

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

**February 8, 2010**

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of the Huntington Union Free School District was held on Monday, February 8, 2010 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, Benè, Brown, McGrath, Paci; John Sheahan; Superintendent Finello, Mr. Grackin, Dr. Giani, Dr. Card and Mrs. Troffa. Mrs. Black was absent.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

A MOTION was made by Mrs. Rogan and seconded by Mr. McGrath to go into Executive Session to discuss contract negotiations.

MOTION carried.

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

At 7:52 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 January 25, 2010.

MOTION carried.

**APPROVAL OF TREASURER’S REPORT**

A MOTION was made by Mrs. Brown and seconded by Mrs. Rogan to approve the Treasurer’s Report as of December 31, 2009.

MOTION carried.

The following reports were presented For Information Only:

- Revenue Status Report as of December 31, 2009
- Expenditure Reports as of January 31, 2010
  - a. General Fund
  - b. School Lunch
  - c. Special Aid Fund

**APPROVAL OF WARRANTS**

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

<b>JANUARY WARRANTS</b>	
GENERAL ADVANCED WARRANT	5,948,325.41
GENERAL FUND WARRANT 1/6/10	886,358.95
GENERAL FUND WARRANT 1/20/10	\$3,041,156.29
SCHOOL LUNCH ADVANCED WARRANT	62,450.12
SCHOOL LUNCH WARRANT 1/6/10	406.48
SCHOOL LUNCH WARRANT 1/20/10	57,734.65
SPECIAL AID ADVANCED WARRANT	154,454.08
SPECIAL AID WARRANT 1/6/10	20,072.34
SPECIAL AID WARRANT 1/20/10	17,438.79
WORKERS COMP WARRANT 1/8/10	28,083.91
WORKERS COMP WARRANT 1/22/10	30,791.08
CAPITAL RESERVE HJ 1/6/10	194.51
CAPITAL RESERVE HJ 1/20/10	153.17
NEW RENOVATIONS HK 1/6/10	48,008.50
NEW RENOVATIONS HK 1/20/10	13.45
T & A JANUARY WARRANT	5,832,781.51
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>16,128,423.24</b>

MOTION carried.

**COMMUNICATIONS & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Mrs. Brown attended Playfest on Saturday night February 6, 2010 at Huntington High School. She acknowledged a couple of the students who were in the audience and praised them for their creativity and their performances. Mrs. Rogan attended 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Orientation at the High School on February 4<sup>th</sup>. She indicated it was very organized and well publicized and thanked everybody involved.

Mr. Dwyer attended a meeting of the Huntington Station Action Coalition that included Supervisor Petrone and members of all the six sub-committees. Supervisor Petrone took all the information from the sub-committees and put together a draft report. The final report will be available in March.

### **PUBLIC COMMENTARY**

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

A parent and resident thanked the Board of Education for the decision to follow through with 300 Nassau Road but said Jack Abrams Intermediate still has safety issues.

A parent and resident read a statement regarding 300 Nassau Road and the presentation made by the architects at the previous board meeting.

Mrs. Evers, Principal of Jefferson Primary School, thanked Bobby and Amy Oliva, owners of Joanina's Restaurant and Laura Fischer, all Huntington graduates who hosted a fundraiser to benefit Jefferson Primary School. Mrs. Oliva then addressed the Board of Education and presented a check in the amount of \$4,800. The Board of Education expressed their gratitude.

### **ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION/ACTION**

#### Humanities Course Proposals

Dr. Card presented the courses below for approval by the Board of Education. These courses were approved by the District Educational Development Committee (EDC). Discussion followed and Dr. Card answered questions.

- *The African-American Experience: History, Politics and Literature – Exclusion and Participation in Government*
- *United States Military History*

A MOTION was made by Mrs. Rogan and seconded by Mrs. Brown to approve the courses as described in the attached documentation.

(See Attached)

MOTION carried.

Shared Decision Making Plan

Dr. Card explained that every two years the Board of Education must re-certify this plan. He explained the purpose across the district and the benefits. Mrs. Bené explained that from her experience these committees are invaluable to the schools. Principals, teachers, and PTA members comprise the committees in each of the schools. Discussion followed.

A MOTION was made by Mrs. Bené and seconded by Mrs. Brown to re-certify the Shared Decision Making Plan.

MOTION carried.

Paperless Communication

Mr. Dwyer indicated that the Connect Ed system of posting notices has been well used by the different schools and everyone seems to like it. He brought up the idea of using Twitter as an additional way of communicating. Discussion followed.

**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	
24657	27294		27708	27466
27524	27209		27452	27753
27570	22334		27434	27756
27522	21793		27438	27757
24474	24706		27755	27277
27547	24924		27521	27309
27288	27738		27758	27647
24272	21744		27450	27769
24685	25140			

MOTION carried.

**PERSONNEL**

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

**H. 1 Approve Resignations / Leaves of Absence**

<b>Resignations</b>					
No.	Unit	Name	Assignment	Effective Date	Reason
1.1	ATH	Corinne D'Andrea	MS/Math	Close of Business 6/30/10	Family
1.2	AMA	Olga Yearby	JE	2/5/10	Education
<b>Leave of Absence</b>					
No.	Unit	Name	Assignment	Effective Dates	Reason
1.3	ATH	Nicole Lynch	JA/Music	2010/2011	Child Care
1.4	ATH	Nadine Araoz	HS	9/1/10 -1/31/11	Child Care
<i>Ms. Araoz was previously approved for 9/1/10 – 1/20/11</i>					

**H. 2 Approve Long Term Substitutes**

No.	Unit	Name	Assignment	Effective Dates	Salary	Replacing
2.1	ATH	Julie Wright	HS/Art	2/1/10-6/30/10	Sch. IV Step 2 \$55,065.	L. Costello
<i>J. Wright was previously approved as LTS for L. Costello eff. 10/1/09-1/29/10</i>						
2.2	ATH	Melissa Munno	MS/Sp. Ed.	2/22/10-6/30/10	Sch. 6 Step 1 \$59,180.	N. Mulholland

**H. 3 Approve Additional Work**

<b>After School Support Program for ELA &amp; Math - WA</b>					
No.	Unit	Name	Description	Effective Dates	Rate of Pay
3.1	ATH	Lisa Karasik	Sub-Teacher	1/6/10-4/22/10	\$48.01/hr
<b>After School Support Program for ELA &amp; Math - WH</b>					
No.	Unit	Name	Description	Effective Dates	Rate of Pay
3.2	ATH	Mary Grever	Sub-Teacher	1/6/10-4/22/10	\$48.01/hr
<b>Alternative High School</b>					
No.	Unit	Name	Description	Effective Dates	Rate of Pay
3.3	ATH	Anthony Troffa	Special Ed	2009-2010	\$52.21/hr
3.4	ATH	Helen Guarino	English	2009-2010	\$52.21/hr
<b>Homework Help Program – JA</b> Funded through Title I Grant					
No.	Unit	Name	Description	Effective Dates	Rate of Pay
3.5	ATH	Angela Turner	Sub-Teacher	2009-2010	\$48.01/hr
<b>Kindergarten Registration – 6 days</b>					
No.	Unit	Name	Description	Effective Dates	Rate of Pay
3.6	NUR	Patricia Forde	Screenings	3/16/10-4/8/10	\$31.57/hr
3.7	NUR	Judith Maier	Screenings	3/16/10-4/8/10	\$30.82/hr
3.8	NUR	Rita Barry	Screenings	3/16/10-4/8/10	\$36.13/hr
3.9	NUR	Marlene McKenna	Screenings	3/16/10-4/8/10	\$35.11/hr
<b>Sports Physicals &amp; Requalifications/Spring</b>					
No.	Unit	Name	Description	Effective Dates	Rate of Pay
3.10	NUR	Connie DeGrassi	Nurse	3/2/10-3/8/10	\$44.47/hr

3.11	NUR	Jacqueline Silvers	Screenings	3/2/10-3/8/10	\$25.52/hr
<b>After School Support Program for ELA &amp; Math - JE</b>					
No.	Unit	Name	Description	Effective Dates	Rate of Pay
3.12	AMA	Janet Bellack	Sub-Aide	1/6/10-4/22/10	\$19.41/hr

**H.4 Approve Changes in Assignment**

No.	Unit	Name	Effective Dates	From	To
4.1	ATH	Allison Collins	1/11/10 – 6/30/10	Part Time English (.6) Sch. IV Step 7 \$40,905.	Full Time English Sch. IV Step 7 \$68,175.
<i>Ms. Collins will be teaching an additional .4 for M. Baron</i>					
4.2	AMA	Junette Gunter	1/26/10	FH/3 hr. monitor \$11.90/hr	FH/3 hr. aide \$12.59/hr

**H.5 Approve Stipend Corrections**

<b>Clubs - WH</b>				
No.	Name	Description	From	To
5.1	Todd Hiscox	Drama Director	\$1,500.	\$1,561.
5.2	Amanda Shimkin	Drama Asst. Director	\$1,036.	\$1,077.
<b>Coaching</b>				
No.	Name	Description	From	To
5.3	Michael Marinello	Varsity Golf/Fall	\$5,462.	\$5,985.
<b>Coordinators</b>				
No.	Name	Description	From	To
5.4	Kelly Quintero	Humanities Coord.9-12	\$8,418.	\$8,448.
5.5	Brendan McGowan	Humanities Coord. 7-8	\$4,392.	\$4,608.
5.6	Katie McCourt	Special Ed. Coord.9-12	\$6,588.	\$7,296.

**H.6 Approve Changes / Adjustments to Probationary Period**

<b>Probationary</b>						
No.	Unit	Name	Certification	From:	To:	Reason
6.1	ATH	Christina Droskoski	Reading	9/1/10	10/4/10	Return from LOA

**H.7 Approve Substitutes**

No.	Unit	Name	Assignment	Effective Dates	Rate of Pay
7.1	ATH	Joyce Duffy	Teacher	2009-2010	\$90./day
7.2	ATH	John Feraco	Teacher	2009-2010	\$90./day
7.3	ATH	Colleen Fowler	Teacher	2009-2010	\$90./day
7.4	ATH	Meghan Jost	Teacher	2009-2010	\$90./day
7.5	ATH	Martha Renderos	Teacher	2009-2010	\$90./day
7.6	NC	Matthew Harris	Stage Manager	2009-2010	\$31.08/hr

**H.8 Approve Extra Duty Assignments**

<b>Coaching</b>			
No.	Name	Description	Stipend

8.1	DELETE Kenneth Krummenacker	MS Coach Boys Track/Spring	Step 3 \$3,773.
8.2	DELETE Richard Agnello	MS Asst. Coach Boys Track/Spring	Step 2 \$3,491.
8.3	Timothy Madden	MS Coach Boys Track/Spring	Step 4 \$4,400.

MOTION carried.

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

**LEGEND**

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**

Glen Cove City School District

A MOTION was made by Mr. McGrath and seconded by Mrs. Rogan to approve the contract for the 2009-2010 school year.

(See Attached)

MOTION carried.

Bethpage Union Free School District

A MOTION was made by Mr. McGrath and seconded by Mrs. Rogan to approve the contract for the 2009-2010 school year.

(See Attached)

MOTION carried.

South Oaks Comprehensive Behavioral Health Continuum

A MOTION was made by Mr. McGrath and seconded by Mrs. Rogan to approve the contract for the 2009-2010 school year.

(See Attached)

MOTION carried.

Bilinguals, Inc.

A MOTION was made by Mr. McGrath and seconded by Mrs. Rogan to approve the contract for the 2009-2010 school year. This contract includes Kindergarten Screening days.

(See Attached)

MOTION carried.

Joann Kavanagh – Addendum

A MOTION was made by Mr. McGrath and seconded by Mrs. Rogan to approve the contract for the 2009-2010 school year.

(See Attached)

MOTION carried.

**Approval of Town of Huntington Emergency Communication Preparedness Network**

Mutualink, Inc.

A MOTION was made by Mr. McGrath and seconded by Mrs. Rogan to approve the contract for a six-month period at no cost to the district. There was some discussion and Mr. Grackin answered questions.

(See Attached)

MOTION carried.

**Approval of Scholarship Fund**

Kathy DeGelleke

A MOTION was made by Mr. McGrath and seconded by Mrs. Rogan to approve the creation of a new scholarship fund to be called “The October Dawn Special Education Scholarship in Memory of Kathryn A. DeGelleke.”

(See Attached)

MOTION carried.

**Acceptance of Donations**

Kustera Family

A MOTION was made by Mr. McGrath and seconded by Mrs. Rogan to accept a donation of \$2,268 from the Kustera family. This very generous donation will be used to purchase a new Smart Board and projector for Flower Hill Primary School. Please increase budget code A2110-200-02-0108 by \$1,438 and A2110-450-02-0108 by \$830 and Revenues – Donations A2705 by \$2,268.

MOTION carried.

**Approval of Disposal of Equipment**



A MOTION was made by Mr. McGrath and seconded by Mrs. Rogan to place the equipment listed below on the Surplus Bid list to be disposed of. This equipment is no longer used by the Library at Huntington High School:

- 3M Microfilm Reader Printer – Model 275BGZ
- 3M Microfiche Reader Printer-Model 275CG
- Bell & Howell Ringmaster Projector
- Dukane Sound Filmstrip Projector
- Lexmark Dot Matrix Printer
- IBM 433 DX/S
- IBM Keyboard
- Card Catalog

MOTION carried.

**Approval of Stipulation of Settlement**

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

RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby approves the Settlement Agreement with the employee named in the attached Confidential Schedule “A”, and authorizes the Board President to execute same;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, upon the recommendaiton of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby accepts the irrevocable letter of resignation submitted by the aforementioned employee, effective at the close of business on June 30, 2010.

MOTION carried.

**Extension of Transportation Contract**

Huntington Coach Corporation/Roy K. Davis

A MOTION was made by Mr. McGrath and seconded by Mrs. Rogan to approve an Extension of the Contracts for Large Buses, Vans, and Field and Athletic Trips with Huntington Coach Corporation/Roy K. Davis at the May Consumer Price Index (CPI).

(See Attached)

MOTION carried.

**CLOSING REMARKS BY BOARD MEMBERS**

Mrs. Rogan thanked the Kustera family for their very generous individual donation.

Mrs. Brown indicated that she was absent from the Board meeting of January 25<sup>th</sup>, but she wanted it on record that she is not in favor of closing Jack Abrams Intermediate School.

Mrs. Rogan read a letter from the Harvard College Schools Committee of Long Island thanking the high school for hosting the Harvard Interviews on January 9, 2010. The letter expressed gratitude to the Guidance Department staff for their professionalism.

Mrs. Brown brought up the topic of student proclamations or celebratory introductions of students. This topic was discussed at a board meeting last year. The purpose would be to acknowledge individual student achievement in various areas. The Board would need to reach out to teachers, directors and principals to help in identifying students. Mr. Finello asked for board members to assist in this endeavor. Mrs. Brown and Mrs. Bené volunteered.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

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

MOTION carried.

At 8:29 p.m. the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Elizabeth Troffa  
District Clerk