

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

September 14, 2009

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of the Huntington Union Free School District was held on Monday, September 14, 2009 at Jack Abrams Intermediate School, Lowndes Avenue, Huntington Station, New York. The meeting was called to order at 6:10 p.m.

ROLL CALL

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A MOTION was made by Mr. McGrath and seconded by Mrs. Black to go into Executive Session to discuss contract issues and personnel matters.

MOTION carried.

At 6:10 p.m. the Board of Education went into Executive Session.

At 7:48 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 Mrs. Brown and seconded by Mrs. Rogan to approve the Minutes of the Board of Education Meeting of August 24, 2009.

MOTION carried.

FINANCIAL REPORTS

The following reports were presented For Information Only:

- Expenditure Reports as of August 31, 2009
 - a. General Fund
 - b. School Lunch
 - c. Special Aid Fund

COMMUNICATIONS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. Dwyer indicated people are very concerned with what has happened around Abrams Intermediate School. He assured the audience that the Board is very concerned also and looking out for the best interest of children and employees. He indicated that the board has reached out to local municipal elected officials and county officials working closely with them to try to address everyone's concerns. Mr. Dwyer then called upon Lora Gellerstein, aide to Legislator Jonathan Cooper, who was asked by Mr. Cooper to read a letter since he was unable to attend the meeting himself. Ms. Gellerstein apologized on behalf of Mr. Cooper for his absence.

Mr. Dwyer added that the board will continue to work with the town and county to address the issues in this neighborhood. He was pleased to see such a large audience at the board meeting.

Mrs. Black welcomed the new teachers to the district. She indicated there are 27 new staff members. She also commended Jim Hoops for the article he wrote on the website for the September 11th commemoration. Mrs. Black thanked Mrs. Stokkers for the way she handled a minor bus accident that occurred on the first day of school. Mrs. Black also recognized the participants in an ALS Walk at Eisenhower Park in memory of a member of the community who died last spring. There was a large group of former students who participated and she thanked them.

Mrs. Rogan announced a Walk 4Love Fundraiser to be held on Saturday, September 19, 2009. This "walk" was coordinated by several graduates. She gave the time and place for the run and brought fliers to distribute to encourage participation.

PUBLIC COMMENTARY

A teacher and soon to be homeowner in the district expressed concern over the elimination of the Director of Guidance position at the high school. Every department in the high school had representatives present at the meeting to support the guidance counselors. He implored the board to rethink their decision and reinstate the position of Director of Guidance.

One of the guidance counselors also expressed concerns over the elimination of the position of Director of Guidance and described the ramifications of this decision.

The PTSA president, representing the PTSA executive board, read a statement expressing their concern over the way the empty positions were filled in the district. She also expressed their concern over the elimination of the Director of Guidance at the high school.

A resident and graduate in 2003 announced the Walk 4Love fundraiser to be held on Saturday, September 19, 2009. He explained that the fundraiser is in memory of Jana Piccola, a high school student who lost her life to leukemia. The Walk4Love is to benefit pediatric cancer research. He indicated the location of the walk and invited all to attend.

A father with two children in the district suggested that parents could organize a security patrol around Abrams Intermediate School while school is in session during the times the students are outside for recess or lunch. He discussed the possibility of handing out a letter in order gain support for this.

A parent of a child at Abrams Intermediate thought moving the school was an extreme reaction to this problem. She wanted the board to understand how important this decision is and asked them not to make a hasty decision.

A long time resident commented about the elimination of the Director of Guidance. He also commented about getting the police out of their patrol cars and walking the beat. He commented that it does not make sense to talk about closing the school.

The President of the NAACP, Huntington Branch questioned where the school could be moved to and when. She supports the resolve that we have additional security and is strongly against closing the school. She suggested that the Sheriff's Department be brought in to secure the area. She indicated that the community does not get enough notice about the school board meetings and implored the board to let the community know what is going on.

A resident said we need to raise our voices in order to make this a safe environment.

Mr. Dwyer spoke indicating that the school board wants to work with the community and town in solving these problems. He indicated that Legislator Jonathan Cooper is doing what he can. He encouraged the public to give the board ideas to bring to the legislators. Mr. Dwyer apologized for any consternation that was caused by the rumor that the school would be closing.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

Earn and Learn

Jefry Rosmarin, founder of the Earn and Learn Program reported back to the board on the first year that the high school participated in this program. He described the program and explained that it is privately funded by himself. The first year's results were quite good. He indicated he needed more building level support.

A MOTION was made by Mr. Dwyer and seconded by Mr. Paci to continue the Earn and Learn Program at Huntington High School.

AYES: 5 Mrs. Black
 Mr. Dwyer
 Mr. McGrath
 Mr. Paci
 Mrs. Rogan

NOES: 1 Mrs. Brown

ABSTAIN: 0

MOTION Carried.

Student Enrollments K-12

Mr. Finello explained that over the past several years there is an ebb and flow to enrollment resulting in making predictions in enrollment difficult. Dr. Giani then discussed the specifics of the elementary enrollment as of Friday, September 11, 2009. Dr. Giani discussed each elementary school. He indicated that a fifth section was needed at Washington Primary School. Extensive discussion followed.

Facilities Usage 2009-2010

Extensive discussion took place regarding space requirements, and enrollments and projections in all the buildings, but most of the discussion centered on the primary buildings. Mr. Finello indicated that small group instructional space is a problem. Mr. Paci pointed out that we are running close to 100 percent capacity in all our buildings. The BOCES Demographic Study that was done for us a couple of years ago was discussed; the problem of Avalon Bay and the additional students that will bring to Flower Hill and Washington Schools was discussed. Mr. McGrath pointed out that the high school is equally maxed out and the space issue is a kindergarten through grade 12 issue. The architect’s plan that was done last year was brought up, acquiring new space was discussed and the possibility of putting up a bond issue that the community would support in order to either acquire space or build was also discussed.

CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION

A MOTION was made by Mrs. Brown 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 minutes:

CSE	CPSE	
23891	27359	27441
27483	27452	27591
27660	27596	27531
	27669	27646

MOTION carried.

Approval of CSE Minutes

Mrs. Brown, on August 28, 2009, exercised her power to approve CSE and CPSE minutes outside of the time frame of a regularly scheduled Board of Education meeting. Mrs. Brown authorized administration to arrange for the provision of an appropriate special education program and services for the students as enumerated in the CSE minutes.

#24503-Annual Review #21899-Program Review
 #24116-Program Review #24821-Evaluation Review
 #27653-Program Review

PERSONNEL ITEMS

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

H. 1 Approve Resignations / Leaves of Absence/Retirement

Return from Leave of Absence						
No.	Unit	Name	Assignment	Effective Date	Reason	
1.1	SEC	Cable Todd Jamison	HS	9/8/09	End of LOA	
Retirement						
No.	Unit	Name	Assignment	Effective Date	Reason	
1.2	CU	Susan Martin	HS/Sp. Ed.	1/19/10	Personal	

H. 2 Approve Non-Instructional New Hires

Part-time						
No.	Unit	Name	Assignment	Effective Date	Salary	Replacing
2.1	AMA	Kristin Warren	WA/3hr monitor	9/15/09	\$11.67/hr	Vacant

H. 3 Approve Long-Term Substitutes

Full-time						
No.	Unit	Name	Assignment	Effective Dates	Salary	Replacing
3.1	ATH	Julie Wright	Art/HS	10/1/09 approx - TBD	1-20 days @ 90. 21-30 days @ 105. 31+ days @ 275.32 Sch IV, Step 2	L. Costello

H. 4 Approve Extra Duty Assignments

Interscholastic Athletics			
No.	Name	Description/Season	Step/Stipend
4.1	Marissa Bergmann	MS Head Coach/Girls Tennis/Fall	Step 1/\$3399.
MS – Clubs			
No.	Name	Description	Stipend
4.2	DELETE	Stage Crew - .5	\$794.
4.3	Christopher Scarnato	Stage Crew	\$1588.
4.4	DELETE	Stage Crew - .5	\$794.

	Ayallah Jeddah		
4.5	Ayallah Jeddah	Stage Crew	\$1588.
HS - Clubs			
No.	Name	Description/Season	Step/Stipend
4.6	DELETE	Honor Society-Art	\$1085.
	Kristin Singer		
4.7	Kristin Singer	Honor Society-Art - .5	\$542.50
4.8	Kasmira Mohanty	Honor Society-Art - .5	\$542.50
4.9	DELETE	Key Club	\$1958.
	Andrea Neugebauer		
4.10	Kelly Krysinski	Key Club - .5	\$979.
4.11	Gina Colica	Key Club - .5	\$979.
4.12	Lauren Thomas	Social Issues	\$1219.
Supervision – MS			
No.	Name	Description	Rate of Pay
4.13	Matthew Perlongo	Cafeteria Supervisor	\$28.73/hr
4.14	Michael Gavilan	Cafeteria Supervisor	\$28.73/hr
4.15	Brian Reynolds	Cafeteria Supervisor	\$28.73/hr
4.16	Travis Smith	Cafeteria Supervisor	\$28.73/hr

H. 5 Approve Additional Work

Driver Education					
No.	Unit	Name	Description	Effective Dates	Rate of Pay
5.1	ATH	Patricia Quinn	Instructor	Fall 2009 Spring 2010	44.92/hr
Sports Physicals & Re-qualifications					
No.	Unit	Name	Description	Effective Dates	Rate of Pay
5.2	NUR	Marlene McKenna	Nurse	8/19/09	3.25 hrs. at \$35.11/hr
5.3	NUR	Catherine Adamcewicz	Nurse	8/19/09	3.25 hrs at \$15.00/hr
Supervision – MS					
No.	Unit	Name	Description	Effective Dates	Rate of Pay
5.4	SHHA	Carol Dow	PM Detention	2009-2010	\$30.47/hr
5.5	SHHA	Regina Connors	PM Detention	2009-2010	\$30.47/hr
Special Education – TIERS Training					
Funded through Special Education Grant					
No.	Unit	Name	Description	Effective Dates	Rate of Pay
5.6	ATH	Linda Kohan	Teacher Training	9/15 & 11/13/09 & 1/12/10	\$388.35/day
Special Education - State Education Department Self Review – Not to exceed 180 hours					
Funded through Special Education Grant					
No.	Unit	Name	Description	Effective Dates	Rate of Pay
5.7	ATH	TBD	Self Review	2009-2010	\$47.07/hr
New Teacher Mentoring Program					
Funded through Title IIA Grant					
No.	Unit	Name	Description	Effective Dates	Stipend
5.8	ATH	Heather Barfus	Mentor	2009-2010	\$750.00

5.9	ATH	Christina Bhasin	Mentor	2009-2010	\$750.00
5.10	ATH	Susan Busch	Mentor	2009-2010	\$750.00
5.11	ATH	Margaret Connors	Mentor	2009-2010	\$750.00
5.12	ATH	Peter Crugnale	Mentor	2009-2010	\$750.00
5.13	ATH	John Friia	Mentor	2009-2010	\$375.00
5.14	ATH	Jason Giachetti	Mentor	2009-2010	\$750.00
5.15	ATH	Silvia Gilbert	Mentor	2009-2010	\$750.00
5.16	ATH	Suzanne Giuliani	Mentor	2009-2010	\$750.00
5.17	ATH	Craig McKee	Mentor	2009-2010	\$750.00
5.18	ATH	Claude Masear	Mentor	2009-2010	\$750.00
5.19	ATH	Keith Meyers	Mentor	2009-2010	\$750.00
5.20	ATH	Patrice Monks	Mentor	2009-2010	\$750.00
5.21	ATH	Judith Paziienza	Mentor	2009-2010	\$750.00
5.22	ATH	Camille Tedeschi	Mentor	2009-2010	\$750.00
5.23	ATH	Allison VonVange	Mentor	2009-2010	\$750.00
5.24	ATH	Heather Weinstein	Mentor	2009-2010	\$750.00

Part Time Teachers at Superintendent's Conference Day

No.	Unit	Name	Description	Effective Dates	Rate of Pay
5.25	ATH	Christopher Vitiello	Full Time Equivalent	9/8/09	\$159.77
5.26	ATH	Matthew Perlongo	Full Time Equivalent	9/8/09	\$57.14
5.27	ATH	Linda Kohan	Full Time Equivalent	9/8/09	\$388.35
5.28	ATH	Gina Trigian Molvaut	Full Time Equivalent	9/8/09	\$81.02
5.29	ATH	Stephon Sair	Full Time Equivalent	9/8/09	\$23.99
5.30	ATH	Flora Lutsky	Full Time Equivalent	9/8/09	\$62.53
5.31	ATH	Robert Curtin	Full Time Equivalent	9/8/09	\$106.51
5.32	ATH	Deidre Mayer	Full Time Equivalent	9/8/09	\$181.93

Title IV-Safe and Drug Free/Peer Mediation

No.	Unit	Name	Description	Effective Dates	Rate of Pay
5.33	ATH	Bernadette Walsh	Coordinator	2009-2010	\$47.07
5.34	ATH	Casey Horowitz	Coordinator	2009-2010	\$47.07

Alternative High School

No.	Unit	Name	Description	Effective Dates	Rate of Pay
5.35	ATH	Frederick Bisogno	Social Studies	2009-2010	\$51.19/hr
5.36	ATH	Craig McKee	Science	2009-2010	\$51.19/hr
5.37	ATH	Anna Fabela	Science	2009-2010	\$51.19/hr
5.38	ATH	Lauren Thomas	Social Studies-Spring	2009-2010	\$51.19/hr
5.39	ATH	Peter Fusco	Social Studies-Fall	2009-2010	\$51.19/hr
5.40	ATH	Kelly Quintero	English	2009-2010	\$51.19/hr
5.41	ATH	Allison Collins	English	2009-2010	\$51.19/hr
5.42	ATH	Jordan Gould	Social Studies-Spring	2009-2010	\$51.19/hr

H. 6 Approve Salary Schedule Changes / Adjustments

No.	Name	School	From	To	Effective Date
6.1	Gene Acevedo	HS	Sch. I, Step 1 \$46,415.	Sch. II, Step 1 \$48,170.	9/1/09
6.2	Jessie Brennan	SD	Sch. II, Step 3 \$51,595.	Sch. III, Step 3 \$53,700.	9/1/09
6.3	Vincenza Caruso	WH	Sch. VII, Step 5 \$69,475.	Sch. VIII, Step 5 \$73,190.	9/1/09
6.4	Carol Coffey	JE	Sch. VI, Step 7 \$71,595.	Sch. VII, Step 7 \$74,345.	9/1/09

6.5	Mary M. deBruin	WH	Sch. VI, Step 11.5 \$82,610.	Sch. VII, Step 11.5 \$85,260.	9/1/09
6.6	Carol Emmerman	MS	Sch. VII, Step 4 \$67,055.	Sch. VIII, Step 4 \$70,795.	9/1/09
6.7	Brian Foster	JE	Sch. V, Step 8 \$71,720.	Sch. VI, Step 8 \$74,060.	9/1/09
6.8	Wendy Gallo	JE	Sch. IV, Step 5 \$62,010.	Sch. VI, Step 5 \$66,825.	9/1/09
6.9	Jason Giachetti	HS	Sch. V, Step 10 \$76,530.	Sch. VI, Step 10 \$78,875.	9/1/09
6.10	Suzanne Giuliani-Gimpel	FH	Sch. VI, Step 6.5 \$70,395.	Sch. VII, Step 6.5 \$73,140.	9/1/09
6.11	Claudia Gonzalez-Butler	JA	Sch. V, Step 7.5 \$70,505.	Sch. VI, Step 7.5 \$72,830.	9/1/09
6.12	James Graber	HS	Sch. VII, Step 10 \$81,600.	Sch. VIII, Step 10 \$85,520.	9/1/09
6.13	Helen Guarino	HS	Sch. VI, Step 6 \$69,195.	Sch. VII, Step 6 \$71,935.	9/1/09
6.14	Susan Hahn	WA	Sch. V, Step 4 \$61,650.	Sch. VII, Step 4 \$67,055.	9/1/09
6.15	Arlette Hall-Connolly	FH	Sch. V, Step 3 \$59,280.	Sch. VI, Step 3 \$61,965.	9/1/09
6.16	Casey Horowitz	HS	Sch. VI, Step 3 \$61,965.	Sch. VII, Step 3 \$64,715.	9/1/09
6.17	Kathryn Joseph	WA	Sch. IV, Step 5.5 \$63,220.	Sch. V, Step 5.5 \$65,455.	9/1/09
6.18	Terrance Judson	HS	Sch. VI, Step 10 \$78,875.	Sch. VII, Step 10 \$81,600.	9/1/09
6.19	Deborah Kim	MS	Sch. VI, Step 6 \$69,195.	Sch. VII, Step 6 \$71,935.	9/1/09
6.20	Krista Kozlosky	MS	Sch. VI, Step 6.5 \$70,395.	Sch. VII, Step 6.5 \$73,140.	9/1/09
6.21	Kenneth Krummenacher	HS	Sch. VII, Step 9 \$79,165.	Sch. VIII, Step 9 \$82,895.	9/1/09
6.22	Melissa Lang	WA	Sch. V, Step 6 \$66,840.	Sch. VI, Step 6 \$69,195.	9/1/09
6.23	Rosita Lanoue	JE	Sch. VII, Step 7 \$74,345.	Sch. VIII, Step 7 \$78,065.	9/1/09
6.24	Colleen Lanigan-Simko	WH	Sch. III, Step 6 \$60,130.	Sch. IV, Step 6 \$64,425.	9/1/09
6.25	Brendan McGowan	MS	Sch. IV, Step 14 \$84,125.	Sch. VI, Step 14 \$89,240.	9/1/09
6.26	Luz Marotta	JE	Sch. V, Step 6 \$66,840.	Sch. VI, Step 6 \$69,195.	9/1/09
6.27	Matthew Perlongo	MS	Sch. IV(.8) Step 2 \$44,052.	Sch. V (.8) Step 2 \$45,708.	9/1/09
6.28	Jennifer Poach	MS	Sch. VII, Step 5 \$69,475.	Sch. VIII, Step 5 \$73,190.	9/1/09
6.29	Patricia Quinn	MS	Sch. VI, Step 22.5 \$100,160.	Sch. VII, Step 22.5 \$102,845.	9/1/09
6.30	Marybeth Robinette	CO	Sch. VII, Step 27	Sch. VIII, Step 27	9/1/09

6.31	Christyn Roseto	WH	\$106,025. Sch. VI, Step 4.5	\$110,095. Sch. VII, Step 4.5	9/1/09
6.32	Allison Russo	HS	\$65,595. Sch. VI, Step 2	\$68,265. Sch. VII, Step 2	9/1/09
6.33	Christopher Scarnato	MS	\$59,840. Sch. VI, Step 6	\$62,525. Sch. VII, Step 6	9/1/09
6.34	Thomas Tantillo	MS	\$69,195. Sch. VII, Step 13	\$71,935. Sch. VIII, Step 13	9/1/09
6.35	Esmerelda Tello	MS	\$89,240. Sch. IV, Step 3.5	\$93,650. Sch. V, Step 3.5	9/1/09
6.36	Kristin Thatcher	WA	\$58,410. Sch. VII, Step 11	\$60,465. Sch. VIII, Step 11	9/1/09
6.37	Renee Troffa	JE	\$83,970. Sch. IV, Step 8	\$88,230. Sch. VI, Step 8	9/1/09
6.38	Maureen Yostpile	WA	\$69,290. Sch. IV, Step 8.5	\$74,060. Sch. V, Step 8.5	9/1/09
			\$70,505.	\$72,925.	

H. 7 Approve Changes / Adjustments to Probationary Period

Probationary						
No.	Unit	Name	Certification	From:	To:	Reason
7.1	ATH	Jennifer Glatzer	Initial/TESOL	12/9/10	2/10/11	LOA

H. 8 Approve Change in Assignment

No.	Unit	Name	Effective Dates	From	To
8.1	AMA	Vernay Harrison	2009-2010	WA/6.5hrs \$17.79/hr	HS/7hrs \$17.79/hr
8.2	AMA	Paula Blackwell	2009-2010	MS/7hrs \$17.79/hr	WA/6.5hrs \$17.79/hr
8.3	AMA	Juanita Turner	2009-2010	MS/7hrs \$17.79/hr	WH/6.5hrs \$17.79/hr
8.4	AMA	Linda Uliano	2009-2010	FH/6.5hrs \$17.79/hr	HS/7hrs \$17.79/hr

H. 9 Approve Substitutes

No.	Unit	Name	Assignment	Effective Dates	Rate of Pay
9.1	ATH	Mary Agramonte	Teacher	2009-2010	\$90./day
9.2	ATH	Samuel Austin	Teacher	2009-2010	\$90./day
9.3	ATH	Douglas Brussell	Teacher	2009-2010	\$90./day
9.4	ATH	Akira Byng	Teacher	2009-2010	\$90./day
9.5	ATH	Donna Hall	Teacher	2009-2010	\$90./day
9.6	ATH	Jamie Hall	Teacher	2009-2010	\$90./day
9.7	ATH	Jessica Kennaugh	Teacher	2009-2010	\$90./day
9.8	ATH	Jessica Lang	Teacher	2009-2010	\$90./day
9.9	ATH	Jacqueline Lennon	Teacher	2009-2010	\$90./day
9.10	ATH	Jason Miller	Teacher	2009-2010	\$90./day
9.11	ATH	Rosa Maria Napoli	Teacher	2009-2010	\$90./day
9.12	ATH	Catherine Renz	Teacher	2009-2010	\$90./day
9.13	ATH	Stephanie Rubin	Teacher	2009-2010	\$90./day
9.14	ATH	Savannah Puca	Teacher	2009-2010	\$90./day
9.15	ATH	Dore Schreiber	Teacher	2009-2010	\$90./day

9.16	ATH	Joann Whitcher	Teacher	2009-2010	\$90./day
9.17	ATH	Steven Widerman	Teacher	2009-2010	\$90./day
9.18	ATH	Elyse Zois	Teacher	2009-2010	\$90./day
9.19	AMA	Andrea Myssiorek	Aide	2009-2010	\$8.75/hr
9.20	AMA	Peggie Primm	Aide	2009-2010	\$8.75/hr
9.21	AMA	Lorraine Corbly	Aide	2009-2010	\$8.75/hr
9.22	FSW	Lisa Haas	Food Service	2009-2010	\$8.75/hr
9.23	SEC	Christopher Bamfo	Security	2009-2010	\$11.45/hr
9.24	ATH	Julie Wright	Teacher	2009-2010	\$90./day
9.25	CU	Lucyann DeChiaro	Clerical	2009-2010	\$10.50/hr
9.26	ATH	Joshua Baravariar	Teacher	2009-2010	\$90./day
9.27	FSW	Brenda Thompson	Food Service	2009-2010	\$8.75/hr

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

Contracts

The Summit School

A MOTION was made by Mr. Paci and seconded by Mrs. Brown to approve the contract with the Summit School for the 2009-2010 school year.

(See Attached)

MOTION carried.

Town of Huntington Equipment Loan Agreement – Speed Machine

A MOTION was made by Mr. Paci and seconded by Mrs. Brown to approve the Equipment Loan Agreement with the Town of Huntington for the Speed Machine for the 2009-2010 school year.

(See Attached)

MOTION carried.

Town of Huntington – Youth Court Agreement

A MOTION was made by Mr. Paci and seconded by Mrs. Brown to approve the contract with the Town of Huntington – Youth Court Agreement for the 2009-2010 school year.

(See Attached)

MOTION carried.

OMNI 403(b) Third Party Agreement

A MOTION was made by Mr. Paci and seconded by Mrs. Brown to approve the contract with OMNI for the 2009-2010 school year.

(See Attached)

MOTION carried.

MSG Varsity Network, LLC

A MOTION was made by Mr. Paci and seconded by Mrs. Brown to approve the contract with the MSG Varsity Network, LLC for the 2009-2010 school year.

(See Attached)

MOTION carried.

Approval of Bid Award

Mid-Island Salvage Corporation

A MOTION was made by Mr. Paci and seconded by Mrs. Brown to award the Surplus Equipment to this firm in the amount of \$59.55.

MOTION carried.

Acceptance of Donation

Special Education Parent Teachers Association (SEPTA)

A MOTION was made by Mr. Paci and seconded by Mrs. Brown to accept a donation of \$1,500 from SEPTA to be used for Yoga Training for Physical Education teachers.

MOTION carried.

Marc Saputo

A MOTION was made by Mr. Paci and seconded by Mrs. Brown to accept the following donation made by a parent, Mr. Saputo, valued at \$225.

Sony HI FI/CD Shelf System, model #MHCEC99i

MOTION carried.

School Lunch Start Up Cash

A MOTION was made by Mr. Paci and seconded by Mrs. Brown to provide \$600 for the School Lunch Program to be used as start up cash for the new school year.

MOTION carried.

Mileage Reimbursement

A MOTION was made by Mr. Paci and seconded by Mrs. Brown to approve reimbursement for mileage for the following employee:

Robert Curtain – Latin Teacher
Finley Middle School/Huntington High School

MOTION carried.

Impartial Hearing Officer

A MOTION was made by Mr. Paci and seconded by Mrs. Brown to approve Craig Tessler as hearing officer to preside over a hearing for student #22140.

MOTION carried.

Ruskin Moscou Faltischek P.C.

A MOTION was made by Mr. Paci and seconded by Mrs. Brown to approve the following Resolution.

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education retains the services of Ruskin Moscou Faltischek P.C. to advise the Board to develop long term strategies for addressing district space requirements in an amount not to exceed \$22,500.

MOTION carried.

Budget Transfers

A MOTION was made by Mr. Paci 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 several comments were made by residents, parents, and grandparents of students. These comments included concerns about the safety of the students at Abrams Intermediate School. One parent questioned where the financial incentive from Avalon Bay was being spent. She urged continued collaboration with the town and legislators to find a solution. Another parent commented that he was surprised moving the school was even a consideration. Comments were made about an e-mail sent out regarding this issue. Another comment was that no matter what schools our children are in we are together in this. Another parent felt strongly that she did not want to send her children to Abrams Intermediate. A comment was made that every voice needs to be heard including spouses of current board members. This speaker also indicated she wanted to hear the opinions of all the board members. Another parent indicated we need a long term plan and closing the school is an option that should be considered along with all other options. A parent described technology that is being used in Nassau County to pinpoint where a gunshot comes from and thought maybe we could use it here. There were several other comments made in regard to the safety of the children and suggestions were made such as open enrollment, proposing that parents could pick the school they want to send their child to.

Another comment was made in regard to the Earn and Learn Program, that there were problems with it.

A Washington parent was concerned about space at Washington Primary School.

CLOSING REMARKS BY BOARD MEMBERS

Mrs. Brown commented about the e-mail that was sent out in regard to safety at Abrams Intermediate School and she urged residents to put pressure on the county. She reassured those present that the board is working on it.

Mrs. Black indicated that she made a comment at the last board meeting about moving the children out of Abrams Intermediate. She believes this building should stay open and would never abandon this community.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A MOTION was made by Mr. Dwyer and seconded by Mrs. Rogan to go into Executive Session to discuss a personnel matter.

MOTION carried.

At 10:00 p.m. the Board of Education went into Executive Session.

ROLL CALL

There were present Board of Education Members: Dwyer, Rogan, Brown, McGrath, and Paci; Mrs. Black and Mrs. Bené were absent. (Mrs. Black left the meeting at 10:00 p.m.)

At 10:20 p.m. Mr. Dwyer reconvened the meeting.

Salary Change

A MOTION was made by Mrs. Brown and seconded by Mrs. Rogan to approve the following Resolution:

RESOLUTION

Administration recommends a salary change as enumerated in executive session effective for the 2009-2010 school year.

David H. Grackin \$177,256

MOTION carried.

ADJOURNMENT

A MOTION was made by Mr. McGrath and seconded by Mr. Paci to adjourn the meeting.

MOTION carried.

At 10:23 p.m. the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Elizabeth Troffa
District Clerk