

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

January 3, 2011

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of the Huntington Union Free School District was held on Monday, January 3, 2011 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, Black, Brown, McGrath, Rogan; Barbara Aloe, Esq., Vicki Mingin, Superintendent Finello, Mr. Grackin, Dr. Giani, Dr. Card and Mrs. Troffa.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A MOTION was made by Mrs. Rogan and seconded by Mrs. Brown to go into Executive Session to discuss an Impartial Hearing Request.

MOTION carried.

At 7:35 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 Mr. McGrath to approve the Minutes of the Board of Education Meeting of December 6, 2010.

MOTION carried 7-0.

COMMUNICATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mrs. Rogan announced the Health Advisory Committee is selling water bottles to raise money to support projects they are working on.

Mrs. Bené announced that one of our students, Adam Cerini, received a perfect score on the ACT test. She wanted to acknowledge this achievement.

Mrs. Bené thanked everyone who participated in the Superintendent Search survey. She indicated there were 430 participants. The Board appreciates the comments that were made and will take them under consideration.

Mr. McGrath attended a summit entitled *Vision Long Island* on November 24, 2010. The general purpose of the summit was to discuss particular projects including Avalon Bay. Mr. McGrath was authorized by the Board of Education to attend and explain the Board's point of view in regard to Avalon Bay.

On December 15, 2010 Mr. Dwyer and Jarrett Stein attended a meeting with Steve Israel's office and representatives from the FBI. This meeting was requested by Mr. Dwyer. Mr. Israel attended by video conference from Washington D.C. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss funding that Mr. Israel was trying to get for Long Island and to get an update from the FBI as to what they are doing in this area. The FBI agreed to attend the next board meeting. Mr. Israel indicated that he is working with the Justice Department and the Education Department to try to identify money that we can access through grants. He suggested that the Board of Education send a small contingent to lobby in Washington. This will be an additional item in the agenda section *Items for Discussion/Action* this evening.

Mrs. Rogan announced that eight varsity athletic teams at Huntington High School have earned the New York State Public High School Athletic Association Scholar-Athlete status. She congratulated the recipients and announced their names.

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

Suffolk County Police Update

Chief Robert Moore, Inspector Brady and Officer Drew Fiorello of the Suffolk County Police Department were present. Chief Moore began the discussion indicating that there has been much

progress due to the very innovative programs that were used in this area. He gave statistics regarding crime and there was extensive discussion with the Board of Education. Inspector Brady and Officer Fiorello also answered questions and were part of the discussion.

2011-2012 Budget Update

Mr. Finello indicated that central administration had collected data from the various budget managers, this information would be examined and the budget would be developed according to the direction from the Board at a 2 percent rate increase. Mr. Finello discussed the impact that Governor Cuomo's plans will have on the district. He also discussed mid-year cuts as that was brought up at the last board meeting. Mr. Grackin discussed mid-year cuts in detail, fund balance and unemployment insurance.

Dr. Giani handed out Enrollment Reports. Some discussion followed regarding class size.

2011-2012 School Calendar

A MOTION was made by Mrs. Black and seconded by Mr. McGrath to approve the 2011-2012 school calendar.

MOTION carried 7-0.

Long Range Facilities Planning Committee Report

Mr. Paci and Mrs. Bené attended the final Long Range Facilities Planning Committee meeting. Mrs. Bené reported that the committee had worked very hard and had come up with a recommendation which she shared with the Board. That recommendation is K-3 at the primary buildings, grades 4 and 5 at Jack Abrams School, and grade 6 and Administration at Woodhull Intermediate School. Mrs. Bené discussed a bond that would have to be presented to the voters. The Committee indicated that they would like to meet again to continue to discuss this and to discuss specifics in each building that could bring the amount of a possible bond down. Discussion followed.

Huntington Housing Authority Lowndes Avenue RFP

Mr. McGrath advised the Board that the town wants to build 46 low income housing units on Route 110 and Lowndes Avenue. Mr. McGrath became aware of this by reading it in the legal notices of the Long Islander. He discussed that the school district received an official notice last week but the date of the Zoning Board meeting was different than the date on the legal notice in the newspaper and he would look into this. Mr. McGrath gave a history of the low income housing that has already occurred in this area beginning in the 1960's when commercial buildings were knocked down to make way for the low income units. Mr. McGrath indicated that variances for high density housing would need to be approved by the Huntington Town Zoning Board Association. Discussion followed.

A MOTION was made by Mr. Dwyer and seconded by Mr. McGrath that the Board of Education’s formed opinion is to oppose the proposed zoning variances to accommodate the high density development proposed for the corner of Lowndes Avenue and Route 110 and authorizes the Board President to formalize this opinion in a letter to the head of the Huntington Zoning Board Association.

MOTION carried 7-0.

CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION

Appointment of Impartial Hearing Officer

On December 7, 2010 Trustee, Kimberly Brown, exercised her power to appoint Impartial Hearing Officer, Aaron Turetsky, to preside over a hearing requested by the parents of student #27432. This appointment was made outside of the time frame of a regularly scheduled board meeting.

(See attached)

Approval of CSE and CPSE Minutes

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		
27335	23988	27907	27736	27849	27657
27733	25133	24822	27940	27723	27944
24427	27820	24222	27946	27941	27665
27738	27354	23198	27865	27947	27648
27752	25109	27312	27577	27934	27939
27659	24137	27786	27881	27942	27560
27826	27911	27889	27945	27943	27893
27280	27412	27806			
25134	24581	27287			
24893	23761	27492			
27441	23282	23289			
25014	27462	23106			
27929	23663	21571			
27930	23610	27770			
27545	24620	27948			
27813	24939				
27932	27372				
24531	23266				

24811	23207	
27726	23198	
27793	27949	

MOTION carried 7-0.

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 Approve Resignations / Leaves of Absence / Retirements

Resignations					
No.	Unit	Name	Assignment	Effective Date	Reason
1.1	AMA	Nanette Dezendorf	FH/Sp. Ed. Aide	12/31/10	Personal
1.2	CU	Suzanne Smyth	MS/Clerk Typist	12/29/10	Accepted another position
Leave of Absence					
No.	Unit	Name	Assignment	Effective Dates	Reason
1.3	ATH	Yafit Lucas	FH/Speech	2/1/11-6/30/11	Child Care
1.4	ATH	Carol Emmerman	MS/Spec. Ed.	1/31/11-6/30/11	Child Care
1.5	ATH	Heather Flaherty	WH/Elem.	2/9/11-3/8/11	Child Care
1.6	ATH	Nancy Allard	CO/K-6 Data Coordinator	2/1/11-3/31/11	Child Care
Return from Leave of Absence					
No.	Unit	Name	Assignment	Effective Dates	Reason
1.7	ATH	Alissa German	WA/Spec. Ed.	1/18/11	End Child Care
Retirement					
No.	Unit	Name	Assignment	Effective Date	Award
1.8	ATH	Victor Matarasso	HS/Social Worker	Close of Business 6/30/11	Not to exceed \$3,000.00
1.9	ATH	Linda Sauer	FH/Spec. Ed.	Close of Business 1/7/11	N/A

H. 2 Approve Instructional New Hires

Probationary							
No.	Unit	Name	Assignment	Certification	Effective Dates	Salary	Replacing
2.1	ATH	Ashley Williams	WA/Spec. Ed.	Initial/SWD Birth-Gr.2 Initial/SWD 1-6 Initial/Child. Ed. B-2 Initial/Child. Ed. 1-6	9/1/09-9/1/12	Sch. 1 Step II \$49,925.00	L. Sauer
Probationary (continued)							
No.	Unit	Name	Assignment	Certification	Effective Dates	Salary	Replacing
2.2	ATH	Lauren Baglivi	HS/Guidance	Provisional/ School Counselor	9/1/10-9/1/13	Sch. IV Step I \$55,405.00	C. Horowitz

Ms. Baglivi was previously appointed LTS for B. Walsh through 1/28/11

H. 3 Approve Non-Instructional New Hires

Full-time						
No.	Unit	Name	Assignment	Effective Date	Salary	Replacing
3.1	CU	MaryAnn Sarsfield	CO/12 mo.Sr. A/C	1/18/11	\$39,400.00	F. Weinstein
Part-time						
No.	Unit	Name	Assignment	Effective Date	Salary	Replacing
3.2	FSW	Lavonna Smith	MS/4 hour	1/4/11	\$10.10/hr	C. Cipriano

H. 4 Approve Long-Term Substitutes

Full-time						
No.	Unit	Name	Assignment	Effective Dates	Salary	Replacing
4.1	ATH	Scott Leonardi	WH/Elem.	Approx. 1/19/11- TBD	1-20 days/\$90. 21-30 days/\$105. 31+ days/\$287.63 Sch. V Step 1 \$57,525.00	D. Telesco
4.2	ATH	Jacqueline Leonard	FH/Speech	2/1/11-6/30/11	Sch. V Step 11.5 \$83,090.00	Y. Lucas
<i>Ms. Leonard was previously appointed through 1/28/11</i>						
4.3	ATH	Kelli Ann Connors	WH/Sp. Ed.	12/6/10-1/31/11 approx.	1-20 days/\$90. 21-30 days/\$105. 31+ days/\$277.03 Sch. IV Step 1 \$55,405.00	A. Curtin
<i>Ms. Connors was previously appointed through 12/6/10 approx.</i>						
4.4	ATH	Melissa Munno	MS/Sp. Ed.	1/31/11-6/30/11	Sch. VI Step 1.5 \$61,310.00	C. Emmerman
<i>Ms. Munno was previously appointed through 1/28/11</i>						
4.5	ATH	Laura Lipow	WH/Elem.	1/4/11-3/8/11 approx.	Sch. IV Step 11.5 \$80,570.00	H. Flaherty
<i>Ms. Lipow was previously appointed through 1/3/11</i>						
Part-time						
No.	Unit	Name	Assignment	Effective Dates	Salary	Replacing
4.6	ATH	Robyn Shear	SD/HS-Art (.8)	1/4/11 – 6/30/11	Sch. V Step 1 \$46,020.00 (.8)	L. Costello
4.7	ATH	Kim Valerio	HS/MS-Art (.2)	1/4/11 – 6/30/11	Sch. V Step 1 \$11,505.00 (.2)	L. Costello
<i>Ms. Valerio was previously appointed at .8 Art effective 9/1/10-6/30/11. This part-time appt brings her to full-time effective 1/4/11</i>						

H. 5 Approve Extra Duty Assignments

Independent Study			
No.	Name	Description	Stipend
5.1	Rebecca Arlin	English/Holocaust	\$876.00
Interscholastic Athletics – Post Season			
No.	Name	Description/Season	Step/Stipend
5.2	Debra Cheskes	Coach Girls Cross Country/Fall-Post Season	\$929.25 7 days @ \$132.75

5.3	Jamie Fishlow	Coach Girls Tennis/Fall-Post Season	\$132.75 1 day @ \$132.75
5.4	John Pagano	Coach Boys Soccer/Fall-Post Season	\$663.75 5 days @ \$132.75
5.5	Jason Suarez	Asst. Coach Boys Soccer/Fall-Post Season	\$516.45 5 days @ \$103.29
5.6	Christopher Helmke	Coach Girls Swimming/Fall-Post Season	\$1,991.25 15 days @ 132.75
5.7	Margaret McConnell	Asst. Coach Girls Swimming/Fall-Post Season	\$2,169.09 21 days @ \$103.29
5.8	Joseph Poller	Asst. Coach Football/Fall-Post Season	\$1,136.19 11 days @ \$103.29
5.9	Cable Jamison	Asst. Coach Football/Fall-Post Season	\$1,136.19 11 days @ \$103.29
5.10	Ronald Wilson	Asst. Coach Football/Fall-Post Season	\$1,136.19 11 days @ \$103.29
5.11	Timothy Madden	Asst. Coach Football/Fall-Post Season	\$1,136.19 11 days @ \$103.29
5.12	Steven Muller	Coach Football/Fall-Post Season	\$1,460.25 11 days @ \$132.75

H. 6 Approve Additional Work

AIMS Web Training Funded through Title IIA					
No.	Unit	Name	Description	Effective Dates	Rate of Pay
6.1	ATH	Donna O'Shaughnessy	Turn Key Training	2010-2011	Up to 10 hours \$48.97/hr

H. 7 Approve Salary Changes / Effective Date

No.	Name	Assignment	From	To	Effective Date
7.1	Kenneth Card	Asst. Supt. for Curriculum & Instruction	\$150,000.00	\$160,000.00	7/1/10
<i>Dr. Card's new salary was on the 12/6/10 agenda with a starting date of 8/25/09</i>					

H. 8 Approve Tenure Recommendation

No.	Unit	Name	Assignment	Effective Date	Certification
8.1	ATH	Marie Riccoboni	MS/English	1/25/11	Permanent/English 7-12
8.2	ATH	Jennifer Glatzer	SD/FH/ESL	1/28/11	Initial/ESOL

H. 9 Approve Change in Assignment

No.	Unit	Name	Effective Dates	From	To
9.1	FSW	Olga Velezquez	1/4/11	4.5 Hr./HS \$10.80/hr	5 Hrs./FH \$10.80/hr

H. 10 Approve Home Tutors

No.	Name	Assignment	Effective Dates	Rate of Pay
10.1	William Jackson	DW	2010-2011	\$48.97/hr

H. 11 Approve Substitutes

No.	Unit	Name	Assignment	Effective Dates	Rate of Pay
11.1	ATH	Rebecca Kirshak	Teacher	2010-2011	\$90./day
11.2	ATH	Danielle McCoy	Teacher	2010-2011	\$90./day
11.3	ATH	Christine McDonald	Teacher	2010-2011	\$90./day
11.4	AMA	Denise DePasquale	Aide	2010-2011	\$9.00/hr
11.5	AMA	Peter DiGioia	Aide	2010-2011	\$9.00/hr
11.6	AMA	Anne Gunthner	Aide	2010-2011	\$9.00/hr
11.7	AMA	Ellen Holly	Aide	2010-2011	\$9.00/hr
11.8	CU	Laura Costa	Clerical	2010-2011	\$10.50/hr
11.9	CU	Kerrie Greene	Clerical	2010-2011	\$10.50/hr
11.10	CU	Anne Gunthner	Clerical	2010-2011	\$10.50/hr

11.11	CU	Ellen Holly	Clerical	2010-2011	\$10.50/hr
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Buildings	Units	
HS = Huntington High School	DW = District-wide	SHHA = Study Hall and Hallway Assistants
MS = Finley Middle School	CO = Central Office	B & G = Buildings & Grounds
JA = Jack Abrams Intermediate	NC = Non Contractual	FSW = Food Service Workers
WH = Woodhull Intermediate	STU = Student Worker	SEC = Security
FH = Flower Hill Primary	AMA = Aides and Monitors	NUR = Nurses
SD = Southdown Primary	DSPA = District Supervisors and Principals Assoc	CU = Clerical
JE = Jefferson Primary	HCA = Chairpersons	
WA = Washington Primary		

MOTION carried 7-0.

Dr. Giani congratulated Marie Riccoboni and Jennifer Glatzer on receiving tenure.

BUSINESS ITEMS

Contracts

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

- a. Mary Bly
- b. Caryl Oris, M.D.

(See attached)

MOTION carried 7-0.

Approval of Overnight Field Trip

Senior Band Trip to Washington D.C.

A MOTION was made by Mr. McGrath and seconded by Mrs. Rogan to approve an overnight field trip by the Senior Band to Washington D.C. to perform in a concert at Walter Reed Army Medical Center from 3/25/11 to 3/26/11.

(See attached)

MOTION carried 7-0.

Approval of Memoranda of Agreement

Clerical Unit

A MOTION was made by Mr. McGrath and seconded by Mrs. Rogan to approve the Memorandum of Agreement between the Board of Education of the Huntington Union Free School District and the United Public Service Employees Union Clerical Unit for the time frame July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2011.

(See attached)

MOTION carried 7-0.

Aide Unit

A MOTION was made by Mr. McGrath and seconded by Mrs. Rogan to approve the Memorandum of Agreement between the Board of Education of the Huntington Union Free School District and the United Public Service Employees Union Aide Unit for the time frame July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2011.

(See attached)

MOTION carried 7-0.

Approval of Superintendent’s Attendance at a Conference

NYSSBA Conference

A MOTION was made by Mrs. Brown and seconded by Mr. McGrath to approve attendance by the Superintendent at a NYSSBA Conference entitled “Teacher and Principal Evaluations.”

(See attached)

AYES:	5	Mrs. Bené
		Mrs. Brown
		Mr. Dwyer
		Mr. McGrath
		Mrs. Rogan
NOES:	2	Mrs. Black
		Mr. Paci
ABSTAIN:	0	

MOTION carried 5-2.

Approval of Disposal of Equipment

A MOTION was made by Mr. McGrath and seconded by Mrs. Rogan to place the following equipment on the Disposal List:

1992 Chevy Pickup Truck Vin# 1GBJC34K2NE159951

MOTION carried 7-0.

Approval of Mileage Reimbursement

A MOTION was made by Mr. McGrath and seconded by Mrs. Rogan to place the following employees on the Mileage Reimbursement List:

Tracey Corcoran

Gabriella Meyer

MOTION carried 7-0.

Approval of Budget Transfers

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

(See attached)

MOTION carried 7-0.

PUBLIC COMMENTARY

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

CLOSING REMARKS BY BOARD MEMBERS

Mr. McGrath asked Mr. Grackin for an update on the Woodhull modulars. Mr. Grackin gave an update and indicated January 18th is the date they are planning to be using them.

Mrs. Rogan brought up placing the decision to open Jack Abrams School on the agenda. Discussion followed.

ADJOURNMENT

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

MOTION carried 7-0.

At 10:35 p.m. the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Elizabeth Troffa
District Clerk