

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

January 26, 2009

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of the Huntington Union Free School District was held on Monday, January 26, 2009 at Jack Abrams Intermediate School, Lowndes Avenue, Huntington Station, New York. The meeting was called to order at 5:45 p.m.

ROLL CALL

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A MOTION was made by Mrs. Black and seconded by Mrs. Brown to go into Executive Session to discuss legal matters concerning Avalon Bay and unit contracts/negotiations.

MOTION carried.

At 5:45 p.m. the Board of Education went into Executive Session.

At 7:40 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 January 5, 2009.

MOTION carried.

APPROVAL OF WARRANTS

A MOTION was made by Mrs. Black and seconded by Mrs. Rogan to approve the following Warrants:

DECEMBER WARRANTS	
GENERAL FUND WARRANT #11	\$6,782,402.78
GENERAL FUND WARRANT #12	\$3,835,867.95
SCHOOL LUNCH WARRANT #11	\$63,592.75
SCHOOL LUNCH WARRANT #12	\$65,932.50
SPECIAL AID WARRANT #11	\$130,943.49
SPECIAL AID WARRANT #12	\$26,204.58
WORKERS COMP WARRANT #6	\$67,965.49
NEW RENOVATIONS WARRANT #54	\$267,038.41
T & A WARRANT #6	\$6,367,222.17
MEDICARE REIMBURSEMENT	\$814,139.42
TOTALS	\$17,613,670.12

MOTION carried.

COMMUNICATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. Dwyer reiterated what he said at the Board meeting of January 5, 2009 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. As Mr. Dwyer indicated at the last Board meeting, since Mrs. Benè was absent from the Board meeting of January 5th she would be making an announcement for the purpose of full public disclosure in regard to an abstention and a recusal that occurred at previous Board meetings. For this purpose Mrs. Benè announced that at the Board meeting of August 4, 2008 she abstained from voting on H.8 Item 1 – Approval of Substitutes. She also recused herself from voting on December 8, 2008 for H.3 Item 4 – Approval of Long-Term Substitutes. In both instances her married daughter was on the agenda. The appointments were made.

Mr. Dwyer announced that on Friday January 23, 2009 there was a fundraiser by the Huntington Foundation for Excellence in Education (HFEE) for the purpose of raising funds for the school district. The event honored Doris Quintilian, a math teacher in the district. The event was attended by many in the school district and by local elected officials. At the cocktail hour three flutists from Huntington High School played beautifully and the event was a huge success. HFEE raised \$24,000 to be given back to the district in the form of grants. On behalf of the Board of Education, Mr. Dwyer thanked HFEE for their efforts and generosity.

Mrs. Rogan indicated that Mr. Finello, PTA representatives and she attended the third Advocacy Workshop on Saturday, January 24, 2009 sponsored by the Suffolk County School District Superintendents Association. Present at the meeting were Superintendents and representatives from other school districts and legislators from Long Island. The purpose is to bring school boards and PTA members together to hear from different political groups to see how we can speak with one voice to the lawmakers in Albany of what the needs are on Long Island. Mrs.

Rogan thanked the PTA presidents by name who attended this workshop. Mr. Finello then gave details of what was discussed at the workshop and explained the components of the federal stimulus package and the positive economic impact it would have on the school district if it is passed by Congress.

Mrs. Benè reported on the Lowndes Avenue Task Force Meeting that she and Mrs. Rogan attended. Members of the community, police and town board youth agencies were in attendance. Mrs. Benè reported that cameras will be installed around Abrams Intermediate School in early spring. She also reported that the Tri Community Youth Agency is now located behind the Big H Shopping Center as of February 2, 2009.

Mrs. Rogan indicated that she received a letter from The Harvard Club of Long Island commending Bernadette Walsh and her staff at the College Center for their professionalism and organization and thanking them for being so helpful. The Harvard Club used Huntington High School to interview over 20 high school applicants to Harvard from the Western Suffolk BOCES area. One of our high school students was among them. This was the first time our campus was used for the interviews.

PUBLIC COMMENTARY

At the portion of the meeting set aside for commentary from the public a parent and resident who made comments regarding the Avalon Bay Project at a previous board meeting wanted to clarify her position and elaborate on comments she made.

Another parent and resident asked for clarification about the “Take Back Your Block” program. Mr. Dwyer indicated she needed to speak to someone in the Town.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION/ACTION

Academic Progress

Dr. Lacey announced the presenters reporting on Academic Progress would be Carmen Kasper, Director of Foreign Language and ESL/Bilingual Education and Peter Paternostro, Director of Guidance and Testing.

Mrs. Kasper was the first presenter. She reported on the academic progress in the Foreign Language Program, ESL, Dual Language and Bilingual Programs. She explained the strategies that are used and presented statistics. She explained what tests are taken and the difficulties with the tests. Discussion followed.

Peter Paternostro then made his presentation detailing his vision and goals. He included information on technology, standardized testing, parent/community outreach and how he is using data to affect change. Discussion followed.

Transportation Mileage Limits

Mr. Dwyer opened the discussion regarding the benefits and drawbacks to changing the mileage limits and to make the decision whether to present a referendum to the voters in Huntington to do this. Dr. Giani presented information on various mileage limits detailing the number of main roads that walkers would need to cross. Extensive discussion encompassed all aspects of the situation.

Mr. Dwyer asked for a MOTION to have a referendum as set forth by the document that was discussed.

No MOTION was made.

Approval of 2009-2010 School Calendar

A MOTION was made by Mrs. Brown and seconded by Mrs. Rogan to approve the 2009-2010 school calendar as presented by Mr. Finello.

MOTION carried.

Discussion of 8-Period Day at Huntington High School

Extensive discussion encompassed the many aspects of going from a 9-period day to an 8-period day.

Mrs. Rogan indicated she received a letter from a student regarding the use of Styrofoam trays in the cafeterias. Mr. Grackin explained the reason we use them. Mrs. Rogan will respond to the student.

CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION

A MOTION was made by Mrs. Brown and seconded by Mrs. Benè 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
25000	21085	27530
24742	073400008	27551
24482	27513	25105
24873	24147	27532
27413	27524	27533
27374	27526	27531
27372	27452	
27218	27301	
21189	27356	
21520	25042	
21571	27437	
24966	27529	

20783	
22146	
23266	
27332	
24654	
21580	
22863	
27425	
27485	
21815	

MOTION carried.

PERSONNEL ITEMS

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

- H.1 through H.4
- H.6 through H.9
- H.5 – Items 1 through 19 and Items 25 and 26

MOTION carried.

A MOTION was made by Mrs. Brown and seconded by Mrs. Rogan to approve H.5 Item 20 through 24.

AYES: Mrs. Bené
Mrs. Brown
Mr. Dwyer
Mr. McGrath
Mr. Paci
Mrs. Rogan

NOES: Mrs. Black

ABSTAIN: 0

MOTION carried.

H. 1 Approve Resignations / Leaves of Absence

Resignations					
No.	Unit	Name	Assignment	Effective Date	Reason
1.1	AMA	Cecelia Koomen	TA/MS	Close of Business 1/30/09	Personal
1.2	CU	Wanda Gonzalez	Clerk Typist/SD	Close of Business 1/26/09	Substitute Teacher

Retirement					
No.	Unit	Name	Assignment	Effective Date	Award
1.3	ATH	Frances Johnnidis	Gen Ed/WH	Close of Business 6/30/09	Not to exceed \$3,000.
Leave of Absence					
No.	Unit	Name	Assignment	Effective Dates	Reason
1.4	ATH	Alice Pancir	ESL/JA	1/6/09-4/14/09	Child Care
1.5	AMA	Juanita Turner	MS	1/15/09-2/9/09	FMLA/Health
1.6	ATH	Jill Lowe	ESL/FH/WH	3/3/09-5/3/09	Child Care
1.7	ATH	Colleen Mahoney	Comp Math/JA	2/5/09-5/14/09	Child Care
1.8	AMA	Daphine Harkins	TA/JE	From: 1/26/09-5/1/09 To: 1/20/09-5/8/09	Student Teaching
1.9	ATH	Corinne D'Andrea	Math/HS	2009-2010	Child Care
1.10	ATH	Christyn Roseto	Sp. Ed/WH	2/14/09 thru 5/25/09	Child Care
Return from Leave of Absence					
No.	Unit	Name	Assignment	Effective Date	Reason
1.11	ATH	Patricia Klee	Speech/WA	9-1-09	End of Child Care
1.12	ATH	Adrienne DiMaggio	Gen. Ed/FH	9-1-09	End of Child Care

H. 2 Approve Instructional New Hires

Part-time							
No.	Unit	Name	Assignment	Certification	Effective Dates	Salary	Replacing
2.1	ATH	Heather Little	.3Music JE/WA	Pending Initial/Music	Approx. 2/2/09- 6/30/09	Sch. 1, Step 1 \$13, 926.00	Ferragamo/ Canales

H. 3 Approve Long-Term Substitutes

Full-time							
No.	Unit	Name	Assignment	Effective Dates	Salary	Replacing	
3.1	ATH	Dana Aboulafia	Speech SD/JA	Approx. 2/12/09- TBD	Sch. VI, Step 1 \$58,020.	S. Macaluso	
3.2	ATH	Virginia Stamatakis	ESL FH/WH	Approx. 1/29/09- TBD	1-20 \$90. 21-30 \$105. 31+ 322.12 Sch. IV, Step 6	J. Lowe	
3.3	AMA	Kristin Orsini	TA/JE	1/27/09- approx.5/8/09	\$13.34/hr	D. Harkins	

H. 4 Approve Additional Work

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
4.1	ATH	Lauren Thomas	Teacher	2008-2009	\$47.07/hr
4.2	ATH	Jennifer Bruno	Teacher	2008-2009	\$47.07/hr
4.3	ATH	JoAnn Ferazi	Teacher	2008-2009	\$47.07/hr
4.4	ATH	Michael Graziano	Teacher	2008-2009	\$47.07/hr
4.5	ATH	Christopher Pellegrino	Teacher	2008-2009	\$47.07/hr
4.6	ATH	Irene Woll	Teacher	2008-2009	\$47.07/hr
K-1 Saturday Academy for ELL Students for Pre-Literacy through ESL Methodology Funded by Title III Grant					

No.	Unit	Name	Description	Effective Dates	Rate of Pay
4.7	ATH	Carmen Kasper	Administrator	2008-2009	\$5,000.00
After School Math Program - MS Funded by Bilingual-ESL Supplemental Intervention Grant					
No.	Unit	Name	Description	Effective Dates	Rate of Pay
4.8	ATH	Matthew Perlongo	Teacher	1/27/09-3/5/09	\$47.07/hr
4.9	ATH	Melanie DeMarco	Teacher	1/27/09-3/5/09	\$47.07/hr
Alternative High School					
No.	Unit	Name	Description	Effective Dates	Rate of Pay
4.10	ATH	Joseph Cohen	Science	2008-2009	\$51.19/hr
4.11	ATH	Amanda Meyer	Math	2008-2009	\$51.19/hr
Kindergarten Registration 4 days per nurse					
No.	Unit	Name	Description	Effective Dates	Rate of Pay
4.12	NUR	Marlene McKenna	Screenings	3/16/09 – 5/19/09	\$35.11/hr
4.13	NUR	Rita Barry	Screenings	3/16/09 – 5/19/09	\$36.13/hr
4.14	NUR	Judy Maier	Screenings	3/16/09 – 5/19/09	\$30.82/hr
4.15	NUR	Patricia Forde	Screenings	3/16/09 – 5/19/09	\$31.57/hr

Community Based Literacy Program – MS Funded by Title I Grant-Not to exceed combined total of 63 hours					
No.	Unit	Name	Description	Effective Dates	Rate of Pay
4.16	ATH	Brendan McGowan	Teacher	1/20/09	\$47.07/hr
4.17	ATH	Kimberly Finneran	Teacher	1/20/09	\$47.07/hr
4.18	ATH	Thomas Tantillo	Teacher	1/20/09	\$47.07/hr
After School Program for ELA and Math - SD					
No.	Unit	Name	Description	Effective Dates	Rate of Pay
4.19	AMA	Tanya Roberts	Aide	1/27/09-3/26/09	\$18.75/hr

H. 5 Approve Extra Duty Assignments

Clubs-MS			
No.	Name	Description	Stipend
5.1	DELETE Mark Belton	Stage Crew Advisor	\$1588.00
5.2	Julie Wright Replacing Mark Belton	Stage Crew Advisor	\$1588.00
5.3	DELETE Akira Byng	Drama Director – 100%	\$3617.00
5.4	Akira Byng	Drama Director – 3%	\$100.00
5.5	Susan Hahn	Drama Director – 97%	\$3517.00
5.6	DELETE Sharon Holly	School Store – 100%	\$3120.00
5.7	Sharon Holly	School Store – 50%	\$1560.00
5.8	Erica Murphy	School Store – 50%	\$1560.00
5.9	Matthew Perlongo	Honor Society – 50%	\$842.00
5.10	Kimberly Finneran	Honor Society – 50%	\$842.00
5.11	Elizabeth Grobe	Math Counts	\$1685.00
5.12	Catherine Cain	Community Club	\$1151.00
5.13	DELETE	Leaders Club	\$379.00

	Mary Paar		
5.14	DELETE Travis Smith	Leaders Club	\$379.00
5.15	DELETE Timothy Madden	Leaders Club	\$379.00
Clubs-HS			
No.	Name	Description	Stipend
5.16	Michael Marchena	Winter Color Guard	\$1492.00
Clubs-WH			
No.	Name	Description	Stipend
5.17	DELETE Christine Barresi	Student Government – 100%	\$3089.00
5.18	Christine Barresi	Student Government – 50%	\$1544.50
5.19	Martha Reilly	Student Government – 50%	\$1544.50
Interscholastic Athletics			
No.	Name	Description/Season	Rate of Pay
5.20	Ronald Wilson	Football/Fall-Extended Season	\$638.00 (5 days @ \$127.60/day)
5.21	Joseph Poller	Football/Fall-Extended Season	\$496.35 (5 days @ \$99.27/day)
5.22	Timothy Madden	Football/Fall-Extended Season	\$496.35 (5 days @ \$99.27/day)
5.23	Kevin Zaharios	Football/Fall-Extended Season	\$496.35 (5 days @ \$99.27/day)
5.24	Todd Jamison	Football/Fall-Extended Season	\$496.35 (5 days @ \$99.27/day)
Clubs-JA			
No.	Name	Description	Stipend
5.25	Paul Esposito	School of Rock	\$750.00
5.26	Michael Macolino	School of Rock/Assistant	\$250.00

H. 6 Approve Substitutes

No.	Unit	Name	Assignment	Effective Dates	Rate of Pay
6.1	ATH	Wanda Gonzalez	Teacher	2008-2009	\$90./day
6.2	ATH	Dana Aboulafia	Teacher	2008-2009	\$90./day
6.3	ATH	Heather Ciurleo	Teacher	2008-2009	\$90./day
6.4	ATH	Christine McDonald	Teacher	2008-2009	\$90./day
6.5	ATH	Pamela Dembinski	Teacher	2008-2009	\$90./day
6.6	ATH	Ruth Guirguis	Teacher	2008-2009	\$90./day
6.7	ATH	Miriam Engle	Teacher	2008-2009	\$90./day
6.8	ATH	Sarah Salvo	Teacher	2008-2009	\$90./day
6.9	ATH	Marilyn Maggio	Teacher	2008-2009	\$90./day
6.10	CU	Marilyn Maggio	Clerical	2008-2009	\$10.50/hr
6.11	AMA	Marilyn Maggio	Aide	2008-2008	\$8.75/hr
6.12	AMA	Margarite Aprigliano	Aide	2008-2009	\$8.75/hr
6.13	AMA	Elizabeth Lowry	Aide	2008-2009	\$8.75/hr
6.14	CU	Elizabeth Lowry	Clerical	2008-2009	\$10.50/hr
6.15	CU	Judith Weingold	Clerical	2008-2009	\$10.50/hr
6.16	ATH	Maureen Malone	Teacher	2008-2009	\$90./day

6.17	ATH	Andrea Cooper	Teacher	2008-2009	\$90./day
6.18	AMA	Wanda Gonzalez	Aide	2008-2009	\$8.75/hr

H. 7 Approve Salary Schedule Changes/Adjustments

No.	Unit	Name	School	From	To	Effective Date
7.1	CU	Rosemary Fiorentino	MS	39,581.00	39,578.00	1/6/09

H. 8 Approve Changes/Adjustments in Assignment

No.	Name	Description	From:	To:
8.1	John Friia	P/T Latin – MS	Start Date of 1/1/09 End Date of 4/30/09	Start Date of 12/12/08 End Date of 6/30/09
8.2	Kieran Mock	Varsity Coach- Wrestling/Winter	Step 4/\$8162.00	Step 1/\$6446.00
8.3	Louise Haagenson	Aide – SD	6.5 hours at \$19.93/hr	3 hours at \$19.93/hr

H. 9 Approve Tenure Recommendation

No.	Unit	Name	Assignment	Effective Date	Certification
9.1	ATH	Donna Marie O’Shaughnessy	FH	2/15/09	Reading
9.2	ATH	Carly Cerulli	MS	2/14/09	Reading

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

Dr. Giani congratulated Donna Marie O’Shaughnessy and Carly Cerulli for receiving tenure at this Board of Education meeting.

BUSINESS ITEMS

Sheehan & Company

A motion was made by Mr. McGrath and seconded by Mrs. Rogan to approve the contract for fiscal year 2008-2009.

MOTION carried.

Betsy DuBois Agency

A motion was made by Mr. McGrath and seconded by Mrs. Rogan to approve the contract for the period February 1, 2009 through June 30, 2009.

(See Attached)

MOTION carried.

O'Connell, Selig & Associates, L.L.P.

A motion was made by Mr. McGrath and seconded by Mrs. Rogan to approve the contract for the period January 1, 2009 through June 30, 2009.

(See Attached)

MOTION carried.

Heather Thorgersen

A motion was made by Mr. McGrath and seconded by Mrs. Rogan to approve the contract for the period March 1, 2009 through June 30, 2009.

(See Attached)

MOTION carried.

Diana Browning Wright, Inc.

A motion was made by Mr. McGrath and seconded by Mrs. Rogan to approve the contract for the period February 1, 2009 through June 30, 2009.

(See Attached)

MOTION carried.

Ascent: A School for Individuals with Autism-Revision

A motion was made by Mr. McGrath and seconded by Mrs. Rogan to approve a revision to the contract in effect for the 2008-2009 school year.

(See Attached)

MOTION carried.

Approval of Bid Awards

Educational Data Services

A motion was made by Mr. McGrath and seconded by Mrs. Rogan to approve the use of the bid for Interactive Whiteboards through Educational Data Services for the 2008-2009 school year.

(See Attached)

MOTION carried.

Surplus Equipment

A motion was made by Mr. McGrath and seconded by Mrs. Rogan to award S. Castillo various items on the Surplus Bid list for a total of \$49. The remainder of the items will be disposed of in the most environmentally responsible way.

MOTION carried.

Wrestling Mat Rejection

A motion was made by Mr. McGrath and seconded by Mrs. Rogan to reject a bid made by TW Promotions. This will be rebid.

MOTION carried.

Capital Bid Award

Stalco Construction, Inc.

A motion was made by Mr. McGrath and seconded by Mrs. Rogan to award the General Construction – Woodhull Intermediate Flooring and Doors portion of the capital bid to Stalco Construction, Inc.

(See Attached)

MOTION carried.

Acceptance of Donations

Jefferson PTA

A motion was made by Mr. McGrath and seconded by Mrs. Rogan to accept a donation of \$1,200 from the Jefferson PTA to be used to purchase supplementary classroom supplies.

MOTION carried.

Huntington Foundation for Excellence in Education

A motion was made by Mr. McGrath and seconded by Mrs. Rogan to accept Mini Grants in the amount of \$2,693.96 to be awarded to various district personnel.

(See Attached)

MOTION carried.

PTA Council

A motion was made by Mr. McGrath and seconded by Mrs. Rogan to accept a donation in the amount of \$1,700 to be used in the Arts-In-Education program.

MOTION carried.

Approval of Facilities Use Request

Townwide Fund of Huntington

A motion was made by Mr. McGrath and seconded by Mrs. Rogan to approve the Townwide Fund of Huntington as a user of our facilities.

(See Attached)

MOTION carried.

Disposal of Equipment

A motion was made by Mr. McGrath and seconded by Mrs. Rogan to dispose of the equipment listed below:

Inspiron 3000 - Serial No. EB91X

MOTION carried.

Budget Transfers

A motion was made by Mr. McGrath and seconded by Mrs. Rogan to approve the budget transfers.

(See Attached)

MOTION carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTARY

At the portion of the meeting set aside for public commentary one of our administrators suggested we look into using reduced fare passes on Harte buses for transportation of students in the future if we cut bus routes.

Mr. Leavy thanked the Board and Dr. Lacey and all who attended History Day at the high school for their support. Three students are going to compete at the state level.

CLOSING REMARKS BY BOARD MEMBERS

Mrs. Black had a question about Section 11 Athletics. Dr. Giani responded.

Mrs. Rogan suggested the Board look at different areas to tighten their own belts in these hard economic times. She questioned whether to continue membership in NYSSBA.

ADJOURNMENT

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

MOTION carried.

At 10:20 p.m. the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Elizabeth Troffa
District Clerk