

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

November 19, 2012

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of the Huntington Union Free School District was held on Monday, November 19, 2012 at Jack Abrams School, Huntington Station, New York. The meeting was called to order at 6:33 p.m.

ROLL CALL

There were present Board of Education Members: Rogan, Paci, DiGiacomo, Hebert, McGrath, Palacios, Spector; Superintendent Polansky, Dr. Card, Dr. Giani, Mr. Gergis and Mrs. Troffa.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A MOTION was made by Mr. DiGiacomo and seconded by Mr. Palacios to go into Executive Session to discuss litigation, negotiations, and personnel matters.

MOTION carried 7-0.

Mrs. Rogan reconvened the meeting at 7:40 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mrs. Rogan led the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

EMERGENCY EVACUATION PROCEDURE

Mrs. Rogan discussed the exits to be used in the event of an emergency.

SMOKE-FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT

Mrs. Rogan announced that the Huntington Union Free School District is a smoke-free district and smoking is prohibited in all buildings and on school grounds. She also asked that all cell phones be turned off.

APPROVAL OF BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES

A MOTION was made by Mr. Spector and seconded by Mrs. Hebert to approve the Board of Education Meeting Minutes of October 22, 2012.

(See attached)

MOTION carried 7-0.

APPROVAL OF TREASURER’S REPORT

A MOTION was made by Mr. Palacios and seconded by Mr. McGrath to approve the Treasurer’s Report as of September 30, 2012.

(See attached)

MOTION carried 7-0.

ACCEPTANCE OF WARRANTS

A MOTION was made by Mrs. Hebert and seconded by Mr. DiGiacomo to accept the warrants:

OCTOBER WARRANTS FOR BOARD ACCEPTANCE	
	AMOUNT
GENERAL ADVANCED WARRANT (OCT 2012)	\$5,464,573.72
GENERAL FUND WARRANT 10/10/12	\$420,746.36
GENERAL FUND WARRANT 10/24/12	\$2,898,400.39
SCHOOL LUNCH ADVANCE WARRANT (OCT 2012)	\$68,820.60
SCHOOL LUNCH WARRANT 10/10/2012	\$1,851.74
SCHOOL LUNCH WARRANT 10/24/2012	\$63,114.89
SPECIAL AID ADVANCED WARRANT (OCT 2012)	\$111,753.80
SPECIAL AID WARRANT 10/10/2012	\$99,488.93
SPECIAL AID WARRANT 10/24/2012	\$32,424.11
HJ CAPITAL WARRANT 10/24/2012	\$10,442.50
WORKERS COMP WARRANT 10/12/2012	\$20,631.00
WORKERS COMP WARRANT 10/26/2012	\$16,760.04
TOTALS	\$9,209,008.08

MOTION carried 7-0.

FINANCIAL REPORTS - FYI

The following reports were presented for information only:

FYI – Revenue Status Report as of October 31, 2012

FYI – Expenditure Reports as of October 31, 2012

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

COMMUNICATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mrs. Rogan thanked the central administration team and the Building and Grounds team for all the hours and hard work, for the constant updates by Mr. Polansky to the board and the community. Mrs. Rogan also thanked Bari Fehrs and PTA members, and James Graber and the

teachers who came to the high school and Flower Hill to help when the schools were opened as warming centers.

Moment of Silence for James Conte

Mrs. Rogan asked for a moment of silence in honor of James Conte who passed away. He was a vital and beloved member of our community and a parent of children in our district, as well as being a member of the New York State Assembly who worked tirelessly for our district and community.

Mr. Palacios acknowledged the Young Leaders Organization who got together to collect food and non-perishable items for those affected by the storm. He also congratulated the teams who made it to the playoffs: football, field hockey and soccer, and the golf team who won the League 3 Championship.

Mrs. Hebert congratulated the Blue Devils Marching Band who took 3rd place in the competition in Syracuse. They had to cut their trip short in order to get home before the storm, but they came home victorious and we are very proud of them.

Mrs. Hebert attended the Open House that took place on Saturday, November 17th at Huntington High School. The students represented our school well. They were articulate and honest and happy to answer the questions posed to them.

Mr. Polansky thanked the staff who worked so hard to get our buildings ready for reopening after the storm. Huntington High School and Flower Hill were opened as warming centers. Staff and students put forth a team effort that was remarkable.

Mr. Polansky congratulated the Blue Devil Marching Band for their victory in Syracuse. The band members donated their snacks to the hurricane relief effort.

Mr. Polansky commended the Drama Club for their performances that were amazing even after missing so many rehearsals because of the storm. In lieu of real flowers, they made paper flowers and donated the money to the victims of Hurricane Sandy.

1st PUBLIC COMMENTARY

Members of the community were given the opportunity to address the Board of Education on items listed in *Items for Discussion/Action*.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION/ACTION

Presentation – Huntington High School Golf Team Recognition – Mr. Polansky presented the Golf Team with an award of appreciation for their undefeated 2012-2013 season and being League 3 Champions. Coach Mike Marinello and the team came up to be recognized. Mrs. McCarthy and Mr. Marinello spoke acknowledging the hard work and efforts of the team.

2012-2013 District Calendar Revisions

Mr. Polansky indicated that school must be in session for 180 days and due to Hurricane Sandy and the nine school days lost it is necessary to make up the instructional time. Mr. Polansky prepared a draft calendar. Discussion followed.

A MOTION was made by Mrs. Hebert and seconded by Mr. Paci to approve the revised school calendar.

(See attached)

MOTION carried 7-0.

STEM Magnet School Update

Mrs. Rogan reviewed that she, Mr. DiGiacomo, Mrs. Hebert, Mrs. Robinette and Mr. Polansky visited a STEM/Magnet School in Hartford, Connecticut in October. Mr. Polansky updated the Board on the next steps that are involved in opening such a school in our district. He discussed partnerships and grants, grade levels, teacher preparation, facility preparation, curricula and resources, and the application process. Mr. Polansky indicated that he wants the support of the community. Discussion followed.

CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION

A MOTION was made by Mrs. Hebert and seconded by Mr. McGrath 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
25033	23663	28313
27866	28309	28281
27614	27925	28084
28227	27256	28307
27266	25170	28314
28109	23207	28315
24584	28310	
27556	28308	
28303	28293	
24460	24722	
28198	28312	
24752	28277	
28309	24712	
28238	27406	
23094		

MOTION carried 7-0.

PERSONNEL ITEMS

On the recommendation of the Superintendent, a MOTION was made by Mr. Paci and seconded by Mr. Palacios to approve Items H.1 through H.7 on the personnel agenda.

After the vote was taken, Dr. Giani announced the approval of tenure for Linda Kohan, Social Worker.

H. 1 Approve Resignation

Resignation					
No.	Unit	Name	Assignment	Effective Date	Reason
1.1	ATH	Pamela Jacovina	WH/Music	Close of Business 11/20/12	Accepted another position

H. 2 Approve Long-Term Substitutes

Full-time						
No.	Unit	Name	Assignment	Effective Dates	Salary	Replacing
2.1	ATH	Jessica Castaneda	SD/WH-Music	11/20/12- 6/30/13	Sch. IV Step 2 \$57,290.00	P. Jacovina
<i>Ms. Castaneda is currently in a .4 position at Southdown Primary</i>						
2.2	ATH	Thomas Leninger	HS/Sp. Ed.	11/20/12- 1/3/13 approx.	1-20 days/\$90. 21-30 days/\$105. 31+days/\$277.03 Sch. IV Step 1 \$55,405.00	J. Rommel
2.3	ATH	Susan Nastro	MS/English	9/10/12- 11/9/12 approx.	1-20 days/\$90. 21-30 days/\$105. 31+days/\$277.03 Sch. IV Step 1 \$55,405.00	E. Parris
<i>Ms. Nastro was previously approved through 11/1/12 approximately</i>						

H. 3 Approve Tenure Recommendation

No.	Unit	Name	Assignment	Effective Date	Certification
3.1	ATH	Linda Kohan	SD/WA/HS Social Worker	1/5/13	School Social Worker Permanent

H. 4 Approve Non-Instructional New Appointment

Part-time						
No.	Unit	Name	Assignment	Effective Date	Salary	Replacing
4.1	AMA	Valerie Dela-Acevedo	JE/3hr. Monitor	11/20/12	\$12.26/hr	L. DiCicco

H. 5 Approve Extra Duty Assignments

Clubs - MS			
No.	Name	Description/Season	Stipend
5.1	DELETE Kimberly Finneran	Yorkers - .5	\$598.50
5.2	Melissa Jasinski	Yorkers - 1.0	\$1,197.00
<i>Ms. Jasinski was previously approved at .5</i>			
Interscholastic - Winter			
No.	Name	Description/Season	Step/Stipend
5.3	Roy Jiminez	JV Head Coach Girls Basketball/Winter	Step 1 \$4,739.00

H. 6 Approve Additional Work

K-2 Saturday Academy- Up to two hours a week Funded through Title III Grant					
No.	Unit	Name	Description	Effective Dates	Rate of Pay
6.1	DSPA	Carmen Kasper	Administrator	12/1/12-5/18/13	\$1,960.00
6.2	ATH	Angela Berner	Instructor	12/1/12-5/18/13	\$48.97/hr.
6.3	ATH	Donna O'Shaughnessy	Instructor	12/1/12-5/18/13	\$48.97/hr.
6.4	ATH	Nancy Giorgos	Instructor	12/1/12-5/18/13	\$48.97/hr.
6.5	ATH	Vivian Joseph	Instructor	12/1/12-5/18/13	\$48.97/hr.
6.6	ATH	Karen Melara	Instructor	12/1/12-5/18/13	\$48.97/hr.
6.7	ATH	Debra Ravo	Instructor	12/1/12-5/18/13	\$48.97/hr.
6.8	ATH	Soraya Triessl	Instructor	12/1/12-5/18/13	\$48.97/hr.
6.9	ATH	Claudia Gonzalez	Instructor	12/1/12-5/18/13	\$48.97/hr.
6.10	ATH	Ashley Williams	Instructor	12/1/12-5/18/13	\$48.97/hr.
6.11	AMA	Miryam Palacio	Aide	12/1/12-5/18/13	\$19.99/hr.
Adult Education					
No.	Unit	Name	Description	Effective Dates	Rate of Pay
6.12	N/A	Walter Gesla	Instructor	2012-2013	\$25.00/hr.
January Regents Review Not to exceed 50 hours					
No	Unit	Name	Description	Effective Dates	Rate of Pay
6.13	ATH	TBA	Instructors	2012-2013	\$48.97/hr.

H. 7 Approve Substitutes

No.	Unit	Name	Assignment	Effective Dates	Rate of Pay
7.1	ATH	Tina Allocca	Teacher	2012-2013	\$90.00/day
7.2	ATH	Richard Enderle	Teacher	2012-2013	\$90.00/day
7.3	ATH	Melissa Ryan	Teacher	2012-2013	\$90.00/day

7.4	ATH	Brittany Schulde	Teacher	2012-2013	\$90.00/day
7.5	ATH	Ryan Walter	Teacher	2012-2013	\$90.00/day
7.6	B&G	Sterlin Jamison	Custodian	2012-2013	\$10.50/hr
7.7	B&G	James Lawrence	Custodian	2012-2013	\$10.50/hr
7.8	FSW	Teisha Smith	Food Service	2012-2013	\$9.00/hr
7.9	AMA	Antonette Frazier	Aide	2012-2013	\$9.00/hr
7.10	AMA	Melissa Ryan	Aide	2012-2013	\$9.00/hr

MOTION carried 7-0.

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

BUSINESS ITEMS

Budget Transfers

A MOTION was made by Mr. Spector and seconded by Mr. McGrath to approve the budget transfers.

(See attached)

MOTION carried 7-0.

Change Order

A MOTION was made by Mr. Spector and seconded by Mr. McGrath to approve the Change Order with G. Construction Enterprises, LLC to provide credit for the entire unused allowance money for the Fuel Tank Replacement Project at Woodhull Intermediate School in the amount of \$10,000.

(See attached)

MOTION carried 7-0.

Contracts

A MOTION was made by Mr. Spector and seconded by Mr. McGrath to approve the following contracts:

- Allan Rotto Consultants, Inc.
- Creative Voice Development Group
- Eastern Suffolk BOCES – Field Trip Transportation Program
- Glen Cove City School District

(See attached)

MOTION carried 7-0.

Donations

A MOTION was made by Mr. Spector and seconded by Mr. McGrath to accept the following donations:

- **Jim and Jane Brown**, Huntington parents, would like to donate three 15'-20' Cleveland pear trees. These trees will be planted at Huntington High School between the tennis courts and bleachers. They have an estimated value of \$600.
- **Matt Harris**, Huntington parent, would like to donate the following equipment to be used to update the sound system in the auditorium at Jack Abrams School:

Equipment	Approximate Value
Ramsa WR-DA-7 16 Digital Mixer	\$1,000
Crown CH-1 275 Watt Amp (New)	\$475
Crown D-75 75 Watt Amp	\$100
Behringer FBQ1502 Graphic EQ (New)	\$100
Nady CL-5000 Limiter (New)	\$109
Tascam 102 Cassette Deck	\$100
Sony CDP-261 CD Player	\$50
ATI DP-100 Audio Interface	\$50
Electro Voice Sentry 1A Studio Speakers (2 -\$125 each)	\$250
JVC SK-33 Booth Speakers (2 - \$25 each)	\$50
7' Equipment Rack	\$150
Assorted Rack Shelving	\$200
CCI 3000' Microphone Cable (New)	\$350
Power Strip with Switch	\$25
Wall Mounted XLR Jack Panel	\$200
RTS Intercom System including: - Power Supply (\$50) - Rack Base Station (\$100) - 3 Belt Packs (\$462 each) - 4 Beyer Dynamic headsets (\$50 each)	\$1,586

MOTION carried 7-0.

Exposure Control Plan

A MOTION was made by Mr. Spector and seconded by Mr. McGrath to approve the Exposure Control Plan for 2012-2013.

(See attached)

MOTION carried 7-0.

Facilities Use Request

A MOTION was made by Mr. Spector and seconded by Mr. McGrath to approve the following organization as an approved user of our facilities:

Anita's Studio of Dance & Theatre Arts

MOTION carried 7-0.

Hazard Communication Plan

A MOTION was made by Mr. Spector and seconded by Mr. McGrath to approve the Hazard Communication Plan for 2012-2013.

(See attached)

MOTION carried 7-0.

Overnight Field Trip

A MOTION was made by Mr. Spector and seconded by Mr. McGrath to approve the overnight field trip to Greenkill Outdoor Education Center in Huguenot, New York for 2/5/12-2/8/12 and 2/12/12-2/15/12.

MOTION carried 7-0.

Resolution/Stipulation of Settlement and General Release

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

HUNTINGTON UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby approves a settlement agreement in connection with a claim made by the United Public Service Employees on behalf of the five (5) individuals named in Confidential Schedule "A", and authorizes the President of the Board to execute same.

(See attached Confidential Schedule "A")

MOTION carried 7-0.

2nd PUBLIC COMMENTARY

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

CLOSING REMARKS

Mrs. Hebert thanked Matt Harris for his very generous donation of sound equipment and also thanked Mr. and Mrs. Brown who donated pear trees to be planted by the tennis courts. These donations are greatly appreciated.

Mrs. Rogan thanked Ahern Landscaping for donating their time and labor to planting flowers in the Mrs. Balsari Memorial Garden at Washington Primary School. She also thanked the anonymous donor for the flowers. Mrs. Rogan thanked Mrs. Kustera for the two ipads donated to Flower Hill School and the parents of the Drama Club who donated two Sennheiser Evolution G3 100 series wireless microphone systems for use at Huntington High School. These donations were accepted by the Board of Education at the board meeting of October 22nd. The school district appreciates the generosity of these donors.

Mr. Spector asked if we have taken in any students that have been displaced by the storm. Mr. Polansky indicated that we have and Dr. Giovanni Mendez has been on top of dealing with the damaging effects of the storm on the lives of students and identifying those who are in need of help.

Mr. Palacios wished everyone a safe and Happy Thanksgiving.

ADJOURNMENT

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

MOTION carried 7-0.

At 8:44 p.m. the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Elizabeth Troffa
District Clerk