

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

January 9, 2012

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of the Huntington Union Free School District was held on Monday, January 9, 2012 at Jack Abrams School, Huntington Station, New York. The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A MOTION was made by Mrs. Hebert and seconded by Mr. McGrath to go into Executive Session to discuss matters pertaining to litigation, negotiations, and personnel.

MOTION carried 7-0.

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 December 5, 2011.

MOTION carried 7-0.

TREASURER'S REPORT

A MOTION was made by Mr. Paci and seconded by Mrs. Black to approve the Treasurer's Report as of November 30, 2011.

(See attached)

MOTION carried 7-0.

ACCEPTANCE OF WARRANTS

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

December Warrants	
GENERAL ADVANCED WARRANT (NOVEMBER)	\$5,936,008.33
GENERAL FUND WARRANT 12/07/11	\$1,413,807.87
GENERAL FUND WARRANT 12/21/11	\$1,801,799.89
SCHOOL LUNCH ADVANCE WARRANT (NOVEMBER)	\$66,368.85
SCHOOL LUNCH WARRANT 12/07/11	\$2,935.02
SCHOOL LUNCH WARRANT 12/21/11	\$70,640.74
SPECIAL AID ADVANCED WARRANT (NOVEMBER)	\$101,998.63
SPECIAL AID WARRANT 12/07/11	\$39,870.60
SPECIAL AID WARRANT 12/21/11	\$20,182.19
WORKERS COMP WARRANT 12/09/11	\$13,676.10
WORKERS COMP WARRANT 12/23/11	\$12,574.25
CAPITAL PROJECTS WARRANT HC 12/07/11	\$4,800.00
CAPITAL PROJECTS WARRANT HJ 12/07/11	\$15,986.20
CAPITAL PROJECTS WARRANT HC 12/21/11	\$325.69
CAPITAL PROJECTS WARRANT HJ 12/21/11	\$116.83
T & A NOVEMBER WARRANT	\$5,747,888.11
MEDICARE REIMBURSEMENTS WARRANT	\$840,028.15
TOTALS	\$16,089,007.45

MOTION carried 7-0.

FINANCIAL REPORTS - FYI

The following reports were presented for information only:

- Revenue Status Report as of November 30, 2011
- Expenditure Reports as of December 31, 2011
 - a) General Fund

- b) School Lunch Fund
- c) Special Aid Fund

COMMUNICATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mrs. Rogan attended the National Math Honor Society Induction and noted that there are now 51 members. Mrs. Brown attended a holiday concert at Huntington High School and noted the students did an amazing job.

Mrs. Black noted that at a meeting at Town Hall the Huntington Station Action NOW committee has been formed, spawned by the recent shooting at Lincoln Farms. This committee will consist of several subcommittees to address specific issues. One of the subcommittees is an Education Committee that Mr. Polansky and Dr. Shea, Superintendent of South Huntington U.F.S.D. will co-chair. Mr. Polansky announced that anyone is welcome to join. The location of the first meeting is Tri CYA in the Big H Shopping Center and will take place on January 10th at 6:00 PM. Mrs. Hebert joined another subcommittee that addresses finding funding that could be funneled into the town and community.

Mr. Polansky thanked the music groups who performed so brilliantly during the holiday season. Congratulations to all involved.

Mr. Polansky indicated that we are beginning the budget season and he is mailing a budget postcard to all residents indicating the dates of the various board meetings and timeline in an effort to keep everyone informed and involved. The postcard will be delivered next week.

Mr. Polansky indicated that he and administration, along with Bari Fehrs, PTA Council President would be attending an Advocacy Workshop presented by Eastern Suffolk BOCES on January 28th.

Mr. Polansky announced the Huntington Foundation for Excellence in Education Gala event that will take place on January 20th. HFEE has a long history of providing funds for our children and he urged everyone to support this event. He indicated how important HFEE is to the school district.

PUBLIC COMMENTARY

Members of the community were given the opportunity to address the Board of Education on items listed in *Items for Discussion/Action*. There was no commentary.

PRESENTATION

K-12 Student Progress and Achievement

Mr. Polansky indicated that we are at a crossroads in education and we need to work differently to help the children in our charge. The presentation prepared by Dr. Card is

based upon this concept of change. Dr. Card summarized assessments K-12, discussed districtwide performance and Action Plans. There was discussion with the Board.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION/ACTION

2012-2013 District Calendar

A MOTION was made by Mr. McGrath and seconded by Mrs. Black approve the 2012-2013 district calendar.

(See attached)

MOTION carried 7-0.

Districtwide Shared Decision Making Advisory Committee Appointments

A MOTION was made by Mrs. Brown and seconded by Mrs. Black approve the Districtwide Shared Decision Making Advisory Committee appointments.

(See attached)

MOTION carried 7-0.

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		
27637		27431		24970		27974	28155
24686		25135		28139		28146	27997
28152		24745		28140		28158	28157
27286		28117		25053		28141	27944
27819		28103				27846	28156
25166		23663				28144	28008
28062		28050				28145	28142
27956		23948				28028	27935
27642		27313				28143	28031
27793		27792					
24418		24813					
24614		23207					
24894		23674					
27298		24067					
27432		24667					

27436		24654			
27807		23442			

MOTION carried 7-0.

PERSONNEL ITEMS

On the recommendation of the Superintendent a MOTION was made by Mrs. Brown and seconded by Mr. McGrath to approve Items H.2 through H.5 and H.7 of the personnel agenda.

MOTION carried 7-0.

A MOTION was made by Mr. Paci and seconded by Mrs. Black to approve items H.1.1 through H.1.4.

MOTION carried 7-0.

A MOTION was made by Mrs. Brown and seconded by Mrs. Hebert to approve item H.1.5.

AYES:	1	Mrs. Brown
NOES:	6	Mrs. Black Mrs. Hebert Mr. McGrath Mr. Paci Mrs. Rogan Mr. Spector
ABSTAIN:	0	

MOTION did not carry 1-6.

A MOTION was made by Mrs. Hebert and seconded by Mr. Paci to approve item H.6.1.

MOTION carried 7-0.

A MOTION was made by Mrs. Brown and seconded by Mr. McGrath to approve items H.6.2 and H.6.3.

AYES:	3	Mrs. Brown Mr. McGrath Mr. Paci
NOES:	4	Mrs. Black Mrs. Hebert

Mrs. Rogan
Mr. Spector

ABSTAIN: 0

MOTION did not carry 3-4.

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

Resignations					
No.	Unit	Name	Assignment	Effective Date	Reason
1.1	CU	Donna DiBiase	JE/Clerical	12/31/11	New Position
1.2	AMA	Kristine Warren	WA/Monitor	12/22/11 Close of business	Accept New Assignment
Retirements					
No.	Unit	Name	Assignment	Effective Date	Award
1.3	DSPA	Angelo Noce	High School Assistant Principal	6/30/12 Close of Business	N/A
1.4	DSPA	Margaret Evers	Jefferson Primary Principal	6/30/12 Close of Business	\$48,800.00 <i>Estimated</i>
1.5	DSPA	Vicki L. Mingin	Special Education & Student Support Services Executive Director	6/30/13 Close of Business <i>Request for Extension</i>	\$64,261.00 <i>Estimated</i>
Leave of Absence					
No.	Unit	Name	Assignment	Effective Dates	Reason
1.6	ATH	Heather Flaherty	WH/Elem	1/27/12-5/4/12	FMLA
1.7	ATH	Kathryn Carey	DW/Speech	1/30/12-6/30/12	Child Care
<i>Ms. Carey was previously approved through 1/31/12</i>					
1.8	ATH	Hildi Green-Stanford	SD/Spec Ed	1/30/12-6/30/12	Child Care
<i>Ms. Green-Stanford was previously approved through 1/30/12</i>					

H. 2 Approve New Instructional Appointments

Part-Time						
No	Unit	Name	Assignment	Effective Dates	Salary	Replacing
2.1	ATH	Risa Brachman	DW/Speech (.6 FTE)	1/30/12-6/30/12	Sch. VIII, Step 10 \$53,385.00 (.6) Funded through 611 Grant	J. Leonard
<i>Ms. Brachman was previously approved through 1/30/12 replacing K. Carey</i>						

H. 3 Approve Long-Term Substitutes

Full-time						
No.	Unit	Name	Assignment	Effective Dates	Salary	Replacing

3.1	ATH	Kelli-Ann Connors	SD/Spec Ed	1/30/12-6/30/12	Sch. IV, Step 2 \$57,290.00	H. Green-Stanford
<i>Ms. Connors was previously approved through 1/30/12</i>						
3.2	ATH	Priya Mondkar	FH/Elem	1/6/12-approx 6/1/12	1-20 days/\$90 21-30 days/\$105 31+ days/\$332.18 Sch. VIII, Step 1 \$66,435.00	L. Cuthbertson
3.3	ATH	Tirsa Oliva	JE/Elem/DL	12/20/11-approx. 2/10/12	1-20 days/\$90 21-30 days/\$105 31+ days/\$241.45 Sch. I, Step 1 \$48,290.00	L. Marotta
3.4	ATH	Kristen Murphy	Speech	2/1/12-6/30/12	Sch. VIII, Step 11 \$91,795.00	K. Carey
<i>Ms. Murphy was previously approved through 1/31/12 replacing Y. Lucas</i>						
3.5	ATH	Robert Barca	MS/SS	9/13/11-approx. 1/31/12	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 1/9/12</i>						

H. 4 Approve Non-Instructional New Appointment

Full-time						
No	Unit	Name	Assignment	Effective Date	Salary	Replacing
4.1	CU	Kristine Warren	JE/Clerical	1/3/12	\$21,140.00	D. DiBiase

H. 5 Approve Additional Work

K-2 Saturday Academy Funded through Title III Grant					
No	Unit	Name	Description	Effective Dates	Rate of Pay
5.1	DSPA	Carmen Kasper	Administrator	2011-2012	\$1,960.00
Supervision-Athletics					
No	Unit	Name	Description	Effective Dates	Rate of Pay
5.2	ATH	Elizabeth Lupi	Supervisor	2011-2012	\$31.70/hr
5.3	ATH	Cynthia Persichilli-Bergmann	Supervisor	2011-2012	\$31.70/hr
Crisis Services					

No	Unit	Name	Description	Effective Dates	Rate of Pay
5.4	ATH	Nancy DeVito	Grief Counseling	12/7/11	1 hr @ \$48.97/hr
5.5	ATH	Giovanni Mendez	Grief Counseling	12/7/11	1 hr @ \$48.97/hr
5.6	ATH	Melody Renick	Grief Counseling	12/7/11	2 hrs @ \$48.97/hr
5.7	ATH	Kathryn Costa	Grief Counseling	12/7/11	3 hrs @ \$48.97/hr
Peer Mediation					
No	Unit	Name	Description	Effective Dates	Rate of Pay
5.8	ATH	Bernadette Walsh	Peer Mediation	2011-2012	2 days @ \$200/day
5.9	ATH	Paul Caleca	Peer Mediation	2011-2012	2 days @ \$200/day

H. 6 Approve Extra Duty Assignments

Marching Band			
No.	Name	Description/Season	Stipend
6.1	Amy Gagnon	Winter Guard/Winter	\$1444.20
Interscholastic Athletics			
No.	Name	Description/Season	Stipend
6.2	TBA	MS Girls Lacrosse Coach/Spring	\$3760.00
6.3	TBA	MS Girls Lacrosse Asst. Coach/Spring	\$3552.00

H. 7 Approve Substitutes

No.	Unit	Name	Assignment	Effective Dates	Rate of Pay
7.1	ATH	Maria Canino	Teacher	2011-2012	\$90.00/day
7.2	ATH	Jonathan Hernandez	Teacher	2011-2012	\$90.00/day
7.3	ATH	Kieran Mock	Teacher	2011-2012	\$90.00/day
7.4	ATH	Jennifer Morello	Teacher	2011-2012	\$90.00/day
7.5	ATH	Melody Torcivia	Teacher	2011-2012	\$90.00/day
7.6	ATH	Sara Winterling	Teacher	2011-2012	\$90.00/day
7.7	AMA	Melisa Cartagena	Aide	2011-2012	\$9.00/hr
7.8	AMA	Peter DiGioia	Aide	2011-2012	\$9.00/hr
7.9	AMA	Michelle Orelli	Aide	2011-2012	\$9.00/hr
7.10	CU	Jackie Galante	Clerical	2011-2012	\$10.50/hr
7.11	CU	Michelle Orelli	Clerical	2011-2012	\$10.50/hr
7.12	NUR	Christine Anderer	Nurse	2011-2012	\$105.00/day
7.13	ATH	Debra Collins	Teacher	2011-2012	\$90.00/day
7.14	ATH	Nancy Giorgos	Teacher	2011-2012	\$90.00/day
7.15	ATH	Melissa Borzumato	Teacher	2011-2012	\$90.00/day
7.16	ATH	Athena Angerhauser	Teacher	2011-2012	\$90.00/day
7.17	ATH	Maria Acevedo	Teacher	2011-2012	\$90.00/day

7.18	ATH	Brian Hansen	Teacher	2011-2012	\$90.00/day
7.19	ATH	Katherine Hicks	Teacher	2011-2012	\$90.00/day
7.20	ATH	Stephanie Lerch	Teacher	2011-2012	\$90.00/day
7.21	ATH	Alexandra O'Leary	Teacher	2011-2012	\$90.00/day

Dr. Giani announced and congratulated Angelo Noce and Margaret Evers on their retirements.

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

Jean Hoerner Vandersall Scholarship

A MOTION was made by Mrs. Hebert and seconded by Mrs. Brown to approve the establishment of a scholarship fund in the name of Jean Hoerner Vandersall.

(See attached)

MOTION carried 7-0.

Approval of Overnight Field Trips

Huntington Highsteppers

A MOTION was made by Mrs. Hebert and seconded by Mrs. Brown to approve the Huntington High School Highsteppers trip to Orlando, Florida to compete in the National Dance and Cheer Championships. The dates of the trip are 3/16/2012 – 3/19/2012.

(See attached)

MOTION carried 7-0.

Habitat for Humanity Club

A MOTION was made by Mrs. Hebert and seconded by Mrs. Brown to approve the Habitat for Humanity Club trip to Mobile, Alabama from 2/19/2012 – 2/25/2012.

(See attached)

MOTION carried 7-0.

Approval of Contracts

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

(See attached)

- a. Dr. Miguel Brzostovski
- b. Half Hollow Hills Central School District
- c. Rudansky & Winter MD, PC
- d. The Daytop Preparatory School
- e. South Huntington Union Free School District
- f. Alternatives for Children
- g. Anderson Center for Autism
- h. Ascent: A School for Individuals with Autism
- i. Brookville Center for Children's Services, Inc.
- j. Building Blocks Developmental Preschool
- k. Cleary School for the Deaf
- l. County of Suffolk – Department of Health Services
- m. Developmental Disabilities Institute, Inc.
- n. Harmony Heights School
- o. Just Kids Early Childhood Learning Center
- p. Kidz Therapy Services, LLC
- q. Madonna Heights
- r. Maryhaven Center of Hope
- s. Metro Therapy
- t. Mill Neck Manor School for the Deaf
- u. Nassau Suffolk Services for the Autistic
- v. New York Therapy Placement Services
- w. The Opportunity Preschool
- x. South Huntington UFSD SHIP
- y. United Cerebral Palsy of Greater Suffolk
- z. Woodward Mental Health Center, Inc.

MOTION carried 7-0.

Second Reading of Policy #7515 – Students With Life-Threatening Health Conditions

A MOTION was made by Mrs. Hebert and seconded by Mrs. Brown to approve this policy.

(See attached)

MOTION carried 7-0.

Approve of Mileage Reimbursement

A MOTION was made by Mrs. Hebert and seconded by Mrs. Brown to approve teacher, John Scheffer, for reimbursement for mileage.

MOTION carried 7-0.

Acceptance of Donations

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

Adam Spector – a donation of an adjustable drawing table to be used in the Huntington High School Art program valued at \$250.

Sondra Somin – A donation of a Scott stereo receiver and speakers to be used in the Huntington High School Music Program valued at \$250.

Alexandra Fulton – a donation of a Yamaha trumpet and snare drum with case and stand to be used in the district's music program. These instruments are valued at \$750.

PUBLIC COMMENTARY

Members of the community were given the opportunity to address the Board of Education on any item. Commentary began at 9:10 p.m. and ended at 9:15 p.m.

CLOSING REMARKS

Mrs. Brown thanked those who made donations to the district and the scholarship fund.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Paci left the meeting at 9:10 p.m.

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

At 9:18 p.m. the meeting was adjourned.

MOTION carried 6-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Elizabeth Troffa
District Clerk