

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

October 25, 2010

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of the Huntington Union Free School District was held on Monday, October 25, 2010 at Jack Abrams School, Lowndes Avenue, Huntington Station, New York. The meeting was called to order at 7:55 p.m.

ROLL CALL

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A MOTION was made by Mrs. Brown and seconded by Mrs. Bené to go into Executive Session to discuss personnel salaries and facilities contracts.

MOTION carried.

At 7:55 p.m. Mr. Dwyer reconvened the meeting.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mr. Dwyer led the Board of Education and the others present in the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

EMERGENCY EVACUATION PROCEDURE

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

SMOKE-FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT

Mr. Dwyer announced that the Huntington Union Free School District is a smoke-free district and smoking is prohibited in all buildings and on school grounds. Mr. Dwyer also requested that all cell phones be turned off or set to vibrate.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A MOTION was made by Mrs. Brown seconded by Mrs. Bené to approve the Minutes of the Board of Education Meeting of October 4, 2010.

MOTION carried 7-0.

FINANCIAL REPORTS

The following reports were presented For Information Only:

- Expenditure Reports as of September 30, 2010
 - a. General Fund
 - b. School Lunch
 - c. Special Aid Fund

CHANGE IN ORDER OF ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION/ACTION

Mr. Dwyer, in order to accommodate Jill Sanders of Cullen & Danowski, our external auditors, indicated the External Audit Report would be discussed at this point in the meeting.

External Audit Report

Mrs. Black introduced Jill Sanders of Cullen & Danowski who reported on the fiscal health of the district. Mrs. Sanders indicated a positive report and the district finished out the year favorably. She expressed an unqualified opinion. Mrs. Sanders indicated the Single Audit report would be ready in the near future.

A MOTION was made by Mr. Dwyer and seconded by Mr. McGrath to accept the following Resolution:

Resolution

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education accepts the external auditor's report and the district's Corrective Action Plan.

MOTION carried 7-0.

Mrs. Black thanked Mrs. Sanders. Mr. Dwyer thanked the Business Office staff for a great report.

COMMUNICATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. Finello announced that two students from Huntington High School are semi-finalists in the Siemens Competition in Math, Science & Technology. This award is one of the most prestigious awards in a high school career. These students will be invited to the next board meeting to be recognized for their achievement.

Mrs. Rogan and Mrs. Bené reported on a meeting of the Community Watch Group that board members were invited to. Mrs. Rogan, Mrs. Brown and Mrs. Bené were in attendance at the meeting. Also present were Inspector Brady, Legislator Lou D'Amaro, Councilman Mark Cuthbertson, Legislator Jonathan Cooper, and the community liaison officer. Mrs. Rogan indicated that much information was disseminated by Inspector Brady and others. They indicated that they would be willing to attend board meetings when invited to keep the board updated. Discussion followed.

Mrs. Rogan also attended an NAACP Awards Dinner at Thatched Cottage. Among those honored were Todd Jaminson, Peggy Boyd and Larry Leake.

Mrs. Bené attended a Marching Band Competition hosted by our district. She thanked the band for their performance. She also thanked the band parents who do so much for the band and for raising money to fund the band activities.

Mrs. Bené announced that on November 6th and 7th the High School Drama Club will be performing “Skin of Our Teeth.” All are invited to attend and support the Drama Club.

Mr. Dwyer indicated he will be reporting at various times on conferences that he has attended. He recently attended a New York State School Boards Association Workshop.

Mr. McGrath reported that Homecoming was a great success. It was well attended, the football team won, the floats were beautiful. He thanked those involved.

PUBLIC COMMENTARY

Members of the community were given the opportunity to address the Board of Education on items on the agenda.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION/ACTION

Interim Security Report

Mike Zotto of Strategic Protection Group, Inc. reported on his findings and recommendations to date. His concentrations were on Huntington High School and Finley Middle School. He indicated that he will host a training session for security on November 2nd. He discussed bringing in a Drug Awareness Program and hosting a community night. He indicated that he has met with the deans and principals and everyone is very receptive. Discussion followed.

International Alliance for Invitational Education 2010 Inviting Schools Award

Michelle Marino, Principal of Southdown Primary School, and the staff who attended the Awards Ceremony in Ohio, that is Joanne Cicio, Pamela Schwarting, and David Crimi, presented on the “World Conference” where the 2010 Inviting Schools Award was presented. Southdown Primary School was the only school in the United States that received this award. Nine other schools worldwide also received this award. A very extensive presentation about Southdown and the process that occurred leading up to this award was discussed. Mr. Finello thanked Mrs. Marino and her staff.

CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION

A MOTION was made by Mrs. Brown 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 minutes:

CSE		CPSE	
24500		27917	27628
24635		27865	27665
27322		27881	27718
27431		27640	27648
23574		27849	27625
24272		27913	27767
27896		27779	27721
27903		27866	27753
27907		27921	27915
27905			
27350			
21060			
23348			

MOTION carried 7-0.

PERSONNEL ITEMS

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

- H.1 through H.7
- H.8.1 through H.8.21
- H.8.23 through H.8.30

MOTION carried 7-0.

H. 1 Approve Retirement/Resignation

Retirement					
No.	Unit	Name	Assignment	Effective Date	Award
1.1	NC	Joyce Keegan	CO/Sr. Accountant	Close of Business 2/6/11	Not to exceed \$3,500.00 incentive
Resignation					
No.	Unit	Name	Assignment	Effective Date	Reason
1.2	FSW	Carmela Cipriano	MS	Close of Business 10/1/10	Personal

1.3	AMA	Karen Beirne	FH/TA	Close of Business 11/3/10	Personal
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H. 2 Approve Instructional New Hires

Probationary							
No.	Unit	Name	Assignment	Certification/Tenure	Effective Dates	Salary	Replacing
2.1	AMA	Jessica Stanzione	HS/TA	Teaching Asst.Level I Teacher Assistant	10/26/10-10/26/13	\$13.61/hr	M.Macolino

H. 3 Approve Non-Instructional New Hires

Full-time							
No.	Unit	Name	Assignment	Effective Date	Salary	Replacing	
3.1	AMA	Vanessa Nilsen	JE/Sp.Ed.	10/26/10	\$12.59/hr	D. Klaverweiden	
Part-time							
No.	Unit	Name	Assignment	Effective Dates	Salary	Replacing	
3.2	STU	Joseph Tizzio	Lab Assistant	2010-2011	\$7.25/hr	N/A	

H. 4 Approve Long-Term Substitutes

Full-time							
No.	Unit	Name	Assignment	Effective Dates	Salary	Replacing	
4.1	ATH	Denise Novello	WA/Elem	10/28/10- 1/3/11 approx.	1-20 days/\$90. 21-30 days/\$105. 31+days/\$287.63 Sch. V Step 1 \$57,525.00	A. DiMaggio	
4.2	ATH	Kelli Ann Connors	WH/Sp. Ed.	10/26/10- 12/6/10 approx.	1-20 days/\$90. 21-30 days/\$105. 31+days/\$277.03 Sch. IV Step 1 \$55,405.00	A. Curtin	

H. 5 Approve Extra Duty Assignments

Clubs-MS			
No.	Name	Description	Stipend
5.1	Christopher Scarnato	Tri-M Music Honor Society	\$838.00
5.2	Christopher Scarnato	Jazz Ensemble	\$2,490.00
5.3	Frank Battista	Wind Ensemble	\$2,490.00
5.4	Deborah Kim	Honor String Ensemble	\$2,490.00
5.5	Josephine Rosado	Show Choir	\$2,490.00
Clubs-HS			
No.	Name	Description	Stipend
5.6	Veronica Mainville	Tri-M Music Honor Society	\$1,269.00
5.7	Brian Stellato	Instrumental Director	\$1,197.00
5.8	Veronica Mainville	Choral Director	\$1,197.00
5.9	Jason Giachetti	Jazz Ensemble - .5	\$1,245.00
5.10	Brian Stellato	Wind Ensemble - .5	\$1,245.00

5.11	Lisa Leonardi	Chamber Orchestra - .5	\$1,245.00
5.12	Veronica Mainville	Jazz Choir - .5	\$1,245.00
5.13	Michael Schwendemann	Drama Director	\$9,224.00
5.14	Lora Ayala	High Stepper Advisor	\$4,658.00
5.15	Kristen Margraf	High Stepper Assistant	\$3,582.00
A-V-Elementary			
No.	Name	Description/Season	Step/Stipend
5.16	Keith Meyers	Coordinator	\$1,982.00
Intramurals - WH			
No.	Name	Description/Season	Step/Stipend
5.17	Carrie Postel	Multi-Sports/Fall	Step 4 \$1,589.00
5.18	Carrie Postel	Multi-Sports/Spring	Step 4 \$1,589.00
5.19	Eric Triolo	Multi-Sports/Fall	Step 4 \$1,589.00
5.20	Eric Triolo	Multi-Sports/Spring	Step 4 \$1,589.00

H. 6 Approve Additional Work

Central Treasurers					
No.	Unit	Name	Description	Effective Dates	Rate of Pay
6.1	NUR	DELETE Elizabeth Scannello	JA	2010-2011	\$514.00
6.2	ATH	Karen Behrman	WH	2010-2011	\$514.00
CPR/AED/First Aid					
No.	Unit	Name	Description	Effective Dates	Rate of Pay
6.3	ATH	John Walsh	Instructor	2010-2011	Up to 12 hours \$66.00/hr
Alternative School					
No.	Unit	Name	Description	Effective Dates	Rate of Pay
6.4	AMA	Elizabeth Wood	Sub-Teacher	2010-2011	\$14.30/hr
Adult Education					
No.	Unit	Name	Description	Effective Dates	Rate of Pay
6.5	CU	Trudy Micheletti-Somers	Substitute	2010-2011	\$19.66/hr

H. 7 Approve Change in Assignment/Rate of Pay

No.	Unit	Name	Effective Dates	From	To
7.1	FSW	Wanda Aviles	10/26/10	SD-6.5 hrs.	SD-7 hrs.
7.2	CU	Wendy McLean	10/26/10	12 Month Clerk Typist \$33,750.00	12 Month Sr.Clerk Typist \$35,359.00
7.3	ATH	Susan Hahn Graber	2010-2011	\$375.00 Mentor Rate -1/2	\$750.00 Mentor Rate
7.4	AMA	Whitney Voyages	10/26/10	FH/3 hr. Monitor \$17.09/hr	FH/6.5 Aide \$18.15/hr

H. 8 Approve Substitutes

No.	Unit	Name	Assignment	Effective Dates	Rate of Pay
8.1	ATH	Lauren Ausubel	Teacher	2010-2011	\$90.00/day
8.2	ATH	Wendy Carswell	Teacher	2010-2011	\$90.00/day
8.3	ATH	Suzanne Cavanaugh	Teacher	2010-2011	\$90.00/day
8.4	ATH	Jonathan Chevalier	Teacher	2010-2011	\$90.00/day
8.5	ATH	Lauren Curley	Teacher	2010-2011	\$90.00/day
8.6	ATH	Nicholas Formont	Teacher	2010-2011	\$90.00/day
8.7	ATH	Claudia Grammatico	Teacher	2010-2011	\$90.00/day
8.8	ATH	Daniel Ingham	Teacher	2010-2011	\$90.00/day
8.9	ATH	Jessica Kennaugh	Teacher	2010-2011	\$90.00/day
8.10	ATH	Kara Kiernan	Teacher	2010-2011	\$90.00/day
8.11	ATH	Scott Mines	Teacher	2010-2011	\$90.00/day
8.12	ATH	Peter Muneyyiric	Teacher	2010-2011	\$90.00/day
8.13	ATH	Laura Papillo	Teacher	2010-2011	\$90.00/day
8.14	ATH	Monica Rea	Teacher	2010-2011	\$90.00/day
8.15	ATH	Rory Reiss	Teacher	2010-2011	\$90.00/day
8.16	ATH	Melissa Ryan	Teacher	2010-2011	\$90.00/day
8.17	ATH	David Schildhorn	Teacher	2010-2011	\$90.00/day
8.18	ATH	Celina Taylor	Teacher	2010-2011	\$90.00/day
8.19	ATH	Joann Witcher	Teacher	2010-2011	\$90.00/day
8.20	AMA	Nancy Levine	Aide	2010-2011	\$9.00/hr
8.21	AMA	Judith Weigold	Aide	2010-2011	\$9.00/hr
8.22	<i>FSW</i>	<i>Araceli Espinal</i>	<i>Food Service</i>	<i>2010-2011</i>	<i>\$9.00/hr</i>
8.23	FSW	Toni Mesiano	Food Service	2010-2011	\$9.00/hr
8.24	FSW	Marie Nardelli	Food Service	2010-2011	\$9.00/hr
8.25	FSW	Cathy O'Connor	Food Service	2010-2011	\$9.00/hr
8.26	B&G	Thomas Verna	Custodian	2010-2011	\$10.50/hr
8.27	NUR	Allison Dyer	Nurse	2010-2011	\$105.00/day
8.28	NUR	Kathleen Sager	Nurse	2010-2011	\$105.00/day
8.29	CU	Judith Weigold	Clerical	2010-2011	\$10.50/hr
8.30	NC	Lisa White	Athletic Trainer	2010-2011	\$45.00/hr

No.	Unit	Name	Assignment	Effective Dates	Rate of Pay
Delete Item					
8.22	FSW	Araceli Espinal	Food Service	2010-2011	\$9.00/hr

MOTION carried 7-0.

Buildings	Units
HS = Huntington High School	DW = District-wide
MS = Finley Middle School	CO = Central Office
JA = Jack Abrams Intermediate	NC = Non Contractual
WH = Woodhull Intermediate	STU = Student Worker
FH = Flower Hill Primary	AMA = Aides and Monitors
SD = Southdown Primary	DSPA = District Supervisors and Principals Assoc
JE = Jefferson Primary	HCA = Chairpersons
WA = Washington Primary	SHHA = Study Hall and Hallway Assistants
	B & G = Buildings & Grounds
	FSW = Food Service Workers
	SEC = Security
	NUR = Nurses
	CU = Clerical

BUSINESS ITEMS

Approval of Contracts

A MOTION was made by Mrs. Brown and seconded by Mrs. Rogan to approve the following contracts for the 2010-2011 school year:

(See attached)

1. Approval of Contracts
 - a. Glen Cove City School District
 - b. Clayton R. Cook, Ph.D.
 - c. Diana Browning Wright, Inc.
 - d. Joann Kavanagh
 - e. Carol Kosnitsky
 - f. Jenn Maichin Consulting, Inc.
 - g. Weizhen Yu, Ph.D.
 - h. Daytop Preparatory School

MOTION carried 7-0.

Approval of Stipulation of Settlement

A MOTION was made by Mrs. Brown and seconded by Mrs. Rogan to approve the attached Stipulation of Settlement.

See attached Confidential Schedule A

MOTION carried 7-0.

Approval of Change Order

Valco, Inc.

A MOTION was made by Mrs. Brown and seconded by Mrs. Rogan to approve the Change Order with Valco, Inc. for the Districtwide Capital Improvements: Smoke Doors, Egress Doors and ADA Upgrades at Huntington High School in the amount of \$3,924.

(See attached)

MOTION carried 7-0.

Approval of Capital Bid Award

Woodhull Modular Classrooms

A MOTION was made by Mrs. Brown and seconded by Mrs. Rogan to approve the bid award as described in the attached letter from Burton Behrendt Smith.

MSpace Holdings, Inc. – Modular Classrooms Contract
MSPace Holdings, Inc. – Plumbing Contract
Locust Valley Electric – Electrical Contract

(See attached)

MOTION carried.

Approval of Amendment to Purchasing Regulations

A MOTION was made by Mrs. Brown and seconded by Mrs. Rogan to approve an increase in the quotation amount from \$250 to \$750. All purchases over \$750 will require a quotation. This change is to Regulation #5410 and was recommended by Cullen & Danowski, our external auditors.

MOTION carried.

Approval of Ordinary and Contingent Expense Resolution

A MOTION was made by Mrs. Brown and seconded by Mrs. Rogan to approve a Resolution to provide a means to transfer monies within the general fund budget in order to go forward with the Woodhull Modular capital bids.

RESOLUTION
Portable Classroom Funding

Resolved, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools and the District's architects, the Board of Education hereby declares that the construction, site work, and related work associated with the packaging, transportation, assembly and installation of portable classrooms on the Woodhull campus to be an ordinary contingent expense as it is necessary to preserve, maintain and implement the educational program of the Huntington Union Free School District, and hereby approves the transfer of funds in the total amount not to exceed \$80,000 from the general fund to budget lines dedicated for such purpose, authorizes the Board President to execute said contracts, and directs the Superintendent of Schools and District Architect to take such action and expend such funds as is necessary to effectuate said work, and related work, in accordance with District policy and State law and regulations.

MOTION carried 7-0.

Approval of Overnight Field Trips

A MOTION was made by Mrs. Brown and seconded by Mrs. Rogan to approve the overnight field trips listed below:

- Marching Band Trip to Syracuse, New York State Field Band Conference Championship 10/25/2010 – 10/29/2010
- Habitat for Humanity Club Trip to New Orleans 2/19/2011 – 2/26/2011

(See attached)

MOTION carried 7-0.

Acceptance of Donation

The Video Club

A MOTION was made by Mrs. Brown and seconded by Mrs. Rogan to accept the following donation:

- The Video Club at Huntington High School would like to donate a Macbook Pro laptop computer for use by students in the district’s video program. The computer is valued at \$1,248.

MOTION carried 7-0.

Approval of Mileage Reimbursement

A MOTION was made by Mrs. Brown and seconded by Mrs. Rogan to place the following employees on the mileage reimbursement list.

Lauren Baglivi	Teacher
Pamela Jacovina	Teacher
Chris Lofaro	Teacher
Karen Morea	Teacher
Natalee Rubcewich	Teacher
Laraine Schirripa	Teacher
Carol Soskil	Teacher
Kathleen Thompson	Teacher
Elizabeth Troffa	District Clerk

MOTION carried 7-0.

Approval of Disposal of Equipment

A MOTION was made by Mrs. Brown and seconded by Mrs. Rogan to place the equipment listed below on the surplus list to be disposed of:

Equipment	Serial No.
Ice Cream Chest	002233

Ice Cream Chest	002234
Ice Cream Chest	No number
China dish holder	002140
Xerox desk top copier	002289
Panafax UF-895 Fax Machine	01000200310
AEG Olympia Mastertype 2 Typewriter Model ES-1000	001408
Metal Media Card Catalogs – (Quantity-6)	

MOTION carried 7-0.

Budget Transfers

A MOTION was made by Mrs. Brown and seconded by Mrs. Rogan to approve the following budget transfers.

(See attached)

MOTION carried 7-0.

Approval of Non-Contractual Salary Increases

A MOTION was made by Mrs. Brown and seconded by Mrs. Rogan to approve the salary increases for the non-contractual employees on the schedule below:

Employee	Total Salary 2009-2010	Total Salary 2010-2011
Hatzmann, Kelly	\$52,361	\$53,090
Boody, Catherine	\$83,737	\$84,779
Creighton, Margaret	\$53,993	\$54,738
Esposito, Joan	\$69,783	\$71,716
Guardado, Hugo	\$44,010	\$44,656
Heffernan, Noreen	\$42,174	\$42,802
Judd, Diane	\$60,712	\$61,524
Keegan, Joyce	\$109,880	\$111,182
Kocherkevich, Doris	\$74,366	\$75,315
Miranda, Jill	\$75,747	\$76,708
Rispoli, Paul	\$108,598	\$110,974
Roth, Roberta		\$60,034
Troffa, Elizabeth	\$63,160	\$65,026
Tudisco, Michael	\$57,813	\$58,596
Vogel, Maureen	\$62,548	\$64,408
White, Alvin	\$68,260	\$69,146
White, Samantha	\$35,937	\$36,709

MOTION carried 7-0.

PUBLIC COMMENTARY

Members of the community were given the opportunity to address the Board of Education on any items of interest.

Closing Remarks by Board Members

Mr. Dwyer informed those present that the modulars would most likely be installed and ready for occupancy in January 2011. They would provide 4 rooms.

Mrs. Bené thanked the Video Club for their donation.

Mrs. Brown acknowledged the Habitat for Humanity Club for their upcoming trip to New Orleans.

Mrs. Rogan has become aware of a documentary “Race to No Where” that she feels would be beneficial to bring into our high school. She indicated that she was in touch with Dr. Card and he would look into it.

Mrs. Rogan indicated that she would like the topic of “Enrollment” to be on the next agenda.

Mr. Dwyer indicated that the district is utilizing Western Suffolk BOCES to conduct a Superintendent Search. Representatives will be coming to the next board meeting to speak to the community on the process and how the community will be involved.

ADJOURNMENT

A MOTION was made by Mrs. Bené and seconded by Mr. McGrath to adjourn the meeting.

MOTION carried 7-0.

At 9:17 p.m. the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Elizabeth Troffa
District Clerk