

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

**January 24, 2011**

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of the Huntington Union Free School District was held on Monday, January 24, 2011 at Jack Abrams School, Lowndes Avenue, Huntington Station, New York. The meeting was called to order at 6:40 p.m.

**ROLL CALL**

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

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

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

MOTION carried.

At 8:20 p.m. Mr. Dwyer reconvened the meeting.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Mr. Dwyer led the Board of Education and those 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 and seconded by Mrs. Rogan to approve the Minutes of the Board of Education Meeting of January 3, 2011.

MOTION carried 7-0.

**APPROVAL OF TREASURER’S REPORT**

A MOTION was made by Mrs. Rogan and seconded by Mrs. Black to approve the Treasurer’s Report as of November 30, 2010.

MOTION carried 7-0.

**FINANCIAL REPORTS**

The following reports were presented For Information Only:

- Revenue Status Report as of November 30, 2010
- Expenditure Reports as of December 31, 2010
  - General Fund
  - School Lunch Fund
  - Special Aid Fund

**APPROVAL OF WARRANTS**

A MOTION was made by Mrs. Black and seconded by Mrs. Bené to approve the warrants for the month of December:

<b>DECEMBER WARRANTS</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>
GENERAL ADVANCED WARRANT	\$6,548,607.55
GENERAL FUND WARRANT 12/08/10	\$3,805,984.30
GENERAL FUND WARRANT 12/22/10	\$269,521.62
SCHOOL LUNCH ADVANCE WARRANT	\$67,622.36
SCHOOL LUNCH WARRANT 12/08/10	\$791.66
SCHOOL LUNCH WARRANT 12/22/10	\$171,317.04
SPECIAL AID ADVANCED WARRANT	\$153,062.31
SPECIAL AID WARRANT 12/08/10	\$102,585.62
SPECIAL AID WARRANT 12/22/10	\$63,466.24
WORKERS COMP WARRANT 12/10/10	\$35,981.49
WORKERS COMP WARRANT 12/23/10	\$13,588.82
CAPITAL PROJECTS WARRANT HC 12/08/10	\$7,567.63
CAPITAL PROJECTS WARRANT HC 12/22/10	\$4,658.84
CAPITAL PROJECTS WARRANT HI 12/08/10	\$335.85

CAPITAL PROJECTS WARRANT HI 12/22/10	\$65,579.59
CAPITAL PROJECTS WARRANT HK 12/08/10	\$486.82
CAPITAL PROJECTS WARRANT HK 12/22/10	\$18,957.19
T & A DECEMBER WARRANT	\$6,434,698.49
MEDICARE REIMBURSEMENTS WARRANT	\$840,268.06
TOTALS	\$17,764,813.42

MOTION carried 7-0.

**COMMUNICATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Mr. Dwyer thanked the Huntington Foundation for Excellence in Education (HFEE) for the gala fundraiser that occurred on January 21, 2011. It was a great success, honoring Barbara Cutrone. \$30,000 that was raised will be funneled back into the school district in the form of grants. HFEE is vital to our school district. Mr. Finello thanked Karen Dwyer, as gala chairperson she organized the event.

Mrs. Rogan attended a memorial fundraiser on January 12, 2011 honoring Robert Potter, the teacher who died unexpectedly. Staff and students spoke about how Mr. Potter influenced their lives. It was a very inspiring testament to him. Mrs. Bené indicated that a memorial fund is being started for his daughter.

Mrs. Black discussed e-mails and phone calls that she received in regard to mid-year cuts specifically in the Music Department. Mrs. Black indicated that right now everything is on the table and we are not certain if there will be mid-year cuts.

Mr. Dwyer attended the Science Olympiad at Huntington High School. There was a large turnout and he commended Mrs. Montesano and the whole department.

Mrs. Rogan indicated that on February 2, 2011 at 7 p.m. there will be an Anti-Bullying Forum. She extended an invitation to parents and students grades 6 through 12.

Mr. Dwyer reported that pursuant to the last board meeting he was directed to write a letter to the head of the zoning board in regard to the proposed zoning variances in Huntington Station. Mr. Dwyer wrote the letter and had conversations with Dr. Spencer of the Housing Authority and Mr. Petrone, Huntington Town Supervisor. He indicated the letter did not accomplish anything.

Mr. Dwyer reported that he has been talking with Steve Israel about chasing grant monies. Mr. Israel, Mr. Dwyer, Mr. Finello and two other board members are planning to attend a meeting in Washington D.C. with the Department of Justice. This meeting will take place on February 16, 2011 from 12:30 – 2 p.m. in Washington D.C. and it will be followed by a meeting in Mr. Israel’s office. Mr. Dwyer indicated this will be an item for discussion at the next board meeting.

On Saturday, January 22, 2011 there was an Annual Advocacy Breakfast meeting at Eastern Suffolk BOCES hosted by the Long Island Superintendents' Association. In attendance were Gary Bixhorn of Eastern Suffolk BOCES, Senator Flanagan, Assemblyman Steve Englebright, Mr. Dwyer, Bari Fehrs, Mr. Finello, Dr. Giani, Mr. Grackin and Dr. Card. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss aid to Long Island Schools. Mr. Finello indicated that it looks like there will be either a 2 percent tax cap as proposed by the governor or an increase in line with the CPI, whichever is lower. Mr. Grackin indicated that the CPI is at 1.6 percent but it needs to pass through both houses of Congress. Discussion followed regarding a carry forward budget, state aid reductions to education and assessed valuation. Mr. Finello indicated there was discussion at this meeting regarding forming a Committee for mandate relief. Discussion followed.

### **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**

#### New Course Approvals

A MOTION was made by Mrs. Bené and seconded by Mrs. Rogan to approve the following new courses. Discussion followed.

- Science Dept. - Course Title: AP Environmental Science (APES), 12<sup>th</sup> Grade
- Science Dept. - Course Title: Living Environment Support, 9<sup>th</sup> Grade
- Math Dept. - Course Title: Integrated Algebra Lab, 9<sup>th</sup> Gr.
- Math Dept. - Course Title: Geometry Concepts, 10<sup>th</sup> Grade
- Math Dept. - Course Title: Trigonometry Concepts, 11<sup>th</sup> Grade

MOTION carried 7-0.

#### Office of the State Comptroller (OSC) Audit – Health Insurance for Retirees, Corrective Action Plan

Mr. Grackin explained that last August our school district was one of 16 districts audited by the Office of the State Comptroller. The purpose of this audit was to see if any erroneous payments had been made for health insurance coverage for retirees who were deceased. Mr. Grackin reported that the findings of the OSC were negative for our district and there were no erroneous payments made. Mr. Grackin commended Lori Brett of the Business Office for her efficient handling of employee benefits.

A MOTION was made by Mrs. Rogan and seconded by Mrs. Bené to approve the Corrective Action Plan.

(See attached)

AYES:	6	Mrs. Bené Mrs. Black Mrs. Brown Mr. McGrath Mr. Paci Mrs. Rogan
NOES:	1	Mr. Dwyer
ABSTAIN:	0	

MOTION carried 6-1.

### Saturday Academy

Dr. Card discussed the Saturday Academy which will be held at Huntington High School for grades 3 through 8 beginning in February and running through April. The purpose is to provide academic support for students in the areas of reading, ELA, and math. He indicated transportation will be provided for students if needed.

### Budget Analysis by Program

Mr. Finello indicated that in response to the Board's request for a different format in presenting the budget, central administration had prepared the attached handout for the Board. This was the result of collaboration between Mr. Finello, Mr. Grackin, Dr. Giani and Dr. Card. Mr. Grackin guided the board members through the details of the report. Discussion followed.

### Board Member Trip to Washington D.C.

Mr. Dwyer discussed that on February 16, 2011 at 12:30 there will be a meeting with the Department of Justice in Washington D.C. The purpose of this meeting is to lobby for funds to bring back to our community. Steve Israel facilitated this meeting which will be attended by four members from our district, one of whom will be Mr. Finello. Mr. Dwyer discussed the agenda that the Board will bring to the meeting indicating that bringing students back into the neighborhood school is part of that agenda. He discussed available grants. Discussion followed as to which board members would be available to attend. It was decided that these plans will be finalized at the next board meeting.

## **CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION**

### Approval of CSE and CPSE Minutes

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	
27355	22957		27964	27957
27518	27548		27953	27954
27524	24222		27708	27921
27782	27645		27955	27673
22878	22142		27788	27855
24581	24638		27956	27926
22477	24641		27952	27795
23082	27492		27965	27721
23610	27951		27938	27966
24847	27545		27866	

MOTION carried 7-0.

**PERSONNEL**

On the recommendation of the Superintendent the following changes in personnel were made.

A MOTION was made by Mrs. Brown and seconded by Mrs. Rogan to approve H.1 through H.3 and H.5 through H.6.

MOTION carried 7-0.

A MOTION was made by Mrs. Rogan and seconded by Mr. McGrath to approve H.4.43.

AYES:	6	Mrs. Bené Mrs. Black Mr. Dwyer Mr. McGrath Mr. Paci Mrs. Rogan
NOES:	0	0
ABSTAIN:	1	Mrs. Brown

MOTION carried 6-1. Mrs. Brown recused herself because this is a family member.

A MOTION was made by Mrs. Brown and seconded by Mrs. Rogan to approve H.4.1 through H.4.42 and H.4.44 through H.4.50.

MOTION carried 7-0.

**H. 1 Approve Retirement/Leave of Absence/Return from Leave of Absence/Resignation**

<b>Retirement</b>					
No.	Unit	Name	Assignment	Effective Date	Award
1.1	ATH	William Eriksen	MS/SS	Close of Business 6/30/11	Not to exceed \$3,000.00
<b>Leaves of Absence</b>					
No.	Unit	Name	Assignment	Effective Dates	Reason
1.2	ATH	Renee Garcia	JS/Sp. Ed.	3/28/11-6/30/11	FMLA
1.3	ATH	Karen Morea	WA/WH/Art	1/14/11-3/31/11 approx.	FMLA
<b>Return from Leave of Absence</b>					
No.	Unit	Name	Assignment	Effective Dates	Reason
1.4	ATH	Nadine Araoz	SD/ESL	2/1/11	End Child Care
<b>Resignation</b>					
No.	Unit	Name	Assignment	Effective Dates	Reason
1.5	ATH	Karen Behrman	WH/Dean	2/28/11	Accepted another position
<i>Ms. Behrman could possibly leave earlier if a mutual date can be reached between the two districts</i>					

**H. 2 Approve Long-Term Substitutes**

<b>Full-time</b>						
No.	Unit	Name	Assignment	Effective Dates	Salary	Replacing
2.1	ATH	Christina Collins	JE/Sp. Ed.	1/25/11-6/30/11	Sch. IV Step 1 \$55,405.00	R. Garcia
2.2	ATH	Karen Gandley	FH/Sp. Ed.	1/25/11-6/30/11	Sch. IV Step 1 \$55,405.00	K. Gilroy
2.3	ATH	Timothy Pillion	Elem	1/28/11-3/28/11 approx.	1-20 days/\$90. 21-30 days/\$105. 31+days/\$277.02 Sch. IV Step 1 \$55,405.00	M. Grever
<i>Mr. Pillion was previously appointed through 1/28/11</i>						
2.4	ATH	Kristen Henniger	MS/Sp. Ed.	1/28/11-3/23/11 approx.	1-20 days/\$90. 21-30 days/\$105. 31+days/\$287.62 Sch. V Step 1 \$57,525.00	J. Vettorato
<i>Ms. Henniger was previously appointed through 1/28/11</i>						

**H. 3 Approve Non-Instructional New Hires**

<b>Full-time</b>						
No.	Unit	Name	Assignment	Effective Date	Salary	Replacing
3.1	NC	Elizabeth Troffa	Secretary to Supt.	3/12/11	\$70,068.00	J. Esposito
3.2	AMA	Lorraine Corbley	FH/Sp. Ed	1/25/11	\$12.59/hr	N. Dezenforf

**H. 4 Approve Extra Duty Assignments**

<b>Clubs-HS</b>			
No.	Name	Description	Stipend
4.1	<b>DELETE</b> Rhonda Nixon	Step Team .5	\$634.50
4.2	<b>DELETE</b> Youlanda Carey	Step Team .5	\$634.50
4.3	Youlanda Carey	Step Team	\$1,269.00
<b>Clubs-WH</b>			
No.	Name	Description	Stipend
4.4	Christine Amodeo	School Newspaper	\$1,701.00
4.5	Christine Barresi	Student Government .5	\$1,607.00
4.6	Scott Army	Student Government .5	\$1,607.00
4.7	Paul Esposito	School of Rock	\$1,201.00
4.8	Allison Von Vange	Director/Drama	\$1,592.00
4.9	Pamela Jacovina	Asst. Director/Drama	\$1,099.00
4.10	Todd Hiscox	Art Club	\$781.00
<b>Interscholastic Athletics – Spring</b>			
No.	Name	Description/Season	Step/Stipend
4.11	Eliasib Acosta	Varsity Asst. Boys Track	Step 3 \$5,127.
4.12	Keith Barrett	JV Coach Baseball	Step 3 \$4,822.
4.13	Marissa Bergmann	MS Asst. Girls Lacrosse	Step 1 \$3,552.
4.14	Debra Cheskes	Varsity Girls Track	Step 4 \$7,605.
4.15	Nancy Conlon	MS Coach Softball	Step 4 \$4,488.
4.16	William Eriksen	MS Coach Boys Lacrosse Gr.8	Step 4 \$4,573.
4.17	Krista Fee	Varsity Asst. Girls Track	Step 4 \$5,508.
4.18	Jamie Fishlow	Varsity Coach Boys Tennis	Step 4 \$5,962.
4.19	Keith Flynn	Varsity Asst. Baseball	Step 3 \$4,854.
4.20	Robert Gilmore	JV Coach Boys Tennis	Step 4 \$4,774.
4.21	Mark Jensen	Varsity Coach Crew	Step 3 \$5,276.
4.22	Gregory Kalkau	Varsity Coach Baseball	Step 4 \$8,034.
4.23	Philip Lowe	MS Coach Girls Track	Step 4 \$4,488.
4.24	Charles Lukralle	Varsity Asst. Boys Lacrosse	Step 4 \$5,376.
4.25	Charles Maccio	Varsity Asst. Softball	Step 1 \$3,856.
4.26	Timothy Madden	MS Coach Boys Track	Step 4 \$4,488.
4.27	Michael Marinello	MS Asst. Boys Track	Step 4 \$4,236.
4.28	Paul McDermott	Varsity Coach Boys Lacrosse	Step 4 \$7,605.



4.29	Jerome Merkerson	JV Asst. Boys Lacrosse	Step 4 \$5,371.
4.30	Amanda Meyer	Varsity Asst. Crew	Step 3 \$4,093.
4.31	Eric Mininni	MS Coach Boys Tennis	Step 4 \$4,488.
4.32	Bradley Reminick	Varsity Asst. Girls Lacrosse	Step 4 \$5,376.
4.33	Linda Roth	MS Coach Girls Lacrosse	Step 4 \$4,573.
4.34	Joseph Roy	MS Coach Boys Lacrosse – Gr.7	Step 4 \$4,573.
4.35	Jillian Seher	JV Asst. Girls Lacrosse	Step 4 \$5,371.
4.36	Vincent Tannazzo	MS Asst. Boys Lacrosse – Gr.8	Step 4 \$4,508.
4.37	Thomas Tantillo	MS Coach Baseball	Step 3 \$4,167.
4.38	Eric Triolo	Varsity Asst. Boys Lacrosse	Step 4 \$5,376.
4.39	Anthony Troffa	JV Coach Boys Lacrosse	Step 4 \$5,704.
4.40	John Walsh	Varsity Coach Softball	Step 4 \$8,034.
4.41	Nancy Wilson	Varsity Coach Girls Lacrosse	Step 4 \$7,605.
4.42	Ronald Wilson	Varsity Coach Boys Track	Step 4 \$7,605.
4.43	Kathleen Wright	JV Coach Girls Lacrosse	Step 4 \$5,704.
<b>Marching Band</b>			
No.	Name	Description/Season	Stipend
4.44	Jason Giachetti	Winter Percussion .5	\$1,245.00
4.45	Michael Caruso	Winter Percussion .5	\$1,245.00
4.46	Amy Giachetti	Winter Guard	\$2,490.00
<b>Clubs-MS</b>			
No.	Name	Description	Stipend
4.47	Jacqueline Ambrosio	Community Club	\$1,197.00
4.48	Denise Grodzicki	Math Counts	\$1,753.00
4.49	Kimberly Valerio	Stage Crew	\$1,652.00
4.50	John Hlavaty	Yearbook	\$2,131.00

**H. 5 Approve Additional Work**

<b>Saturday Academy</b>					
No.	Unit	Name	Description	Effective Dates	Rate of Pay
5.1	DSPA	Nancy Wilson	Administrator	2/5/11-4/30/11	\$200.00/day
5.2	ATH	Angela Berner	Coordinator	2/5/11-4/30/11	\$48.97/hr Not to exceed \$3,100.00
5.3	ATH	Up to 40 teachers	Teacher	2/5/11-4/30/11 (9 sessions)	\$48.97/hr Not to exceed 3 hrs. per session
5.4	AMA	Up to 10 aides	Classroom Support	2/5/11-4/30/11 (9 sessions)	Contractual Rate Not to exceed 3 hrs.per session
5.5	CU	Lucy DeChiaro	Secretarial Support	2/5/11-4/30/11 (9 sessions)	\$10.50/hr Not to exceed 3 hrs. per session

<b>Athletic Supervision</b>					
No.	Unit	Name	Description	Effective Dates	Rate of Pay
5.6	N/A	Kimberly Canino	Supervision	2010-2011	\$31.70/hr
5.7	N/A	Matthew Johnson	Supervision	2010-2011	\$31.70/hr
<b>Kindergarten Registration</b>					
No.	Unit	Name	Description	Effective Dates	Rate of Pay
5.8	NUR	Rita Barry	Screenings	2010-2011	\$36.12/hr
5.9	NUR	Marlene McKenna	Screenings	2010-2011	\$35.11/hr
<b>English Regents – Up to 4 hours</b>					
No.	Unit	Name	Description	Effective Dates	Rate of Pay
5.10	ATH	Aimee Antorino	Scoring	1/11/11	\$48.97/hr
5.11	ATH	Gina Colica	Scoring	1/11/11	\$48.97/hr
5.12	ATH	Roy Dumar	Scoring	1/11/11	\$48.97/hr
5.13	ATH	Helen Guarino	Scoring	1/11/11	\$48.97/hr
5.14	ATH	Kenneth Krummenacker	Scoring	1/11/11	\$48.97/hr
5.15	ATH	Kelly Kaiser	Scoring	1/11/11	\$48.97/hr
5.16	ATH	Victoria Lombardi	Scoring	1/11/11	\$48.97/hr
5.17	ATH	John Pagano	Scoring	1/11/11	\$48.97/hr
5.18	ATH	Kelly Quintero	Scoring	1/11/11	\$48.97/hr
5.19	ATH	Michael Schwendemann	Scoring	1/11/11	\$48.97/hr
<i>The above 10 teachers were previously approved for 3 hours</i>					
<b>English Regents – Up to 4 hours</b>					
No.	Unit	Name	Description	Effective Dates	Rate of Pay
5.20	ATH	Jennifer Irvolino	Scoring	1/11/11	\$48.97/hr
5.21	ATH	Debra Cheskes	Scoring	1/11/11	\$48.97/hr
<b>New Teacher Mentoring Program</b> Funded through Title IIA Grant					
No.	Unit	Name	Description	Effective Dates	Stipend
5.22	ATH	Megan Scannevin	Mentor	2010-2011	\$375.00 – ½

**H. 6 Approve Substitutes**

No.	Unit	Name	Assignment	Effective Dates	Rate of Pay
6.1	ATH	Brittany Cabrera	Teacher	2010-2011	\$90./day
6.2	ATH	Beata Lockwood	Teacher	2010-2011	\$90./day
6.3	ATH	Kieran Mock	Teacher	2010-2011	\$90./day
6.4	CU	Ann Coleman	Clerical	2010-2011	\$10.50/hr

6.5	CU	Nancy McCarthy	Clerical	2010-2011	\$10.50/hr
6.6	AMA	Brittany Cabrera	Aide	2010-2011	\$9.00/hr
6.7	AMA	Ann Coleman	Aide	2010-2011	\$9.00/hr

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 Assoc	CU = Clerical
JE = Jefferson Primary	HCA = Chairpersons	
WA = Washington Primary		

**BUSINESS ITEMS**

**Contracts**

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

- a) Maria V. Vanoni
- b) South Huntington U.F.S.D. – District of Location/District of Residence

MOTION carried 7-0.

**Approval of Mileage Reimbursement**

A MOTION was made Mr. McGrath and seconded by Mrs. Rogan to approve placing the following employee on the Mileage Reimbursement List.

Kathryn Sequino

MOTION carried 7-0.

**Approval of Disposal of Equipment**

A MOTION was made by Mr. McGrath and seconded by Mrs. Rogan to approve placing the following equipment on the disposal list.

Hewlett Packard Fax Machine – Huntington tag #004074

MOTION carried 7-0.

**Approval of Budget Transfers**

A MOTION was made by Mr. McGrath and seconded by Mrs. Rogan to approve the attached budget transfers.

(See attached)

MOTION carried 7-0.

**Approval of Resolution**

A MOTION was made by Mr. McGrath and seconded by Mr. Paci to approve the following Resolution.

**RESOLUTION**

BE IT RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby appoints Vincent J. Messina, Esq. as special counsel, and authorizes Mr. Messina to commence litigation against the Huntington Zoning Board of Appeals pursuant to the engagement letter dated January 24, 2011. The Board of Education hereby authorizes the President of the Board of Education to execute said engagement letter.

AYES:	5	Mrs. Black Mrs. Brown Mr. Dwyer Mr. McGrath Mr. Paci
NOES:	2	Mrs. Bené Mrs. Rogan
ABSTAIN:	0	

(See attached)

Motion carried 5-2.

Mr. Grackin announced that his assistant, Mrs. Keegan, who is retiring on February 4, 2011 is present at her last board meeting. Mrs. Keegan has been an asset to the Business Office and will be missed. Appreciation was shown by applause.

**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**

Mrs. Brown asked if the Long Range Planning Committee would be placed on an upcoming agenda. Mr. Dwyer indicated that they will have one more meeting. Mr. Finello indicated that Roger Smith, the district's architect, would be present at that meeting with no additional cost to the district.

Mr. Paci asked that a report that was done a few years ago by Mr. O'Brien, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction at that time, in regard to educationally sound configurations of the school district be brought to the forefront for discussion. Mr. Finello indicated he would make that report available to the board members.

Mrs. Bené discussed the lack of an awning between the main building at Woodhull and the modulars. Mr. Grackin responded that the cost of such an awning is extremely high, \$100,000. Discussion followed.

Mrs. Rogan commented about educational reform in regard to mandates, early childhood development, professional development and the "disconnect" from Albany to the local level. Mr. Dwyer commented that he feels we now have an ally with Senator Flanagan. Mr. Finello commented that that "disconnect" was a topic of discussion at the Saturday Legislative Breakfast at BOCES.

**ADJOURNMENT**

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

MOTION carried 7-0.

At 10:25 p.m. the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Elizabeth Troffa  
District Clerk