

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

**October 3, 2011**

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of the Huntington Union Free School District was held on Monday, October 3, 2011 at Jack Abrams School, Huntington Station, New York. The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m.

**ROLL CALL**

There were present Board of Education Members: Rogan, Paci, Black, Brown, Hebert, McGrath, Spector; Christopher Guercio, Esq., Superintendent Polansky, Dr. Card, Mr. Grackin and Mrs. Troffa. Dr. Giani was absent.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

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

MOTION carried 7-0.

At 7:42 p.m. Mrs. Rogan reconvened the meeting.

**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 Mrs. Brown and seconded by Mrs. Black to approve the Board of Education Minutes of September 12, 2011.

MOTION carried 7-0.

**APPROVAL OF TREASURER'S REPORT**

A MOTION was made by Mr. Spector and seconded by Mrs. Brown to approve the Treasurer's Reports as of July 31, 2011 and August 31, 2011.

(See attached)

MOTION carried 7-0.

**APPROVAL OF EXTRA-CURRICULAR QUARTERLY REPORTS**

A MOTION was made by Mrs. Hebert and seconded by Mrs. Black to approve the Extra-Curricular Quarterly Reports as of June 30, 2011.

(See attached)

MOTION carried 7-0.

**APPROVAL OF WARRANTS**

A MOTION was made by Mrs. Black and seconded by Mrs. Hebert to accept the warrants listed below:

<b>AUGUST WARRANTS</b>	
GENERAL ADVANCED WARRANT (JULY)	\$3,808,015.20
GENERAL FUND WARRANT 08/03/11	\$498,606.78
GENERAL FUND WARRANT 0817/11	\$232,633.93
GENERAL FUND WARRANT 08/31/11	\$983,282.34
SCHOOL LUNCH ADVANCE WARRANT (JULY)	\$54,282.96
SCHOOL LUNCH WARRANT 08/17/11	\$443.53
SPECIAL AID WARRANT 08/03/11	\$758.27
SPECIAL AID WARRANT 08/17/11	\$24,305.34
SPECIAL AID WARRANT 08/31/11	\$185,042.79
WORKERS COMP WARRANT 08/05/11	\$18,305.88
WORKERS COMP WARRANT 08/19/11	\$11,242.29
CAPITAL PROJECTS WARRANT HC 08/03/11	\$5,000.00
CAPITAL PROJECTS WARRANT HC 08/31/11	\$43,057.80
T & A AUGUST WARRANT	\$2,139,088.21
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>\$8,004,065.32</b>

MOTION carried 7-0.

**COMMUNICATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Mr. Spector announced the Blue Devil Marching Band won a competition at Walt Whitman School indicating that out of three weeks of competition the band came in first place twice.

Mrs. Hebert announced that this past weekend two events took place, Jana Piccola race and the softball game between parents and teachers at Woodhull honoring Patrick Hannon. Both events were done for a wonderful reason.

Mrs. Rogan announced the Booster Club Annual Golf Outing on October 10<sup>th</sup> at Indian Hills Country Club. All are invited to participate.

Mr. Polansky also mentioned the charity softball game at Woodhull School and that more than \$3,000 was raised in support of the boy scouts. The Hannon family was very appreciative. Mr. Polansky announced the students who received a commendation from the National Merit Honor Society and a student who received the 2011 Suffolk County Executive’s Youth Achievement award from Steve Levy. He also announced that Kevin Clifford, CEO of Huntington Coach, won an award from the National School Transportation Organization.

**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**

**Board of Education Goals**

Mr. Polansky explained that the development of the Board of Education goals was a result of much discussion that began at the Board Retreat in July. Mr. Polansky read the Board of Education goals and opened the discussion.

A MOTION was made by Mrs. Black and seconded by Mrs. Brown to adopt the Board of Education Goals for the 2011-2012 school year.

### **BOARD OF EDUCATION GOALS 2011-2012**

1. Show measurable improvement in student performance (AYP) at all buildings and graduation rates at the high school, leading toward removal of pertinent schools from identified lists.
2. Commence shift to the Common Core curriculum while providing appropriate rigor and individualization in classrooms at all levels.
3. Develop a fiscally responsible and transparent budget given current economic restraints and conditions, maximizing efficiencies while maintaining the integrity of programs and services offered at all HUFSD schools.
4. Improve public perception of HUFSD by highlighting successes through outreach to community members and groups.
5. Establish a climate of mutual trust within the Board of Education and among the Board, administration, town government, district residents and community groups.

MOTION carried 7-0.

#### Building Tours

Mr. Polansky indicated that the Board had participated in a buildings tour prior to the opening of school in September. However, he is inviting the Board to tour the buildings while school is in session. Dates were discussed and the tours will be planned.

#### Funding of Reserves

Mr. Grackin explained that our auditors, Cullen and Danowski, in closing our books for the last fiscal year, have determined that we have an excess fund balance of \$942,890.

A MOTION was made by Mr. Paci and seconded by Mr. Spector to place the excess fund balance in the amount of \$942,890 into the capital reserve fund.

(See attached)

MOTION carried 7-0.

#### Tax Levy 2011-2012

Mr. Grackin explained that Mr. Monaghan, Assessor of the Town of Huntington, has stated that the assessed value of the school district is \$45,381,530. In order to maintain the tax rate increase of 3.15% that was set by the voters at the May 2011 vote, we will have to add \$250,000 to the appropriated fund balance.

A MOTION was made by Mrs. Hebert and seconded by Mr. Paci to set the tax levy at \$94,008,187.

(See attached)

MOTION carried 7-0.

#### **APPR PRESENTATION**

Mr. Polansky indicated that he chose to present this evening regarding the Annual Professional Performance Review in order to inform everyone about the process and where the district and the state are in this process. He indicated the implementation

timeline for 2011-2012 and 2012-2013. He went through a very informative and detailed presentation. Discussion followed.

**CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION**

A MOTION was made by Mrs. Brown and seconded by Mrs. Hebert 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	Amendment
27835	27809	23701
	27707	27599
	27945	21985
	28067	23259
	27957	27664
	27864	24771
		27754
		27273
		24717
		24243
		27218
		22408
		21925
		24949
		24938
		23743
		21918
		27371
		21962
		24503
		22878
		24494
		21981
		24661
		24654
		25009
		27611
		27620

MOTION carried 7-0.

**PERSONNEL ITEMS**

On the recommendation of the Superintendent a MOTION was made by Mr. Paci and seconded by Mr. Spector to approve the following changes in personnel as reflected in schedules H.1 through H.8.

MOTION carried 7-0.

**H. 1 Approve Resignations/Leaves of Absence**

Resignations					
No.	Unit	Name	Assignment	Effective Date	Reason
1.1	FSW	Lavonna Smith	MS	9/2/11	Personal
1.2	FSW	John McKenna	HS	9/30/11	Personal

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

Full-time						
No.	Unit	Name	Assignment	Effective Dates	Salary	Replacing
2.1	ATH	Robert Barca	MS/SS	9/13/11-10/21/11 approx.	1-20 days/\$90. 21-30 days/\$105. 31+days/\$301.83 Sch. VI Step 1 \$60,365.00	D. DeChiaro

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

Part-time						
No	Unit	Name	Assignment	Effective Dates	Salary	Replacing
3.1	STU	Fiona Geier	HS/Lab Assistant	2011-2012	\$7.25/hr	N/A
3.2	STU	Alexandra Martinolich	HS/Lab Assistant	2011-2012	\$7.25/hr	N/A
3.3	STU	Matthew Rosenbauer	HS/Lab Assistant	2011-2012	\$7.25/hr	N/A
3.4	STU	Lauren Boyce	HS/Lab Assistant	2011-2012	\$7.25/hr	N/A
3.5	STU	Rachel Bosco	HS/Lab Assistant	2011-2012	\$7.25/hr	N/A
3.6	STU	Danielle Cochrane	HS/Lab Assistant	2011-2012	\$7.25/hr	N/A
3.7	STU	Yesenia Morales-Lino	HS/Lab Assistant	2011-2012	\$7.25/hr	N/A
3.8	STU	Joseph Tizzo	HS/Lab Assistant	2011-2012	\$7.25/hr	N/A
3.9	STU	Jonathan Woods	HS/Lab Assistant	2011-2012	\$7.25/hr	N/A
3.10	STU	Michelle Rosenbauer	HS/Lab Assistant	2011-2012	\$7.25/hr	N/A
3.11	FSW	Araceli Espinal	MS/4 hrs.	10/4/11	\$10.10/hr	L. Smith

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

3.12	STU	Michael Lambui	Stage Crew	2011-2012	\$7.25/hr	N/A
3.13	STU	Marc Solomowitz	Stage Crew	2011-2012	\$7.25/hr	N/A
3.14	STU	Christine Powers	Stage Crew	2011-2012	\$7.25/hr	N/A
3.15	STU	Gabriel Goldman	Stage Crew	2011-2012	\$7.25/hr	N/A
3.16	STU	Justin Fleiss	Stage Crew	2011-2012	\$7.25/hr	N/A
3.17	STU	Ashley Veliz	Stage Crew	2011-2012	\$7.25/hr	N/A
3.18	STU	Malena Mills	Stage Crew	2011-2012	\$7.25/hr	N/A
3.19	STU	Lauren Bialkowsky	Stage Crew	2011-2012	\$7.25/hr	N/A
3.20	STU	Sebastian Rojas	Stage Crew	2011-2012	\$7.25/hr	N/A

**H. 4 Approve Extra Duty Assignments**

Clubs - HS			
No.	Name	Description	Stipend
4.1	Brian Stellato	Wind Ensemble - .5	\$1,245.00
4.2	Brian Stellato	Instrumental Director	\$1,197.00
4.3	Lisa Leonardi	Chamber Orchestra - .5	\$1,245.00
4.4	Veronica Mainville	Tri-M Music Honor Society	\$1,269.00
4.5	Veronica Mainville	Choral Director	\$1,197.00
4.6	Veronica Mainville	Jazz Choir - .5	\$1,245.00
4.7	Jason Giachetti	Jazz Ensemble - .5	\$1,245.00
Clubs - MS			
No.	Name	Description	Stipend
4.8	Deborah Kim	Honor Strings Ensemble - .5	\$1,245.00
4.9	Josephine Rosado	Show Choir - .5	\$1,245.00
4.10	Christopher Scarnato	Jazz Ensemble - .5	\$1,245.00
4.11	Frank Battista	Wind Ensemble - .5	\$1,245.00
Interscholastic Athletics - Winter			
No.	Name	Description	Stipend
4.12	Marissa Bergman	Varsity Asst. Girls Basketball	Step 1 \$4,159.00
4.13	Debra Cheskes	Varsity Girls Track	Step 4 \$6,851.00
4.14	Louis R. Giani	MS Asst. Wrestling	Step 4 \$4,495.00
4.15	Louis Giani	Varsity Asst. Wrestling - .7	Step 4

			\$4,084.00
4.16	Michael Kaplan	Varsity Girls Basketball	Step 2 \$7,301.00
4.17	Edward Lein	JV Boys Basketball	Step 3 \$5,585.00
4.18	Timothy Madden	Varsity Asst. Boys Basketball	Step 4 \$5,837.00
4.19	Michael Marinello	MS Coach Wrestling	Step 4 \$4,754.00

**H. 5 Approve Additional Work**

<b>McKinney-Vento Homeless Grant</b>					
No.	Unit	Name	Description	Effective Date	Rate of Pay
5.1	NC	Gail Mahoney	Program Administrator	2011-2012	\$50.00/hr
5.2	NC	Alexandra Cope	Home Tutor	2011-2012	\$48.97/hr
<b>Part Time Teachers at Superintendent's Conference Day</b>					
No.	Unit	Name	Description	Effective Dates	Rate of Pay
5.3	ATH	Ozlem Artukmac (.4)	Full Time Equivalent	11/8/11	\$181.10
5.4	ATH	Jessica Castaneda (.4)	Full Time Equivalent	11/8/11	\$166.22
<b>Other</b>					
No.	Unit	Name	Assignment	Effective Dates	Rate of Pay
5.5	NC	Dana Schlaikjer	AV Technician	2011-2012	\$45.00/hr
<b>Special Education</b>					
Funded through Special Education Grant					
No.	Unit	Name	Description	Effective Date	Rate of Pay
5.6	ATH	Heather Spatafora	Attend CSE meeting Student # 071240015	Summer 2010	Up to 4 hours \$48.97/hr
<b>Adult Education</b>					
No.	Unit	Name	Description	Effective Date	Rate of Pay
5.7	NC	Dana Cacciato	Instructor	2011-2012	\$25.00/hr
<b>PSAT - Not to exceed 150 hours</b>					
No.	Unit	Name	Description	Effective Date	Rate of Pay
5.8	ATH	TBD	Proctors	2011-2012	\$48.97/hr
<b>AIMSweb - Not to exceed 100 hours</b>					
Funded through Title IIA Grant					
No.	Unit	Name	Description	Effective Date	Rate of Pay
5.9	ATH	TBD	Instructors	2011-2012	\$48.97/hr
<b>Alternative High School</b>					
No.	Unit	Name	Description	Effective Dates	Rate of Pay
5.10	ATH	Helen Guarino	English 9 -10R English 11R	10/4/11-6/22/12	\$53.25/hr
5.11	ATH	Frederick Bisogno	Global -10R	10/4/11-6/22/12	\$53.25/hr
5.12	ATH	Peter Fusco	Global - 9R	10/4/11-6/22/12	\$53.25/hr
5.13	ATH	Joseph Cohen	Living Environment/Lab	10/4/11-6/22/12	\$53.25/hr
5.14	ATH	Craig McKee	Earth Science/Lab	10/4/11-6/22/12	\$53.25/hr
5.15	ATH	Michael Graziano	Integrated Algebra	10/4/11-6/22/12	\$53.25/hr
5.16	ATH	Erik Bruckbauer	U. S. History	10/4/11-6/22/12	\$53.25/hr
5.17	ATH	Jordan Gould	Economics	Spring Semester 1/30/12-6/22/12	\$53.25/hr
5.18	ATH	Jordan Gould	Participation in Government	Spring Semester 1/30/12-6/22/12	\$53.25/hr
5.19	ATH	Lauren Desiderio	Substitute	10/4/11-6/22/12	\$53.25/hr
5.20	ATH	Jordan Gould	Substitute	10/4/11-6/22/12	\$53.25/hr

5.21	ATH	Frederick Bisogno	Substitute	10/4/11-6/22/12	\$53.25/hr
5.22	ATH	Kelly Quintero	Substitute	10/4/11-6/22/12	\$53.25/hr
5.23	ATH	Erik Bruckbauer	Substitute	10/4/11-6/22/12	\$53.25/hr
<b>New Teacher Mentoring</b> Funded through Title IIA Grant					
No.	Unit	Name	Description	Effective Dates	Stipend
5.24	ATH	Kelly Quintero	Mentor	2011-2012	\$750.00
5.25	ATH	Chelsea Jablon	Mentor	2011-2012	\$750.00
5.26	ATH	Silvia Gilbert	Mentor	2011-2012	\$750.00

**H. 6 Approve Change in Assignment**

No.	Unit	Name	Effective Date	From	To
6.1	FSW	Vivi Mourelatos	10/4/11	6 hr/HS \$13.86/hr	6.5hr/HS \$13.86/hr
6.2	FSW	Lucrezia Groe	10/4/11	7.25 hrs/HS \$16.54/hr	7.5 hrs/HS \$16.54/hr
6.3	FSW	Olga Velasquez	10/4/11	4 hrs./HS \$10.81/hr	4.5 hrs./HS \$10.81/hr

**H. 7 Approve Substitutes**

No.	Unit	Name	Assignment	Effective Dates	Rate of Pay
7.1	ATH	Kailene Abt	Teacher	2011-2012	\$90.00/day
7.2	ATH	Christine Amodeo	Teacher	2011-2012	\$90.00/day
7.3	ATH	Angelica Becerra	Teacher	2011-2012	\$90.00/day
7.4	ATH	Elizabeth Geller	Teacher	2011-2012	\$90.00/day
7.5	ATH	Meghan Jost	Teacher	2011-2012	\$90.00/day
7.6	ATH	Amie Leggett	Teacher	2011-2012	\$90.00/day
7.7	ATH	Joanne Mulberg	Teacher	2011-2012	\$90.00/day
7.8	ATH	Melissa Munno	Teacher	2011-2012	\$90.00/day
7.9	ATH	Nicole Nobile	Teacher	2011-2012	\$90.00/day
7.10	ATH	Kevin Osborne	Teacher	2011-2012	\$90.00/day
7.11	ATH	Linda Ray	Teacher	2011-2012	\$90.00/day
7.12	ATH	Kaitlyn Reyes	Teacher	2011-2012	\$90.00/day
7.13	ATH	Margaret Schaefer	Teacher	2011-2012	\$90.00/day
7.14	AMA	Donald Burch	Aide	2011-2012	\$9.00/hr.
7.15	AMA	Yvonne DaCosta	Aide	2011-2012	\$9.00/hr.
7.16	AMA	Jackeline Galante	Aide	2011-2012	\$9.00/hr.
7.17	AMA	Cynthia Nigro	Aide	2011-2012	\$9.00/hr.
7.18	AMA	Julianne Scudieri	Aide	2011-2012	\$9.00/hr.
7.19	CU	Gabriel Gurrieri	Clerical	2011-2012	\$10.50/hr.
7.20	B&G	Charles Guttilla	Custodian	2011-2012	\$10.50/hr.
7.21	B&G	Scott Sesterak	Custodian	2011-2012	\$10.50/hr.
7.22	SEC	Jerome Merkerson	Security	2011-2012	\$11.45/hr.
7.23	SEC	Vernon Alexander	Security	2011-2012	\$11.45/hr.
7.24	FSW	Araceli Espinal	Food Service	2011-2012	\$9.00/hr.
7.25	AMA	Kerri Gebbia	Aide	2011-2012	\$9.00/hr.
7.26	FSW	Barbara Amore	Food Service	2011-2012	\$9.00/hr.

**H. 8 Approve Instructional New Hires**

<b>Part-time</b>							
No.	Unit	Name	Assignment	Certification	Effective Dates	Salary	Replacing
8.1	ATH	Jacqueline Leonard	.6 Speech District Wide	Permanent-Speech/Hearing Handicapped Permanent-Speech Language Pathologist	10/4/11-1/27/12 approx.	Sch. V Step 1 \$34,515.00 (Funded through 611 Grant)	New

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**

**Approval of Proposal for Land Survey**

Baret, Bonacci, Van Weele, PC

A MOTION was made by Mrs. Hebert and seconded by Mr. Spector to approve a proposal for a land survey with Baret, Bonacci, Van Weele, PC.

(See attached)

MOTION carried 7-0.

**Approval of ShotSpotter Agreement-Revised**

A MOTION was made by Mrs. Hebert and seconded by Mr. Spector to approve the revised ShotSpotter Agreement.

(See attached)

MOTION carried 7-0.

**Approval of Contracts**

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

- a. Jacquelyn Nealon, Ed.D.
- b. Diana Browning Wright
- c. Clayton Cook, Ph.D.

(See attached)

MOTION carried 7-0.

**Approval of Bid Awards**

American Business Forms

A MOTION was made by Mrs. Hebert and seconded by Mr. Spector to award the Printing of District Stationery bid to American Business Forms.

(See attached)

MOTION carried 7-0.

Tobay Printing Company

A MOTION was made by Mrs. Hebert and seconded by Mr. Spector to award the printing of curriculum guides to Tobay Printing Company.

(See attached)

MOTION carried 7-0.

**Approval of Facilities Use Request**



Quest Lacrosse

A MOTION was made by Mrs. Hebert and seconded by Mr. Spector to approve Quest Lacrosse as an approved user of our facilities.

(See attached)

MOTION carried 7-0.

**Acceptance of Donations**

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

Joann Trama

Target Store of Medford

(See attached)

MOTION carried 7-0.

**Approval of Mileage Reimbursement**

A MOTION was made by Mrs. Hebert and seconded by Mr. Spector to place the following employees on the mileage reimbursement list:

Carol Andreski  
Theresa Campsey

MOTION carried 7-0.

**Approval of Budget Transfers**

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

(See attached)

MOTION carried 7-0.

**PUBLIC COMMENTARY**

Members of the community were given the opportunity to address the Board of Education on any item. Commentary began at 8:55 p.m. and ended at 9:01 p.m.

**CLOSING REMARKS**

Mrs. Brown thanked Joann Trama and Target Stores for their very generous donations. Mr. Spector urged us to support our local businesses as they are connected to our school district.

**ADJOURNMENT**

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

At 9:02 p.m. the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Elizabeth Troffa  
District Clerk