and comments from the public, a member of the community had some questions regarding the Dual Language Program. Mrs. Kasper answered his questions.

Another member of the community was also in favor of the Dual Language Program but pointed out that there are staffing implications in that you may be “bumping” a teacher because you need a Dual Language teacher.

Another parent questioned if the Board had looked at studies regarding the success of Dual Language programs.

Another parent wanted to see that same dedication toward other languages.

A resident questioned whether a teacher could lose his/her job as a result of the Dual Language Program. Mr. Giani responded that “yes” a teacher could be excessed.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION/ACTION

Woodhull Classroom Additions

Roger Smith, Architect of Burton, Behrendt, Smith, LLP, presented a Spatial Needs Analysis in regard to the Woodhull additions. Discussion followed. A MOTION was made by Mr. Paci and seconded by Mrs. Rogan to authorize Burton, Behrendt, Smith, LLP to submit plans to the State Education Department for the renovation at Woodhull Intermediate School.

MOTION carried.

Elementary/Middle School ELA/Math State Assessment Results 2006-07

Mr. O’Brien reported that Finley Middle School and Huntington Intermediate School had been placed on a list by the State Education Department of Schools Requiring Academic Progress. Mr. O’Brien explained why this occurred, but also pointed out that Finley Middle School had received a Best Practices Award from the State University at Albany. Discussion followed.

Budget Projections 2008-2009

Mr. Grackin made an extensive presentation on the budget projections for 2008-2009. He pointed out that the Governor’s State Aid Proposal would generate less aid in 2008-2009 than in 2007-2008.

Mr. Finello compared the eight school districts within the Township of Huntington and pointed out that our district will receive far less state aid than other schools. Discussion followed.

CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION

A MOTION was made by Mr. Lee and seconded by Mrs. Rogan to authorize 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. 25139 | 12. 22104 | 22. 21085 |
| 2. 24614 | 13. 24071 | 23. 25027 |
| 3. 25176 | 14. 25108 | 24. 27289 |
| 4. 24583 | 15. 23792 | 25. 27288 |
| 5. 27281 | 16. 21060 | 26. 25117 |
| 6. 27279 | 17. 24740 | 27. 27290 |
| 7. 23235 | 18. 24772 | 28. 27278 |
| 8. 23188 | 19. 21438 | 29. 24667 |
| 9. 22334 | 20. 24245 | 30. 24387 |
| 10. 22326 | 21. 22349 | 31. 23079 |
| 11. 23243 | | |

CPSE

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| 1. 24891 | 6. 25086 |
| 2. 25084 | 7. 25086 |
| 3. 25156 | 8. 25011 |
| 4. 27188 | 9. 27315 |
| 5. 27189 | 10. 27286 |

MOTION carried.

INSTRUCTIONAL PERSONNEL

On the recommendation of the Superintendent, a MOTION was made by Mr. Lee and seconded by Mrs. Rogan to approve the changes in Instructional Personnel for Items 1 through 15 with the exception of Item 3:

1. TENURE RECOMMENDATION

Dorene Karivalis, Reading teacher, effective February 28, 2008

2. TEACHER RESIGNATION AND RETIREMENT

Rose Ackerly, Art teacher, effective close of business June 30, 2008, retirement incentive not to exceed \$42,500 – 31 years in Huntington

3. TEACHER PROBATIONARY APPOINTMENT

<u>Name</u>	<u>Tenure Area</u>	<u>Prob. Appt. Date</u>	<u>Tenure Date</u>	<u>Cert. Status</u>
Linda Kohan Social Worker, Woodhull, Southdown, Washington Sch. VI, Step 7.5 \$70,000	Social Work	1/29/08	1/29/11	School Social Work - Perm

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Ms. Kohan has worked as a part-time school social worker since December 2000.

4. LONG-TERM SUBSTITUTE APPOINTMENT

Lauren Friedrich, Compensatory Math teacher, Huntington Intermediate, January 28, 2008 through January 29, 2008, Sch. IV, Step 1, \$52,660 – for D. Walsh

Ms. Friedrich has been a long-term substitute Compensatory Math teacher since February 2007.

Sarah Hene, Art teacher, Southdown, Flower Hill, January 28, 2008 through February 5, 2008, Sch. II, Step 1, \$46,835 – for J. Waltel-Plesent

Ms. Hene has been a long-term substitute Art teacher since September 2007.

5. REQUEST FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Suzanne Proimos, elementary teacher, effective January 15, 2008 through April 1, 2008 – child care

6. TEACHER RETURNING FROM LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Colleen Mahoney, elementary teacher, effective September 1, 2008

7. CHANGE OF RETURN DATE

Tracey McManus, elementary teacher, change return date from leave of absence from January 28, 2008 to January 24, 2008

8. INCREASE IN ASSIGNMENT

Esmeralda Tello, from .6 Social Studies, .2 ESL long-term substitute, to .8 Social Studies, .2 ESL, Sch. II, Step 2, \$48,370, effective January 28, 2008 through June 30, 2008 – additional .2 funded by Mentoring Grant

9. ADDITIONAL WORK

Silvia Gilbert, ESL teacher, High School, 10 hours at \$45.77 per hour, tutoring ESL students in reading and writing, funded by Title III grant

Regents and RCT review, \$45.77 per hour, not to exceed 50 hours

10. APPROVAL OF AFTER SCHOOL EDUCATORS

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

Vincent Tannazzo

Melanie DeMarco

11. APPOINTMENT OF WINTER MARCHING BAND STAFF

<u>Advisor</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Stipend</u>
Simon MacVicar	Winter Percussion	\$2327
Michael Marchenna	Winter Guard	\$2327

12. APPOINTMENT OF SATURDAY ACADEMY STAFF

Coordinators, effective January 19, 2008 through June 21, 2008, 2 hours each week, funded by Title III grant:

\$45.77 per hour:

Angela Berner

Glenn Edwards (effective January 26, 2008)

Claudia Gonzalez-Buttler

Teachers, effective January 19, 2008 through June 21, 2008, 2 hours each week, \$45.77 per hour, funded by Title III grant:

Delete: Wilson Douce Jill Lowe

Add: Cinzia Reeves Donnamarie O’Shaughnessy
 Lucy Marotta Soraya Triessl
 Kimberly Murray Karen Mallow Rizzo
 Sarah Metcalf

Substitutes: Wilson Douce Jill Lowe Nancy Giorgos

13. APPOINTMENT OF HUNTINGTON INTERMEDIATE ADVISORS

<u>Advisor</u>	<u>Activity</u>	<u>Stipend</u>
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Delete:

Susan Hahn	Drama	\$503.50
Elizabeth Boyd-Lupi	Drama	\$503.50

Add:

Susan Hahn	Drama	\$1007
Laraine Schirripa	Science Club	\$ 750

14. COACHING RECOMMENDATIONS

<u>Coach</u>	<u>Sport/Position</u>	<u>Step</u>	<u>Salary</u>
A. Krystle Canino	Softball/Var	4	\$7508
B. Michael Catania	Baseball/JV	4	\$4843
C. Debra Cheskes	Girls Spring Track/Var	4	\$7107
D. Nancy Conlon	Softball/JH	4	\$4194
E. Melissa D’Angelo	Girls Lacrosse/Var	4	\$7107
F. William Eriksen	Boys Lacrosse/JH	4	\$4273
G. Jamie Fishlow	Boys Tennis/Var	4	\$5571
H. James Hoops	Boys Tennis/JV	4	\$4461
I. Gregory Kalkau	Baseball/Var	3	\$6983
J. Kenneth Krummenacker	Boys Track/JH	1	\$3305
K. Charles Lukralle	Boys Lacrosse/Var Asst.	4	\$5025
L. Timothy Madden	Boys Tennis/JH	1	\$3305

M. Jamie Mastrangelo	Softball/Var Asst.	3	\$4534
N. Paul McDermott	Boys Lacrosse/Var	4	\$7107
O. Jerome Merkerson	Boys Lacrosse/JH	2	\$3826
P. Lynn Perzeszty	Crew/Var Asst.	4	\$4201
Q. Christopher Petrucci	Baseball/JH	2	\$3600
R. Robert Polizzo	Crew/Var	4	\$5259
S. Bradley Reminick	Girls Lacrosse/Var Asst.	1	\$3538
T. Jennifer Rodgers	Girls Lacrosse/JH	4	\$4273
U. Joseph Roy	Boys Lacrosse/JH Asst.	2	\$3614
V. Jonathan Schwartz	Baseball/Var Asst.	3	\$4534
W. Jillian Talleur	Girls Lacrosse/JH Asst.	3	\$3912
X. Vincent Tannazzo	Boys Lacrosse/JH Asst.	2	\$3614
Y. Travis Tate	Boys Spring Track/Var Asst.	3	\$4790
Z. Eric Triolo	Boys Lacrosse/Var Asst.	4	\$5025
AA. Anthony Troffa	Boys Lacrosse/JV	4	\$5330
BB. David Wilson	Boys Lacrosse/JV Asst.	2	\$4034
CC. Ronald Wilson	Boys Spring Track/Var	4	\$7107
DD. Kathleen Wright	Girls Lacrosse/JV	2	\$4589

COACHING VACANCIES AS OF JANUARY 23, 2008:

Boys Spring Track/JH Asst.	Girls Spring Track/JH
Girls Lacrosse/JV Asst.	Girls Spring Track/Var Asst.
Girls Spring Track/JH Asst.	Softball/JV

15. APPROVAL OF NEW INSTRUCTIONAL SUBSTITUTES

\$90 per diem	Helen Brannelly	Amy Gagnon	Sharima Morton
	Stephanie Cartwright	Jill Hren	Travis Uvena
	Kim Criscuola	Patrick Malone	Christopher Hender
	Teresa Ford	MaryAnn Mavrogian	Stephon Sair

MOTION carried.

A MOTION was made by Mrs. Black and seconded by Mrs. Rogan to approve Item #3 on the Instructional Agenda.

AYES: Mrs. Black
Mr. Paci
Mrs. Rogan

NOES: Mr. Lee
Mr. McGrath

MOTION was not carried.

NON-INSTRUCTIONAL PERSONNEL

On the recommendation of the Superintendent, a MOTION was made by Mrs. Rogan and seconded by Mr. Lee to approve the following changes in Non-Instructional Personnel:

Nassau Food Service Equipment	\$8,280.00
Bar-Boy	\$12,077.50

MOTION carried.

Second Reading of Policies

A MOTION was made by Mrs. Rogan and seconded by Mr. Lee to approve the second reading of the policies listed below:

- Regulation and Policy #5800 – “Cellular Telephones”
- Policy #3273 – “Supplemental Requirements for Use of Huntington High School’s Turf Field”

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Non-Instructional/Business Operations

SUBJECT: CELLULAR TELEPHONES REGULATION

Effective (day of approval), the following positions are authorized for district-owned cellular telephones:

- Executive Director (1)
- Athletic Director (1)
- Facilities Director (1)
- Driver/Messenger (1)
- Athletic Trainer (1)
- Homeless Coordinator (1)
- Attendance Teacher
- Public Information– Cellular Services for laptop (1)

District cellular telephones are provided for business purposes. Employees will reimburse the district for cellular telephone charges incurred that are not of a business nature. Reimbursement will occur within fifteen (15) school days of notice.

Adopted:

2008 5800
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Non-Instructional/Business Operations

SUBJECT: CELLULAR TELEPHONES

It is recognized that specific district employees will be required to carry cellular telephones to meet their job responsibilities. Job titles requiring cellular telephones shall be listed in Regulation and reported to the Board of Education each year, along with a report of usage and cost, at the district’s organizational meeting in July.

The District shall establish the level of service contract for each specific employee, with the contract for same subject to review and approval by the Board of Education. The employee shall make every attempt to use their cellular phones for only business purposes; however, in the event an employee uses a cellular phone for other than business purposes he/she shall reimburse the District for such non-business calls pursuant to the Regulation attached hereto. Individuals authorized to use district cellular telephones shall agree in writing to accept financial responsibility for any usage that is not of a business nature by that individual. Cellular telephones will be restricted from personal use except in case of emergencies.

At least once per year, the Business Office shall evaluate the effectiveness of the cellular telephone plan.

Note: Policy added 1/2005

Adopted:

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Community Relations

SUBJECT: SUPPLEMENTAL REQUIREMENTS FOR USE OF HUNTINGTON HIGH SCHOOL’S TURF FIELD

In addition to those requirements of the normal facilities use process, the following items must be adhered to:

1. At least 50 percent of the members who use the field must be residents of the Huntington Union Free School District, not just residents of the Town.
2. Preference will be given to those groups providing activities for children 18 years and younger who are residents of the Huntington Union Free School District.
3. Outside organizations must ensure players **DO NOT** wear cleats on the track surface.
4. Should the organization require use of the Public Address system and/or scoreboard, District personnel will be assigned to the event and the organization will be charged accordingly.
5. The organization is responsible for ensuring grounds are properly maintained and cleaned during/after each usage.
6. The organization must cover the cost of field set up which may include but not be limited to installation of goals, flags or netting.
7. One time use of the field as deemed appropriate by the Director of Facilities and/or Director of Physical Education and Interscholastic Athletics will be permitted as long as the conditions of this policy, with exception of #1, are followed including but not limited to insurance, responsibility for charges incurred and maintenance of the field.
8. Attendance at a mandatory meeting regarding track and field usage will be required prior to permitted use of the field or track.
- 9. Failure to comply with any or all of the above will result in forfeiture of permit.**

Please be advised that every effort will be made to get your organization on the field as scheduled. Games or practices of the Huntington Union Free School District teams have priority on the field. Your activity will start directly following. Do not confront district personnel about scheduling issues. All complaints must be directed to the Director of Facilities.

Signature

Date

Adoption Date:

MOTION carried.

Appointment of CSE & CPSE Parent Members

A MOTION was made by Mrs. Rogan and seconded by Mr. Lee to appoint the following people as Parent Members on the Committee of Special Education and the Committee on Preschool Special Education

Per Dobler
Hillary Hess
Lisa Mattucci

MOTION carried.

Approval of Memorandum of Agreement

A MOTION was made by Mrs. Rogan and seconded by Mr. Lee to approve the Memorandum of Agreement that has been ratified by the District’s School Principals’ Association for the contract period of July 1, 2006 through June 30, 2010.

(See Attached)

MOTION carried.

Acceptance of Donations

Donald A. Loughlin

A MOTION was made by Mrs. Rogan and seconded by Mr. Lee to accept the donation of Donald A. Loughlin in the amount of \$4,100 for start up costs for a Lacrosse “Most Valuable Player Award,” create a new scholarship in the Trust and Agency Fund, and establish a new bank account.

(See attached)

MOTION carried.

Huntington Foundation for Excellence in Education (HFEE)

A MOTION was made by Mrs. Rogan and seconded by Mr. Lee to accept the following donation from HFEE:

Grant	School	Staff	Code	Amount
“Noteworthy Carpet” for Flower Hill’s Music Room	Flower Hill	Karen Cronin	A2111-450-02-0540	\$783.98
Jeopardy in the Classroom	Washington	Joanne Tures	A2111-450-06-0540	\$780.96
Lumens DC 160	Woodhull	Christine Amodeo	A2111-452-01-0540	\$699.00
Reading Manipulatives	Finley	Matthews, Vasilakos, Warren	A2111-451-21-0540	\$1,000
Anatomical Models for Studio Art and Drawing & Painting	Huntington High	Kristin Haacke Singer	A2111-452-20-0540	\$925.00
Viewing Video in Widescreen	Huntington High	Heather Swan	A2111-453-20-0540	\$968.99
Equipment for Advanced Computer Graphics	Huntington High	Kasmira Mohanty	A2111-454-20-0540	\$1,000.00
TOTAL				\$6,157.93

MOTION carried.

DonorsChoose

A MOTION was made by Mrs. Rogan and seconded by Mr. Lee to accept the “Stop, Book and Listen Proposal” by DonorsChoose to be used at Flower Hill Primary School to buy classroom materials.

(See Attached)

MOTION carried.

Approval of Facilities Use Request

A MOTION was made by Mrs. Rogan and seconded by Mr. Lee to approve this one-time use of our facilities to host a men’s lacrosse game on March 18, 2008. This game will be between Plattsburgh State University and Eastern Connecticut University.

(See Attached)

MOTION carried.

Approval of Mileage Reimbursement

A MOTION was made by Mrs. Rogan and seconded by Mr. Lee to approve mileage reimbursement for the following employees:

Lori Brett - Employee Benefits – Payroll
Maria Lanzot – ESL Teacher

MOTION carried.

Budget Transfers

A MOTION was made by Mrs. Rogan and seconded by Mr. Lee 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 member of the community asked how we chose our architect. Mr. Grackin answered him, explaining the Request for Proposal process. He also asked the percent of our last tax increase. Mr. Grackin responded that the tax increase was 3.72 percent.

Another resident had questions regarding the Cell Phone Policy. Mr. Grackin responded.

Chris Bene, parent and PTA Council President, commented that she was going to speak to the PTA presidents regarding their demeanor when addressing members of the Board of Education. She will

remind them that they must stick to the issues. Discussion followed. Mrs. Bene also wanted clarification on an issue regarding the Woodhull renovation. Mr. Grackin responded.

Another member of the community suggested, regarding the Woodhull project, that we contact the fire department to make sure there is enough room around the building. She also said we need more bathrooms for staff at Woodhull and there may be a problem with the hot water. She also requested that the name change to Jack Abrams School be placed on a future agenda. Discussion followed.

Another resident and parent requested that test scores be made available to the parents in a more timely fashion.

CLOSING REMARKS BY BOARD MEMBERS

There were no closing remarks.

ADJOURNMENT

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

At 12:00 a.m. the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Elizabeth Troffa
District Clerk