

**REGULAR MEETING  
HUNTINGTON UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT  
BOARD OF EDUCATION  
NOVEMBER 19, 2007**

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of the Huntington Union Free School District was held on Monday, November 19, 2007, at Huntington Intermediate School, Lowndes Avenue, Huntington Station, New York 11746. Mr. McGrath called the meeting to order at 8 p.m.

**ROLL CALL**

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

**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 6:00 p.m. the Board of Education went into Executive Session.

At 8:00 p.m. Mr. McGrath reconvened the meeting.

**EMERGENCY EVACUATION PROCEDURE**

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

**SMOKE-FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT**

Mr. McGrath 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**

Mr. McGrath 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. Collyer and seconded by Mrs. Rogan to approve the Minutes of the Board of Education Meetings of October 22, 2007 and October 29, 2007.

MOTION carried.

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

A MOTION was made by Mrs. Collyer and seconded by Mrs. Rogan to accept the following Treasurer’s Report:

As of September 30, 2007

a. General Fund	\$29,961,523.51
b. Capital Fund	\$1,421,151.57
c. Special Aid Fund	\$284,152.26
d. School Lunch Fund	\$210,862.79
e. Trust & Agency Fund	\$954,441.56
f. Payroll Fund	0

MOTION carried.

The following reports were distributed “For Information Only”:

- Revenue Status Report as of September 30, 2007;
- Analysis of Investments as of September 30, 2007;
- Extra Curricular Quarterly Reports as of September 30, 2007;
- Expenditure Reports as of October 31, 2007:

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

**APPROVAL OF WARRANTS**

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

**October 2007**

	Amount
General Fund Warrant #7	\$5,444,342.61
General Fund Warrant #8	\$3,122,188.46
School Lunch Warrant #7	\$63,983.05
School Lunch Warrant #8	\$68,286.24
Special Aid Warrant #7	\$83,517.77
Special Aid Warrant #8	\$79,656.28
Workers Comp Warrant #4	\$25,594.29
Capital Projects Warrant #25	\$7,990.00
Bond Issue Warrant #12	\$19,589.70
New Renovations Warrant #40	\$189,817.39
T & A Warrant #4	\$5,429,227.47

MOTION Carried.

Move Items Up in Agenda

A MOTION was made by Mrs. Black and seconded by Mrs. Rogan to move the following items to this portion of the agenda:

- Item #2 of the Personnel Instructional agenda;
- Item #1 of the Items for Discussion/Action.

MOTION carried.

**TENURE RECOMMENDATION**

A MOTION was made by Mrs. Collyer and seconded by Mrs. Rogan to approve tenure recommendations for three individuals.

MOTION carried.

**ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION/ACTION**

Coughlin, Foundotos, Cullen and Danowski

The Financial Statements for the fiscal year ending 6/30/07 were presented by Jill Fichter of Coughlin, Foundotos, Cullen and Danowski, LLP, auditors for the school district. Mrs. Fichter presented an unqualified opinion that the financial condition of the school district is positive and sound. Mrs. Fichter commended Mr. Grackin and the Business Office for a job well done. Discussion followed.

A MOTION was made by Mr. Paci and seconded by Mrs. Rogan to accept the Auditor's Report.

MOTION carried.

External Auditor Management Letter Response

A MOTION was made by Mr. Paci and seconded by Mrs. Rogan to accept Administration's Corrective Action Plan.

MOTION carried.

**COMMUNICATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Pride Awards

Mrs. Rogan reported that she attended the Math Pride Awards at Huntington High School. It was a wonderful experience to honor the recipients of the awards.

New York State School Boards Association (NYSSBA) Convention

Mr. McGrath reported that he attended a NYSSBA Convention in New York City and had met with vendors regarding portable classrooms. Mr. McGrath will share this information after the architect's presentation.

**PUBLIC COMMENTARY**

Several parents and residents had comments as listed below:

Several comments were made about outside organizations using our fields and facilities. Extensive discussion followed.

There were several comments made by parents regarding the Dual Language Program. Discussion followed.

A resident asked if the search for Mr. O'Brien's replacement had started already. Mr. O'Brien responded that the search would be started after the holidays. This resident also commented that he would like to see our students do more in the areas of science and technology and would like to see money put into the budget for this.

There was a comment on Cablevision being used in the schools. Mr. Grackin responded.

Another resident commented that he would like to see the children outside for recess time whenever possible and wanted to know the guidelines for outdoor recess. Mrs. Stokkers, Principal of Huntington Intermediate School, responded that in her building it is an issue of blacktop and the grounds being muddy. The Board will look into the guidelines.

**ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION/ACTION**

Burton, Behrendt, Smith Architects - Spatial Needs Analysis Report

Larry Salvesen of Burton, Behrendt, Smith Architects presented an analysis with the focus on long term needs. A detailed analysis was presented on two options, as requested by the Board of Education. Extensive discussion followed.

Victims Information Bureau of Suffolk, Inc. (VIBS) Proposal

Mr. O'Brien updated the Board of Education about a program through VIBS that would be made available to our students after school. This program would provide counseling for a variety of issues. The proposals are being reviewed by school counsel and will be presented to the Board at a future date for approval.

Math Curriculum

Wayne Edwards, Director of Mathematics, presented a proposal to start acceleration in the 8<sup>th</sup> grade instead of 7<sup>th</sup> grade. Mr. Edwards explained the changes the state has initiated and why this proposal was brought before the Board of Education. Extensive discussion followed and the Board decided to table this proposal at this time.

**CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION**

A MOTION was made by Mrs. Collyer and seconded by Mrs. Rogan to authorize 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.	27259	22.	24873	43.	25076
2.	23957	23.	27262	44.	20727
3.	24537	24.	24351	45.	24706
4.	24727	25.	27243	46.	27260
5.	24799	26.	23924	47.	23122
6.	24948	27.	24600	48.	21862
7.	24814	28.	24715	49.	22395
8.	24427	29.	23948	50.	22925
9.	24431	30.	27248	51.	24618
10.	24248	31.	24620	52.	25026
11.	24578	32.	24139	53.	23745
12.	25037	33.	27257	54.	24831
13.	25077	34.	22334	55.	24387
14.	24801	35.	23259	56.	24882
15.	24601	36.	25076	57.	27247
16.	24689	37.	21494	58.	23233
17.	25176	38.	24656	59.	27225
18.	24583	39.	24656	60.	24686
19.	24766	40.	21321	61.	20727
20.	24513	41.	20893		
21.	24726	42.	27255		

**CPSE**

1.	25000	7.	25056	13.	25098
2.	24943	8.	25031	14.	25125
3.	24870	9.	24850	15.	27191
4.	27267	10.	24879	16.	25090
5.	25114	11.	27263		
6.	25086	12.	27205		

MOTION Carried.

**PERSONNEL ITEMS**

**INSTRUCTIONAL PERSONNEL**

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

**1. TEACHER PROBATIONARY APPOINTMENT**

<u>Name</u>	<u>Tenure Area</u>	<u>Prob.Appt. Date</u>	<u>Tenure Date</u>	<u>Cert. Status</u>
Maureen Yostpille Special Education Teacher Flower Hill/Woodhull Sch. IV, Step 7 \$64, 990.	Spec. Ed	12/3/07	12/3/2009*	Permanent Special Ed

\*Previously tenured in NYS

**2. TENURE RECOMMENDATIONS**

Suzanne Giuliani-Gimpel, Special Education, effective December 14, 2007  
Krista Kozlosky, Special education, effective December 20, 2007  
Jason Giachetti, Music, effective December 22, 2007

**3. CHANGE OF TENURE DATE**

Jennifer Marsh, ESL teacher, change from September 1, 2008 to October 17, 2008 – unpaid child care leave

**4. RESIGNATIONS**

Eric Stein, social studies/ESL teacher, High School, effective November 13, 2007  
Jessica Boyle, Elementary teacher, Huntington Intermediate, effective November 30, 2007

**5. SALARY SCHEDULE CHANGE**

<u>Name/School</u>	<u>From:</u>	<u>To:</u>
James Graber/High School	Sch. V, Step 8 \$69,735	Sch. VI, Step 8 \$72,010

**6. APPROVAL OF SATURDAY DETENTION SUPERVISORS**

Two Saturdays per month, one supervisor per day for 3 hours at \$45.77 per hour:

Paul Caleca	James Graber
Kenneth Gilbert	Noreen Hernandez

**7. APPROVAL OF AFTER-SCHOOL EDUCATORS**

Southdown, ELA and Math Test Preparation, approximately 3 hours per week, \$45.77 per hour, funded by grant:

Jennifer Glatzer

Huntington Intermediate, ELA, Math and Science Test Preparation, approximately 2 hours per week, \$45.77 per hour, funded by grant:

Sarah Fardella

Flower Hill, ELA and Math Test Preparation, approximately 3 hours per week, \$45.77 per hour, funded by grant:

Linda Cirillo

Parent Workshop, 2 hours, at \$45.77 per hour, funded by grant:

Mariana Irigoyan  
David Crimi  
Soraya Triessl

Luz Marotta  
Frances Poy  
Cinzia Reeves

Teacher training for after school program, 2<sup>nd</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> grade, 10 hours, at \$45.77 per hour, funded by grant:

Angela Berner

**8. APPOINTMENT OF EVENING HIGH SCHOOL TEACHERS – FALL 2007**

\$49.76 per hour and additional hour for every five hours taught:

<u>Teacher</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Teaching Hours Per Week</u>
<b>Delete:</b>		
Jordan Gould	Global 9 and 10	4 hrs.
<b>Add:</b>		
Frederick Bisogna	Global 9	4 hrs.
	Global 10	4
	U. S. History	4
Jordan Gould	Participation in Govt./Eco	4
Michael Graziano	Math A2	4
Angela Stogianos	English 9/10	4

Erica Parris

English 11/12

4

**9. APPOINTMENT OF GREENKILL COORDINATORS – 2007/08**

Keith Meyers - \$1,000 each

Allison Von Vange - \$1,000 each

**10. APPOINTMENT OF ADULT EDUCATION INSTRUCTORS – 2007-2008**

\$25 per hour:

Kerriann Flanagan Brosky  
James Falletti  
Eileen Giarratano  
Richard Gress  
Johnnie Morales

Richard Wos  
Robert Mallon  
Carmela Stone Klein  
Kieran Mock

**11. COACHING RECOMMENDATIONS**

<u>Coach</u>	<u>Sport</u>	<u>Step</u>	<u>Salary</u>
<b>Delete:</b>			
Carrie Postel	JH Volleyball-G8	4	\$4223
Damianos Contopoulos	JH Volleyball – B	3	\$3894
Alan Kuver	VAR Fencing	4	\$5456
Michael Fabio	VAR Assist-Fencing	4	\$4211
<b>Add:</b>			
Travis Tate	Var Assist Boys Winter Track	3	\$3836
Lori Pyzocha	JV Cheering	1	\$3110
Jessie Brennan	JH Basketball-G7	1	\$3694
Caroline Reilly	JH Volleyball-G8	1	\$3305
Christopher Mooney	JH Volleyball – B	1	\$3305
Patrick Kehoe	VAR Assist Girls Winter Track	1	\$3319
Kimberly Wright	JH Cheering – Winter	1	\$ 977
Michael Fabio	VAR Fencing	1	\$4390

**12. CHANGE OF TITLE**

Olga Yearby:                      From: Teacher Assistant                      To: Teacher Aide  
Effective 9/1/07

**13. APPROVAL OF NEW INSTRUCTIONAL SUBSTITUTES**

\$90 per diem:

Gerriann Bernacke  
Kevin Gribbin  
Gina Robbins

**14. RECALL FROM PREFERRED ELIGIBLE LIST**

Laura Lipow, Elementary teacher, effective December 1, 2007

MOTION carried.

**NON-INSTRUCTIONAL PERSONNEL**

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

**1. APPOINTMENTS**

<u>Unit</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Salary</u>	<u>Eff.Date</u>	<u>Replacing</u>
Aide	Andrea Myssiorek	Aide Woodhull	\$11.92/Hr	11/20/07	Student # 24907
Aide	Ana Harris	Aide Washington	\$11.92/Hr	10/30/07	Caroline Sinatra
Aide	Joan Landskroner	Aide Finley	\$11.92/Hr	11/20/07	Student # 22334
Aide	Doreatha Bailey	Aide High School	\$11.92/Hr	10/31/07	Student # 23192
Aide	Alison Burns	Monitor Washington	\$11.28/Hr	10/31/07	Miyuki Bucci
Food Service	Harold Scott	Driver	\$11.00/Hr	11/20/07	Marcelyn Bourjolly
Food Service	Gladys Tharaldson	Food Service Worker From 4 hours to 5.5 hours	\$10.10/Hr	11/20/07	Angela Amorison

**2. PART TIME APPOINTMENTS**

After School ELA, Math and Science Test Preparation for aides, at their current rate of pay, funded by Title III grant.

Karen LaMonica – Huntington	Intermediate	\$11.92/Hr
Miriam Palacios – Southdown		\$17.19/Hr
Saul Baires – Washington		\$13.55/Hr

**3. RESIGNATION**

Juan Pichardo, Security, Finley Middle School, effective November 13, 2007

**4. ADDITIONAL WORK**

Regina Askerberg, secretary for the Adult and Continuing Education Program for the 2007/2008 school year at contractual rate of pay, \$13.55 per hour up to 12 hours per week

Joanne Guerrieri, substitute secretary for the Adult and Continuing Education Program for the 2007/2008 school year in Ms. Askerberg's absence and to provide assistance in registration, at contractual rate of pay, \$21.67 per hour

**5. APPOINTMENT OF CSE AND CPSE PARENT MEMBER**

Christine Biernacki

**6. APPROVAL OF NON-INSTRUCTIONAL SUBSTITUTES**

Claudio Antonio Delgado	Custodian - DELETE
William Bailey	Custodian
Geoffrey Mingin	Custodian
Krystina Fiorentino	Aide, Clerical
Sondra Somin	Aide, Clerical
Michelle Cannon	Aide

**7. CHANGE IN ASSIGNMENT**

Lucrezia Groe, food service worker, from 7 hours per day to 7.25 hours per day

MOTION carried.

**BUSINESS**

**Approval of Contracts**

MetLife

A MOTION was made by Mrs. Black and seconded by Mrs. Collyer to approve the contract with MetLife for dental insurance for district employees who choose to enroll.

(See attached)

MOTION carried.

Helene Schwartz

A MOTION was made by Mrs. Black and seconded by Mrs. Collyer to approve the following contract for the 2007-2008 school year.

(See attached)

MOTION carried.

**Approval of Overnight Field Trip**

A MOTION was made by Mrs. Black and seconded by Mrs. Collyer to approve the following field trip:

- All State Music Conference in Rochester, New York from November 29 to December 2, 2007.

MOTION carried.

**Disposal of Textbooks and Equipment**

A MOTION was made by Mrs. Black and seconded by Mrs. Collyer to approve the disposal of the following textbooks and equipment:

<b>Textbook</b>	<b>Publisher</b>	<b>Quantity</b>
Math Kindergarten - Teacher's Edition	Scott Foresman	2
Kindergarten Practice Workbook	Scott Foresman	1
Kindergarten Practice Master	Scott Foresman	3
Kindergarten Extend Thinking	Scott Foresman	1
Kindergarten Another Look	Scott Foresman	2
Kindergarten Assessment Source Book	Scott Foresman	1
Kindergarten Answer Key	Scott Foresman	1
Kindergarten Every Student Learns	Scott Foresman	1
Kindergarten Teaching Tool Masters	Scott Foresman	1
Kindergarten Home School Connection	Scott Foresman	1
Grade 1 Math Workbook	Scott Foresman	17
Grade 1 Teacher's Edition	Scott Foresman	18
Grade 1 Spiral Review & Test Prep	Scott Foresman	2
Grade 1 Every Student Learns	Scott Foresman	1
Grade 1 Spanish Workbook	Scott Foresman	1
Grade 1 Review from Last Year Master	Scott Foresman	1
Grade 1 Answer Key	Scott Foresman	1
Grade 1 Teaching Tool Master	Scott Foresman	1
Grade 1-Materiales de evaluacion	Scott Foresman	1
Grade 1-Home-School Connection	Scott Foresman	1
Grade 1-Problem Solving Master	Scott Foresman	2
Grade 1-Teacher's Tool Kit	Scott Foresman	1
Grade 1-Extend Your Thinking	Scott Foresman	1
Grade 2-Math Workbook	Scott Foresman	35
Grade 2-Teacher's Edition	Scott Foresman	21
Grade 2-Reteaching Masters Workbook	Scott Foresman	1
Grade 2-Problem Solving Master Workbook	Scott Foresman	1
Grade 2-Answer Key	Scott Foresman	1

<b>Textbook</b>	<b>Publisher</b>	<b>Quantity</b>
Grade 2-Homework Workbook	Scott Foresman	1
Grade 2-Practice Masters Workbook	Scott Foresman	8
Grade 2-Teaching Tool Master	Scott Foresman	1
Grade 2-Assessment Sourcebook	Scott Foresman	2
Grade 2-Sprrial Review & Test Prep	Scott Foresman	2
Scott Foresman	Life Science 1990	21

<b>Equipment</b>	<b>Serial No./Model</b>	<b>Quantity</b>
Canon PC 980 Copy Machine	F138202 #TVH38052	1
HP 648c Printer	THOCD9D2SC TH13SE33NH	2
HP 3420Printer	TH29N3508F	1
Open Monitor	14101460LE03	1

MOTION carried.

**Approval of Mileage Reimbursement**

A MOTION was made by Mrs. Black and seconded by Mrs. Collyer to approve mileage reimbursement for the following school district employee for use of personal vehicle for school district business:

Jackeline Galante – Teacher Aide

MOTION carried.

**Approval of Facilities Use Requests**

A MOTION was made by Mrs. Black and seconded by Mrs. Collyer to approve the following organizations as users of our facilities:

- Northport Youth Football Club
- Northport Cow Harbor United Soccer Club

MOTION carried.

Extensive discussion took place regarding the decision to approve or not to approve these organizations. The Board decided to table these requests at this time and revisit the policy on use of our facilities by outside organizations.

A MOTION was made by Mrs. Black and seconded by Mrs. Rogan to amend the Motion to approve the above-listed organizations.

MOTION carried.

A MOTION was made by Mrs. Black and seconded by Mrs. Collyer to table the decision to approve the above-listed organizations.

MOTION carried.

**Budget Transfers**

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

(See attached)

**PUBLIC COMMENTARY**

A district resident commented that the portable classrooms, if we use them, should not be placed in the way of new construction.

**CLOSING REMARKS BY BOARD MEMBERS**

There were no closing remarks.

**ADJOURNMENT**

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

At 11:40 p.m. the meeting was adjourned.

MOTION carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Elizabeth Troffa  
District Clerk