

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

December 6, 2010

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of the Huntington Union Free School District was held on Monday, December 6, 2010 at Jack Abrams 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, Paci, Benè, Brown, McGrath, Rogan; Christopher Guercio, Esq., 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 Mrs. Brown to go into Executive Session to discuss contract negotiations.

MOTION carried.

At 7:30 p.m. Mr. Dwyer reconvened the meeting.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mr. Dwyer led the Board of Education and those 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 November 15, 2010.

		Mrs. Brown
		Mr. Dwyer
		Mr. Paci
		Mrs. Rogan
NOES:	0	0
ABSTAIN:	1	Mr. McGrath

Mr. McGrath was absent from the board meeting of November 15, 2010 and therefore abstained from voting.

MOTION carried 5-0.

APPROVAL OF TREASURER’S REPORT

A MOTION was made by Mr. Paci and seconded by Mrs. Bené to approve the Treasurer’s Report as of October 31, 2010.

MOTION carried 6-0.

FINANCIAL REPORTS

The following reports were presented For Information Only:

- Revenue Status Report as of October 31, 2010
- Expenditure Reports as of November 30, 2010
 - a. General Fund
 - b. School Lunch
 - c. Special Aid Fund

APPROVAL OF WARRANTS

A MOTION was made by Mrs. Bené and seconded by Mr. Paci to approve the following Warrants:

November Warrants	
GENERAL ADVANCED WARRANT	\$5,038,710.98
GENERAL FUND WARRANT 11/10/10	\$342,795.32
GENERAL FUND WARRANT 11/23/10	\$2,691,250.92
SCHOOL LUNCH ADVANCE WARRANT	\$60,320.75
SCHOOL LUNCH WARRANT 11/10/10	\$1,322.80
SCHOOL LUNCH WARRANT 11/23/10	\$16,178.27
SPECIAL AID ADVANCED WARRANT	\$145,044.37
SPECIAL AID WARRANT 11/10/10	\$30,397.16
SPECIAL AID WARRANT 11/23/10	\$11,374.77
WORKERS COMP WARRANT 11/12/10	\$16,676.97

WORKERS COMP WARRANT 11/23/10	\$17,441.62
CAPITAL PROJECTS WARRANT HC 11/10/10	\$128.58
CAPITAL PROJECTS WARRANT HI 11/10/10	\$786.97
CAPITAL PROJECTS WARRANT HI 11/23/10	\$131.27
T & A NOVEMBER WARRANT	\$5,937,432.39
TOTALS	\$14,309,993.14

MOTION carried 6-0.

COMMUNICATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. Finello reported about the sad news of the sudden passing of Robert Potter, an art teacher at Huntington High School. Mr. Finello described what an inspiration Mr. Potter had been to his students and the great loss his passing is to his family and school community. He also indicated that there are several fundraisers planned to raise money for the education of his daughter.

2011 Prudential Spirit of Community Awards

Kitty Klein, Director of Guidance, introduced the students who were the recipients of this award that acknowledges the contributions of students to school and the community.

Elementary Math Scholars

Mary Ann Daly, Coordinator of the SEARCH Program, introduced the Elementary Math Scholars and asked them to come up to be acknowledged. Mrs. Daly explained the commitment, dedication and work ethic of these students and what an honor it is to be recommended for this program.

The students who were recognized for their achievements were asked to come up and have a picture taken with the Board of Education.

Update – Superintendent Search

Mr. Dwyer gave an update about the Superintendent Search. He reported that an ad has been placed in the New York Times and 332 surveys have already been completed both in English and Spanish. The survey will remain open through December 31st.

Holiday Dinner

Mr. Dwyer and Mr. Finello attended the Western Suffolk BOCES Holiday Dinner at Wilson Tech. The meal is prepared by the students in the Culinary Program.

Agenda Item

Mrs. Rogan asked that the Suffolk County Police Department be invited to attend the next board meeting and give an update on what has been going on in the community. Mrs. Rogan asked that this be put on the agenda.

PUBLIC COMMENTARY

Members of the community were given the opportunity to address the Board of Education on items on the agenda.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION/ACTION

Budget Projections 2011-2012

Mr. Finello began the budget discussion by indicating that Central Administration will be asking for guidance from the board as to the range of tax rate increase that will be targeted during the budget process.

Mr. Grackin presented several scenarios from 2 percent to 4 percent tax rate increases. He indicated that ARRA funding is ending on July 1, 2011, state aid will either stay the same or decrease, and assessed value went down this year. This translates into a 7.25 percent tax rate increase for a continuation budget. Discussion followed. The Board of Education asked Administration to target a 2 percent tax rate increase.

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
25157	23902	27933	27936
27408	25109	27928	27788
27360	27432	25142	27934
27667	23957	27356	27798
27613	27782	27649	27863
27814	24685		27937
27384	24347		27777
27309	27664		27804
27541	24017		27665
27267	27918		27861
24990	27350		27935
27317	23995		
24059	24067		
27553	21985		

27604	21060		
27322	27786		

MOTION carried 6-0.

PERSONNEL

On the recommendation of the Superintendent a MOTION was made by Mrs. Rogan and seconded by Mr. McGrath to approve the following changes in personnel H.1, H.2, and H.4 through H.8.

MOTION carried 6-0.

A MOTION was made by Mrs. Rogan and seconded by Mrs. Brown to approve the following changes in personnel H.3.4.

AYES:	5	Mrs. Brown
		Mr. Dwyer
		Mr. McGrath
		Mr. Paci
		Mrs. Rogan
NOES:	0	0
ABSTAIN:	1	Mrs. Bené

Mrs. Bené recused herself because this is her daughter.

Motion carried 5-0.

A MOTION was made by Mrs. Rogan and seconded by Mrs. Bené to approve the following changes in personnel H.3, Items 1 through 3.

MOTION carried 6-0.

H. 1 Approve Retirement/Leave of Absence/Return from Leave of Absence

Retirement					
No.	Unit	Name	Assignment	Effective Dates	Award
1.1	NC	Joan Esposito	Secretary to the Superintendent	Close of business 3/11/11	Not to exceed incentive \$3500.00
Leave of Absence					
No.	Unit	Name	Assignment	Effective Dates	Reason
1.2	ATH	Adrienne DiMaggio	WA/Sp.Ed.	12/23/10-3/25/11 approx.	FMLA
Return of Leave of Absence					
No.	Unit	Name	Assignment	Effective Dates	Reason
1.3	ATH	William Byrne	HS/SS	12/6/10	End of Military Tour

H. 2 Approve Non-Instructional New Hires

Part-time						
No	Unit	Name	Assignment	Effective Dates	Salary	Replacing
2.1	AMA	Debra Smith	3 hr. Monitor/FH	12/7/10	\$11.90/hr	W. Voyages

H. 3 Approve Long-Term Substitutes

Full-time						
No.	Unit	Name	Assignment	Effective Dates	Salary	Replacing
3.1	ATH	Catherine Alexander	FH/Elem.	11/29/10-4/5/11 approx.	1-20 days/\$90. 21-30 days/\$105. 31+days/\$301.82 Sch. VI Step 1 \$60,365.00	K. Kopf
3.2	ATH	Dana Francis	HS/Science	12/7/10-4/15/11 approx.	1-20 days/\$90. 21-30 days/\$105. 31+days/\$277.02 Sch. IV Step 1 \$55,405.00	J. Altavilla
3.3	ATH	Denise Novello	WA/Sp. Ed.	10/28/10- 3/25/11 approx.	1-20 days/\$90. 21-30 days/\$105. 31+days/\$287.63 Sch. V Step 1 \$57,525.00	A. DiMaggio
<i>Ms. Novello was previously appointed through 1/3/11</i>						
3.4	ATH	Brooke Bene	SD/Elem	12/17/10 approx.-2/17/11 approx.	1-20 days/\$90. 21-30 days/\$105. 31+days/\$241.45 Sch. 1 Step 1 \$48,290.00	T. Kelly

H. 4 Approve Extra Duty Assignments

Clubs-MS			
No.	Name	Description	Stipend
4.1	Karen Braun	Asst. Director Drama/Musical	\$2,509.00

H. 5 Approve Additional Work

English Regents – Up to 3 hours					
No.	Unit	Name	Description	Effective Dates	Rate of Pay
5.1	ATH	Aimee Antorino	Scoring	1/11/11	\$48.97/hr
5.2	ATH	Gina Colica	Scoring	1/11/11	\$48.97/hr
5.3	ATH	Roy Dumar	Scoring	1/11/11	\$48.97/hr
5.4	ATH	Helen Guarino	Scoring	1/11/11	\$48.97/hr
5.5	ATH	Kenneth Krummenacker	Scoring	1/11/11	\$48.97/hr
5.6	ATH	Kelly Kaiser	Scoring	1/11/11	\$48.97/hr

5.7	ATH	Victoria Lombardi	Scoring	1/11/11	\$48.97/hr
5.8	ATH	John Pagano	Scoring	1/11/11	\$48.97/hr
5.9	ATH	Kelly Quintero	Scoring	1/11/11	\$48.97/hr
5.10	ATH	Michael Schwendemann	Scoring	1/11/11	\$48.97/hr
Parent-Teacher Conference					
No.	Unit	Name	Description	Effective Date	Rate of Pay
5.11	ATH	Thomas Graziano	Parent Conference	12/9/10	\$48.97/hr
5.12	ATH	Angela Rogan	Parent Conference	12/9/10	\$48.97/hr
Curriculum/Assessment Writing-English Language Arts Funded through Grant/Race to the Top					
No.	Unit	Name	Description	Effective Date	Rate of Pay
5.13	ATH	Angela Berner	Project Leader	2010-2011	Up to 4 hours \$48.97/hr
5.14	ATH	Maria Lanzot	Develop Assessments	2010-2011	Up to 4 hours \$48.97/hr
5.15	ATH	Allison Daly-Muradyan	Develop Assessments	2010-2011	Up to 4 hours \$48.97/hr
5.16	ATH	Karen Grasso	Develop Assessments	2010-2011	Up to 4 hours \$48.97/hr
5.17	ATH	Donnamarie O'Shaughnessy	Develop Assessments	2010-2011	Up to 4 hours \$48.97/hr
Saturday Academy Funded through Title III Grant					
No.	Unit	Name	Description	Effective Date	Rate of Pay
5.18	DSPA	Carmen Kasper	Administrator	2010-2011	\$5,500.00
Professional Development Funded through Title IIA Grant					
No.	Unit	Name	Description	Effective Date	Rate of Pay
5.19	ATH	Angela Berner	Treasures	2010-2011	Up to 20 hours \$48.97/hr
Supervision - Athletics					
No.	Unit	Name	Description	Effective Date	Rate of Pay
5.20	N/A	Glenn Rodriguez	Supervision	2010-2011	\$31.70/hr
5.21	N/A	Julie Arceri	Supervision	2010-2011	\$31.70/hr
5.22	N/A	Mark Boyd	Supervision	2010-2011	\$31.70/hr

H. 6 Approve Change in Assignment

No.	Unit	Name	Effective Dates	From	To
6.1	AMA	Penny Brown	12/7/10	Food Service Worker/FH \$10.80/hr	6.5 Aide/FH \$14.30/hr

H. 7 Approve Substitutes

No.	Unit	Name	Assignment	Effective Dates	Rate of Pay
7.1	ATH	Michael Fabio	Teacher	2010-2011	\$90./day
7.2	ATH	Jennifer Montoya	Teacher	2010-2011	\$90./day
7.3	ATH	Laurel Uvena	Teacher	2010-2011	\$90./day
7.4	AMA	Elizabeth Fiore	Aide	2010-2011	\$9.00/hr
7.5	NUR	Susan Painter	Nurse	2010-2011	\$105./day
7.6	ATH	Thomas Graziano	Teacher	2010-2011	\$90./day

H. 8 Approve Instructional New Hires

Probationary							
No.	Unit	Name	Assignment	Certification/Tenure	Effective Dates	Salary	Replacing
8.1	ATH	Devin Auricchio	HS/Art	Visual Arts Initial/ Art	9/1/10-9/1/13	\$48,290.00 Sch. I Step 1	R. Potter
<i>Ms. Auricchio was previously appointed a LTS for the 2010-2011 school year</i>							
8.2	NC	Kenneth Card	Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum & Instruction	SDA,SAS/ Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum & Instruction	8/25/09-8/25/12	\$160,000.00	B. Lacey
<i>Dr. Card was appointed Acting Asst. Superintendent for Curriculum & Instruction on 8/25/09</i>							
End of Leave of Absence							
No	Unit	Name	Assignment	Effective Dates	Reason		
8.3	DSPA	Kenneth Card	WH/Principal	12/7/10	From Acting Asst. Superintendent for Curriculum & Instruction to Probationary		

Buildings	Units
HS = Huntington High School	DW = District-wide
MS = Finley Middle School	CO = Central Office
JA = Jack Abrams Intermediate	NC = Non Contractual
WH = Woodhull Intermediate	STU = Student Worker
FH = Flower Hill Primary	AMA = Aides and Monitors
SD = Southdown Primary	DSPA = District Supervisors and Principals Assoc
JE = Jefferson Primary	HCA = Chairpersons
WA = Washington Primary	
	SHHA = Study Hall and Hallway Assistants
	B & G = Buildings & Grounds
	FSW = Food Service Workers
	SEC = Security
	NUR = Nurses
	CU = Clerical

BUSINESS ITEMS

Contracts

A MOTION was made by Mrs. Brown and seconded by Mrs. Bené to approve the following contracts for the 2010-2011 school year:

(See attached)

1. Marcia E. Jensen, Ph.D.
2. Stony Brook University

MOTION carried 6-0.

Approval of Overnight Field Trips

A MOTION was made by Mrs. Brown and seconded by Mrs. Bené to approve the overnight field trips listed below (See attached):

1. Greenkill
2. All State Music Conference-Rochester, New York

MOTION carried 6-0.

Acceptance of Donations

KBC Financial Products

A MOTION was made by Mrs. Brown and seconded by Mrs. Bené to accept the items listed below from KBC Financial Products:

- 4 tables with wheels
- 2 ceiling-mount projector screens
- 19 chairs
- 18 tables with detachable metal legs
- 4' round table – wood with wood top and glass topper
- 8' folding table
- Boxes of staplers, tape dispensers, and hole punchers
- Box of computer keyboards

MOTION carried 6-0.

Jean Hegler

A MOTION was made by Mrs. Brown and seconded by Mrs. Bené to accept the donation of sixteen Pentium 4 computers from Jean Hegler.

MOTION carried 6-0.

Approval of Mileage Reimbursement

A MOTION was made by Mrs. Brown and seconded by Mrs. Bené to approve placing the following employees on the Mileage Reimbursement List.

Tina Cantulpo	Security
Margaret Creighton	Central Administration
Maureen Vogel	Central Administration

MOTION carried 6-0.

Approval of Budget Transfers

A MOTION was made by Mrs. Brown and seconded by Mrs. Bené to approve the attached budget transfers.

(See attached)

MOTION carried 6-0.

PUBLIC COMMENTARY

Members of the community were given the opportunity to address the Board of Education on any items of interest.

Mrs. Fehrs, PTA Council President, accompanied by PTA Presidents, read a statement addressed to the Board of Education regarding an opinion survey. (See attached).

CLOSING REMARKS BY BOARD MEMBERS

Mrs. Brown thanked KBC and Jean Hegler for their donations to the school district.

Mr. Dwyer announced that Dr. Card is no longer “Acting Assistant Superintendent” for Curriculum and Instruction and that tonight’s agenda ended his leave of absence from his former position. He is now “Assistant Superintendent.” Dr. Card was acknowledged by applause.

Mrs. Bené reminded the public that the Superintendent Search survey is available on the district website and there is a comments section in it which could be used to express comments to the Board.

There was discussion about the Long Range Planning Committee meeting on December 14, 2010 and the 5-Year Capital Plan.

ADJOURNMENT

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

MOTION carried 6-0.

At 9:00 p.m. the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Elizabeth Troffa
District Clerk