

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

October 24, 2011

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of the Huntington Union Free School District was held on Monday, October 24, 2011 at Jack Abrams School, Huntington Station, New York. The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL

There were present Board of Education Members: Rogan, Paci, Brown, Hebert, McGrath, Spector; Superintendent Polansky, Dr. Card, Dr. Giani, Mr. Grackin and Mrs. Troffa. Mrs. Black was absent.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A MOTION was made by Mrs. Brown and seconded by Mr. McGrath to go into Executive Session to discuss personnel-related matters.

MOTION carried 6-0.

At 7:45 p.m. Mrs. Rogan reconvened the meeting.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mrs. Rogan led the Board of Education and the others present in the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

EMERGENCY EVACUATION PROCEDURE

Mrs. Rogan discussed the exits to be used in the event of an emergency.

SMOKE-FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT

Mrs. Rogan announced that the Huntington Union Free School District is a smoke-free district and smoking is prohibited in all buildings and on school grounds. She also asked that all cell phones be turned off.

APPROVAL OF BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES

A MOTION was made by Mrs. Brown and seconded by Mrs. Hebert to approve the Board of Education Minutes of October 3, 2011.

MOTION carried 6-0.

ACCEPTANCE OF WARRANTS

A MOTION was made by Mrs. Brown and seconded by Mrs. Hebert to accept the warrants listed below:

September Warrants	
GENERAL ADVANCED WARRANT (AUGUST 2011)	\$2,413,573.23
GENERAL FUND WARRANT 09/14/11	\$379,852.91
GENERAL FUND WARRANT 09/28/11	\$1,784,534.97
SCHOOL LUNCH ADVANCE WARRANT (AUGUST 2011)	\$4,925.36
SCHOOL LUNCH WARRANT 09/14/11	\$16,965.42
SCHOOL LUNCH WARRANT 09/28/11	\$89.00
SPECIAL AID ADVANCED WARRANT (AUGUST)	\$258,481.72

SPECIAL AID WARRANT 09/14/11	\$164,948.54
SPECIAL AID WARRANT 09/28/11	\$143,440.16
WORKERS COMP WARRANT 09/02/11	\$13,559.61
WORKERS COMP WARRANT 09/16/11	\$10,730.33
WORKERS COMP WARRANT 09/30/11	\$26,326.29
CAPITAL PROJECTS WARRANT HC 09/14/11	\$3,791.00
CAPITAL PROJECTS WARRANT HC 09/28/11	\$4,019.08
T & A SEPTEMBER WARRANT	\$6,135,059.04
TOTALS	\$11,360,296.66

MOTION carried 6-0.

FINANCIAL REPORTS - FYI

The following reports were presented for information only:

Expenditure Reports as of September 30, 2011

1. General Fund
2. School Lunch Fund
3. Special Aid Fund

COMMUNICATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mrs. Brown attended the 17th annual Town of Huntington Hispanic Heritage Celebration Program where Dr. Leonardi was honored with a community service award along with four students who received Student Achievement awards. Congratulations to all. The Huntington High School Chamber Chorus performed at the event and did a great job.

On Sunday, October 16, 2011 Huntington High School hosted the Marching Band show. The Blue Devils Marching Band took first place in their division. Homecoming was an enormous success beginning at the pep rally on Friday, float night, the parade, football game and dance. School spirit is strong.

Mrs. Rogan attended the Booster Club Gold Outing at Indian Hills on October 10, 2011 which was a great success and also attended the Grade 6 rocket launch this past Friday.

Mr. Polansky thanked the Washington students and staff for the invitation to their hoedown and the Southdown students and Mrs. Marino for the Harvest Festival invitation. He attended both events and thoroughly enjoyed them.

Mr. Polansky indicated that the Marching Band season culminates in Syracuse, New York on October 30, 2011 for the final event. He knows they can win it all and wished them luck.

Mr. Polansky commented on Homecoming saying it was the “most spirited homecoming he has ever been a part of” and he has been a part of many. He announced there is a series of Huntington High School visitations set up for parents: November 2, 16 and 30 indicating parents will receive a flyer shortly.

Mr. Polansky attended the Science Honor Society Induction Ceremony on October 19th indicating we have so much to look forward to from these talented students. He thanked Mrs. Montesano, Ms. Forbes and Ms. Kenny.

PRESENTATIONS

Siemens Competition Finalist/Semi-Finalist

Mr. Polansky explained what the Siemens Competition is and how great an honor these students have received. He introduced Ms. Kenny who presented Holly Flores, the finalist and Juliana Coraor, the semi-finalist. The students each described their winning projects.

Mr. Polansky presented them with a Certificate of Achievement from the district. They posed for pictures with members of the Board, teachers and the Superintendent.

School Board Recognition Week

Mr. Polansky read a proclamation from Governor Cuomo proclaiming the week of October 31st through November 4th as *School Board Recognition Week*. He presented them with a Certificate of Appreciation and small gift (lapel pin) from the District, and a Certificate of Appreciation from BOCES. The next portion of the presentation was from the primary schools. A group of students from each primary school presented a book and portrait made by the students to their assigned board member(s) acknowledging the hard work and dedication of the board. Mrs. Rogan thanked the students for such a wonderful presentation.

PUBLIC COMMENTARY

A MOTION was made by Mrs. Hebert and seconded by Mrs. Brown to allow this public commentary to be open to any topic. This was done to accommodate one of our young students who wanted to make a comment.

MOTION carried 6-0.

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

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION/ACTION

2% Tax Cap Financial Projections

Mr. Polansky presented a slideshow explaining a roll-over budget and the 2% tax cap and what that would mean in terms of presenting a budget to the public next May. He explained that there would have to be \$2,500,000 cut from the budget to keep the tax cap at 2%. He explained the difference between tax levy and tax rate. Discussion followed.

Huntington High School Cultural Exchange Program

A MOTION was made by Mrs. Hebert and seconded by Mrs. Brown to approve the Cultural Exchange Program with Tianjin High School #1 in China. Discussion followed.

MOTION carried 6-0.

Finley Middle School Comprehensive Educational Plan (CEP)

Mr. Polansky indicated that the CEP encompasses the recommendations made in the Educational School Curriculum Audit (ESCA). A MOTION was made by Mrs. Brown and seconded by Mrs. Hebert to approve the Finley Middle School Comprehensive Educational Plan. Discussion followed.

MOTION carried 6-0.

CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION

A MOTION was made by Mrs. Brown and seconded by Mr. Spector 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
23760	28012
24960	28004
27353	27995

27969	27830
24654	28033
21627	27971
27319	27997
24226	27892
27684	27863
28106	27801
24414	27944
24667	28121
28111	27973
	27795
	28091

MOTION carried 6-0.

PERSONNEL ITEMS

On the recommendation of the Superintendent a MOTION was made by Mrs. Hebert and seconded by Mrs. Brown to approve the following changes in personnel as reflected in schedules H.1 through H.9.

MOTION carried 6-0.

H. 1 Approve Leave of Absence/Returns from Leave of Absence

Leave of Absence					
No.	Unit	Name	Assignment	Effective Dates	Reason
1.1	SEC	Tina Cantalupo	HS/Security Guard	10/14/11-11/9/11 approx.	FMLA
Return from Leave of Absence					
No.	Unit	Name	Assignment	Effective Date	Reason
1.2	ATH	Nicole Lynch	WH/Music	1/30/12	End FMLA
1.3	ATH	Gina Colica	HS/English	1/30/12	End FMLA
1.4	ATH	Jacqueline Waltel- Plesent	FH/SD/Art	1/30/12	End FMLA

H. 2 Approve Long-Term Substitutes

Full-time						
No.	Unit	Name	Assignment	Effective Dates	Salary	Replacing
2.1	ATH	Robert Barca	MS/SS	9/13/11-12/8/11 approx.	1-20 days/\$90. 21-30 days/\$105. 31+days/\$301.83 Sch. VI Step 1 \$60,365.00	D. DeChiaro
<i>Mr. Barca was previously appointed through 10/21/11</i>						
No.	Unit	Name	Assignment	Effective Dates	Salary	Replacing
2.2	ATH	Kasey MacPherson	SD/Speech	10/25/11-12/13/11 approx.	1-20 days/\$90. 21-30 days/\$105. 31+days/\$301.83 Sch. VI Step 1 \$60,365.00	S. Macaluso

H. 3 Approve Appointment Instructional Stipend

No.	Unit	Name	Assignment	Effective Dates	Stipend
3.1	ATH	DELETE Katie McCourt	Special Education Coordinator	2011-2012	\$5,000.00
3.2	ATH	Katie McCourt	Special Education Coordinator	2011-2012	\$7,840.00

H. 4 Approve Non-Instructional New Hires

Part-time

No	Unit	Name	Assignment	Effective Dates	Salary	Replacing
4.1	STU	Frank Yeh	HS/Lab Assistant	2011-2012	\$7.25/hr	N/A

H. 5 **Approve Extra Duty Assignments**

HS Clubs			
No.	Name	Description	Stipend
5.1	Camille Tedeschi	Senior Class Advisor .5	\$1,155.50
5.2	Erik Bruckbauer	Senior Class Advisor .5	\$1,155.50
5.3	Donna Nugent	Junior Class Advisor .5	\$1,155.50
5.4	Lauren Desiderio	Junior Class Advisor .5	\$1,155.50
5.5	Victoria Lombardi	Sophomore Class Advisor	\$2,311.00
5.6	Patricia Dillon	Freshman Class Advisor	\$2,311.00
5.7	Joseph Cohen	National Honor Society	\$2,666.00
5.8	Deidre Mayer	French Honor Society	\$1,162.00
5.9	Silvia Gilbert	Italian Honor Society	\$1,162.00
5.10	Mercy Pena	Spanish Honor Society	\$1,162.00
5.11	Kasmira Mohanty	Art Honor Society	\$1,129.00
5.12	Aimee Antorino	English Honor Society .5	\$581.00
5.13	Helen Guarino	English Honor Society .5	\$581.00
5.14	Monica Racz	Math Honor Society	\$1,268.00
5.15	Dame Forbes	Science Honor Society .5	\$634.00
5.16	Lori Kenny	Science Honor Society .5	\$634.00
5.17	Kelly Kaiser	Key Club	\$2,037.00
5.18	Amanda Meyer	Mathletes 9	\$1,753.00
5.19	Keith Mattis	Mathletes 10-12	\$1,753.00
5.20	Robert Gilmor	Natural Helpers	\$2,489.00
5.21	Youlanda Carey	Step Team	\$1,269.00
5.22	Lori Kenny	Science Research	\$2,092.00
5.23	Lauren Desiderio	Social Issues	\$1,268.00
5.24	Camille DeCanio	World Unity .5	\$1,333.00
5.25	Suzette Biagi	World Unity .5	\$1,333.00
5.26	James Graber	Newspaper/Literary .5	\$1,563.50
5.27	Aimee Antorino	Newspaper/Literary .5	\$1,563.50
5.28	James Graber	Newspaper/Printing .5	\$585.50
5.29	Aimee Antorino	Newspaper/Printing .5	\$585.50
5.30	Michael Schwendemann	Drama	\$9,224.00
5.31	Kenneth Krummenacker	Etcetera	\$1,254.00
5.32	Anna Fabela	Gay and Straight Alliance	\$1,269.00
5.33	Camille DeCanio	Grandfriends .5	\$634.00
5.34	Suzette Biagi	Grandfriends .5	\$634.00
5.35	Robert Gilmor	Habitat for Humanity	\$1,268.00
5.36	Kenneth Gilbert	Stage Crew	\$3,356.00
5.37	Frederick Bisogno	Student Government .5	\$1,606.00
5.38	Anthony Troffa	Student Government .5	\$1,606.00
5.39	Heather Swan	Video Club	\$3,309.00
5.40	Pamela Piffard	Yearbook/Art, Literary, Photo	\$8,527.00
5.41	Elizabeth Casazza	Yearbook/Business	\$1,460.00
WH Clubs			
No.	Name	Description	Stipend
5.42	Christine Barresi	Student Government .5	\$1,607.00
5.43	Scott Armyn	Student Government .5	\$1,607.00
5.44	Paul Esposito	School of Rock	\$1,201.00
5.45	Allison Von Vange	Director/Drama	\$1,592.00
5.46	Pamela Jacovino	Asst.Director/Drama	\$1,099.00
5.47	Todd Hiscox	Art Club	\$781.00
5.48	Keith Meyers	AV Coordinator	\$1,982.00
5.49	Todd Hiscox	Scenery & Stage Crew	\$750.00
MS Clubs			

No.	Name	Description	Stipend
5.50	Mark Belton	Art Club	\$1,197.00
5.51	Dee Weinstock	Audio Visual	\$3,509.00
5.52	Jaclyn Ambrosio	Community Club	\$1,197.00
5.53	Pamela Jacovino	Drama Director	\$3,763.00
5.54	Jessica Casteneda	Drama/Asst. Director	\$2,509.00
5.55	Amy Hughes	Honor Society .5	\$876.50
5.56	Phyllis Sadusky	Honor Society .5	\$876.50
5.57	Melanie DeMarco	Mathletes 7	\$1,753.00
5.58	Denise Grodzicki	Mathletes 8	\$1,753.00
5.59	Denise Grodzicki	Math Counts .5	\$876.50
5.60	Elizabeth Grobe	Math Counts .5	\$876.50
5.61	Kimberly Schiller	Newspaper	\$1,700.00
5.62	Christopher Helmke	School Store	\$3,246.00
5.63	Mark Belton	Stage Crew	\$1,652.00
5.64	Frank Battista	Student Council .5	\$1,606.00
5.65	Matthew Perlongo	Student Council .5	\$1,606.00
5.66	Krista Fee	Yearbook	\$2,131.00
5.67	Esmeralda Tello	Yorkers	\$1,197.00
Interscholastic Athletics			
No.	Name	Description/Season	Step/Stipend
5.68	DELETE James McCabe	JV Girls Basketball	Step 4 \$6,010.00
5.69	Alan Kuver	Varsity Fencing	Step 4 \$5,837.00
5.70	Peter Fusco	Varsity Asst. Wrestling - .3	Step 4 \$1,750.50

H. 6 Approve Additional Work

6 th Grade School Trip/Greenkill					
No.	Unit	Name	Assignment	Effective Dates	Rate of Pay
6.1	ATH	Keith Myers	Greenkill Advisor	2011-2012	\$1,250.00
6.2	ATH	Allison VonVange	Greenkill Advisor	2011-2012	\$1,250.00
Saturday Academy Program (ELL's) – Up to two hours a week Funded through Title III Grant					
No.	Unit	Name	Description	Effective Dates	Rate of Pay
6.3	ATH	Angela Berner	Instructor	11/5/11-6/4/12	\$48.97/hr
6.4	ATH	Donna O'Shaughnessy	Instructor	11/5/11-6/4/12	\$48.97/hr
6.5	ATH	Nancy Giorgos	Instructor	11/5/11-6/4/12	\$48.97/hr
6.6	ATH	Vivian Joseph	Instructor	11/5/11-6/4/12	\$48.97/hr
6.7	ATH	Karen Melara	Instructor	11/5/11-6/4/12	\$48.97/hr
6.8	ATH	Debra Ravo	Instructor	11/5/11-6/4/12	\$48.97/hr
6.9	ATH	Megan Bennett	Instructor	11/5/11-6/4/12	\$48.97/hr
6.10	ATH	Soraya Triessl	Instructor	11/5/11-6/4/12	\$48.97/hr
6.11	ATH	Lucy Marotta	Instructor	11/5/11-6/4/12	\$48.97/hr
6.12	AMA	Miryam Palacio	Aide	11/5/11-6/4/12	\$19.99/hr
Supervision – Athletics					
No.	Unit	Name	Description	Effective Dates	Rate of Pay
6.13	N/A	William Harris	Supervisor	2011-2012	\$31.70/hr
6.14	N/A	Louis D. Giani	Supervisor	2011-2012	\$31.70/hr
Professional Development Instructional Technology K-12					
No.	Unit	Name	Description	Effective Dates	Rate of Pay
6.15	HCA	Rae Montesano	Instructor	2011-2012	\$66.00/hr

H. 7 Approve Home Tutors

No.	Name	Assignment	Effective Dates	Rate of Pay
7.1	William Jackson	Home Tutor	2011-2012	\$48.97/hr

H. 8 Approve Volunteers

Music – Trip to Syracuse				
No.	Unit	Name	Description	Effective Dates
8.1	VOL	Michael Marchena	Assistance at Rehearsals/Performances	10/26/11-10/31/11
8.2	VOL	Lindsey Whiffin	Assistance at Rehearsals/Performances	10/26/11-10/31/11
8.3	VOL	Noel Borden	Assistance at Rehearsals/Performances	10/26/11-10/31/11
8.4	VOL	Joan Borden	Assistance at Rehearsals/Performances	10/26/11-10/31/11

H. 9 Approve Substitutes

No.	Unit	Name	Assignment	Effective Dates	Rate of Pay
9.1	ATH	Caitlin Bishop	Teacher	2011-2012	\$90.00/day
9.2	ATH	Michael Fabio	Teacher	2011-2012	\$90.00/day
9.3	ATH	Christina Gottlieb	Teacher	2011-2012	\$90.00/day
9.4	ATH	Sanford Hirsch	Teacher	2011-2012	\$90.00/day
9.5	ATH	Kristin Kiernan	Teacher	2011-2012	\$90.00/day
9.6	ATH	Jacqueline Kohan	Teacher	2011-2012	\$90.00/day
9.7	ATH	Maria Oliva	Teacher	2011-2012	\$90.00/day
9.8	ATH	Carlos Pumar	Teacher	2011-2012	\$90.00/day
9.9	ATH	Joann Whitcher	Teacher	2011-2012	\$90.00/day
9.10	ATH	Melinda Sarabia	Teacher	2011-2012	\$90.00/day
9.11	AMA	Patricia Gaspari	Aide	2011-2012	\$9.00/hr.
9.12	B&G	Matthew Metz	Custodian	2011-2012	\$10.50/hr.
9.13	B&G	Ovido Umana	Custodian	2011-2012	\$10.50/hr.
9.14	CU	Vanessa Gurrieri	Clerical	2011-2012	\$10.50/hr.
9.15	FSW	Daniel Greco	Food Service	2011-2012	\$9.00/hr.
9.16	FSW	Ronald Anderson	Food Service	2011-2012	\$9.00/hr.
9.17	ATH	Conrad Dierking	Teacher	2011-2012	\$90.00/day
9.18	ATH	Priya Mondkar	Teacher	2011-2012	\$90.00/day
9.19	ATH	Kathryn Joseph	Teacher	2011-2012	\$90.00/day
9.20	ATH	Kasey MacPherson	Teacher	2011-2012	\$90.00/day

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	CU = Clerical
JE = Jefferson Primary	Assoc HCA= Chairpersons	
WA = Washington Primary		

BUSINESS ITEMS

A MOTION was made by Mrs. Brown and seconded by Mrs. Hebert to approve Items I.1 through I.8.

This MOTION was not voted on.

A MOTION was made by Mrs. Brown and seconded by Mrs. Hebert to amend the previous MOTION to pull Item I.7 – Approval of Facilities Use Request (Helping Hand Mission) from the MOTION.

MOTION carried 6-0.

A MOTION was made by Mrs. Hebert and seconded by Mr. Spector to approve Items I.1 through I.6 and I.8.

MOTION carried 6-0.

1.7 Approval of Facilities Use Request

Helping Hand Rescue Mission

A MOTION was made by Mrs. Brown and seconded by Mr. McGrath to approve Item I.7. Discussion followed.

A MOTION was made by Mr. Spector and seconded by Mr. Paci to table the vote for Item I.7.

AYES:	2	Mr. McGrath Mr. Spector
NOES:	4	Mrs. Brown Mrs. Hebert Mr. Paci Mrs. Rogan

ABSTAIN: 0

MOTION did not carry 2-4.

A MOTION was made by Mrs. Brown and seconded by Mrs. Hebert to approve the Helping Hand Rescue Mission as an approved user of our facilities.

(See attached)

AYES:	4	Mrs. Brown Mrs. Hebert Mr. McGrath Mrs. Rogan
NOES:	2	Mr. Paci Mr. Spector
ABSTAIN:	0	

MOTION carried 4-2.

I.1 Approval of Memorandum of Agreement

Associated Teachers of Huntington

A MOTION was made by Mrs. Brown and seconded by Mrs. Hebert to approve the Memorandum of Agreement with the Associated Teachers of Huntington for the 2011-2012 school year ending June 30, 2012.

(See attached)

MOTION carried 6-0.

I.2 District Goal Modification

A MOTION was made by Mrs. Brown and seconded by Mrs. Hebert to approve the amended #5 of the Board of Education Goals for the 2011-2012 school year as follows:

- 5. Establish a climate of mutual trust within the Board of Education and among the Board, administration, faculty and staff, town government, district residents and community groups.

MOTION carried 6-0.

1.3 Approval of Contracts

A MOTION was made by Mrs. Brown and seconded by Mrs. Hebert to approve the following contracts:

- a. Child Center for Developmental Services, Inc.
- b. Keith Harris, MD
- c. Franz Moise, MD
- d. Howard Reiser, MD
- e. Eastern Suffolk BOCES – Field Trip Transportation
- f. Keane & Beane, P.C.
- g. Opportunities Industrialization Center of Suffolk, Inc.
- h. Infinite Learning, Inc.
- i. A-Totleys Learning Center
- j. King’s Kids Resources, Inc.
- k. Huntington Learning Centers, Inc.
- l. All About Kids
- m. Smarties Tutoring Services LLC
- n. The Summit School

(See attached)

MOTION carried 6-0.

1.4 Approval of Bid Award

A MOTION was made by Mrs. Brown and seconded by Mrs. Hebert to award the bid for Disposal of Surplus Equipment to the following bidders as described in the attached memorandum:

S. Abraham
R. Giarraputo
J. Malone

(See attached)

MOTION carried 6-0.

1.5 Acceptance of Donation

Mr. & Mrs. McGuinness

A MOTION was made by Mrs. Brown and seconded by Mrs. Hebert to accept a donation of a drawing table valued at \$200 to be used in the Huntington High School Art Program. This donation was made by Mr. & Mrs. McGuinness, parents of a Huntington High School staff member.

MOTION carried 6-0.

Mr. Bill Ahern

A MOTION was made by Mrs. Brown and seconded by Mrs. Hebert to accept a donation of a weeping cherry tree to be placed at Huntington High School to commemorate the Class of 1961 as Huntington High School’s 100th graduating class. The tree is valued at \$575.

(See attached)

MOTION carried 6-0.

I.6 Approval of Mileage Reimbursement

A MOTION was made by Mrs. Brown and seconded by Mrs. Hebert to approve the following employees to be reimbursed for mileage:

Megan Himmelman	Teacher
Kristen Murphy	Speech Therapist
Leslie Pond	Teacher

MOTION carried 6-0.

I.8 Approval of Budget Transfer

A MOTION was made by Mrs. Brown and seconded by Mrs. Hebert to approve the attached budget transfer.

(See attached)

MOTION carried 6-0.

Mrs. Brown thanked Mr. & Mrs. McGuinness and Mr. Ahern for their very generous donations.

PUBLIC COMMENTARY

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

CLOSING REMARKS

Mrs. Brown indicated that she did not vote to close Jack Abrams School.

ADJOURNMENT

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

At 9:50 p.m. the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Elizabeth Troffa
District Clerk