

**REGULAR MEETING
HUNTINGTON UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION
MARCH 10, 2008**

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of the Huntington Union Free School District was held on Monday, March 10, 2008, at Huntington Intermediate School, Lowndes Avenue, Huntington Station, New York 11746. Mr. McGrath called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

EMERGENCY EVACUATION PROCEDURE

Mr. McGrath discussed the exits to be used in the event of any emergency. He also asked that all cell phones be turned off.

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.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A MOTION was made by Mr. Lee and seconded by Mr. Paci to approve the Minutes of the Board of Education Meeting of March 3, 2008.

MOTION carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT

A MOTION was made by Mrs. Rogan and seconded by Mr. Paci to accept the following Treasurer's Report:

As of January 31, 2008

a. General Fund	\$48,537,766.82
b. Capital Fund	\$1,186,397.28
c. Special Aid Fund	\$603,454.02
d. School Lunch Fund	\$242,448.26
e. Trust & Agency Fund	\$984,991.14
f. Payroll Fund	0

MOTION carried.

The following reports were distributed "For Information Only":

- Revenue Status Report as of January 31, 2008;
- Expenditure Reports as of February 29, 2008:
 - a) General Fund
 - b) School Lunch
 - c) Special Aid

COMMUNICATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mrs. Black received some inquiries as to her absence at the last Board meeting. She informed us that she had an accident while running and was unable to attend. Mrs. Black also wanted to go on the record that if any teachers were going to be excessed during this budget process that she would not vote to approve the proposed budget.

Mr. Paci brought up the issue of the High School closing its campus because he read about it in a local newspaper. Discussion followed and it was decided to put this discussion on hold until after the budget process was complete.

Mr. Lee reported that the St. Patrick's Day Parade in Huntington Village had taken place on Sunday, March 9, 2008 and Huntington School District was well represented. The Blue Devil Marching Band performed, the Blue Devil Girls Basketball Team participated, and the Grand Marshall was Richard McGrath.

PUBLIC COMMENTARY

Mr. McGrath talked again, as he did at the last Board meeting, about the Board of Education Retreat that had taken place a couple of weeks ago, the purpose of which was to make the Board more effective. He discussed the area of *Public Commentary* and how it will be handled at subsequent Board meetings.

At the portion of the meeting set aside for questions and comments from the public, Mrs. Bene, PTA Council President, announced that the PTA Council met with Senator Marcellino. The PTA will be starting a letter-writing campaign and will share information from that meeting at upcoming PTA meetings.

Other areas of commentary included closing the high school campus and the need for a blacktop area for the children at Huntington Intermediate School.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

2008-2009 Budget-Curriculum and Instruction

Mr. O'Brien presented a detailed review of function areas – Curriculum and Instruction.

Capital Projects

Mr. Grackin presented Mr. Rispoli, Director of Buildings and Grounds, who discussed the Capital Projects that they would like to put on the Proposition at the May 20, 2008 Budget Vote.

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:

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| CSE | 1. 24622 | CPSE | 1. 27327 |
| | 2. 27287 | | 2. 27328 |
| | 3. 23395 | | 3. 27213 |
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| CSE Annual Reviews | 1. 24890 |
| | 2. 25176 |

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| CPSE Annual Reviews | 1. 25167 |
| | 2. 24954 |

MOTION carried.

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 Instructional Personnel:

1. TEACHER RESIGNATION

Martin Howfield, Foreign Language/ESL teacher, Finley, effective March 30, 2008

2. CHANGE OF STIPEND

<u>Advisor</u>	<u>Club</u>	<u>Stipend</u>
Change of Stipend:		
Heather Swan	Video Club	From: \$1086
		To: \$3154

3. TEACHER RETURNING FROM LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Suzanne Proimos, Elementary teacher, Flower Hill, effective April 2, 2008

4. APPROVAL OF HOME TUTOR

\$45.77 per hour: Alyson Alvarez

5. ADDITIONAL WORK

Trilogy Night, approximately 2.5 hours each, at \$45.77 per hour:

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| Delete: | Edward Florea |
| Add: | Craig McKee |

Complete triennial re-evaluations and annual reviews:

Delete: Irene Bauer (Dr. Bauer had been approved for 20 days)
Add: Julissa Garris - 10 days at \$443.55 per diem
Kathleen Mallen Ozimkowski – 10 days at \$310.43 per diem, effective May 5, 2008

6. APPROVAL OF ATHLETIC SUPERVISORS

\$29.63 per hour: Ann Marie Romeo
Jovan Hairston

7. APPROVAL OF NEW INSTRUCTIONAL SUBSTITUTES

\$90 per diem:
Sandra Daniels
Ann Green
Michael Nelson
Kevin Osborne
Jaclyn Patino
Dore Schreibman
Elyse Zois
Kristen D'Alimonte

MOTION carried.

NON-INSTRUCTIONAL PERSONNEL

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

1. RETIREMENTS

Clerical, Carol McGovern, Huntington High School, effective June 30, 2008
Retirement increment not to exceed \$3500.00

Aide, Ronni Meier, J. T. Finley Middle School, effective June 27, 2008

2. MILITARY LEAVE

Security, Christopher Bamfo, Huntington High School, effective May 5, 2008

3. APPROVAL OF NON-INSTRUCTIONAL SUBSTITUTES

Margaret Mary Herrmann - Clerical
Isabel Cosgrove – Aide

4. APPROVAL OF SECTION 75 REQUEST

RESOLVED, that pending the hearing and determination of the disciplinary charges against the Subject Employee, said Employee shall be suspended without pay for a period not exceeding thirty (30) days commencing March 11, 2008 and ending April 9, 2008.

5. APPOINTMENT OF HEARING OFFICER, SECTION 75

RESOLVED, that TERENCE SMOLEV be appointed as the Hearing Officer to conduct the hearing required by Civil Service Law Section 75 and make a determination of the disciplinary charges against the Subject Employee, and to make a recommendation thereafter to the Board of Education.

MOTION carried.

BUSINESS ITEMS

Approval of Contracts

Thomas Associates

A MOTION was made by Mrs. Rogan and seconded by Mrs. Black to approve additional monies to Thomas Associates not to exceed \$9,950 to complete several projects in the district.

(See Attached)

MOTION carried.

American Red Cross

A MOTION was made by Mrs. Rogan and seconded by Mrs. Black to approve this contract for our school buildings to be used as emergency shelters should a national disaster occur.

(See Attached)

MOTION carried.

Approval of Overnight Field Trip

Camp Greenkill

A MOTION was made by Mrs. Rogan and seconded by Mrs. Black to approve the Grade 6 Overnight Field Trip to Camp Greenkill in Huguenot, New York.

(See Attached)

MOTION carried.

Acceptance of Donations

Joseph Giani

A MOTION was made by Mrs. Rogan and seconded by Mrs. Black to accept the donation listed below:

- A Canon T-70 camera and telephoto lens valued at \$150, donated by Joseph Giani, Assistant Superintendent, General Administration and Personnel.

MOTION carried.

New York Islanders Hockey Club

A MOTION was made by Mrs. Rogan and seconded by Mrs. Black to accept the donation listed below:

- Two TV's and forty (40) classroom calculators to be used at Huntington Intermediate School.

MOTION carried.

Budget Transfer

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

(See Attached)

Minutes – 3/10/08

MOTION carried.

ADJOURNMENT

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

At 8:50 p.m. the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Elizabeth Troffa
District Clerk