

**REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
HUNTINGTON U.F.S.D.**

January 5, 2009

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of the Huntington Union Free School District was held on Monday, January 5, 2009 at Jack Abrams Intermediate School, Lowndes Avenue, Huntington Station, New York. The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL

There were present Board of Education Members: Dwyer, Rogan, Black, Brown, McGrath, Paci; Mr. Sheahan, Superintendent Finello, Mr. Grackin, Dr. Giani, Dr. Lacey, and Mrs. Troffa. Mrs. Bené was absent.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A MOTION was made by Mr. McGrath and seconded by Mrs. Brown 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. Dwyer reconvened the meeting.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

EMERGENCY EVACUATION PROCEDURE

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

SMOKE-FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT

Mr. Dwyer announced that the Huntington Union Free School District is a smoke-free district and smoking is prohibited in all buildings and on school grounds. Mr. Dwyer also requested that all cell phones be turned off or set to vibrate.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A MOTION was made by Mr. McGrath and seconded by Mrs. Rogan to approve the Minutes of the Board of Education Meeting of December 8, 2008.

MOTION carried.

COMMUNICATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. Dwyer indicated that he was made aware through other school districts that have been audited by the state, that in order to have full public disclosure when members of the Board abstain from a vote during a Board meeting, they must inform the public as to the reason for the abstention. In order to have full public disclosure and to make sure it goes into the perpetual record in the Board Minutes, Mr. Dwyer announced that at the Board meeting of August 4, 2008, Personnel Item 9.2 – Home Tutors, he abstained because his wife, Karen Dwyer, was on the agenda as a Home Tutor. Mrs. Dwyer also performs this job in the Harborfields School District. She is not a member of the teachers' union. Mrs. Dwyer was appointed at that Board meeting of August 4, 2008.

Mrs. Brown announced that she abstained from a vote at the meeting of July 1, 2008. Personnel Item 16 GG – Coaching recommendations for fall 2008. On October 27, 2008 Mrs. Brown also abstained from voting on Personnel Item 5.30 – JV Coaching lacrosse. In both these instances her cousin was on the agenda. The appointments were approved.

Mr. Dwyer indicated that Mrs. Bené will make a similar announcement at the next Board of Education meeting. She was not present tonight.

Pride Awards

Mrs. Rogan and Mrs. Brown attended the PRIDE Award ceremony at Huntington High School. Mrs. Rogan expressed how impressed she is every time she attends the PRIDE Awards ceremony. The connection between our students and staff members is phenomenal.

PUBLIC COMMENTARY

At the portion of the meeting set aside for public commentary several residents expressed commentary:

- A resident would like our students to participate in the Long Island Challenge television show and would like the district to look into this.
- Emphasis needs to be made on grammar and English.
- This resident asked about the teachers' contract. Mr. Grackin indicated he would research and answer him as soon as possible.
- Commentary regarding Avalon Bay was made by several residents.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION/ACTION

Academic Progress – Health, Physical Education, Athletics

Dr. Lacey introduced Georgia McCarthy, Director of Health, Physical Education and Athletics, who made a presentation in this area focusing on the existing curriculum and how she is working on making changes. The Board asked questions which Mrs. McCarthy answered.

Mathematics

Dr. Lacey introduced Wayne Edwards, Director of Mathematics, who presented an overview of the Math Program in Huntington encompassing grades K-12. Mr. Edwards discussed the changes that are being implemented. Discussion followed.

Avalon Bay, Inc. Meeting Report

Mr. Dwyer gave a background summary of this ongoing topic for discussion. Mr. Paci and Mr. McGrath along with Mr. Dwyer have had meetings with Avalon Bay and discussions regarding the projected number of students and the impact on the district. Discussion followed.

A MOTION was made by Mr. Paci and seconded by Mrs. Rogan to continue discussions and negotiations with Avalon Bay regarding their proposed development.

MOTION carried.

Technology Proposal Review

Mr. Dwyer asked Mr. Grackin to review the information given to the Board in the most recent update to the Board of Education. Mr. Grackin indicated that in September the Board of Education asked Administration to come up with a variety of proposals to buttress and enhance the leadership we have in the area of Technology. Mr. Grackin indicated he looked at solutions in both the private and public sectors. There are various options. Mr. Dwyer indicated that a resident and an expert in the IT field, Mr. Paul Bayer, has volunteered his services to help the district review the various options. Discussion followed.

A MOTION was made by Mr. McGrath and seconded by Mr. Paci to authorize Paul Bayer to volunteer his services to the district to review and sort through the various options open to the district.

MOTION carried.

Altering Transportation Mileage Limits

Mr. Dwyer indicated that the district has been looking into changing the mileage limits and how this would impact each of our schools. If this is done it must be done by public referendum. Mr. Grackin explained the legal time frame in which this could be accomplished. Discussion followed. It was decided to table the discussion until the Board Meeting of January 26, 2009 when there would be a full Board present. There would still be enough time to have a referendum on this issue.

CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION

A MOTION was made by Mrs. Rogan and seconded by Mrs. Brown to authorize administration to arrange for the provision of appropriate special education programs and services for students as enumerated in the CSE and CPSE minutes:

| CSE | | | CPSE | | |
|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| 24432 | 27386 | 21899 | 27522 | 27304 | 27410 |
| 27333 | 27492 | 27445 | 27452 | 27523 | 27466 |
| 25014 | 27475 | 23795 | 27515 | 27310 | 27330 |
| 24995 | 22456 | 24254 | 27507 | 27521 | 27285 |
| 24635 | 22140 | 21329 | 27516 | 27514 | 27254 |
| 25056 | 25062 | 25108 | 27221 | 27441 | 27429 |
| 24990 | 23207 | 24706 | 27512 | 27237 | 27488 |
| 27245 | 25170 | 27509 | 27302 | 25145 | 27228 |
| 25176 | 21379 | 27486 | 27226 | 27505 | 25148 |
| 24531 | 27470 | 27503 | 27356 | 25124 | 27277 |
| 25106 | 23122 | 24515 | 27283 | 27517 | 27270 |
| 24876 | 27493 | 25064 | 27518 | 27506 | 27272 |
| | 27322 | 27439 | 21060 | | |
| | 24806 | 27260 | | | |
| | 25074 | 23851 | | | |
| | 27274 | 21728 | | | |
| | | 21981 | | | |

MOTION carried.

NEW MATHEMATICS COURSE APPROVAL

A MOTION was made by Mr. McGrath and seconded by Mrs. Rogan to approve a new course “Discovering Geometry.”

MOTION carried.

APPOINTMENT OF IMPARTIAL HEARING OFFICER

Marjorie A. Silver, Impartial Hearing Officer, was appointed on January 7, 2009 by Mrs. Rogan.

PERSONNEL ITEMS

On the recommendation of the Superintendent a MOTION was made by Mrs. Brown and seconded by Mrs. Rogan to approve the following changes in personnel:

H. 1 Approve Resignations / Leaves of Absence

| Resignations | | | | | |
|--------------|------|------|------------|----------------|--------|
| No. | Unit | Name | Assignment | Effective Date | Reason |

| 1.1 | AMA | Latisha Passmore | WH | 12/5/08 | Personal |
|------------|------|-------------------|------------|-----------------|-------------------------|
| 1.2 | AMA | Diana Blaisdell | SD | 1/16/09 | Return to school |
| 1.3 | ATH | Kathleen Francom | HS | 1/8/09 | Personal |
| Retirement | | | | | |
| No. | Unit | Name | Assignment | Effective Dates | Award |
| 1.4 | ATH | Patricia Corcoran | HS | 6/30/09 | Not to exceed \$42,500. |

H. 2 Approve Long-Term Substitutes

| Full-time | | | | | | |
|-----------|------|----------------|-----------------|--------------------|--|-----------------------|
| No. | Unit | Name | Assignment | Effective Date | Salary | Replacing |
| 2.1 | SEC | Steven Muller | HS-LTS Security | 1/6/09-5/31/09 | \$18.43/hr | Carlos Arce Rodriguez |
| 2.2 | ATH | Carly Fiorelli | MS-English | Approx.1/12/09-TBD | 1-20 - \$90./day 21-30 - \$105./day 31+ Sch.1, Step 1 \$46,415. | Jennifer Poach |

H. 3 Approve Non-Instructional New Hires

| Full-time | | | | | | |
|-----------|------|----------------|-------------|-----------------|------------|------------------|
| No | Unit | Name | Assignment | Effective Date | Salary | Replacing |
| 3.1 | CU | Maryanne Tizol | HS/FL Dept. | 1/12/09 | \$33, 501. | Sherelyn Goodall |
| Part-time | | | | | | |
| No | Unit | Name | Assignment | Effective Dates | Salary | Replacing |
| 3.2 | FSW | Gricelda Mejia | HS/4 hours | 1/6/09 | \$10.10/hr | Andrea Floro |

H. 4 Approve Extra Duty Assignments

| Music Advisors-HS | | | |
|---------------------------|--------------------|---------------------------------|--|
| No. | Name | Description | Stipend |
| 4.1 | Jason Giachetti | Percussion/Winter/Spring | \$2393. |
| 4.2 | Amy Gagnon | Color Guard/Winter/Spring | \$2393. |
| Interscholastic Athletics | | | |
| No. | Name | Description/Season | Rate of Pay |
| 4.3 | Jillian Talleur | Field Hockey/Fall-Post Season | \$893.20 (7 days @ \$127.60/day) |
| 4.4 | Kathleen Wright | Field Hockey/Fall-Post Season | \$694.89 (7 days @ \$99.27/day) |
| 4.5 | Lynn Perzeszty | Girls Swimming/Fall-Post Season | \$2,424.40 (19 days @ \$127.60/day) |
| 4.6 | Margaret McConnell | Girls Swimming/Fall-Post Season | \$1,588.32 (16 days @ \$99.27/day) |
| Extra Curricular | | | |
| No. | Name | Description | Rate of Pay |
| 4.12 | Robert Gilmor | Advisor-Natural Helpers | \$2,392./Funded by Title IV Grant |

H. 5 Approve Additional Work

| Saturday Detention Supervision One Supervisor per Saturday | | | | | |
|--|------|----------------------|---------------|-----------------|-------------|
| No. | Unit | Name | Description | Effective Dates | Rate of Pay |
| 5.1 | ATH | Paul Caleca | Supervisor | 2008-2009 | \$47.07/hr |
| 5.2 | ATH | James Graber | Supervisor | 2008-2009 | \$47.07/hr |
| 5.3 | ATH | Kenneth Gilbert | Supervisor | 2008-2009 | \$47.07/hr |
| 5.4 | ATH | Noreen Hernandez | Supervisor | 2008-2009 | \$47.07/hr |
| 5.5 | ATH | Steven Lashin | Supervisor | 2008-2009 | \$47.07/hr |
| 5.6 | ATH | Joseph Cohen | Supervisor | 2008-2009 | \$47.07/hr |
| Student Support Services-Funded by Grant | | | | | |
| No. | Unit | Name | Description | Effective Dates | Rate of Pay |
| 5.7 | N/A | Linda Leake | Archive Files | 2008-2009 | \$10.50/hr |
| After School RCT and Regents Prep Program – Funded by Title I Grant Not to exceed 212 hours | | | | | |
| No. | Unit | Name | Description | Effective Dates | Rate of Pay |
| 5.8 | ATH | Amanda Meyer | Teacher | 2008-2009 | \$47.07/hr |
| 5.9 | ATH | Monica Racz | Teacher | 2008-2009 | \$47.07/hr |
| 5.10 | ATH | Roseann Brienza | Teacher | 2008-2009 | \$47.07/hr |
| 5.11 | ATH | Anna Fabela | Teacher | 2008-2009 | \$47.07/hr |
| 5.12 | ATH | Kenneth Krummenacker | Teacher | 2008-2009 | \$47.07/hr |
| 5.13 | ATH | Peter Crugnale | Teacher | 2008-2009 | \$47.07/hr |
| 5.14 | ATH | Lauren Thomas | Teacher | 2008-2009 | \$47.07/hr |
| 5.15 | ATH | Jordan Gould | Teacher | 2008-2009 | \$47.07/hr |
| 5.16 | ATH | Anthony Troffa | Teacher | 2008-2009 | \$47.07/hr |
| 5.17 | ATH | Jean Czerniawski | Teacher | 2008-2009 | \$47.07/hr |
| After School Support Program for ELA and Math - WH | | | | | |
| No. | Unit | Name | Description | Effective Dates | Rate of Pay |
| 5.18 | ATH | Evelyn Gousis | Sub-Teacher | 1/6/09-3/26/09 | \$47.07/hr |

H. 6 Approve Changes/Adjustments in Assignment

| No. | Unit | Name | Description | From | To |
|-----|------|------------------------|---|---|--|
| 6.1 | ATH | Jennifer Giglio | Probationary Sp. Ed./HS Permanent Certification- Spec. Ed | Probationary Period 12/9/08-12/9/11 | Probationary Period 1/7/09-1/7/12 |
| 6.2 | ATH | Joyce Breisacher | LTS - HS/Sp. Ed. (P. Corcoran) | 9/1/08 - 12/19/08 | 9/1/08 - 6/30/09 |
| 6.3 | ATH | Katerina Voutsinas | LTS - FH (L. Cuthbertson) | 9/1/08 - 11/26/08 | 9/1/08 – Approx.1/5/09 |
| 6.4 | ATH | Peter Ravo | LTS-JA (L. Jovans) | \$55,255. | \$55,290. |
| 6.5 | CU | Rosemary Fiorentino | Sr. Steno-MS | 10 Month Sr. Steno/Guidance \$32,982. | 12 Month Sr. Clerk Typist/MS Asst. Prin. \$39,581.Effective 1/6/09 (L. Bennett) |
| 6.6 | ATH | Katherine Canales | Music | 9/1/08-6/30/09 .3 Music/JE & WA | 1/6/09 – 6/30/09 JA & WA |

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|-----|-----|--------------|-------------------|--|---|
| | | | | \$13,926.00 | Sched. 1, Step 1 \$46,415.00 (K. Francom/N. Lynch) |
| 6.7 | CU | Ruth Peretz | Clerk Typist-HS | 10 Month Clerk Typist/Attendance \$25,168.00 | 10 Month Sr. Clerk Typist-MS/Guidance \$28,681.00 Effective 1/12/09 (R. Fiorentino) |
| 6.8 | ATH | Kerri Branca | LTS – Special Ed. | LTS – WA A.German Approx. 10/28/08 to TBD | LTS – FH D. Nolan - Approx. 2/2/09- TBD 1-20 \$90.per diem 21-30 \$105.per diem 31+ Sch. IV, Step 3 \$57,195.00 |

H. 7 Approve Substitutes

| No. | Unit | Name | Assignment | Effective Dates | Rate of Pay |
|------|------|--------------------------|------------|-----------------|-------------|
| 7.1 | AMA | Barbara Gross | Aide | 2008-2009 | \$8.75/hr |
| 7.2 | AMA | Kelly Doyle | Aide | 2008-2009 | \$8.75/hr |
| 7.3 | AMA | Nancy McArthur | Aide | 2008-2009 | \$8.75/hr |
| 7.4 | ATH | Carly Fiorelli | Teacher | 2008-2009 | \$90./day |
| 7.5 | ATH | John Worth | Teacher | 2008-2009 | \$90./day |
| 7.6 | ATH | Mark Rappa | Teacher | 2008-2009 | \$90./day |
| 7.7 | ATH | Meghan Jost | Teacher | 2008-2009 | \$90./day |
| 7.8 | ATH | Elizabeth Gallo | Teacher | 2008-2009 | \$90./day |
| 7.9 | ATH | Ilyssa Pollack | Teacher | 2008-2009 | \$90./day |
| 7.10 | ATH | Melissa Zinker | Teacher | 2008-2009 | \$90./day |
| 7.11 | ATH | Kate Forsten | Teacher | 2008-2009 | \$90./day |
| 7.12 | ATH | Gary Beck | Teacher | 2008-2009 | \$90./day |
| 7.13 | AMA | Kristen Orsini | Aide | 2008-2009 | \$8.75/hr |
| 7.14 | ATH | Stephanie Horowitz Mulry | Teacher | 2008-2009 | \$90./day |
| 7.15 | ATH | Heather Little | Teacher | 2008-2009 | \$90./day |
| 7.16 | ATH | Michael Leavitt | Teacher | 2008-2009 | \$90./day |
| 7.17 | ATA | Jillian Fournier | Teacher | 2008-2009 | \$90./day |

MOTION carried.

LEGEND

Schools/Buildings

HS = Huntington High School
 MS = Finley Middle School
 JA = Jack Abrams Intermediate
 WH = Woodhull Intermediate
 FH = Flower Hill Primary
 SD = Southdown Primary
 JE = Jefferson Primary
 WA = Washington Primary
 DW = District-wide
 CO = Central Office
 NC = Non Contractual
 STU = Student Worker

Units

ATH = Teachers
 AMA = Aides and Monitors
 DSPA = District Supervisors and Principals Assoc.
 HCA = Chairpersons
 SHHA = Study Hall and Hallway Assistants
 B & G = Buildings & Grounds
 FSW = Food Service Workers
 SEC = Security
 NUR = Nurses
 CU = Clerical

BUSINESS ITEMS

Approval of Contracts

Half Hollow Hills School District

A MOTION was made by Mrs. Rogan and seconded by Mrs. Black to approve the contract with Half Hollow Hills School District for the 2008-2009 school year.

(See Attached)

MOTION carried.

North Shore School District

A MOTION was made by Mrs. Rogan and seconded by Mrs. Black to approve the contract with North Shore School District for the 2007-2008 school year.

(See Attached)

MOTION carried.

Eden II School for Autistic Children, Inc.

A MOTION was made by Mrs. Rogan and seconded by Mrs. Black to approve the revision to the contract with Eden II School for Autistic Children, Inc. for the 2008-2009 school year.

(See Attached)

MOTION carried.

Always Tri Inc./Sarah Reinertsen

A MOTION was made by Mrs. Rogan and seconded by Mrs. Black to approve the contract with Always Tri Inc./Sara Reinertsen for the 2008-2009 school year.

(See Attached)

MOTION carried.

Mad Science of Long Island

A MOTION was made by Mrs. Rogan and seconded by Mrs. Black to approve the contract with Mad Science of Long Island for the 2008-2009 school year.

(See Attached)

MOTION carried.

Granite Tech Solutions

A MOTION was made by Mrs. Rogan and seconded by Mrs. Black to approve the contract with Granite Tech Solutions for a Disaster Recovery Service for the 2008-2009 school year.

(See Attached)

MOTION carried.

Approval of Change Order

Tetra Tech Architects & Engineers

A MOTION was made by Mrs. Rogan and seconded by Mrs. Black to approve the decrease Change Order in the amount of \$1,800 at the completion of the Underground Storage Tank Replacements at Southdown and Washington Primary Schools.

(See Attached)

MOTION carried.

Approval of Capital Bid Award

A MOTION was made by Mrs. Rogan and seconded by Mrs. Black to approve the capital bid awards for both EXCEL projects and Capital Reserve projects. The bid tabulation as prepared by Burton, Behrendt and Smith (BBS) details the responses.

(See Attached)

MOTION carried.

Acceptance of Donations

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

| Joan Fretz recommends acceptance of the following donations to the Fine Arts Program: | | |
|---|--|--|
| Donor | Equipment | Value |
| Matthew Harris, a parent in the district | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> One (1) intercom system including a power supply, 3 belt packs, 4 headphones and 2 squawk boxes to be used for the High School Stage Crew to communicate during productions | \$900 |
| Rev. Richard Lehman | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> One (1) 16x20 Ultimo adjustable photographic easel One (1) Minolta lens Serial #3067351 One (1) Minolta camera body x-9 Serial # 91306450 Three (3) Polaroid field cameras One (1) Vivitar tripod model 1100 Omega Enlarger | \$50 \$75 \$100 \$60 \$50 \$200 |
| Taline Sarraf | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> One (1) black metal music stand | \$40 |
| James Alan Cox Foundation for Student Photographers | Two (2) professional quality cameras: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> One (1) digital camera Canon XSi One (1) film camera Canon Elan 7N | \$850 \$550 |

| The following donations to the school district are also recommended to be accepted by the Board of Education: | | |
|---|---|-------|
| Donor | Equipment | Value |
| SEPTA | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Canon DC330 Standard Definition DVD Camcorder | \$479 |
| New York Islanders | Street hockey equipment to Abrams Intermediate School: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This equipment includes a detailed street hockey instruction booklet, 12 red hockey sticks, 12 blue hockey sticks, 4 rubber pucks, 4 no bounce balls, 4 hockey nets and protective goalie gear (4 helmets, 4 mitts, 4 protective pancakes, 4 goalie sticks, 8 leg pads. • 400 vouchers for students to attend an Islander game. | |
| Donor's Choose | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Math manipulatives for Suzanne Knoerzer's classroom | \$172 |

MOTION carried.

Approval of Disposal of Equipment

A MOTION was made by Mrs. Rogan and seconded by Mrs. Black to approve the disposal of the equipment on the attached list.

(See Attached)

MOTION carried.

Approval of Budget Transfers

A Motion was made by Mrs. Rogan and seconded by Mrs. Brown to approve the enclosed budget transfers.

(See Attached)

MOTION carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTARY

At the portion of the meeting set aside for public commentary the following comments were made:

- The district should look into purchasing buses.
- There should be a place for Public Commentary at Board meetings immediately following presentations so questions could be asked of the presenters before they leave the meeting.
- When the new lockers would be installed. Mr. Grackin responded it would be over the summer.

CLOSING REMARKS BY BOARD MEMBERS

Mrs. Rogan asked Mr. Grackin about the progress at Woodhull. Mr. Grackin responded and indicated the completion date will be the end of January.

Mrs. Brown reported the high school concert was great. Mr. McGrath was in agreement and commented on the great job Mrs. Fretz does.

ADJOURNMENT/EXECUTIVE SESSION

A MOTION was made by Mr. McGrath and seconded by Mrs. Brown to go into Executive session to discuss legal matters and personnel.

MOTION carried.

At 9:50 p.m. the Board went into Executive session.

At 10:45 p.m. the Board reconvened the meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

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

MOTION carried.

At 10:45 p.m. the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Elizabeth Troffa
District Clerk