

**REGULAR MEETING
HUNTINGTON UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION
AUGUST 27, 2007**

A meeting of the Board of Education of the Huntington Union Free School District was held on Monday, August 27, 2007, at Huntington Intermediate School, Lowndes Avenue, Huntington Station, NY 11746. Mrs. Collyer called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m.

ROLL CALL

There were present Board of Education Members: Black, Collyer, Paci, Rogan, Superintendent Finello, Messrs. Giani, Grackin, O'Brien, Ms. Aloe and Mrs. Troffa. Mr. Forte, Mr. Lee and Mr. McGrath were absent.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

MOTION carried.

At 6:35 p.m. the Board of Education went into Executive Session.

A MOTION was made by Mrs. Rogan and seconded by Mr. Paci to declare Mrs. Collyer Chairperson Pro Tem. Discussion followed.

At 8:14 p.m. Mrs. Collyer reconvened the meeting.

EMERGENCY EVACUATION PROCEDURE

Mrs. Collyer discussed the exits to be used in the event of any emergency.

SMOKE-FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A MOTION was made by Mrs. Black and seconded by Mr. Paci to approve the Minutes of the Board of Education meeting of July 9, 2007 (Reorganization Meeting and Regular Meeting).

MOTION carried.

A MOTION was made by Mrs. Black and seconded by Mrs. Rogan to approve the Minutes of the Board of Education meetings of August 14, 2007 and August 20, 2007.

MOTION carried.

APPROVAL OF WARRANTS

A MOTION was made by Mrs. Black and seconded by Mr. Paci to approve the following warrants:

June 2007

	Amount
General Fund Warrant #24	\$2,211,369.31
General Fund Warrant #25	\$36,776,385.73
School Lunch Warrant #22	\$86,958.57
School Lunch Warrant #23	\$122,484.67
Special Aid Warrant #24	\$326,515.85
Workers Comp Warrant #12	\$78,292.08
Capital Warrant #37 New Renovations	\$17,344.88
Capital Warrant #9 Bond Issue	\$122,108.12
T & A Warrant #12	\$10,656,133.04

MOTION carried.

A MOTION was made by Mrs. Black and seconded by Mrs. Rogan to approve the following warrants:

July 2007

	Amount
General Fund Warrant #1	\$2,678,033.24
General Fund Warrant #2	\$1,744,331.98
School Lunch Warrant #1	\$9,406.30
School Lunch Warrant #2	\$5,445.43
Special Aid Warrant #1	\$62,208.13
Special Aid Warrant #2	\$11,914.52
Workers Comp Warrant #1	\$31,974.07
T & A Warrant #1	\$1,660,553.85

MOTION carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTARY

There was public commentary by eleven (11) residents of the district or employees of the district in regard to the Elementary Attendance Zones that had been established at a prior board meeting. Opinion was in favor of leaving the elementary attendance zones in place as was established by the ELFACS Committee that had made the recommendation. Discussion followed.

One member of the community thanked the Board of Education for reinstating Dr. Leonardi as Principal of Huntington High School. She commented that the 9th Grade Orientation was a wonderful experience. She also suggested the Board implement procedures to monitor the high school for issues as they arise.

A resident questioned Mr. Grackin on the status of the renovation of the Science rooms at the high school. Mr. Grackin explained that this renovation did not occur this summer because the State Education Department has not yet approved the projects. It will be on the table for next summer. Mr. Grackin updated the Technology project – the fiber optic Wide Area Network (WAN) is in place.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

Elementary Attendance Zones

Discussion followed regarding the decision of the ELFACS Committee made last spring to move two (2) attendance zones and whether that decision should stand or be rescinded. Mrs. Black and Mr. Paci made a statement that they wanted recorded in the minutes. That statement follows:

“The decision to transfer certain attendance zones raises issues of serious constitutional import. Recently the Supreme Court determined that it was unconstitutional to assign students to particular schools using race as a determining factor. Without conceding that such was the case in the district’s decision, John Paci and I, Elizabeth Black, believe that it would be prudent to reverse the decision before it is implemented. The prospects of a racially based lawsuit against the district are considerable. We believe that the community does not want or need the negative fallout that such a suit would bring. Additionally, we believe that there are other avenues to take that can address the issue of overcrowding albeit not without some inconvenience. Our duty to uphold the constitution does not permit us to ignore that duty simply because of an inconvenience no matter how severe that inconvenience might be.”

A MOTION was made by Mrs. Black and seconded by Mr. Paci to rescind the recommendation of the ELFACS Committee.

AYES: Mrs. Black
 Mr. Paci

NOES: Mrs. Collyer
Mrs. Rogan

MOTION defeated.

Wellness Policy Regulations

Georgia McCarthy, Director of Health, Physical Education and Athletics introduced Wendy Hildebrant, Heart Links Project Coordinator from the Department of Family Medicine, SUNY Stony Brook University, who partnered with the district and the Wellness Committee to help develop the new regulations. Ms. Hildebrant summarized the regulations that were developed by the Committee and explained how they would impact our schools. She also explained that the Committee had worked closely with Chris Bene, PTA Council President, and the PTA to disseminate information to the community about the new standards. Discussion followed.

Board of Education Building Tour

The Board of Education annually tours the eight school buildings prior to the opening of school. The Board and Administration set a time and date for this tour, Thursday, August 30, 2007 at 8:30 a.m. to meet in Mr. Grackin's office to begin the tour.

CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION

A MOTION was made by Mrs. Black and seconded by Mrs. Rogan 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.	23446	12.	25023	23.	25134
2.	24513	13.	11350	24.	25102
3.	24980	14.	25117	25.	25169
4.	22820	15.	25153	26.	24387
5.	23395	16.	25110	27.	27207
6.	24915	17.	27208	28.	27215
7.	24422	18.	25067	29.	27218
8.	25009	19.	27195	30.	27181
9.	24723	20.	24392	31.	27117
10.	22236	21.	24882		
11.	25002	22.	27193		

CPSE

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| 1. 25120 | 13. 25158 | 25. 25069 | 37. 27184 |
| 2. 27211 | 14. 27221 | 26. 25088 | 38. 25042 |
| 3. 25095 | 15. 24837 | 27. 25011 | 39. 24840 |
| 4. 27204 | 16. 24785 | 28. 27203 | 40. 27185 |
| 5. 27182 | 17. 24926 | 29. 27205 | 41. 27228 |
| 6. 27186 | 18. 25031 | 30. 24839 | 42. 27191 |
| 7. 27187 | 19. 25226 | 31. 27206 | 43. 27200 |
| 8. 25068 | 20. 27212 | 32. 24978 | 44. 27201 |
| 9. 27213 | 21. 27197 | 33. 25146 | 45. 27183 |
| 10. 27188 | 22. 25159 | 34. 25014 | |
| 11. 27189 | 23. 27210 | 35. 27222 | |
| 12. 25157 | 24. 27227 | 36. 27199 | |

CSE Annual Reviews

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| 1. 24727 | 29. 24912 | 57. 24894 |
| 2. 24690 | 30. 24450 | 58. 24803 |
| 3. 24935 | 31. 25037 | 59. 24582 |
| 4. 24922 | 32. 25077 | 60. 23924 |
| 5. 25080 | 33. 24164 | 61. 24600 |
| 6. 24728 | 34. 24601 | 62. 24873 |
| 7. 25057 | 35. 27178 | 63. 24414 |
| 8. 24892 | 36. 24981 | 64. 24697 |
| 9. 25093 | 37. 25085 | 65. 24766 |
| 10. 24041 | 38. 24686 | 66. 24801 |
| 11. 25073 | 39. 23861 | 67. 24800 |
| 12. 27177 | 40. 25166 | 68. 24947 |
| 13. 25165 | 41. 25109 | 69. 24726 |
| 14. 27223 | 42. 24137 | 70. 24583 |
| 15. 24853 | 43. 24428 | 71. 24257 |
| 16. 24291 | 44. 24785 | 72. 25106 |
| 17. 24742 | 45. 24893 | 73. 24811 |
| 18. 24537 | 46. 24584 | 74. 25082 |
| 19. 24948 | 47. 24456 | 75. 24731 |
| 20. 24814 | 48. 24698 | 76. 24495 |
| 21. 24427 | 49. 24676 | 77. 24182 |
| 22. 24431 | 50. 24786 | 78. 24503 |
| 23. 24842 | 51. 24972 | 79. 24143 |
| 24. 24248 | 52. 24787 | 80. 24604 |
| 25. 25066 | 53. 24768 | 81. 24242 |
| 26. 24776 | 54. 23860 | 82. 24123 |
| 27. 24578 | 55. 25040 | 83. 24638 |
| 28. 22914 | 56. 29797 | 84. 23281 |

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85.	24272	131.	24949	177.	23442
86.	22408	132.	23865	178.	24762
87.	24156	133.	24682	179.	24197
88.	23235	134.	24589	180.	21567
89.	24222	135.	24002	181.	23678
90.	22625	136.	24347	182.	24095
91.	22129	137.	24306	183.	22052
92.	24675	138.	24714	184.	22008
93.	24806	139.	25075	185.	23891
94.	25074	140.	24834	186.	21627
95.	24619	141.	24571	187.	24226
96.	23827	142.	22771	188.	23026
97.	24908	143.	23015	189.	22212
98.	25035	144.	22882	190.	24421
99.	24365	145.	22119	191.	21732
100.	23282	146.	22526	192.	21925
101.	23610	147.	22714	193.	24940
102.	24663	148.	23743	194.	22334
103.	22534	149.	24737	195.	21661
104.	24420	150.	24641	196.	22326
105.	24693	151.	24032	197.	24243
106.	23573	152.	22165	198.	25021
107.	25004	153.	25062	199.	23995
108.	23082	154.	22631	200.	23677
109.	22883	155.	22011	201.	23263
110.	23348	156.	24615	202.	23394
111.	23575	157.	24611	203.	25027
112.	24725	158.	22395	204.	24228
113.	22372	159.	24425	205.	21815
114.	22824	160.	24986	206.	22925
115.	24730	161.	24127	207.	21728
116.	24739	162.	22863	208.	23106
117.	24014	163.	24292	209.	21580
118.	23771	164.	21486	210.	24804
119.	22881	165.	24661	211.	22089
120.	22628	166.	24140	212.	21546
121.	24405	167.	21931	213.	24362
122.	22373	168.	22386	214.	24293
123.	22773	169.	24231	215.	21981
124.	24662	170.	24627	216.	23218
125.	23731	171.	23807	217.	22330
126.	24773	172.	21651	218.	24938
127.	25100	173.	25092	219.	23488
128.	24929	174.	23188	220.	24529
129.	23760	175.	23145	221.	24212
130.	22533	176.	23851	222.	24245

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223.	24706	256.	24618	289.	25051
224.	24067	257.	23622	290.	21244
225.	24101	258.	20783	291.	23040
226.	24166	259.	22827	292.	24645
227.	23717	260.	20580	293.	24376
228.	24982	261.	21407	294.	23056
229.	27179	262.	23831	295.	23864
230.	21962	263.	24459	296.	24596
231.	22104	264.	20684	297.	20876
232.	21494	265.	22089	298.	22035
233.	24973	266.	24896	299.	23223
234.	22502	267.	22082	300.	21477
235.	22417	268.	24374	301.	25019
236.	22700	269.	24812	302.	24829
237.	21501	270.	24367	303.	21220
238.	20695	271.	22336	304.	24709
239.	22812	272.	24939	305.	20556
240.	25119	273.	24033	306.	23018
241.	21767	274.	23396	307.	20739
242.	23122	275.	25022	308.	25101
243.	21243	276.	24883	309.	24818
244.	25050	277.	24772	310.	24817
245.	24758	278.	21438	311.	22146
246.	23792	279.	21385	312.	23594
247.	21945	280.	21329	313.	23488
248.	23598	281.	22514	314.	24848
249.	23745	282.	21696	315.	20610
250.	22808	283.	24713	316.	21060
251.	20841	284.	24702	317.	21549
252.	23916	285.	22814	318.	23795
253.	23796	286.	20753	319.	22820
254.	23921	287.	21110	320.	21744
255.	21918	288.	24108	321.	24966

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1.	25121	6.	25058
2.	25046	7.	24945
3.	25114	8.	25087
4.	25086	9.	25059
5.	25056	10.	24921

MOTION carried.

PERSONNEL ITEMS

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

1. PART-TIME TEACHER APPOINTMENT

Veturia Cranganu, .8 Foreign Language teacher, Finley, effective September 1, 2007 through June 30, 2008, Sch. I, Step 12, \$50,068 (.8)

Ms. Cranganu, was appointed on August 20, 2007 to a .6 Foreign Language position

2. APPROVAL OF NEW INSTRUCTIONAL SUBSTITUTES

\$90 per diem (See green sheet)

MOTION carried.

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

1. APPOINTMENTS

<u>Unit</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Salary</u>	<u>Eff. Date</u>	<u>Replacing</u>
Aide	Teresa Romero	Woodhull	\$ 11.92/Hr	9/1/07	Madeline Echevarria
Aide	Elizabeth Wood	High School	\$ 11.92/Hr	9/1/07	Jen Fazio
Aide	Marianne Matarazzo	Finley	\$ 17.19/Hr	9/1/07	Maryann McPeck
Aide	Gina Tonno	Finley	\$11.92/Hr	9/1/07	Kaitlin Himmelstoss
Aide	Stephen Fitts	Huntington Int.	\$11.92/Hr	9/1/07	Linda Macolino
Aide	Elizabeth Lupi	Huntington Int.	\$11.92/Hr	9/1/07	Lisa Malerba
Aide	Lucretia Chiusano	High School	\$11.92/Hr	9/1/07	Catherine Walker

2. ADDITIONAL WORK

Wanda Gonzalez, Aide, 4 hours to assist with mailing at Huntington High School at \$17.64/hr

Peggy DelaRosa, Aide, 3 hours to assist with mailing at Huntington High School at \$21.38/hr

David Zimmerman, Teacher Assistant at Huntington Intermediate; to attend two day training; Corrective Reading Program at \$17.19/hr

Nancy Lavery, Washington Primary at Teacher Assistant, to attend two day training; Horizon Reading Program at \$19.02/hr

Three Aides (bilingual), up to 6.5 hours each, at their hourly rate, to make calls in preparation of elementary school opening.

3. CHANGE IN ASSIGNMENT

Aphrodite Bastakis, Lead Food Service Worker at Jefferson **to** 6.5 Food Service Worker at Huntington Intermediate at \$13.25/hr

4. SALARY CORRECTION

Frances Cangemi, 12 Month Clerk Typist, Huntington High School
From: 33,535.00, approved at 8/20/07 BOE meeting
To: 34,535.00

5. RESIGNATIONS

Aide, Jennifer Fazio, Huntington High School, effective September 1, 2007
Aide, Madeline Echevarria, Woodhull Intermediate, effective September 1, 2007
FSW, Marianne Matarazzo, Woodhull Intermediate, effective September 1, 2007
Security, Jeffrey Schmidt at Huntington High School, effective September 1, 2007
Security, Irene Rouse at Finley Middle School, effective September 1, 2007

6. APPROVAL OF NEW NON-INSTRUCTIONAL SUBSTITUTES

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

MOTION carried.

BUSINESS

Approval of Contracts

A MOTION was made by Mrs. Black and seconded by Mr. Paci to approve the following contracts for the 2007-2008 school year:

- a. Town of Huntington
 1. Youth Court Program Agreement
 2. Galaxy Series RS-20 Speed Machine
- b. SCOPE Membership
- c. Work Agreement-Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction
- d. Dr. Nirmala Mitra
- e. Dr. Howard Reiser

- f. Dr. David Weissberg
- g. Acoustic Achievements
- h. Avatar Consulting Innovations
- i. Bilinguals, Inc.
- j. Child Center for Developmental Services
- k. Christopher J. Clines
- l. Creative Tutoring
- m. Tara Glavin
- n. Island Better Hearing and Optical Center
- o. Lakretz Creative Support Services, Inc.
- p. Ann Marie Lynch
- q. Metro Therapy, Inc.
- r. Millennium Speech Pathology Services
- s. New York Therapy Placement Services, Inc.
- t. Joseph Restivo
- u. Kathy Schutzer
- v. Institute for Children with Autism

(See Attached)

MOTION carried.

Approval of Bid Awards

Building Automation System

A MOTION was made by Mrs. Rogan and seconded by Mr. Paci to approve the bid award for the 2007-2008 school year to T.M. Bier & Associates with a project total of \$7,295. There was one response to the bid.

MOTION carried.

Electric Steam Well Units

A MOTION was made by Mrs. Rogan and seconded by Mr. Paci not to approve a bid award at this time. On August 13, 2007 bids were opened and only one response was received. The specs will be re-done and the bid will be advertised at a later date.

MOTION carried.

Surplus Equipment

A MOTION was made by Mrs. Rogan and seconded by Mr. Paci to approve the disposal of equipment that was not bid on. This equipment will be disposed of in the most environmentally responsible way possible.

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MOTION carried.

Hosted/Managed E-Mail

A MOTION was made by Mrs. Rogan and seconded by Mr. Paci not to approve a bid award at this time. On August 13, 2007 bids were opened and only one response was received.

MOTION carried.

Award of Request for Proposal – Van Transportation

A MOTION was made by Mrs. Black and seconded by Mrs. Rogan to approve the award of the Request for Proposal (RFP) to Roy K. Davis for the 2007-2008 school year. There was one response.

MOTION carried.

Mr. Paci indicated that he wants this reflected in the minutes. He stated that we had to award this RFP because it is so close to the opening of school. He indicated there is a 21.6 percent increase for this year and we estimated a 4 percent increase. We budgeted \$133,000 and the cost is \$725,000. In April this bottom line number could hit us. We can pay now or pay later. We do not have a second option. Discussion followed. Mrs. Collyer indicated this is only for vans. Large buses are at the same CPI. Mr. Grackin stated this is a one year contract and early next spring we will go out to bid for 2008-2009.

ACCEPTANCE OF DONATIONS

A MOTION was made by Mrs. Black and seconded by Mrs. Rogan to accept the following donations:

- SONY Model DSC-S650 Cybershot, 7.2 mega pixels camera donated by the Senior Band students;
- \$5,392.33 worth of Color Guard uniforms, flag material, and sabers, donated by the Huntington Band Parents Association.

MOTION carried.

Budget Transfers

A MOTION was made by Mrs. Black and seconded by Mrs. Rogan to approve the attached budget transfers for the school years 2006-2007 and 2007-2008.

(See Attached)

MOTION carried.

Mrs. Collyer had several questions regarding the budget transfers. Discussion followed.

PUBLIC COMMENTARY

At the portion of the meeting set aside for questions and comments, a district resident questioned what we do with textbooks and equipment that are disposed of. Mr. Grackin explained that we go out to bid on surplus equipment and surplus textbooks. If there are no bids, we dispose of the equipment in an environmentally responsible way and textbooks have in the past been donated to third world countries.

This same district resident addressed Mr. Paci regarding vans for transportation. He suggested the district should have our own buses. Discussion followed.

Another district resident questioned how the Wellness Policy would affect Home and Career classes. Mrs. Rogan indicated she would look into the matter and get back to her.

Chris Bene, PTA Council President, asked if the new regulations needed to be voted on. Mr. Finello indicated they do not.

ADJOURNMENT

A Motion was made by Mrs. Black and seconded by Mr. Paci to adjourn the meeting.

MOTION carried.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Elizabeth Troffa
District Clerk