

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

February 7, 2011

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of the Huntington Union Free School District was held on Monday, February 7, 2011 at Jack Abrams School, Lowndes Avenue, Huntington Station, New York. The meeting was called to order at 6:35 p.m.

ROLL CALL

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A MOTION was made by Mrs. Bené and seconded by Mrs. Black to go into Executive Session to discuss legal and personnel matters.

MOTION carried.

At 7:42 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 silenced so as not to disturb the meeting.

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 24, 2011.

MOTION carried 7-0.

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, 2010.

MOTION carried 7-0.

FINANCIAL REPORTS

The following reports were presented For Information Only:

- Revenue Status Report as of December 31, 2010
- Expenditure Reports as of January 31, 2011
 - General Fund
 - School Lunch Fund
 - Special Aid Fund

APPROVAL OF WARRANTS

A MOTION was made by Mrs. Bené and seconded by Mrs. Rogan to approve the warrants for the month of January:

January Warrants	
GENERAL ADVANCED WARRANT	\$6,106,914.91
GENERAL FUND WARRANT 01/05/11	\$1,689,507.71
GENERAL FUND WARRANT 01/19/11	\$1,940,728.21
SCHOOL LUNCH ADVANCE WARRANT	\$65,473.99
SCHOOL LUNCH WARRANT 01/05/11	\$475.60
SCHOOL LUNCH WARRANT 01/19/11	\$75,696.51
SPECIAL AID ADVANCED WARRANT	\$139,886.88
SPECIAL AID WARRANT 01/05/11	\$41,257.41
SPECIAL AID WARRANT 01/19/11	\$89,982.81
WORKERS COMP WARRANT 01/07/11	\$14,010.29
WORKERS COMP WARRANT 01/12/11	\$19,435.60
CAPITAL PROJECTS WARRANT HI 01/05/11	\$53,573.35
CAPITAL PROJECTS WARRANT HI 01/19/11	\$12,639.95
TOTALS	\$10,249,583.22

MOTION carried 7-0.

COMMUNICATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. McGrath discussed that at the last board meeting the board approved the hiring of an attorney to represent the district in a zoning matter. Since then there has been a meeting of the Zoning Board and the Zoning Board denied the Town of Huntington's application for a variance in this zoning matter. Mr. McGrath indicated it was money well spent. Mrs. Black also indicated that it was important for the Board to take this stand.

Mr. Dwyer indicated that he is waiting to hear back from local officials about the planned trip to Washington D.C. that has been an ongoing discussion of the Board. This trip is planned for February 16, 2011.

Several board members attended events in the district, the Woodhull Concert for grades 5 and 6 and the Arts-In-Education event.

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 2011-2012

Mr. Finello discussed the spreadsheet that was presented to the Board of Education at the last meeting. He discussed Governor Cuomo's planned reduction in state aid to education and specifically Long Island and how that would impact our district. Mr. Grackin discussed specifics of the budget. Discussion followed. The Board decided upon an estimated 2 percent tax increase and to lower the assessed value by \$300,000.

Steve Israel Visit to Washington D.C.

Mr. Dwyer indicated there has been some discussion from the community regarding sending community members along with board members to the Washington D.C. meeting. Discussion followed regarding who should attend from our district.

CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION

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	Annual Review CSE
27384	25062	27960	27830	23348
27740	24226	27962	27669	
27545	27789	27961	27971	
27333	24913	23049	27972	
24137	27350	27963	27666	
24585	27483	24272	27801	
23458	27918	23106	27973	
27431		24107	27864	

MOTION carried 7-0.

PERSONNEL

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

H. 1 Approve Resignations / Leaves of Absence/Return from Leave of Absence

Resignations					
No.	Unit	Name	Assignment	Effective Date	Reason
1.1	AMA	Jessica Sloan	WH/Sp. Ed.	1/28/11	Personal
Leave of Absence					
No.	Unit	Name	Assignment	Effective Dates	Reason
1.2	ATH	Allison Curtin	WH/Sp. Ed.	2/1/11-3/16/11 approx.	FMLA
1.3	ATH	Nicole Lynch	WH/Music	9/1/11-1/31/12	Child Care
1.4	ATH	Kelly Trites	HS/Sp. Ed.	2011-2012	Child Care
Return from Leave of Absence					
No.	Unit	Name	Assignment	Effective Dates	Reason
1.5	ATH	Danielle Walsh	Elementary	9/1/11 Sch. VII Step 9.5 \$83,630.00	End Child Care

H. 2 Approve Long-Term Substitutes

Full-time						
No.	Unit	Name	Assignment	Effective Dates	Salary	Replacing
2.1	ATH	Tina Balducci	WA/Sp. Ed.	2/8/11 approx. – TBD	\$1-20 days/\$90. 21-30 days/\$105. 31+days/\$277.02 Sch. IV Step 1 \$55,405.00	D. Lawrence

2.2	ATH	Margaret Schaefer	SD/Reading	1/28/11-6/24/11	Sch. IV Step 1 \$55,405.00	C. Schlosser
2.3	ATH	Kelli Ann Connors	WH/Sp. Ed.	2/1/11-3/16/11 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 1/31/11</i>						
2.4	ATH	Carly Fiorelli	MS/English	2/7/11- TBD	1-20 days/\$90. 21-30 days/\$105. 31+ days/\$251.00 Sch. II Step 1 \$50,120.00	C. Williams

H. 3 Approve Extra Duty Assignments

Interscholastic Athletics - Spring			
No.	Name	Description/Season	Step/Stipend
3.1	Kevin Thorbourne	MS Asst. Girls Track	Step 1 \$3,328.
3.2	Cable T. Jamison	JV Coach Softball	Step 4 \$5,183.
3.3	Leyland Davis <i>Pending fingerprint clearance</i>	MS Asst. Boys Lacrosse - 7	Step 1 \$3,552.

H. 4 Approve Additional Work

Transition of Staff					
No.	Unit	Name	Description	Effective Dates	Rate of Pay
4.1	ATH	Nadine Araoz	To work with LTS before 2/1/11 return date	Up to 2 days	\$373.10/day
4.2	NC	Joyce Keegan	Office Support during transition	Up to 52 days	\$575.00/day
English Review for ELLs – MS					
Funded through Title I LEP/ELL Grant					
No.	Unit	Name	Description	Effective Dates	Rate of Pay
4.3	ATH	Eileen Gonzalez	Teacher	2010-2011	Up to 18 hours @48.97/hr
LEP/ELL Parent Workshops					
Funded through Title I LEP/ELL Grant					
No.	Unit	Name	Description	Effective Dates	Rate of Pay
	DSPA	Carmen Kasper	Program Administrator	2010-2011	\$4,000.00
4.4	ATH	Luz Marotta	Teacher	2010-2011	Up to 10 hrs. @48.97/hr
4.5	ATH	Angela Berner	Teacher	2010-2011	Up to 10 hrs. @48.97/hr
4.6	ATH	Donnamarie O'Shaughnessy	Teacher	2010-2011	Up to 10 hrs. @48.97/hr
4.7	ATH	Vivian Joseph	Teacher	2010-2011	Up to 10 hrs. @48.97/hr
4.8	ATH	Nancy Giorgos	Teacher	2010-2011	Up to 10 hrs. @48.97/hr
4.9	ATH	Glenn Edwards	Teacher	2010-2011	Up to 10 hrs. @48.97/hr

AIMSweb Training Funded through Title IIA Grant					
No.	Unit	Name	Description	Effective Dates	Rate of Pay
4.10	ATH	Jeffrey Dicker	Teacher	2010-2011	Up to 10 hrs. @48.97/hr
New Teacher Mentoring Program Funded through Title IIA Grant					
No.	Unit	Name	Description	Effective Dates	Stipend
4.11	ATH	Margaret Connors	Mentor	2010-2011	\$375.00 – ½
Harvard University Applicant Interviews					
No.	Unit	Name	Description	Effective Dates	Rate of Pay
4.12	ATH	Bernadette Walsh	Interview Coordinator	2010-2011	Up to 10 hrs. @\$48.97/hr
Saturday Academy					
No.	Unit	Name	Description	Effective Dates	Rate of Pay
4.13	ATH	Up to 32 teachers <i>Amended from 40 on 1/24/11 agenda</i>	Teacher	2/5/11-4/30/11 (9 sessions)	\$48.97/hr Not to exceed 3 hrs. per session
4.14	ATH	Ivona Catanzaro	Teacher	2/5/11-4/30/11 (9 sessions)	\$48.97/hr Not to exceed 3 hrs. per session
4.15	ATH	Lauren Frisenda	Teacher	2/5/11-4/30/11 (9 sessions)	\$48.97/hr Not to exceed 3 hrs. per session
4.16	ATH	Alexandra O’Leary	Teacher	2/5/11-4/30/11 (9 sessions)	\$48.97/hr Not to exceed 3 hrs. per session
4.17	ATH	Lisa Sullivan	Teacher	2/5/11-4/30/11 (9 sessions)	\$48.97/hr Not to exceed 3 hrs. per session
4.18	ATH	Maria Acevedo	Teacher	2/5/11-4/30/11 (9 sessions)	\$48.97/hr Not to exceed 3 hrs. per session
4.19	ATH	Justine Triola	Teacher	2/5/11-4/30/11 (9 sessions)	\$48.97/hr Not to exceed 3 hrs. per session
4.20	ATH	Katharine Hicks	Teacher	2/5/11-4/30/11 (9 sessions)	\$48.97/hr Not to exceed 3 hrs. per session
4.21	ATH	Brian Hansen	Teacher	2/5/11-4/30/11 (9 sessions)	\$48.97/hr Not to exceed 3 hrs. per session
4.22	ATH	John Okula	Teacher	2/5/11-4/30/11 (9 sessions)	\$48.97/hr Not to exceed 3 hrs. per session
4.23	ATH	Peter Ravo	Teacher	2/5/11-4/30/11 (9 sessions)	\$48.97/hr Not to exceed 3 hrs. per session
4.24	ATH	Maria Malizia	Teacher	2/5/11-4/30/11 (9 sessions)	\$48.97/hr Not to exceed 3 hrs. per session

H. 5 Approve Change in Assignment

No.	Unit	Name	Effective Date	From	To
5.1	NC	Kim Zelman	3/14/11	Principal Clerk Student Support Services \$50,050.00	Secretarial Asst. Business Office \$60,494.00

H. 6 Approve Termination

No.	Unit	Name	Assignment	Effective Date
6.1	AMA	Marjory DiPaola	HS-Sp. Ed.	2/8/11

H. 7 Approve Recall of Staff

No.	Unit	Name	Assignment	Effective Date	Rate of Pay
7.1	AMA	Denise DePasquale	HS/Sp.Ed. – 7 hrs.	2/8/11	\$18.15/hr

H. 8 Approve Substitutes

No.	Unit	Name	Assignment	Effective Dates	Rate of Pay
8.1	ATH	Michael Catania	Teacher	2010-2011	\$90./day
8.2	ATH	Nicole Costello	Teacher	2010-2011	\$90./day
8.3	ATH	Stephen Fitts	Teacher	2010-2011	\$90./day
8.4	ATH	Lisa Karasik	Teacher	2010-2011	\$90./day
8.5	ATH	Desirae Stropoli	Teacher	2010-2011	\$90./day
8.6	ATH	Kylie Hirsch	Teacher	2010-2011	\$90./day

MOTION carried 7-0.

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		

BUSINESS ITEMS

Approval of Contracts

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

- a. Bilinguals, Inc.
- b. Learning Curve Consultants, LLC
- c. North Shore LIJ/Huntington Hospital Career Exploration Program Agreement

(See attached)

MOTION carried 7-0.

Approval of OMNI Agreement

A MOTION was made by Mrs. Rogan and seconded by Mrs. Bené to approve the OMNI Agreement.

(See attached)

MOTION carried 7-0.

Approval of Request for Proposal

The Center for Curriculum Renewal

A MOTION was made by Mrs. Rogan and seconded by Mrs. Bené to award the External School Curriculum Audit (ESCA) to The Center for Curriculum Renewal at a cost of \$58,725.

(See attached)

There was discussion about this expenditure.

MOTION carried 7-0.

Acceptance of Donations

Huntington Foundation for Excellence in Education (HFEE)

A MOTION was made by Mrs. Rogan and seconded by Mrs. Bené to accept the Huntington Foundation for Excellence in Education Mini-Grants and to increase the budget codes per the table below and Revenue Code – Donations A2705 by that same amount.

Educational Math Games At Woodhull Intermediate	Christine Barresi	Woodhull Intermediate	\$545.97	A2111-450-01-0540
“Les Vedettes” Shining Stars	Gina Marie Trigian-Molvaut	HHS/FMS	\$274.54	A2111-450-20-0540
IPOD Touch for the Instrumental Music Department	Tara Adams	Woodhull Intermediate	\$483.87	A2111-451-01-0540
The Power of the Rubik Cube for all 6th Grade Math Teachers	Maryann Daly	Districtwide	\$1,000.00	A-2111-453-01-0540
Wireless Airliner	Tracey McManus	Flower Hill	\$299.00	A-2111-450-02-0540
HHS Beautification Project	Kasmira Mohanty KristenSinger	HHS	\$1,000.00	A-2111-451-20-0540

MOTION carried 7-0.

SEPTA Grants

A MOTION was made Mrs. Rogan and seconded by Mrs. Bené to accept the following grants from the Special Education Parent/Teacher Association to increase the budget codes per the table below and Revenue Code – Donations A2705 by that same amount.

Kitchen Supplies etc. to teach Independent Living Skills to Life Skills Class	Patti Anson	HHS	499.27	A2251-451-20-0216
Short Term Trips for Rewarding 8:1:1 class and for growth and development	Barbara Noble	HHS	\$600	A2251-451-20-0216
Digital Photography and video equipment to enhance language skills and behavioral development	Erica Murphy Kate Carey	Finley	\$324.07	A2251-451-21-0216
Educational software for 6:1:1 class (supplementing last year's awarded grant)	Kaaren Palumbo	Flower Hill	\$544.00	A2251-451-02-0216
Flip Camera Camcorder for alternative means of expression in inclusion setting	Tracey McManus	Flower Hill	\$339.96	A2251-451-02-0216
Document scanner for inclusion class smartboard	Veronica Quinlan Danielle Nolan	Flower Hill	\$320.00	A2251-451-02-0216
Activities and Skill Building Manipulatives for students in 6:1:1 class	Cathy Fede Risa Brachman	Flower Hill	\$564.95	A2251-451-02-0216
Oral Language Activities to impact language, literacy, social skills, etc.	Shelly Stockner Sara Macaluso	Southdown	\$140.00	A2251-451-05-0216
Smartboard speaker system to enhance instructional program in special education class	Christyn Roseto	Washington	\$300.00	A2251-451-06-0216

MOTION carried 7-0.

Approval of Budget Transfers

A MOTION was made by Mrs. Rogan and seconded by Mrs. Bené 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

Mrs. Brown thanked HFEE and SEPTA for their very generous donations. She acknowledged how vital they are to the district and thanked the volunteers in both these organizations.

MOTION TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION

A MOTION was made by Mr. Dwyer and seconded by Mr. Paci to go into Executive Session to discuss the Superintendent Search.

MOTION carried 7-0.

At 9:16 p.m. the Board went into Executive Session.

At 9:40 p.m. Mr. Dwyer reconvened the meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

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

MOTION carried 7-0.

At 9:41 p.m. the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Elizabeth Troffa
District Clerk