

**REGULAR MEETING  
HUNTINGTON UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT  
BOARD OF EDUCATION  
February 12, 2007**

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of the Huntington Union Free School District was held on Monday, February 12, 2007, at Huntington Intermediate School, Lowndes Avenue, Huntington Station, NY 11746. Mr. Lee called the meeting to order at 7:40 p.m.

**ROLL CALL**

There were present Board of Education Members Black, Collyer, Forte, Lee, Marchi, McGrath, Rogan; Superintendent Finello, Messrs. Giani, Grackin, O'Brien and Mrs. Bender.

**EMERGENCY EVACUATION PROCEDURE**

Mr. Lee discussed the exits to be used in the event of any emergency.

**SMOKE FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT**

Mr. Lee announced that the Huntington Union Free School District is a smoke-free district and smoking is prohibited in all buildings and on school grounds.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A MOTION was made by Mrs. Collyer and seconded by Mrs. Marchi to approve the Minutes of the following meeting of the Board of Education:

January 29, 2007

MOTION carried.

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

A MOTION was made by Mrs. Marchi and seconded by Mrs. Collyer to accept the following Treasurer's Report of December 31, 2006:

General Fund	\$13,111,809.77
Capital Fund	2,912,979.75
Special Aid Fund	123,443.01
School Lunch Fund	171,905.41
Trust and Agency Fund	861,965.68
Payroll Fund	0

MOTION carried.

**EXPENDITURE REPORT**

Revenue Status Report through December 31, 2006 was distributed for “Information Only” as follows:

- a) General Fund

An Analysis of Investments showing interest earned as of December 31, 2006 was distributed for “Information Only.”

Expenditure Reports through January 31, 2007 were distributed for “Information Only” as follows:

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

Extracurricular Quarterly Report for 2006-2007 was distributed for “Information Only.”

**APPROVAL OF WARRANTS**

A MOTION was made by Mrs. Collyer and seconded by Mrs. Marchi to approve the following Warrants:

**January 31, 2007:**

General Fund Warrant #14	\$ 3,134,396.79
General Fund Warrant #15	\$ 5,685,151.76
School Lunch Warrant #12	\$ 63,462.28
School Lunch Warrant #13	\$ 63,599.61
Special Aid Warrant #13	\$ 83,583.74
Special Aid Warrant #14	\$ 146,233.40
Workers Comp Warrant #7	\$ 25,572.13

Capital Warrant #4 Bond Issue	\$ 418,700.30
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Capital Warrant #32 New Renovations	\$ 97,352.82
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MOTION carried.

### **COMMUNICATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Mr. Finello reported that the Girls Varsity Basketball team defeated Comsewogue which earned them the League V Championship.

Mr. Finello also reported that Huntington hosted the League V Wrestling Tournament. Huntington came in second with four champions and eleven qualified for County. Stephan Riley was most outstanding wrestler in tournament.

Mrs. Black thanked Dr. Leonardi for acting as a translator at the last Board meeting.

### **PUBLIC COMMENTARY**

At that portion of the meeting set aside for questions and comments from the public Carlene Cournane and Christine DePetris, representing the staff at Southdown, expressed their concerns about the overcrowding at Southdown.

Todd Hiscox, art teacher at Woodhull and Southdown, shared a story about having art on a cart at Southdown and having to go outside to go from one end of the building to the other because of stairs and some of the children's artwork blew away. He was humiliated.

Christopher Dugan, special education teacher, Woodhull, expressed the concerns of the teachers at Woodhull regarding space issues and the difficulty of meeting the needs of the students.

A parent submitted a petition with 184 signatures that support the recommendation of the ELFACS Committee.

A PTA parent expressed her concerns about the space issues.

Amy Hughes, special education teacher, Woodhull, expressed her concerns about the space issues at Woodhull.

A parent asked if the Woodhull and Huntington Intermediate students could be swapped.

A parent asked if her children's new school would be overcrowded as is Woodhull.

A Washington parent wanted to know the timeframe of the decision.

A Woodhull parent spoke in favor of the ELFACS Committee recommendation.

A Flower Hill/Huntington Intermediate parent asked what would happen to the numbers if the current second and fifth grader at Jefferson, Southdown and Woodhull choose not to move.

A Huntington Intermediate parent had concerns about the window installations currently going on at Huntington Intermediate. She said the odor is giving the students headaches. Mr. Rispoli responded.

Maryann Sacher, physical education teacher at Woodhull, expressed her concerns about the overcrowding at Woodhull.

A parent questioned why there wasn't a Flower Hill parent or a Finley parent on the ELFACS Committee. Mr. Lee explained how the committee was made up.

### **ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND ACTION**

#### **Elementary Facilities and Class Size Committee (ELFACS) Recommendations**

Mr. Lee explained the make-up and purpose of the ELFACS Committee. The committee is recommending a change in attendance zones to alleviate the overcrowding at Jefferson, Southdown and Woodhull.

Mrs. Black asked how this attendance zone was chosen. Mr. Giani responded that the committee looked to extend already existing zones and looked at number of students and student ethnicity to do so. This brought better balance in enrollment and ethnicity. Extensive discussion followed.

A MOTION was made and seconded to approve the recommendation of the ELFACS Committee.

VOTE:	AYES:	Mr. Lee Mrs. Marchi Mr. McGrath Mrs. Rogan
	NOES:	Mrs. Black Mrs. Collyer Mr. Forte

MOTION carried.

A MOTION was made by Mrs. Rogan and seconded by Mr. Lee to expand the ELFACS Committee by adding a parent from Flower Hill and an administrator from Finley Middle School.

MOTION carried.

After extensive discussion it was decided that the district would look into the availability and feasibility of Touro and what it would cost to move the sixth grade to Finley Middle School.

A MOTION was made by Mrs. Rogan and seconded by Mr. Lee to obtain an analysis from the architect of what it would cost to expand Finley Middle School to accommodate sixth grade and what it would cost to bring Touro up to code.

MOTION carried.

#### Recommendations/Alternatives for Use of EXCEL Funds

Mr. Grackin explained that the district will receive 1.359 million dollars in EXCEL funds. He explained that he and Mr. Rispoli reviewed the Five Year Capital Plan and selected projects in each building. They also reviewed these projects with Roger Smith of Burton, Behrendt and Smith, architect, and it appears that each of these projects can be considered for EXCEL funding. Discussion followed. Mr. Grackin will talk with Bond Counsel regarding proposition for May vote.

(See attached)

#### State Aid 2007-08

Mr. Grackin explained that the district is scheduled to receive an additional 4.32% increase in state aid. Discussion followed.

#### Supplemental Requirements for Turf Field Usage

Mr. Grackin gave an update on the construction work at the high school. Discussion followed regarding the Supplemental Requirements for Turf Field Usage Policy.

A MOTION was made by Mrs. Marchi and seconded by Mrs. Collyer to approve the second reading of the Supplemental Requirements for Use of Huntington High School's Turf Field.

(See attached)

MOTION carried.

#### Repair Reserve Fund

Mr. Grackin explained that he would like to set aside money on an annual basis to fund repairs. Discussion followed. See Business section for Resolution.

Mrs. Rogan requested that Mr. Grackin give a technology and Student Management System update at the next Board meeting.

### **CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION**

A MOTON was made by Mrs. Marchi and seconded by Mrs. Collyer to authorize the district administration to arrange for the provision of appropriate special education programs and services for students as enumerated in the CSE and CPSE meetings:

CSE:

1. 24622	2. 25055	3. 25060	4. 225082
5. 21732	6. 25016	7. 21793	8. 21329
9. 23056	10.25003	11.24819	12.22646
13.24867	14.22199	15.24246	16.24915
17.25062	18.25064	19.25028	20.21323

CPSE:

1. 25085	2. 25096	3. 25078	4. 25047
5. 25069	6. 24873	7. 24583	8. 24787
9. 25080	10.25071		

MOTION carried.

### **INSTRUCTIONAL PERSONNEL**

On the recommendation of the Superintendent, a MOTION was made by Mrs. Collyer and seconded by Mrs. Marchi to approve the following changes in Instructional Personnel:

#### **Teacher Probationary Appointment**

<b><u>Name</u></b>	<b><u>Tenure Area</u></b>	<b><u>Prob.Appt. Date</u></b>	<b><u>Tenure Date</u></b>	<b><u>Cert. Status</u></b>
Robert Gruebel Compensatory Math teacher Woodhull Sch. III, Step 1 \$47,135 Mr. Gruebel has been the long-term substitute compensatory math teacher at Woodhull since September 2006.	Elem.	2/26/07	9/1/09*	Elem.Prov

\*Jarema credit

#### **Teacher Resignation and Retirement**

Sandra Dick, Guidance Counselor, Finley, effective close of business June 30, 2007, \$3,000 retirement award – 18 years in Huntington

#### **Requests for Leave of Absence**

A. Corinne D'Andrea, Math teacher, effective 07-08 school year, child care

B. Nadine Araoz, ESL/Social Student teacher, effective 07-08 school year, child care

- C. Victoria Maisano, Guidance Counselor, High School, effective 07-08 school year, child care
- D. Nicole Pultz, Special Education teacher, effective 07-08 school year, child care
- E. Christina Droskoski, Reading teacher, effective 07-08 school year, child care
- F. Amy Worth, Art teacher, High School, effective 07-08 school year, Article XVII, A.

### **Long-Term Substitute Appointments**

- A. Jaime Opendor, Speech therapist, Flower Hill, effective February 13, 2007 through June 30, 2007, Sch. VI, Step 1, \$54,370 – for Y. Lucas – child care
- B. Lisa Travis, Reading teacher, Jefferson, effective March 29, 2007 through June 30, 2007, Sch. V, Step 2, \$53,540 – for L. Sugrue – child care
- C. Evelyn Goussis, Special Education teacher, Washington, effective February 13, 2007 through June 30, 2007, Sch. I, Step 1, \$43,500 – for J. Stucchio – child care
- D. Kathleen McCourt, Coordinator Special Education 9-12, Sch. V, Step 6, \$344.97 per diem, effective 2/1/07.  
Mrs. McCourt has been on leave of absence for child care since December. Harry Lightstone was approved as Mrs. McCourt's long-term substitute and has requested to work part-time. Mr. Lightstone's and Mrs. McCourt's days will not exceed 5 days per week combined.
- E. Lauren Friedrich, Compensatory Math teacher, Huntington Intermediate, effective February 26, 2007 through June 30, 2007, Sch. IV, Step 1, \$49,910 – for R. Cirillo – child care

### **Teacher Resignation**

Nancy Greeley, Art teacher, effective June 30, 2007

### **Change of Tenure Date**

Nadine Araoz, Social Studies teacher, from September 1, 2007 to December 12, 2009  
Ms. Araoz has been on unpaid leave of absence for child care

### **Teacher Returning From Leave of Absence**

- A. Lori Haggerty, Special Education teacher, Finley, effective September 1, 2007
- B. Kathryn Carey, Speech therapist, Finley, effective September 1, 2007

**Appointment of After-School Staff**

\$44.12 per hour, 2 hours per week, Intermediate Schools, prepare students for Math exam, funded by grant:

Patricia Diaz, substitute

**Appointment of Finley Advisor**

<u>Advisor</u>	<u>Club</u>	<u>Stipend</u>
Angela Long	Student Government	\$2893

**Stipend Adjustment**

Greenkill Coordinator from \$1955 to \$2113 (Keith Meyers and Nicole Lynch)

**Approval of Voluntary Substitute Teachers**

Effective January 30, 2007, \$30 per period:

Flower Hill:

Linda Cirillo  
Jill DeTrano  
Louis Giani  
Suzanne Knoerzer  
Brenda McManus  
Kimberly Murray  
Corinne Walsh

Washington:

Angela Apgar  
Catherine Cooper  
Jessica Algerio  
Jeffrey Dicker  
James Hoops  
Elizabeth Moran  
Eric Mininni  
Marva Winter

Jefferson:

Allison Daly  
Nancy Giorgos  
Kathleen Kraus  
Karen Mallow Rizzo  
Tricia Martin  
Joanne Taormina  
Ruth Youngquist

Toby Fryc  
Mariana Irigoyen  
Rosita Lanoue  
Lucy Marotta  
Louise Sugrue  
Eileen Wallace

Southdown:

Peristera Alfano  
Hildi Green  
Tiffanie Kelly

Huntington Intermediate

Allison Curran  
Mark Helstrom  
Arlene Ricco

Theresa Matthews  
Sarah Metcalf  
Kimberly Myers-Bender

Allison Von Vange  
Kathleen Thompson  
Arlene Morante

Woodhull:

Caterina Cain  
Mary Murphy  
Jenny Strachovsky  
Soraya Triessl

Christine Lofaro  
Rachel Quattarocchi  
Jennifer Sussman  
Nicole Smith

Finley:

Rose Ackerly  
Veturia Cranganu  
Melanie DeMarco  
Christina Garger  
Sharon Holly  
Angela Long  
Erica Murphy  
Judyann Pazienza  
Bradley Reminick  
Jennifer Rodgers  
Kimberly Schiller  
Vincent Tannazzo

Karen Behrman  
Denise DeChiaro  
Alicia Furman  
Elizabeth Grobe  
Susan Jenó  
Donna Moro  
Edward Parry  
Patricia Quinn  
Brian Reynolds  
Josephine Rosado  
Annette Stracuzza  
Dee Weinstock

High School:

Dame Forbes  
Lynn Hefele  
Anna Schiliro

Silvia Gilbert  
Barbara Noble  
Michael Schwendemann

**Approval of New Substitute Teachers**

(See green sheet)

MOTION carried.

**NON-INSTRUCTIONAL PERSONNEL**

On the recommendation of the Superintendent, a MOTION was made by Mrs. Collyer and seconded by Mrs. Marchi to approve the following changes in Non-Instructional Personnel:

**Appointment**

<u>Unit</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Salary</u>	<u>Eff.Date</u>	<u>Replacing</u>
Security	Christopher Bamfo	Guard High School	\$16.63/hr	2/27/07	Eric Sands

**Resignations**

Veronica Auerbach, aide at Jefferson effective, December 29, 2006

Patricia Steinard, Food Service Worker at High School, effective February 9, 2007

Barbara Briggs, Clerk Typist at High School, effective February 16, 2007

Monica O’Leary, Dual Language Teacher Aide at Jefferson, effective January 30, 2007

**Approval of Non-Instructional Lists**

CLERICAL  
CUSTODIAL  
FOOD SERVICE  
NURSE  
SCHOOL TEACHER AIDE  
SECURITY  
(green sheets)

MOTION carried.

**BUSINESS ITEMS**

**Approval of Resolution**

**Joint Municipal Cooperative Bidding Program**

A MOTION was made by Mrs. Marchi and seconded by Mrs. Collyer to approve the following Joint Municipal Cooperative Bidding Program Resolution.

**JOINT MUNICIPAL COOPERATIVE BIDDING PROGRAM RESOLUTION (A)**

WHEREAS, various educational and municipal corporations located within the State of New York desire to bid jointly for generally needed services and standardized supply and equipment items; and

WHEREAS, the Huntington Union Free School District, an educational/municipal corporation (hereinafter the “Participant”) is desirous of selectively participating with other educational

and/or municipal corporations in the State of New York in joint bidding in the areas mentioned above pursuant to General Municipal Law § 119-o and Education Law Section 1950; and

WHEREAS, the Participant is a municipality within the meaning of General Municipal Law § 119-n and is eligible to participate in the Board of Cooperative Educational Services, First Supervisory District of Suffolk County (hereinafter Eastern Suffolk BOCES) Joint Municipal Cooperative Bidding Program (hereinafter the "Program") in the areas mentioned above; and

WHEREAS, the Participant acknowledges receipt of the Program description inclusive of Eastern Suffolk BOCES' standard bid packet and the general conditions relating to said Program; and

WHEREAS, with respect to all activities conducted by the Program, the Participant wishes to delegate to Eastern Suffolk BOCES the responsibility for drafting of bid specifications, advertising for bids, accepting and opening bids, tabulating bids, awarding the bids, and reporting the results to the Participant.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Participant hereby appoints Eastern Suffolk BOCES to represent it and to act as the lead agent in all matters related to the Program as described above; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Participant hereby authorizes Eastern Suffolk BOCES to place all legal advertisements for any required cooperative bidding in Newsday, which is designated as the official newspaper for the Program; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a Membership Committee consisting of one (1) representative from each Participant shall be formed. The Participant shall accordingly appoint one (1) representative to the Membership Committee. Said representative shall be provided with a list of bids. A meeting of the Membership Committee shall be held annually. Notice of the meeting shall be given to each representative at least five (5) days prior to such meeting; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Agreement with the Participant shall be for a term of one (1) year as authorized by General Municipal Law §119-o.2.j.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Participant agrees to pay Eastern Suffolk BOCES an annual fee as determined annually by Eastern Suffolk BOCES to act as the lead agent for the Program.

Dated: February 12, 2007

**Huntington Union Free School District**

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Name of Official

President, Board of Education

Title

David H. Grackin

Contact Person - Name

Assistant Superintendent for Finance and  
Management Services

Title

[dgrackin@hufsd.edu](mailto:dgrackin@hufsd.edu)

E-Mail Address

MOTION carried.

Approval of Reserve Fund

A MOTION was made by Mrs. Marchi and seconded by Mrs. Collyer to approve the following Repair Reserve Fund Resolution:

**HUNTINGTON UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT  
Office of the Assistant Superintendent  
Finance and Management Services**

**REPAIR RESERVE FUND**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Board of Education of the Huntington Union Free School District, pursuant to Section 6-d of the *General Municipal Law*, as follows:

1. The Board hereby establishes a Reserve Fund to be known as the Huntington Union Free School District Repair Reserve Fund;
2. The source of funds for this Reserve Fund shall be:
  - a. Budgetary appropriations; or
  - b. Such revenues as are not required by law to be paid into any other fund or account.
3. Moneys in this Reserve Fund may be appropriated only:
  - a. For repairs to capital improvements or equipment, such repairs to be of a type not recurring annually or at shorter intervals; or
  - b. To a reserve fund established pursuant to Section 3651 of the Education Law.
4. Prior to the appropriation of any moneys from this Reserve Fund, the Board of Education shall publish a notice in the District's official newspaper. Said notice shall state in sum and substance that the Board of Education is proposing to appropriate a specified amount from the Repair Reserve Fund for a particular purpose, and that a public hearing on such proposed appropriation will be held at a time and place stated therein. At least five (5) days shall elapse between the publication of such notice and the date specified for the hearing. The hearing shall be held at the time and place so specified.
5. Notwithstanding paragraph 4 of this resolution, in cases of emergency, expenditures from this Reserve Fund may be authorized and appropriated without a public hearing pursuant to a resolution approved by not less than two-thirds (2/3) of the members of the Board of Education. Said resolution shall provide that not less than one-half (1/2) of the moneys so appropriated shall be repaid in the

fiscal year immediately following the fiscal year in which such moneys were appropriated, and the total amount shall be repaid not later than the last day of the second fiscal year succeeding the fiscal year in which the moneys were appropriated.

6. No member of the Board of Education or employee of the District shall:
  - a. Authorize a withdrawal from this Reserve Fund for any purpose except as provided in Section 6-d of the General Municipal Law; or
  - b. Expend any money withdrawn from this Reserve Fund for a purpose other than as provided in Section 6-d of the General Municipal Law.
7. The Treasurer is hereby authorized and directed to deposit the moneys in this Reserve Fund in accordance with Section 10 of the General Municipal Law and other applicable laws. The moneys in this Reserve Fund so deposited shall be accounted for separate and apart from all other funds of the District, in the same manner as provided in Section 6-c(10) of the General Municipal Law. The Treasurer is hereby further authorized and directed to invest the moneys in this Reserve Fund in accordance with Section 11 of the General Municipal Law and other applicable laws. Any interest earned or capital gains realized on the money so deposited or invested shall accrue to and become part of this Reserve Fund.
8. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

MOTION carried.

#### **Approval of Overnight Field Trip**

##### DECA Trip to Rochester

A MOTION was made by Mrs. Marchi and seconded by Mrs. Collyer to approve the DECA Field Trip to Rochester from March 6 to March 9, 2007.

(See attached)

MOTION carried.

#### **Bid Award**

A MOTION was made by Mrs. Marchi and seconded by Mrs. Collyer to approve the bid award to Telcar Certified for the refurbishment of auditorium seating for \$63.50 per chair at a total cost of \$10,096.50.

MOTION carried.

#### **Budget Transfers**

A MOTION was made by Mrs. Marchi and seconded by Mrs. Collyer to approve the attached budget transfers.

(See attached)

MOTION carried.

## **PUBLIC COMMENTARY**

At that portion of the meeting set aside for questions and comments from the public a parent had concerns about the Touro property and the covenant regarding using the building as a school building.

A Southdown parent had questions about the diversity in the district and if other school districts are exempt. Mr. Lee explained.

A resident asked if Touro was vacant and had questions about the use of Touro. He also asked if any money that is left over from Bond Issue could be put in Repair Fund. Mr. Grackin explained the process.

A parent questioned if there were three grade levels at Finley when it was built.

A parent asked Mr. Forte why he voted no on the ELFACS recommendation. He replied that he wanted more options.

A parent asked what the status of the Director of Science position is. He is also unhappy about seeing buses half empty. He also made a suggestion about adding rooms to all the elementary buildings.

A parent asked why Flower Hill is so hot. Mr. Rispoli explained.

A parent asked if the district could sell a facility to fund Finley or Touro or could the district fund raise.

## **CLOSING REMARKS BY BOARD MEMBERS**

Mrs. Black thanked Mrs. Stokkers, Ms. VonVange, Ms. Morea and Mrs. Lynch for the wonderful production of "Annie."

## **ADJOURNMENT**

A MOTION was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting

At 10:35 the meeting was adjourned.

MOTION carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Catherine Bender  
District Clerk

