

**REGULAR MEETING
HUNTINGTON UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION
January 8, 2007**

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of the Huntington Union Free School District was held on Monday, January 8, 2007, at Huntington High School, Oakwood and McKay Road, Huntington, New York. Mr. Lee called the meeting to order at 6:45 p.m.

ROLL CALL

There were present Board of Education Members Black, Collyer, Forte, Lee, Marchi, McGrath, Rogan; Superintendent Finello, Messrs. Giani, Grackin, O'Brien and Mrs. Bender.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

MOTION carried.

At 6:45 p.m. the Board of Education went into Executive Session.

At 7:50 p.m. Mr. Lee reconvened the meeting.

EMERGENCY EVACUATION PROCEDURE

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

SMOKE FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT

Mr. Lee announced that the Huntington Union Free School District is a smoke-free district and smoking is prohibited in all buildings and on school grounds.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A MOTION was made by Mrs. Collyer and seconded by Mrs. Marchi to approve the Minutes of the following meeting of the Board of Education:

December 18, 2006

AYES: Mrs. Black
Mr. Forte
Mr. Lee
Mrs. Marchi
Mr. McGrath
Mrs. Rogan

ABSTAIN: Mrs. Collyer

MOTION carried.

TREASURER’S REPORT

A MOTION was made by Mrs. Collyer and seconded by Mrs. Marchi to accept the following Treasurer’s Report of November 2006:

General Fund	\$10,396,330.37
Capital Fund	3,844,236.61
Special Aid Fund	37,237.85
School Lunch Fund	222,672.12
Trust and Agency Fund	913,991.17
Payroll Fund	0

MOTION carried.

EXPENDITURE REPORT

Expenditure Reports through December 31, 2006 were distributed for “Information Only” as follows:

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

Revenue Status Report through November 30, 2006 was distributed for “Information Only” as follows:

- a) General Fund

COMMUNICATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Bond Issue Update

Mr. Grackin gave an update on the construction work being done at the high school. The football field is almost complete and the track has been paved and will be completed by April. The scoreboard will be installed next week. The bleachers are ordered. The gym bleachers have been completed and the fuel tank is awaiting approval. The seats and the floor in the auditorium are being replaced. The heating and ventilation have been removed and a new system installed.

Mrs. Fretz explained the scheduling changes necessary for the high school auditorium because of construction. See attached.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND ACTION

Elementary Facilities and Class Size Committee (ELFACS) Report

Mr. Giani explained that the ELFACS committee was formed to address immediate overcrowding and space issues. He presented an ethnicity breakdown of the elementary schools, available options to free up space and the recommendations of the committee. The recommendation will be to extend the Washington zone into the Southdown zone and extend the Flower Hill zone into the Jefferson Zone. Mr. Giani explained what the redistribution of students would mean in each building. He also explained pros and cons of the plan. Extensive discussion followed

PUBLIC COMMENTARY

At that portion of the meeting set aside for questions and comments from the public a parent wanted to know what is crisis mode and how the ESL students at Washington would be served.

A parent inquired as to how long the district has been overcrowded. Mr. Lee explained.

A parent was disappointed in the recommendations of ELFACS with regard to ethnicity and poverty.

The PTA Council president asked to have the presentation put on the district website and she is concerned that the dual language program is only on one side of the district.

A parent wanted to know what will happen if the recommendations are not approved.

A parent wants the Board to continue researching the possibility of acquiring the former Touro Law School looking to expand. He is also concerned about test scores.

A parent was concerned about the number of Hispanic kids moving to Washington and Flower Hill and about support in the classroom.

A teacher from Woodhull spoke of overcrowding at Woodhull and the test scores.

A Woodhull parent also spoke of the overcrowding at Woodhull and the test scores. She would like to see smaller classes.

A parent would like to see the Board look at long-term goals of district.

A parent questioned why some of the schools may have vacant rooms and others won't. Also concerned about the pressure on students during test time.

Mrs. Marchi asked that the Board hold off on voting until letters go to the parents who are affected and invite the parents to the next Board of Education meeting.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND ACTION

School Calendar Draft 2007-2008

Mr. Finello explained the proposed 2007-2008 school calendar.

A MOTION was made by Mrs. Collyer and seconded by Mrs. Marchi to approved the 2007-2008 school calendar as amended.

(See attached)

MOTION carried.

Proposed Guidelines for High School Turf Field Usage

Mr. Grackin shared a draft of guidelines for the use of the new athletic field at the high school. The guidelines are necessary in order to maintain longevity of the space. A revised guideline will be ready for the January 29, 2007 Board of Education meeting.

CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION

A MOTON was made by Mrs. Marchi and seconded by Mrs. Collyer to authorize the district administration to arrange for the provision of appropriate special education programs and services for students as enumerated in the CSE and CPSE meetings:

CSE:

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| 1. 24382 | 2. 23491 | 3. 24853 | 4. 22477 |
| 5. 24908 | 6. 21925 | 7. 22863 | 8. 24804 |
| 9. 24792 | 10. 22326 | 11. 24140 | 12. 22212 |
| 13. 20835 | 14. 20785 | 15. 21230 | 16. 22538 |
| 17. 25051 | 18. 21798 | 19. 25022 | 20. 20525 |
| 21. 23056 | 22. 22236 | 23. 24596 | 24. 24772 |
| 25. 23596 | 26. 23720 | 27. 24939 | 28. 25029 |
| 29. 21918 | 30. 22146 | 31. 20042 | 32. 23145 |
| 33. 25028 | 34. 25061 | 35. 25052 | 36. 25060 |
| | | | 37. 24422 |

CPSE:

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| 1. 24942 | 2. 24686 | 3. 24955 | 4. 24785 |
| 5. 25056 | 6. 25047 | 7. 25057 | 8. 25058 |
| 9. 25033 | 10. 25001 | 11. 25011 | 12. 24766 |
| 13. 24689 | 14. 25059 | | |

MOTION carried.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND ACTION

Course Proposal – High School

A MOTION was made by Mrs. Black and seconded by Mrs. Collyer to approve World of Technology as a third year requirement for either math or science for the fall of 2007.

MOTION carried.

INSTRUCTIONAL PERSONNEL

On the recommendation of the Superintendent, a MOTION was made by Mrs. Marchi and seconded by Mrs. Collyer to approve the following changes in Instructional Personnel

Teacher Resignations and Retirements

Margaret Colligan, English/Reading teacher, effective close of business June 30, 2007, \$3000 retirement award, 18 years in Huntington

Dennis Walker, Dean, Huntington High School, effective close of business June 30, 2007, retirement incentive not to exceed \$42,500, 34 years in Huntington

Leslie Mitek, Business Education teacher, effective close of business June 30, 2007, retirement incentive not to exceed \$42,500, 21 years in Huntington

Requests for Leave of Absence

Kathleen McCourt, Coordinator of Special Education 9-12, effective December 22, 2006 thru June 30, 2007 – child care

Stacey Byrnes, Science teacher, effective January 29, 2007 through June 30, 2007 – child care

Jennifer Stuchio, Special Education teacher, effective January 29, 2007 through June 30, 2007 – child care

Victoria Creighton, Elementary teacher, effective January 29, 2007 through June 30, 2007 – child care

Long-Term Substitute Appointments

Beth Minoff, Elementary teacher, Washington, effective January 29, 2007 through June 30, 2007, Sch. IV, Step 4, \$55,875, for V. Creighton

Carlo Maltempi, Science teacher, High School, effective January 29, 2007 through June 30, 2007, Sch. VI, Step 5, \$62,625, for S. Byrnes

Karen Gelb, Speech therapist, Flower Hill, effective January 2, 2007 through June 30, 2007, Sch. IV, Step 6, \$60,375, for B. Woodworth

Part-Time Teacher Appointment

Karen Blacher, .4 English teacher, High School, effective January 26, 2007 through June 30, 2007, Sch. IV, Step 1, \$19,964 prorated, funded by grant

Appointment of After-School Staff

\$44.12 per hour, 3 hours per week, primary schools, prepare students for Math and ELA exams, funded by grant:

Kathryn Dresch
Angela Apgar
Liane Neumann
Linda Cirillo
Megan Himmelmann
Theresa Duffy
Hildi Green
Lori Lizzo

Nilsa Michaels
Wendy Delgado
Mariana Irigoyen
Marisa Moccia
Tricia Martin
Allison Daly
Lori Lizzo

Substitutes: Kimberly Murray
Jill DeTrano

\$44.12 per hour, 2 hours per week, Intermediate Schools, prepare students for Math exam, funded by grant:

Andrea Frisenda
Jenny Strachovsky
Elaine McKeown
Diane Grassi

Mark Helstrom
Carol Soskil

Substitutes: Maryann Sacher
Jason Suarez

Appointment of Finley Cafeteria Supervisor

\$29.62 per hour:

Philip Lowe

Additional Work

Finley Science Expo, December 13, 2006, 2 hours each at \$44.12 per hour, set up and supervise:

Donna Moro
Judy Pazienza

Lauren Principe, special education teacher, up to 15 hours at \$44.12 per hour, to develop Regents and RCT proctoring schedule for special education students at High School.

Approval of Athletic Supervisors

\$28.56 per hour:

Jordan Haber
Tara Jensen
John Mohlenhoff
Shari Campbell

Approval of Homeless Grant Employees

Gail Mahoney, grant administrator/liaison, \$50 per hour, funded by grant
Deborah Winans, tutor teacher, \$44.12 per hour, funded by grant

Approval of Home Tutors

\$44.12 per hour:

Kathryn DeGelleke	Robert Funke
Karen Dwyer	Jeanne Duhamel
Melinda Geis	Donald McGarry
William Jackson	

Approval of Adult Education Instructors

\$25 per hour:

Fall 2006:	James Falletti
	Bud Levy
	Richard Gress
	Madeline Emmons
	Richard Wos
	Edward Enyart
	Carmela Stone Klein
	Ellen Winter
	Howard Goldberg
Spring 2007:	James Falletti
	Bud Levy

Richard Gress
 Richard Wos
 Edward Enyart
 Carmela Stone
 Ellen Winter
 Howard Goldberg
 Susan Falletti
 Kieran Mock
 George Reichle
 Roberto Jimenez
 Johnny Morales
 Stacy Sindrom
 Martha McCrain
 David Sovetz

Approval of New Substitute Teacher(s)

(See green sheet)

MOTION carried.

NON-INSTRUCTIONAL PERSONNEL

On the recommendation of the Superintendent, a MOTION was made by Mrs. Marchi and seconded by Mrs. Collyer to approve the following changes in Non-Instructional Personnel:

Appointment

<u>Unit</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Salary</u>	<u>Eff.Date</u>	<u>Replacing</u>
Aide	Denise DePasquale	Teacher Aide HHS	\$11.92/hr	1/9/07	K. Holland

Part-Time Appointments

After School Math Test Preparation Program for Aides at current rate of pay, funded by grant:

Lourdes J. Sagredo \$17.87/hr

After School ELA Test Preparation Program for Aides at current rate of pay, funded by grant:

Zaida Cortes \$17.19/hr

Approval of Non-Instructional Substitute Lists

CLERICAL
CUSTODIAL
FOOD SERVICE
NURSE
SCHOOL TEACHER AIDE
SECURITY
(green sheets)

MOTION carried.

BUSINESS

Approval of Contracts

Professionals for Learning

A MOTION was made by Mrs. Collyer and seconded by Mrs. Marchi to approve the contract with Professionals for Learning for parent consultation and training at the rate of \$85 per hour for certified teacher and \$30 per hour for teacher's assistant effective September 1, 2006 through June 30, 2007.

(See attached)

MOTION carried.

Beatriz Markman Reubins

A MOTION was made by Mrs. Collyer and seconded by Mrs. Marchi to approve the contract with Beatriz Markman Reubins for child and adolescent psychological evaluation, consultation and report at the rate of \$1,000 per evaluation, consultation and report effective January 9, 2007 through June 30, 2007.

(See attached)

MOTION carried.

Bilinguals, Inc.

A MOTION was made by Mrs. Collyer and seconded by Mrs. Marchi to approve the contract with Bilinguals, Inc., for evaluations and translation services effective September 1, 2006 through June 30, 2007.

(See attached)

MOTION carried.

R. S. Abrams

A MOTION was made by Mrs. Collyer and seconded by Mrs. Marchi to approve the contract with R. S. Abrams, internal claims auditor, to extend the claims audit process to include the trust and agency accounts for an additional fee of \$150 per month for a total of \$1950 per month.

MOTION carried.

Approval of Change Order

A MOTION was made by Mrs. Collyer and seconded by Mrs. Marchi to approve the change order decreasing the contractor allowance to Suburban Restoration Corporation by \$7000 for asbestos removal work at the high school and Jefferson.

(See attached)

MOTION carried.

Second Reading of Policy #3272 – Staff Use of Laptop Computers

A MOTION was made by Mrs. Collyer and seconded by Mrs. Marchi to approve the seconded reading of Policy #3272 – Staff Use of Laptop Computers.

(See attached)

MOTION carried.

First Reading of Policy #8260 – Title I Parental Involvement

A MOTION was made by Mrs. Collyer and seconded by Mrs. Marchi to approve the first reading of Policy #3272 – Title I Parental Involvement.

(See attached)

MOTION carried.

Approval of Overnight Field Trip

Woodstock, Vermont

A MOTION was made by Mrs. Collyer and seconded by Mrs. Marchi to approve the overnight field trip to Woodstock, Vermont, for five high school seniors to complete the planning and facilitation of the Suburban/Rural Exchange program from January 25 to January 27, 2007.

(See attached)

MOTION carried.

Bid Award

A MOTION was made by Mrs. Collyer and seconded by Mrs. Marchi to approve the bid award to Savory Food Services for food and food related products.

MOTION carried.

Approval of Mileage Reimbursement

A MOTION was made by Mrs. Collyer and seconded by Mrs. Marchi to approve the following employee for reimbursement for use of personal vehicle on school district business:

Harry Lightstone – Special Education Coordinator

MOTION carried.

Budget Transfers

A MOTION was made by Mrs. Collyer and seconded by Mrs. Marchi to approve the attached budget transfers.

(See attached0

MOTION carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTARY

At that portion of the meeting set aside for questions and comments from the public a parent had questions about special education students in Woodhull and Huntington Intermediate and how they would be effected by the reconfiguration.

A parent inquired if there was a district policy for students who can't afford class trips. She wants practice to be uniform throughout district. It will be discussed at PTA Presidents' meeting.

The PTA Council wanted to know what the Board thought of 3rd and 6th grade committees. Discussion followed.

ADJOURNMENT

A MOTION was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting

At 10:30 p.m. the meeting was adjourned.

MOTION carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Catherine Bender
District Clerk