

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

March 19, 2012

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of the Huntington Union Free School District was held on Monday, March 19, 2012 at Jack Abrams School, Huntington Station, New York. The meeting was called to order at 6:05 PM.

ROLL CALL

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A MOTION was made by Mrs. Hebert and seconded by Mrs. Brown to go into Executive Session to discuss negotiations, legal and personnel matters.

MOTION carried 7-0.

At 7:35 PM 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. Black and seconded by Mrs. Brown to approve the Board of Education Minutes of March 5, 2012.

(See attached)

MOTION carried 7-0.

APPROVAL OF TREASURER'S REPORT

A MOTION was made by Mr. McGrath and seconded by Mrs. Hebert to approve the Treasurer's Report as of January 31, 2012.

(See attached)

MOTION carried 7-0.

FINANCIAL REPORTS - FYI

The following reports were presented for information only:

- Revenue Status Report as of February 29, 2012
- Expenditure Reports as of February 29, 2012
 - a) General Fund
 - b) School Lunch Fund
 - c) Special Aid Fund

COMMUNICATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mrs. Brown announced a fundraiser for the Huntington Crew team that will take place on Friday, March 23, 2012 at the Huntington Yacht Club. Donations are \$25 per person. The purpose of the fundraiser is to raise money to buy a boat as one boat will be retired.

Mrs. Hebert attended the Finley Honors Concert. The band, orchestra and chorus performed on March 15th at the High School and did a wonderful job.

Mrs. Rogan attended Math Pride Awards.

Mrs. Rogan and Mrs. Hebert went up to Albany, New York to attend an Advocacy Conference sponsored by New York State School Boards Association. Mrs. Rogan gave an overview of the conference indicating that between 300 and 400 school districts were represented. Both Mrs. Rogan and Mrs. Hebert spoke at the conference and met with Senator Flanagan. They both felt the trip was time well spent and that it is important that our voice is heard. Mrs. Brown thanked Mrs. Rogan and Mrs. Hebert for going to the conference indicating that the district did not pay, they paid for it themselves.

Mr. Polansky attended Pasta Night at Woodhull and viewed the Science Fair projects. The dinner was great and he was very impressed with the science projects.

Mr. Polansky congratulated Juliana Coraor for being a finalist in the Intel competition.

Mr. Polansky attended Huntington Idol noting that we have wonderfully talented students.

Mr. Polansky announced that Tuesday, March 20th the first group of students will be leaving for Greenkill and he will be there to send them off. The next group will go the following week.

Mr. Polansky briefly discussed Governor Cuomo's budget.

PRESENTATION

2012-2013 Budget

Mr. Polansky began by addressing questions that the Board posed at last week's meeting.

- He discussed assessed valuation indicating in the presentation that it is down over the last four years. Discussion followed. The Board decided to reduce the assessed valuation for budget purposes by \$300,000.
- He discussed legal fees and made a comparison of other districts in the Township of Huntington. Discussion followed.

Mr. Polansky then presented an overview of the expenditure categories that are being discussed this evening comparing 2011-2012 to 2012-2013. He discussed three specific areas in detail: Employee Benefits, Debt Service, and Interfund Transfers. Discussion followed.

1st PUBLIC COMMENTARY

Members of the community were given the opportunity to address the Board of Education on items listed in *Items for Discussion/Action*. *Public Commentary* began at 8:30 PM and ended at 9:36 PM.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION/ACTION

Building Use Fees

Mr. Polansky presented to the Board a new fee schedule as developed by central administration. This fee schedule includes one-time users and seasonal users. There was extensive discussion indicating that the Board policy would need to be updated along with the fee schedule. The new fee schedule will be slightly adjusted and presented at a future date to the Board of Education for approval along with an updated policy.

Building Use Request

A MOTION was made by Mrs. Hebert and seconded by Mrs. Black to approve the following organization as an approved user of our facilities as reflected in the new fee schedule presented to the Board:

Senior Pops Orchestra of Long Island

MOTION carried 7-0.

Wounded Warrior Project

There was discussion about the Wounded Warrior Project using our high school auditorium. The Board directed Administration to look into the matter further and tabled this item.

Capital Reserve Proposition

A MOTION was made by Mrs. Hebert and seconded by Mrs. Brown to approve the Proposition below to be placed on the ballot on May 15, 2012.

Residents will also be asked to vote on Proposition No. 2 to expend monies that already exist in the current Building Improvement Fund for a variety of projects in district buildings. Passage of this proposition will not result in an increase in taxes:

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education will be authorized to expend from the Building Improvement Fund, established by voters of the district at the annual district meeting held May 20, 2008, an amount not to exceed \$242,000 for security system replacement, clock replacement and public address system replacement at Finley Middle School, \$25,000 for building access control and security system replacement at Flower Hill Primary School, \$815,000 for security system replacement, clock replacement, public address system replacement and chemistry laboratory renovation at Huntington High School, \$27,000 for security system replacement at Jack Abrams School, \$25,000 for building access control and security system replacement at Jefferson Primary School, \$630,000 for building access control, security system replacement and roadway, parking lot and sidewalk renovation at Southdown Primary School, \$350,000 for security system replacement, public address system replacement, building access control and roadway, parking lot and sidewalk renovation at Washington Primary School and \$185,00 for replacement of the fire alarm system and clock replacement at Woodhull Intermediate School.

MOTION carried 7-0.

2012 Biennial Review of Shared Decision Making

Mr. Polansky indicated that this review is required by the State. Dr. Card gave a brief background about the beginnings of this Committee. Each building is required in October

to submit a plan for what they are intending to do on the Shared Decision Making Committee for the year. Dr. Card reported that all of our buildings are in compliance with the Commissioner's requirements. He thanked all members of the Committee and building principals for spearheading this very important initiative.

A MOTION was made by Mrs. Brown and seconded by Mrs. Hebert to approve the 2012 Biennial Review of the Shared Decision Making Committee.

MOTION carried 7-0.

CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION

A MOTION was made by Mrs. Brown and seconded by Mrs. Black 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 Reviews-CSE		
27849		28203		27360	24878	24503
27545		28205		27344	27829	27607
24878		28204		27384	27195	22714
27820		28214		27658	24456	24554
23663		28206		27752	24582	27896
24139		28201		24799	27294	22650
27843		28200		27238	25173	23198
23865				27799	24742	21872
23610				27321	24460	
22628				27733	24147	
23207				24768	28088	
25170				27471	24445	
27386				27826	28020	
27792				24785	24418	
28189				24922	27760	
28181				25124	28072	
24206				27280	23556	
28198				27352	23537	
28177				27359	27550	
28180				27956	25143	
28150				24943	23449	
28178				27686	28050	
				27967	25073	
				27709	27822	
				27734	23761	
				24766	27843	

MOTION carried 7-0.

PERSONNEL ITEMS

On the recommendation of the Superintendent, a MOTION was made by Mr. Paci and seconded by Mrs. Black to approve Items H.1 through H.5 on the personnel agenda:

H. 1 Approve Return from Leave of Absence

Return from Leave of Absence					
No.	Unit	Name	Assignment	Effective Dates	Reason
1.1	ATH	Kimberly Gilroy	SD/Sp. Ed.	9/1/12 Sch. VI Step 6.5 \$73,240.00	End Child Care

H. 2 Approve Long-Term Substitutes

Full-time						
2.1	ATH	Robert Barca	MS/SS	9/13/11- approx. 4/2/12	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 3/19/12</i>						

H. 3 Approve Non-Instructional New Appointment

Full-time						
No.	Unit	Name	Assignment	Effective Date	Salary	Replacing
3.1	CU	Deirdre Casey-Steinthal	HS/Attendance 10 Month Clk. Typist	3/20/12	\$21,140.00	E. Senzel

H. 4 Approve Change in Assignment

No.	Unit	Name	Effective Dates	From	To
4.1	AMA	Paula Blackwell	3/20/12	WA/6.5hrs. \$19.71/hr	HS/7hrs. \$19.71/hr

H. 5 Approve Additional Work

Interscholastic Athletics Events					
No	Unit	Name	Description	Effective Dates	Rate of Pay
5.1	NC	Kevin Travis	Supervision	2011-2012	\$31.70
5.2	NC	Jerome Merkerson	Supervision	2011-2012	\$31.70

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 WA = Washington Primary	Assoc HCA= Chairpersons	
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BUSINESS ITEMS

Approval of Contracts

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

**Educational Data Services, Inc.
SCOPE 2012-2013 Facility Use Charge**

(See attached)

MOTION carried 7-0.

Approval of Resolution

A MOTION was made by Mrs. Brown and seconded by Mrs. Hebert to approve the Resolution with Eastern Suffolk BOCES for the Cooperative Bid System.

(See attached)

MOTION carried 7-0.

Acceptance of Donations

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

Fat Nappa Productions	Recording microphone, accessories and special sound proofing material to complete a new audio sound recording booth at Huntington High School, valued at \$800
Huntington Booster Club	Resilite LiteWeight Wrestling mat, valued at \$7,100

MOTION carried 7-0.

Budget Transfer

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

(See attached)

MOTION carried 7-0.

2nd PUBLIC COMMENTARY

Members of the community were given the opportunity to address the Board of Education on any item. There was no commentary.

CLOSING REMARKS

Mrs. Brown thanked Marc Jensen and Wendy Penzel for their very generous donations.

ADJOURNMENT

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

At 9:16 PM the meeting was adjourned.

MOTION carried 7-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Elizabeth Troffa
District Clerk