

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

April 11, 2011

The Regular Budget Meeting of the Board of Education of the Huntington Union Free School District was held on Monday, April 11, 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, Black, Bené, Brown, McGrath, Paci, Rogan; Barbara Aloe, Esq., Superintendent Finello, Mr. Grackin, Dr. Giani, Dr. Card and Mrs. Troffa.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A MOTION was made by Mrs. Rogan and seconded by Mrs. Black to go into Executive Session to discuss a legal special education issue.

MOTION carried 7-0.

At 7:40 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 silenced so as not to disturb the meeting.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A MOTION was made by Mrs. Brown and seconded by Mrs. Black to approve the Minutes of the Board of Education Meetings of March 31, 2011 and April 4, 2011.

MOTION carried 7-0.

APPROVAL OF TREASURER'S REPORT

A MOTION was made by Mr. McGrath and seconded by Mrs. Rogan to approve the Treasurer's Report as of February 28, 2011.

MOTION carried 7-0.

FINANCIAL REPORTS

The following reports were presented For Information Only:

- Revenue Status Report as of February 28, 2011
- Expenditure Reports as of March 31, 2011
 - General Fund
 - School Lunch Fund
 - Special Aid Fund

APPROVAL OF WARRANTS

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

March Warrants	
GENERAL ADVANCED WARRANT	\$6,320,259.69
GENERAL FUND WARRANT 03/02/11	\$1,041,306.68
GENERAL FUND WARRANT 03/16/11	\$1,076,885.51
GENERAL FUND WARRANT 03/30/11	\$1,739,106.69
SCHOOL LUNCH ADVANCE WARRANT	\$67,903.90
SCHOOL LUNCH WARRANT 03/16/11	\$62,471.34
SCHOOL LUNCH WARRANT 03/30/11	\$3,539.74
SPECIAL AID ADVANCED WARRANT	\$195,184.45
SPECIAL AID WARRANT 03/02/11	\$24,362.71
SPECIAL AID WARRANT 03/16/11	\$12,452.23
SPECIAL AID WARRANT 03/30/11	\$8,199.36
WORKERS COMP WARRANT 03/04/11	\$41,087.17
WORKERS COMP WARRANT 03/18/11	\$17,103.82
WORKERS COMP WARRANT 04/01/11	\$64,524.62
CAPITAL PROJECTS WARRANT HC 03/16/11	\$978.00
CAPITAL PROJECTS WARRANT HC 03/30/11	\$137.22
CAPITAL PROJECTS WARRANT HI 03/16/11	\$17,100.00
CAPITAL PROJECTS WARRANT HI 03/30/11	\$19,437.15
CAPITAL PROJECTS WARRANT HJ 03/16/11	\$6,600.00
CAPITAL PROJECTS WARRANT HK 03/16/11	\$2,508.75
T & A MARCH WARRANT	\$6,027,038.52

TOTALS	\$16,748,187.55
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MOTION carried.

COMMUNICATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

High School Play

Mrs. Brown, Mrs. Rogan and Mrs. Bené attended the high school play, Carousel, and indicated that the play was spectacular. They thanked the performers and teachers and those responsible for the costumes and sets.

Special Olympics

Board members also attended the Special Olympics that was held on April 10, 2011 at Huntington High School. Mrs. Bené thanked all the volunteers, the Buildings and Grounds Department, Dr. Mingin, Mrs. McCarthy and all the participants. Mr. Finello thanked SEPTA for the donation of \$800 for equipment to be used by the Athletic Program.

Budget

Mr. Dwyer gave a brief overview of the past week in regard to discussions with different bargaining units.

PUBLIC COMMENTARY

Members of the community were given an opportunity to address the Board of Education regarding items on the agenda. Commentary began at 7:50 p.m. and ended at 8:20 p.m.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND ACTION

School Budget 2011-2012 Draft #2

Mr. Grackin discussed revenues and the projected tax rate indicating that the board would be adopting a budget for the 2011-2012 school year this evening. Discussion followed. Dr. Giani reported on the reduction in general administration. Discussion followed. The board discussed their individual opinions in regard to the tax rate increase.

School Budget 2011-2012 Adoption

A MOTION was made by Mr. Paci and seconded by Mrs. Rogan to approve the following Resolution resulting in a tax rate increase of 3.15 percent for the 2011-2012 school year:

Resolution

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of the Huntington Union Free School District will adopt a budget for the vote on May 17, 2011 of \$109,037,301.

AYES: 6 Mrs. Bené
Mrs. Brown
Mr. Dwyer
Mr. McGrath
Mr. Paci
Mrs. Rogan

NOES: 1 Mrs. Black

ABSTAIN: 0

MOTION carried 6-1.

School Budget 2011-2012 – Contingency Budget Adoption

A MOTION was made by Mr. Paci and seconded by Mrs. Rogan to approve the following Resolution resulting in a tax rate increase of 2.93 percent for a contingency budget for the 2011-2012 school year:

Resolution

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of the Huntington Union Free School District will adopt a contingency budget for the vote on May 17, 2011 of \$108,838,093.

AYES: 6 Mrs. Bené
Mrs. Brown
Mr. Dwyer
Mr. McGrath
Mr. Paci
Mrs. Rogan

NOES: 1 Mrs. Black

ABSTAIN: 0

MOTION carried 6-1.

Huntington High School – School Quality Review Presentation (SQR)

Dr. Carmela Leonardi, Principal of Huntington High School, began her presentation by indicating that in 2010 Huntington High School was placed on the Schools in Need of

Improvement (SINI) list by the New York State Education Department. Dr. Leonardi indicated the steps that have been taken in order to work toward removing Huntington High School from that list. She reported that a representative from the State Education Department performed the School Quality Review (SQR) and reported on the recommendations that were made. Discussion followed.

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	CSE Annual Reviews	CPSE Annual Reviews
27933	27938	24500	27892
27390	28015	24248	27666
23458		25173	27921
27985		24508	27944
23442		23731	27722
25062		24907	27831
27684			27861
24661			27895
21889			27797
27266			27735
24195			27893
27434			
27313			

MOTION carried 7-0.

PERSONNEL

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

A MOTION was made by Mrs. Rogan and seconded by Mr. Paci to approve the following changes as reflected in H.1 through H.5.

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

Retirement					
No.	Unit	Name	Assignment	Effective Date	Award
1.1	AMA	Marilyn Strickland	HS/Aide	May 4, 2011	N/A
Leave of Absence					
No.	Unit	Name	Assignment	Effective Dates	Reason

1.2	ATH	Tiffanie Kelly	SD/Elem	5/20/11-6/30/11	FMLA
Return from Leave of Absence					
No.	Unit	Name	Assignment	Effective Dates	Reason
1.3	ATH	Karen Morea	WA/Art	4/1/11	End Child Care

H. 2 Approve Long-Term Substitutes

Full-time						
No.	Unit	Name	Assignment	Effective Dates	Salary	Replacing
2.1	ATH	Dana Francis	HS/Science	12/7/10-6/24/11	1-20 days/\$90. 21-30 days/\$105. 31+days/\$277.02 Sch. IV Step 1 \$55,405.00	J. Altavilla
<i>Ms. Francis was previously appointed through 4/15/11 approx.</i>						
2.2	ATH	Lauren Amendola	MS/English	4/14/11 approx.- 6/13/11	1-20 days/\$90. 21-30 days/\$105. 31+days/\$241.45 Sch. I Step 1 \$48,290.00	J. Poach
2.3	ATH	Laura Lipow	WH/Elem	4/11/11 - 5/27/11 approx.	Sch. IV Step 11.5 \$80,570.00 Per diem	A. VonVange
Full-time						
No.	Unit	Name	Assignment	Effective Dates	Salary	Replacing
2.4	ATH	Robert Viera	Art/HS	5/1/11 approx.- 6/24/11	1-20 days/\$90. 21-30 days/\$105. 31+days/\$277.02 Sch. IV Step 1 \$55,405.00	K.Singer

H. 3 Approve Extra Duty Assignments

Interscholastic Athletics – Post Season			
No.	Name	Description/Season	Step/Stipend
3.1	Margaret McConnell	Asst. Coach Boys Swimming/Fall-Post Season	\$2,169.09 21 days @ \$103.29/day

H. 4 Approve Additional Work

Athletic Supervision					
No.	Unit	Name	Description	Effective Dates	Rate of Pay
4.1	N/A	Robert Polizzo	Supervision	2010-2011	\$31.70/hr
Adult Education					
No.	Unit	Name	Description	Effective Dates	Rate of Pay
4.2	N/A	Carlos Pumar	Instructor	2010-2011	\$25.00/hr

4.3	N/A	Jamie Capasso	Instructor	2010-2011	\$25.00/hr
Curriculum Writing					
No.	Unit	Name	Description	Effective Dates	Rate of Pay
4.4	ATH	1 writer 2 days	Foreign Language/Grammar 7	2010-2011	\$400.00 2 days @ \$200.00/day
4.5	ATH	1 writer 4 days	Foreign Language/Grammar8	2010-2011	\$800.00 4 days @ \$200.00/day
4.6	ATH	1 writer 3 days	Foreign Language/Latin Honors	2010-2011	\$600.00 3 days @ \$200.00 day
Election Personnel – Budget Vote					
No.	Unit	Name	Description	Effective Dates	Rate of Pay
4.7	N/A	Denise D’Attolico	Election Clerk/Inspector	5/17/11	\$10.50/hr

H. 5 Approve Substitutes

No.	Unit	Name	Assignment	Effective Dates	Rate of Pay
5.1	ATH	Laura Lipow	Teacher	2010-2011	\$90.00/day
5.2	ATH	Tirsa Oliva	Teacher	2010-2011	\$90.00/day
5.3	ATH	Valerie Townsend	Teacher	2010-2011	\$90.00/day
5.4	ATH	Roneldy Batista	Teacher	2010-2011	\$90.00/day
5.5	ATH	Robert Viera	Teacher	2010-2011	\$90.00/day
5.6	ATH	Nicholas Cabella	Teacher	2010-2011	\$90.00/day

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		

MOTION carried 7-0.

BUSINESS ITEMS

Approval of Business Associate Agreement

Fitzharris & Company

A MOTION was made by Mrs. Brown and seconded by Mrs. Black to approve the agreement with Fitzharris & Company to provide dental insurance for our employees.

(See attached)

MOTION carried 7-0.

Approval of Memorandum of Agreement

Security Guard Unit

A MOTION was made by Mrs. Brown and seconded by Mrs. Black to approve the agreement with the United Public Service Employees Union – District Security Guard Unit for the time period July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2011.

(See attached)

MOTION carried 7-0.

Approval of Resolution

A MOTION was made by Mrs. Brown and seconded by Mrs. Black to approve the agreement with Eastern Suffolk BOCES to be part of the natural gas purchasing consortium. The enclosed Resolution authorizes the execution of an inter-municipal agreement with Suffolk County for the procurement of natural gas.

(See attached)

MOTION carried 7-0.

Approval of Bid Awards

Educational Data Services

A MOTION was made by Mrs. Brown and seconded by Mrs. Black to approve the EDS Cooperative bid for the following:

- a) 2011-2012 Cooperative Time and Materials Skilled Trade Bid
- b) Athletic Equipment Reconditioning
- c) Repair of Musical Instruments
- d) Furniture

(See attached)

MOTION carried 7-0.

Acceptance of Donations

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

- a) Huntington Foundation for Excellence in Education (HFEE)
- b) Joseph Messina
- c) Matt Harris

(See attached)

MOTION carried 7-0.

Disposal of Equipment

A MOTION was made by Mrs. Brown and seconded by Mrs. Black to approve placing the equipment listed below on the disposal list:

Equipment	Location	Serial No.	Quantity
77 SMART Board	Finley	SB660-R2-697033	1
77 SMART Board	Finley	SB660-R1-024188	1

MOTION carried 7-0.

Approval of Facilities Use Request

Greenlawn United/Suffolk Men’s Soccer League Over 30

A MOTION was made by Mrs. Brown and seconded by Mrs. Black to approve placing this organization on the approved user list of our facilities.

(See attached)

MOTION carried 7-0.

Budget Transfer

A MOTION was made by Mrs. Brown and seconded by Mrs. Black to approve the attached budget transfer.

(See attached)

MOTION carried 7-0.

Approval of Associated Teachers of Huntington (ATH) Retirement Incentive

A MOTION was made by Mrs. Brown and seconded by Mrs. Black to approve the Retirement Incentive with the Associated Teachers of Huntington.

(See attached)

MOTION carried 7-0.

Approval of Transportation Contract Extension with Huntington Coach

A MOTION was made by Mr. McGrath and seconded by Mr. Dwyer to approve the extension of the contract with Huntington Coach for two years. Discussion followed. Mrs. Rogan wanted to be on record that she is not happy with the contract as it stands.

The Board asked that Mr. Finello go back to Huntington Coach and ask for a revision in the contract for two years at half the CPI.

(See attached)

MOTION TO TABLE ITEM

A MOTION was made by Mrs. Rogan and seconded by Mrs. Bené to table Item I.2 – Approval of Transportation Contract Extension with Huntington Coach.

MOTION carried 7-0.

Approval of Side Letter of Agreement

District Nurses

A MOTION was made by Mrs. Rogan and seconded by Mrs. Bené to approve the Side Letter of Agreement with the United Public Service Employees Union Registered Professional Nurses Unit. This agreement remedies a situation with one of the members of that unit.

(See attached)

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

MOTION carried 6-1.

PUBLIC COMMENTARY

Members of the community were given an opportunity to address the Board of Education on any item of interest. Commentary began at 11:00 p.m. and ended at 11:05 p.m.

CLOSING REMARKS BY BOARD MEMBERS

Mrs. Brown thanked all of those who made donations to the school district, HFEE, Joseph Messina, and Matt Harris.

Mrs. Brown commented that Central Administration was operating with a minimal amount of staff. Mrs. Black disagreed and also commented about athletic programs in the Town of Huntington that are available.

MOTION TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION

A MOTION was made by Mrs. Bené and seconded by Mrs. Rogan to go into Executive Session to discuss the superintendent search.

MOTION carried 7-0.

At 11:11 p.m. the Board went into Executive Session.

At 11:38 p.m. Mr. Dwyer reconvened the meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

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

At 11:39 p.m. the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Elizabeth Troffa
District Clerk