

**REGULAR MEETING
HUNTINGTON UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION
April 23, 2007**

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of the Huntington Union Free School District was held on Monday, April 23, 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, Rogan; Superintendent Finello, Messrs. Giani, Grackin, O'Brien and Mrs. Bender.

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 7:45 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.

COMMUNICATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mrs. Rogan said that she attended the PRIDE Awards for the English Department at the high school. She was moved by the diversity and the connection between the students and teachers. She commended Dr. Leonardi, Mr. Leavy and Mrs. Quintero.

Mrs. Rogan said that as better nutrition for our students is one of the goals of the Board, the final draft of the wellness regulations is nearly finished. She suggested that a representative from Heart Links do a presentation for the Board.

Mrs. Rogan also reported that the packet that went home with students about how to talk to children about what had happened at Virginia Tech was very helpful.

Mr. McGrath is concerned about communication between school and parents if there is a serious event in Huntington. Mr. McGrath was suggesting going to the website and texting. Mr. Grackin will be meeting with the principals to review emergency preparedness plans.

Mr. Lee was honored to attend the first English Honor Society induction. He praised Mrs. Quintero and Mrs. Guarino.

PUBLIC COMMENTARY

At that portion of the meeting set aside for questions and comments from the public several girls from the girls track team along with parents were upset that the new track is not finished and won't be done until after the season. Mr. Lee explained that the completion had to be postponed because of weather. Mrs. McCarthy explained the time line that lead up to the facility not being finished. She will meet with the team on Tuesday before practice.

A parent said that she submitted a petition in March with 57 signatures requesting a full-time bilingual aide in dual language classes. She wanted to know what the status is for a full-time aide. The parent explained what the aides do in the classroom. Mr. Grackin explained about funding for the dual language classes and a competitive grant that was not awarded. Consequently some staff members' salaries had to be picked up by the district. Mrs. Rogan suggested that the parents start a letter writing campaign to the legislators for support for bilingual education. Extensive discussion followed.

Two residents who live across the street from the high school were upset about the new bleachers. The back of the bleachers face their houses. They want landscaping behind the bleachers. They also suggested security be at events to monitor young children. They said young children are playing on the bleachers and someone will get hurt. Also a lot of trash is left behind when outside teams use the facility. They also complained about the noise from the marching band that practices til 9:30 p.m. Mr. Lee suggested they meet with Joan Fretz regarding plans for band practice.

A parent asked if a decision had been made regarding her son being transferred to Huntington Intermediate from Woodhull. Mrs. Kasper translated for this parent. Mr. Giani explained that a decision would be made shortly. He will get in touch with the parent through Mrs. Kasper.

A parent said it was great that budget information is on the website. She feels the district needs to move further with technology. She thinks the district should use www.powertolearn.com. They have free workshops and services for teachers, PTA and students. The parent also said Bethpage has a 4-year computer certificate in computer science. She would like to have a technology committee for technology education.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND ACTION

Touro Law School Facilities Study

Mr. Steve Walsh from Burton, Behrendt, Smith reported that the field portion of the facility study has been completed.

(See attached)

2007-2008 Budget Adoption

A MOTION was made by Mrs. Collyer and seconded by Mrs. Marchi to adopt the expenditure budget of \$99,199,355 for the 2007-2008 school year.

VOTE: AYES: Mr. Collyer
 Mr. Forte
 Mr. Lee
 Mrs. Marchi
 Mr. McGrath
 Mrs. Rogan

 NOES: Mrs. Black

MOTION carried.

Mrs. Black explained that she does not agree with the proposed budget because she does not see the need for an Assistant to the Superintendent, an additional psychologist or the decrease in the business department.

2007-2008 Contingent Budget Adoption

A MOTION was made by Mrs. Marchi and seconded by Mrs. Collyer to approve the contingency budget amount of \$98,045,430 for 2007-2008.

(See attached)

MOTION carried.

CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION

A MOTION was made by Mrs. Marchi and seconded by Mrs. Collyer to authorize the district 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. 24997 | 2. 23188 | 3. 24529 |
| 4. 24939 | 5. 11350 | 6. 24936 |

Annual Reviews:

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| 1. 24259 | 2. 24585 | 3. 24348 | 4. 24248 | 5. 22874 |
| 6. 23438 | 7. 11350 | 8. 22747 | 9. 23192 | 10.24936 |

CPSE:

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| 1. 24513 | 2. 25121 |
| 3. 24992 | 4. 25059 |

Annual Reviews:

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| 1. 24870 | 2. 24954 | 3. 24989 | 4. 24963 |
| 5. 24900 | 6. 24873 | 7. 24995 | 8. 25018 |

MOTION carried.

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 Instructional Personnel:

Teacher Returning from Leave of Absence

Nancy Allard, Title I Coordinator, effective June 18, 2007

Requests for Leave of Absence

Tara Adams, Music teacher, Huntington Intermediated, effective approximately 6 weeks after the birth of baby, anticipated to be September 4, 2007, and concluding on June 30, 2008.

Patricia Klee, Speech therapist, 2007-08 school year – child care

Additional Work

Parent Involvement Meeting, up to 4 hours each, Title IIA, \$44.12 per hour (funded by grant):

Camille DeCanio	Gloria Jaramillo
Julia Schwartz	Giovanni Mendez
Carly Vasilakos	
Lynn Winters	
Kelly Quintero	
Brendan McGowan	

4 Science teachers, 1 hour each, \$44.12 per hour, HS Trilogy Night

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:

Retirement

Clerical, Connie Cagnino, Administration, effective August 1, 2007
Retirement increment not to exceed \$3500.

Additional Work

Parent Involvement Evening, May 9, 2007

Clerical – JoAnn Grofik at current rate of pay, funded by grant
Security – Sylvia Belanger at current rate of pay, funded by grant

Approval of Non-Instructional Substitutes

CLERICAL
CUSTODIAL

FOOD SERVICE
NURSE
SCHOOL TEACHER AIDE
SECURITY
(green sheets)

MOTION carried.

BUSINESS

Re-Adoption of Policy

Records Management

A MOTION was made by Mrs. Collyer and seconded by Mrs. Marchi to approve the re-adoption of Policy 5670 – Records Management.

(See attached)

MOTION carried.

Acceptance of Donation

Gordon Goldsmith

A MOTION was made by Mrs. Collyer and seconded by Mrs. Marchi to accept the donation of an HP Scan Jet 3400C from Gordon Goldsmith.

MOTION carried.

Disposal of Equipment

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

Equipment	Serial No.	Quantity	Condition
Programatic Kiln	030595	1	Poor and beyond repair
Pro Curve Switch	SG11300206	1	Beyond repair
Alcatel Switch	9017811602410179	1	Beyond repair

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

PUBLIC COMMENTARY

At that portion of the meeting set aside for questions and comments from the public a parent explained what an aide does in the dual language classroom.

Mrs. Marchi asked to have the Dual Language Program on a Board agenda soon to look at expanding it to the other buildings.

CLOSING REMARKS BY BOARD MEMBERS

Mrs. Collyer recognized that Concetta Cagnino would be retiring and wanted to thank her for her dedication and her willingness to help. She would be greatly missed.

ADJOURNMENT

A MOTION was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting

At 9:40 p.m. the meeting was adjourned.

MOTION carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Catherine Bender
District Clerk

