

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

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of the Huntington Union Free School District was held on Monday, January 29, 2007, at Huntington Intermediate School, Lowndes Avenue, Huntington Station, NY 11746. Mr. Lee called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL

There were present Board of Education Members Black, Collyer, Forte, Lee, Marchi, McGrath; Superintendent Finello, Messrs. Giani, Grackin, O'Brien and Mrs. Bender. Mrs. Rogan arrived at 7:15 p.m.

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 6:30 p.m. the Board of Education went into Executive Session.

At 7:50 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 meetings of the Board of Education:

January 8, 2007

January 16, 2007

MOTION carried.

APPROVAL OF WARRANTS

A MOTION was made by Mrs. Marchi and seconded by Mrs. Collyer to approve the following Warrants:

June 2006:

General Fund Warrant #11	\$ 3,298,111.74
General Fund Warrant #12 Medicare Reimb.	\$ 706,079.46
General Fund Warrant #13	\$ 6,322,573.50
School Lunch Warrant #10	\$ 36,654.93
School Lunch Warrant #11	\$ 69,891.57
Special Aid Warrant #11	\$ 163,018.26
Special Aid Warrant #12	\$ 148,303.05
Workers Comp Warrant #6	\$ 36,462.50
Capital Warrant #23 2004/2005	\$ 6,858.50
Capital Warrant #31 New Renovations	\$ 37,779.72
Capital Warrant #3 Bond Issue	\$ 898,527.85

MOTION carried.

COMMUNICATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. Lee thanked the Huntington Foundation for Excellence in Education (HFEE) for the successful annual dinner at Oheka Castle that raised money to help support educational programs in the district. Beverly Wayne was honored by the Foundation at this year's dinner.

Mr. McGrath reported that he and Mrs. Rogan attended a worthwhile alcohol seminar dealing with alcohol drinking by high school students.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND ACTION

Elementary Facilities and Class Size Committee (ELFACS) Presentation

Mr. Giani presented the available options that are recommended by the ELFACS Committee to relieve the overcrowding at Southdown, Jefferson and Woodhull.

A parent asked what size is a full-size classroom. Mr. Giani responded.

A parent asked why Southdown will have a dedicated art and music room. Mr. Lee explained that having dedicated art and music rooms would be at the discretion of the principal.

A Southdown parent asked why are class sizes increasing at Southdown. Mr. Lee explained that one of the things the committee is studying is decreasing class sizes.

Mr. Forte asked if 2008-09 projections are available. Extensive discussion followed.

Mrs. Collyer is concerned that this proposal is not adequate. She would have liked more options. Extensive discussion followed.

Mrs. Black wants the students and parents who are moved to have support at the new buildings and to be checked on periodically to see how they are adjusting.

Mrs. Marchi is not in favor of the proposal and would like to go back to the Committee.

Mr. Lee would like to see the Board take a look at Toaz for the future.

Mrs. Marchi would like the Board to consider adding rooms to Finley Middle School and move the sixth grade to Finley.

Mrs. Rogan suggested increasing the size of the ELFACS Committee to include some secondary people.

A parent wanted to know if the students who are being moved would be supported and she wanted to know why many of the students being moved are Hispanic. Mr. Lee explained.

A parent said he is afraid that his two children will go to separate schools.

A parent said that her children are afraid of the move.

A parent of two fourth graders at Woodhull asked if they would have to move if they are in dual language program. She was told they would not have to move if they were in the dual language program.

A parent inquired as to how the committee members were selected. Mr. Lee explained. The parent inquired if engineer or architects were consulted and why isn't the Board looking favorably at Touro. Mr. Collyer explained that several million dollars would be needed to restore it to code.

A parent asked if Touro was purchased who would be going there. She had other concerns about the committee's recommendations.

District Use of EXCEL Funds

Mr. Grackin explained that all school districts in New York State were allocated money for either new construction, renovation of existing facilities or technology. Mr. Grackin shared suggestions that he and Mr. Rispoli developed for the EXCEL funds. How these funds are spent must be approved by the public and will be included as a proposition at the annual budget vote and election in May. The Board must adopt a resolution by the March 19th Board meeting. Alternative uses of these funds will be brought to the next meeting. Discussion followed.

HHS Turf Field Usage Requirements

Mr. Grackin explained the supplemental requirements for use of the high school turf field. The second requirement will be amended to include wording regarding residents of the school district, delete the third requirement and adding a new one regarding a mandatory meeting to take place prior to usage.

Fixed Assets Inventory

Mr. Grackin explained the Fixed Assets Inventory and would like to have the inventory updated. The insurance company will pick up the cost.

Sandra Sineo, Social Studies teacher, change tenure effective date from September 1, 2008 to September 1, 2007
Ms. Sineo was previously tenured in NYC.

Change of Effective Date

Anne Marie Romeo, Foreign Language teacher, change effective date from February 1, 2007 to September 1, 2007.

Requests for Leave of Absence

Danielle Walsh, Elementary teacher, effective 2007-08 school year – child care

Suzanne Gimpel, Special Education teacher, effective January 18, 2007 through February 7, 2007 – child care

Robin Cirillo, Compensatory Math teacher, Woodhull, effective February 12, 2007 through June 30, 2007 – child care

Susanne Millner, T.A., Finley, effective January 15, 2007 (first twelve weeks as FMLA) – medical reasons

Colleen Mahoney, Elementary teacher, effective 2007-08 school year – child care

Long-Term Substitute Appointment

Robert Gruebel, Compensatory Math, Woodhull, Sch. III, Step 1, \$47,135, effective January 2, 2007 through June 30, 2007 – for R. Cirillo
Mr. Gruebel has been a long-term substitute at Woodhull since September 2006.

Teacher Returning From Leave of Absence

Roberta Amian, Science teacher, effective September 1, 2007

Salary Schedule Change

Effective January 26, 2007:

<u>Name/School</u>	<u>From:</u>	<u>To:</u>
Karen Blacher/HS	Sch. IV, Step 1 (.4) \$19,964	Sch. V, Step 1 (.4) \$20,726

Appointment of Driver Education Instructor

Spring 2007, \$42.10 per hour:

Kevin McQuade

Additional Work

4 Science teachers, 3 hours each, \$44.12 per hour, HS Trilogy Night

CPR/AED Instruction for school district nurses, \$44.12 per hour, 5 hours each:

Michael Marinello
John Walsh

Parent Involvement Meetings, up to 2 hours each, Title I, \$44.12 per hour (funded by grant)

Joanne Cicio
Ellen Blanchard
Carol Coffey

Tiffany Kelly
Pamela Schwarting
Frances Poy

Sarah Metcalf
Heather Horton

Appointment of After-School Staff

\$44.12 per hour, 2 hours per week, prepare students for Math exam, funded by grant:

Huntington Intermediate School: Janet Thomas

Finley Middle School: Melanie DeMarco
Judyann Paziienza
Connie Ziv

Appointment of Adult Evening Class Staff

4 hours per week, \$25 per hour, funded by grant:

Nadine Araoz
Arnaldo Dominguez

Appointment of Huntington Intermediate School Advisor

<u>Advisor</u>	<u>Club</u>	<u>Stipend</u>
Paul Esposito Funded by HFEE grant	School of Rock	\$1042

Coaching Recommendations

<u>Coach</u>	<u>Sport</u>	<u>Step</u>	<u>Salary</u>
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Delete:

Jillian Talleur	JH Lacrosse – G	4	\$5517
Jennifer Rodgers	JH Asst. Lacrosse – G	2	\$3483

Add:

Jillian Talleur	JV Asst Lacrosse – G	2	\$3888
Kathleen Wright	JH Asst. Lacrosse – G	1	\$3199
Vincent Tannazzo	JH Asst. Lacrosse B8	1	\$3199
Jennifer Rodgers	JH Lacrosse – G	2	\$3688

Coaching Vacanices as of 1/24/07:	JH Baseball	JV Asst. Lacrosse – B
	JH Lacrosse – B7	JV Softball
	JH Asst. Lacrosse – B7	JH Track – G
	JH Asst. Track - G	

Approval of New Substitute Teacher(s)

(See green sheet)

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:

Appointments

<u>Unit</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Salary</u>	<u>Eff.Date</u>	<u>Replacing</u>
Aide	Monica O’Leary	DL Aide Jefferson	11.92/hr	1/30/07	Nilsa Michaels
Aide	Jennifer Fazio	1:1 Aide High School	11.92/hr	1/30/07	Richard Deo
Aide	Whitney Voyages	Monitor Flower Hill	11.28/hr	1/30/07	Linda Uliano

Part-Time Appointments

Bilingual aide for the after school Math Preparation Program at Finley, at current rate of pay, funded by Title III grant, effective January 23, 2007 through March 8, 2007.

Dina Cartagena \$13.55/hr

Nurses for Kindergarten Registration at their last rate of pay, effective March 22, 2007 through March 30, 2007.

Judy Maier \$30.82/hr

Rita Barry \$36.13/hr

Emily Halligan \$24.34/hr

Resignation

Nilsa Michaels, Aide, Jefferson Primary, effective January 19, 2007

Approval of Non-Instructional Lists

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

MOTION carried.

BUSINESS

Approval of Contract

Dr. David Weissberg

A MOTION was made by Mrs. Collyer and seconded by Mrs. Marchi to approve the attached contract with Dr. David Weissberg, effective January 2, 2007 through December 31, 2007 at \$200 per game.

(See attached)

MOTION carried.

Second Reading of Policy #8260 – Title I Parental Involvement

A MOTION was made by Mrs. Collyer and seconded by Mrs. Marchi to approve the second reading of Policy #8260 – Title I Parental Involvement.

(See attached)

MOTION carried.

Approval of Memorandum of Agreement

A MOTION was made by Mrs. Collyer and seconded by Mrs. Marchi to approve the attached Memorandum of Agreement with the Associated Teachers of Huntington.

(See attached)

MOTION carried.

Bid Award

WAN Proposal

A MOTION was made by Mrs. Collyer and seconded by Mrs. Marchi to approve the bid award to Open Access for Fiber Optic Wide Area Network that was sent out to bid on our behalf by Western Suffolk BOCES. A multi-year service agreement has been entered into with Western Suffolk BOCES.

(See attached)

MOTION carried.

Acceptance of Donations

Special Education PTA (SEPTA)

A MOTION was made by Mrs. Collyer and seconded by Mrs. Marchi to accept the following donation from SEPTA:

Donation	Description	Value
Finley Middle School	One supply cabinet for Friendship Club	\$355
	Funds for supplies for Friendship Club	\$255
Huntington Intermediate School	One supply cabinet for Friendship Club	\$355
	Funds for supplies for Friendship Club	\$255
Woodhull Intermediate School	One supply cabinet for Friendship Club	\$355
	Funds for supplies for Friendship Club	\$255

MOTION carried.

Huntington Foundation for Excellence in Education (HFEE)

A MOTION was made by Mrs. Collyer and seconded by Mrs. Marchi to accept the donation of \$1,042 from HFEE for the club called “School of Rock” at Huntington Intermediate School.

MOTION carried.

Approval of Disposal of Equipment and Textbooks

A MOTION was made by Mrs. Collyer and seconded by Mrs. Marchi to approve the disposal of the following equipment and Textbooks:

Location	Item		Serial No.	Quantity	Condition
Jefferson	Tape Recorders		136110 153902 152461 50276	4	Broken and obsolete
Woodhull	VCR		51820662	1	Obsolete
Huntington High School	Cybex machine			1	Old and not functioning
	Textbooks	Life Science 1990 copyright by Scott Foresman	ISBN 0673421821	40	Obsolete
	Textbooks	Physical Science 1990 copyright by Scott Foresman	ISBN 0205098414	42	Obsolete
	Textbooks	Earth Science- The Study of a Changing Planet 1986 copyright by Allyn & Bacon	ISBN 0205098414	15	Obsolete

MOTION carried.

Budget Transfers

A MOTION was made by Mrs. Collyer and seconded by Mrs. Marchi to approve the attached budget transfers.

(See attached)

MOTION carried.

ADJOURNMENT

A MOTION was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting.

At 10:05 p.m. the meeting was adjourned.

MOTION carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Catherine Bender
District Clerk