

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

September 9, 2013

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of the Huntington Union Free School District was held on Monday, September 9, 2013 at Jack Abrams STEM Magnet School. The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL

There were present Board of Education Members: Rogan, DiGiacomo, Dwyer, Fehrs, Hebert, Palacios; Superintendent Polansky, Dr. Card, Mr. Gergis, Mrs. Miranda, and Mr. Christopher Mestecky, Esq.

Vice-President Spector was absent.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A MOTION was made by Mrs. Fehrs, seconded by Mr. DiGiacomo to go into Executive Session to discuss employee disciplinary and staffing matters.

MOTION carried 6-0.

Mrs. Rogan reconvened the meeting at 7:35 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mrs. Rogan led the Board of Education and the others present in 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. DiGiacomo and seconded by Mr. Dwyer to approve the Board of Education Minutes of August 26, 2013.

(See attached)

MOTION carried 6-0

APPROVAL OF TREASURER'S REPORT

A MOTION was made by Mrs. Hebert and seconded by Mr. Palacios to approve the Treasurer's Report as of June 30, 2013.

(See attached)

MOTION carried 6-0.

ACCEPTANCE OF WARRANTS

A MOTION was made by Mr. Dwyer and seconded by Mrs. Fehrs to accept the following warrants:

**HUNTINGTON UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 9, 2013
AUGUST 2013 WARRANTS FOR BOARD ACCEPTANCE**

	AMOUNT
GENERAL ADVANCE WARRANT (AUG 2013)	\$2,694,212.32
GENERAL FUND WARRANT 08/14/2013	\$282,918.00
GENERAL FUND WARRANT 08/28/2013	\$962,562.92
SCHOOL LUNCH ADVANCE WARRANT (AUG 2013)	\$8,643.53
SCHOOL LUNCH 8/28/2013 WARRANT	\$528.00
SPECIAL AID ADVANCE WARRANT (AUG 2013)	\$432,324.63
SPECIAL AID 8/14/2013 WARRANT	\$39,291.90
SPECIAL AID 8/28/2013 WARRANT	\$228,571.56
HJ CAPITAL 8/14/2013 WARRANT	\$60.13
WORKERS COMP 8/16/2013	\$14,562.30
WORKERS COMP 8/30/2013	\$14,129.28
AUGUST 2013 T & A WARRANT	\$2,623,912.74
TOTALS	\$4,607,504.99

MOTION carried 6-0.

COMMUNICATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. DiGiacomo commended staff and students for a good start to the school year. He suggested that all members of the school community show their support by joining the PTA. Membership cost for the 2013-14 school year is \$9.00. All meeting dates are listed on the district's website. He commented on the minimal cost related to the opening of the Jack Abrams STEM Magnet School and

the positive financial impact not replacing the Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources and General Administration has had on the district. He commended Mr. Polansky, Dr. Card, Mr. Gergis, and Ms. Rae Montesano for their ongoing above and beyond efforts in this regard.

The Patrick Hannon Memorial softball game is scheduled for September 21 at Huntington High School at 11:00 AM.

The first Huntington High School football game will be held at Harborfields High School on Wednesday, September 11.

Homecoming is scheduled for September 28. Students of all ages may participate with the Huntington Foundation for Excellence in Education's Walk for Education and march in the Homecoming Parade for a \$5.00 donation. Check the website for details.

A fundraiser in honor of Victoria Gaines is scheduled for Tuesday, October 8, at Oheka Castle. Proceeds will be donated to Victoria's Love Children' Foundation.

Mrs. Rogan stated that the Greater Long Island Running Club sponsored a five mile run for the "We Are Many Foundation" on September 7 that began and ended at Flower Hill School.

Mrs. Hebert stated that the Unity Day Parade took place on Saturday, September 7. Huntington High School Marching Band marched with the Walt Whitman High School Marching Band. This clearly demonstrated the theme of the day, "Unity in the Community".

Mr. Palacios stated that the Hispanic Heritage Month Fair will take place at Manor Field on September 29. This year's theme is "Immigration in our Community". All are welcome. Hispanic Heritage month begins on September 15.

Mr. Polansky stated the following:

The transportation guides have been mailed out.

The district calendars were sent out via bulk mail. Extra copies are available in all of the schools.

The New Teacher Induction Program took place on August 26, followed by a series of administrative workshops for all district administrators.

Superintendent's Conference Day took place on September 3 at the high school. It provided a great opportunity to kick off the year in a collaborative fashion.

Opening day went very well at all of the buildings.

Transportation issues have been and are continuing to be addressed with Huntington Coach Management.

The federal grants should be announced at the close of the federal fiscal year, which is the end of September.

Mr. Polansky congratulated two students who were named Long Island Scholar Artists: Juliana Barca and Angelica Tome-Radigan.

Mr. Polansky congratulated NYSSMA All State Conference honorees: Katherine Gerdes, Chelsea Holmes, Jonathan Engle, Brian Gilbert, Brianna Kirkland, Christian Jamison, Ashley Melgar, and as alternates, George Gabriel, Brian Gilbert (2nd instrument) and Monica Owen.

Mrs. Hebert congratulated student Charles Beers on his work being published in Newsday this summer.

The National Merit Scholarship semi-finalists from the district will be announced at the September 30th Board of Education meeting.

Mr. Polansky stated that the Booster Club dinner will be held on October 18. This year's honorees are Mary Paar and John Paci Jr. See website for details.

A public hearing on the Regents Reform Agenda, facilitated by Senator John Flanagan is being held on September 17, 10:00 AM at Suffolk Community College, Brentwood Campus. This is open to the public.

Mrs. Rogan thanked Mr. Polansky and the central office administrators for all of their hard work over the summer to ensure a successful school opening.

1st PUBLIC COMMENTARY

A parent commented on nut allergies and creating a safe environment both in schools and on the buses. A 4th grade student spoke about her own experience with a severe nut allergy.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION/ACTION

Presentation - Addressing Assessment Results with Students: Mr. Polansky presented on how to talk to students about test results.

Presentation - A Standard-Based Report Card for Kindergarten through Grade 6: Dr. Card presented an overview of the new report card that will be used for communicating student progress commencing with the 2013-14 school year.

A MOTION was made by Mr. Dwyer and seconded by Mr. Palacios to adopt the board goals for the 2013-2014 as read by Mrs. Rogan.

MOTION carried 6-0.

CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION

A MOTION was made by Mr. DiGiacomo and seconded by Mr. Palacios 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			CSE Annual Reviews		
27739		27181		28178	
27403		28497		27390	
24942		28419			
27181		28497			
28419					

MOTION carried 6-0.

On the recommendation of the Superintendent, a MOTION was made by Mrs. Fehrs and seconded by Mrs. Hebert to approve items H1 through H7 on the Personnel Agenda.

PERSONNEL ITEMS

H. 1 Approve Long-Term Substitutes

Full-time						
No.	Unit	Name	Assignment	Effective Dates	Salary	Replacing
<i>The following teachers are recalled from the PEL as LTS</i>						
1.1	ATH	Christina Droskoski	FH/Reading	9/1/13-10/14/13 approx.	1-20 days/\$90. 21-30 days/\$105. 31+days/\$293.38 Sch. V Step 1 \$58,675.00	K. Giani
1.2	ATH	Conrad Dierking	WH/Elem.	9/1/13-2/1/14 approx.	Sch. VI Step 7 \$75,975.00	H. Flaherty
1.3	ATH	Vincenza Famiglietti-Caruso	WA/Elem	9/10/13 approx. - 11/12/13 approx.	1-20 days/\$90. 21-30 days/\$105. 31+days/\$338.82 Sch. VIII Step 1 \$67,765.00	S. Dinehart

H. 2 Approve Long-Term Substitutes

Part-time						
No.	Unit	Name	Assignment	Effective Dates	Salary	Replacing
2.1	ATH	Christine Burns	JE/SD/Art (.6)	9/10/13-1/6/14 approx.	Sch. IV Step 1 \$33,909.00 (.6)	K. Morea

H. 3 Approve Change in Assignment

No.	Unit	Name	Effective Dates	From	To
3.1	ATH	Karen Morea	1/6/14 approx. - 6/30/14	HS/Art .4 Sch. VI Step 7 \$30,390.00 (.4)	HS/Art .6 Sch. VI Step 7 \$45,585.00 (.6)

H. 4 Approve Extra Duty Assignments

Interscholastic			
No.	Name	Description/Season	Step/Stipend
4.2	Ralph Carino	JV Head Boys Soccer/Fall	Step 1 \$3,992.00
Marching Band			
No.	Name	Description/Season	Step/Stipend

4.4	Jason Giachetti	Student Supervisor # 2/Summer	\$523.00
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H. 5 Approve Salary Schedule Changes/Adjustments

No.	Name	School	From	To	Effective Date
5.1	Mariana Irigoyen	JE	Sch. VI Step 7.5 \$77,285.00	Sch. VII Step 7.5 \$80,155.00	9/1/13
5.2	Keith Mattis	HS	Sch. VI Step 6 \$73,430.00	Sch. VII Step 6 \$76,340.00	9/1/13
5.3	Matthew Perlongo	MS	Sch. VI Step 5 \$70,915.00	Sch. VII Step 5 \$73,725.00	9/1/13

H. 6 Approve Additional Work

NY State Reporting Funded through Title IIA Grant					
No	Unit	Name	Description	Effective Dates	Rate of Pay
6.1	ATH	Nancy Burke-Allard	Scheduling/Test Reporting	2013-2014	Up to 22 days @\$543.90/day
Teacher Center Funded through Teacher Center Grant					
6.2	ATH	Angela Berner	Director	2013-2014	\$7,500.00
6.3	CU	Lucy Ann DeChiaro	Secretary	2013-2014	Not to exceed 17.5 hrs./week @ \$13.95/hr. for a total of \$6,000.00

H. 7 Approve Substitutes

No.	Unit	Name	Assignment	Effective Dates	Rate of Pay
7.1	AMA	Karen Lombardo	Aide	2013-2014	\$9.00/hr.
7.2	NUR	Connie DeGrassi	Nurse	2013-2014	\$105.00/day
7.3	SEC	Henry Clemmens	Security	2013-2014	\$11.45/hr.
7.4	ATH	Vincenza Famiglietti-Caruso	Teacher	2013-2014	\$90.00/day

MOTION carried 6-0.

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
JE = Jefferson Primary	Assoc 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

A MOTION was made by Mr. Dwyer and seconded by Mr. DiGiacomo approve items I1 through I6 on the Business Agenda.

1. Budget Transfers
2. Contracts
 - a. Joann Kavanagh

- b. Debra Saum, MS, RD, CDN
- 3. Facilities Use
 - a. Riverside Church
- 4. Mileage
- 5. Overnight Field Trip
 - a. Syracuse, New York – Huntington High School Band (10/26/13 – 10/28/13)
- 6. Resolution
 - a. Confidential Personnel Matter

MOTION carried 6-0.

2nd PUBLIC COMMENTARY

Several community members commented on transportation issues during the first days of school.

A building administrator commented on a transportation issue within the school and the bus company's handling of same.

Several community members expressed their concerns with class sizes at the elementary level.

A community member stated the she would prefer late buses be allocated to the high school instead of the middle school.

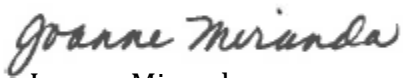
ADJOURNMENT

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

MOTION carried 6-0.

At 9:35 PM the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,



Joanne Miranda
District Clerk