

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

January 30, 2012

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of the Huntington Union Free School District was held on Monday, January 30, 2012 at Jack Abrams School, Huntington Station, New York. The meeting was called to order at 6:05 p.m.

ROLL CALL

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A MOTION was made by Mrs. Hebert and seconded by Mr. Spector to go into Executive Session to discuss matters pertaining to litigation, negotiations and personnel matters.

MOTION carried 7-0.

At 7:45 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. Hebert and seconded by Mr. McGrath to approve the Board of Education Minutes of January 9, 2012.

MOTION carried 7-0.

COMMUNICATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. Spector, Mrs. Rogan and Mr. Polansky attended the Dual Language Winter Fiesta at Jack Abrams School on January 27, 2012. Many cultures were represented and it was a great success.

Mrs. Rogan indicated that there was a special tribute to Courtney O'Bryan, the graduate who died in a car accident. This tribute preceded a basketball game. Mrs. McCarthy, Director of Athletics, spoke as did Courtney's parents. Courtney's number was retired and it was a beautiful and moving ceremony. Tee-shirts were sold to support a scholarship in Courtney's name.

Mr. Polansky, Mr. Grackin, Mrs. Fehrs, and Mrs. Rogan attended an Advocacy workshop at Western Suffolk BOCES. Mrs. Rogan indicated that they have attended several of these workshops. There were several legislators in attendance including Senator Carl Marcellino and Senator John Flanagan.

The Huntington Foundation for Excellence in Education (HFEE) held its gala on January 20, 2012. Michelle Marino, Principal of Southdown Primary School, was the honoree. It was a very successful event. Mrs. Rogan thanked HFEE expressing how vital the organization is to the school district.

Tri-M Music Honor Society inducted new members on January 12, 2012. Mr. Polansky was honored as an honorary member based on the fact that he has shown such support for the Music Department. There were performances by Kristina Casale and Matthew Petryk.

Mrs. Rogan reported that she is a member of the Comprehensive Health and Wellness Committee and shared the many changes toward healthier cooking and healthier choices that have been made in the school cafeterias.

Mrs. Hebert acknowledged the Woodhull orchestra and band for their performance at the Woodhull Winter Concert. Mrs. Hebert also attended the National History Day competition. The event was outstanding and Mrs. Hebert congratulated students and staff.

Mr. Polansky attended Southdown's Family Math night. He thanked Mrs. Marino and all those who helped make this event such a great success.

Mr. Polansky attended an event at Woodhull called i-Game. It combined video games and actual physical activity. It was very well attended. Mr. Polansky thanked Mary Stokkers, Jarrett Stein and Julie LaBella for putting it together.

Parents as Reading Partners (PARP) has begun in the schools. Mr. Polansky and other administrators are going into the classrooms and reading to the children.

February is Black History Month. There are numerous events planned. On February 9th there is an event at Huntington High School and on February 2nd there is an event at Town Hall.

Governor Cuomo released his executive budget. Mr. Polansky indicated that we will discuss different aspects of it this evening, including our obligations.

PRESENTATIONS

Intel Finalist – Juliana Coraor

Mr. Polansky announced that Juliana Coraor is a finalist in the prestigious Intel Talent Search contest. He described how difficult it is to get to this level of the competition. There are 300 semi-finalists and 40 have qualified as finalists. This is the first time in 62 years that there is a finalist from Huntington High School. He introduced Juliana Coraor and Lori Kenny, her research teacher. Ms. Coraor explained her project and the audience showed its appreciation by a standing ovation. Ms. Kenny thanked the Board, administration and her colleagues and students for the support for this program which has helped it grow. Mr. Polansky had certificates to present to Ms. Coraor and Ms. Kenny.

Chinese Exchange Program

Joseph Leavy, Chairman of the Humanities, described the cultural exchange program with a high school in China. Students and their teacher are staying with host families and shadowing students at the high school. There is so much that is gained on both sides from such a program. He thanked the host families.

Tax Cap Calculation/Budget Introduction

Mr. Polansky indicated that this presentation is an update of the presentation at the December 5, 2012 Board meeting. He explained the impact of the state property tax cap on the District discussing various points: tax levy vs. tax rate, Chapter 97 of the Laws of 2011, an eight step calculation to determine the total tax levy limit. Mr. Grackin then used the same presentation and filled in specific numbers. He also explained what this 2% tax cap will mean a few years down the road. Discussion followed.

Transportation Overview

Mr. Polansky gave a brief overview of this topic indicating that a full discussion will take place during the *ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION/ACTION* portion of the meeting.

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

Middle School Girls' Lacrosse

Mr. Polansky indicated that the district looked into Title IX compliance in regard to adding a second girls' team. The board members discussed the reasons they voted the way they did at the last board meeting.

A MOTION was made by Mr. McGrath and seconded by Mrs. Brown to add a second middle school girls' lacrosse team.

MOTION carried 7-0.

NYSSBA/N-SSBA Conferences

Mrs. Rogan discussed two upcoming conferences. One is a two-day Legislative Advocacy Conference that will take place in Albany on March 11th and 12th that is sponsored by New York State School Boards Association (NYSSBA). There is no cost to the district for the conference and she and Mrs. Hebert volunteered to go at their own expense, absorbing travel and accommodation expenses. They feel it is important that the district is represented at this conference. The other conference discussed is sponsored by Nassau-Suffolk School Boards Association (N-SSBA) entitled *Battle for Control of Our Schools* and would take place on January 31st.

First Reading of Policy #8290 – Animals in the School (Instructional Purposes)

Mr. Polansky explained that this is a required policy and refers to the study and care of live animals in the classroom. He presented this policy to the Board of Education for a first reading.

(See attached)

Tilles Property Donation

Mr. Polansky explained that the Tilles Investment Company, LP has proposed making a gift to the school district of a .17 acre vacant piece of land located near the high school at the corner of Oakwood Road and Holdsworth Drive.

A MOTION was made by Mr. Paci and seconded by Mrs. Black to accept the following Resolution:

Resolution

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby accepts the donation of property by the Tilles Investment Company, LP located at Holdsworth Drive and Oakwood Road as more fully described on the Quitclaim Deed dated December 27, 2011, subject to an examination of the title by Guercio & Guercio, LLP and the purchase of title insurance.

MOTION carried 7-0.

Transportation

Mr. Polansky discussed the current contract with Huntington Coach Corporation indicating that we are in the middle of a two-year contract. There was discussion about increasing the mileage limits and the data presented illustrated the impact on the various schools. There was discussion about safety for the students while trying to save money. Mr. Polansky indicated that any change in the mileage limits would have to be approved by the voters in a referendum.

CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION

A MOTION was made by Mrs. Black and seconded by Mrs. Brown 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	
28108	28065	28167	28122
24997	27775	28165	27800
27229	23057	28099	28175
24347	27287	28163	27957
23807	21899	28093	28166
24682	28160	27706	28174
25155	28017	28004	28123
23289	28171	28176	28164
27366	28159	27779	28162
24913	28161	28168	28173
27711	27555	27863	28125
21510			

MOTION carried 7-0.

PERSONNEL ITEMS

On the recommendation of the Superintendent a MOTION was made by Mrs. Brown and seconded by Mrs. Hebert to approve items H.1 through H.6.

MOTION carried 7-0.

Dr. Giani announced that the retirements of Vicki Mingin and David Grackin were just approved by the Board of Education.

H. 1 Approve Leave of Absences/Resignation

Leave of Absence						
No.	Unit	Name	Assignment	Effective Dates	Reason	
1.1	ATH	Jennifer Marsh	WA/ESL	4/9/12 approx. through 5/25/12 approx.	FMLA	
Resignations						
No.	Unit	Name	Assignment	Effective Date	Reason	
1.2	SEC	Tina Cantalupo	HS	1/19/12	Personal	
Retirements						
No.	Unit	Name	Assignment	Effective Date	Award	
1.3	NC	David H. Grackin	Asst. Superintendent Finance and Management Services	6/30/12 Close of Business	\$54,088.00 Approx.	
1.4	DSPA	Vicki L. Mingin	Special Education and Student Support Services Executive Director	6/30/12 Close of Business	\$62,511.00 Approx.	

H. 2 Approve Long-Term Substitutes

Full-time						
No.	Unit	Name	Assignment	Effective Dates	Salary	Replacing
2.1	ATH	Kathryn Joseph	FH/Sp. Ed.	2/17/12 approx. through 6/12/12 approx.	1-20 days/\$90. 21-30 days/\$105. 31+days/\$287.6 3 Sch. V Step 1 \$57,525.00	D. Nolan
<i>Ms. Joseph is re-called from the PEL as LTS</i>						
2.2	ATH	Melissa Borzumato	HS/Sp. Ed.	2/10/12 approx. through 4/2/12 approx.	1-20 days/\$90. 21-30 days/\$105. 31+days/\$277.03 Sch. IV Step 1 \$55,405.00	D. Nugent
2.3	ATH	Robert Barca	MS/SS	9/13/11- approx. 2/13/12	1-20 days/\$90. 21-30 days/\$105. 31+days/\$301.83 Sch. VI Step 1 \$60,365.00	D. DeChiaro
<i>Mr. Barca was previously appointed through 1/31/12</i>						
Part-time						
No.	Unit	Name	Assignment	Effective Dates	Salary	Replacing
2.4	ATH	Jonathan Hernandez	MS/For. Lang. (.8)	1/17/12-6/22/12	Sch. 1 Step 1 \$38,632.00 (.8)	E. Melloy
<i>Mr. Hernandez is re-called from the PEL as LTS</i>						

H. 3 Approve Non-Instructional New Appointment

Part-time						
No.	Unit	Name	Assignment	Effective Date	Salary	Replacing
3.1	AMA	Melisa Cartagena	WH/3 hr. monitor	1/31/12	\$11.90/hr	M. Hawkins

H. 4 Approve Extra Duty Assignments

Clubs - MS			
No.	Name	Description	Stipend
4.1	DELETE Mark Belton	Stage Crew	\$1,652.00
Clubs - WH			
No.	Name	Description	Stipend
4.2	DELETE Pamela Jacovino	Asst. Director/Drama	\$1,099.00

H. 5 Additional Work

Curriculum Writing					
No.	Unit	Name	Description	Effective Dates	Rate of Pay
5.1	ATH	4 writers	Grade 2-6 Quarterly Assessments	2011-2012	\$48.97/hr Up to 40 hrs. total
Music-HS					
No.	Unit	Name	Description	Effective Date	Rate of Pay
5.2	ATH	Pamela Jacovina	Piano Accompanist	2011-2012	\$24.00/hr
Internship Program					
No.	Unit	Name	Description	Effective Dates	Stipend
5.3	ATH	Camille DeCanio	Advisor	2011-2012	\$5,610.00
5.4	ATH	Bernadette Walsh	Advisor	2011-2012	\$2,550.00
Saturday Academy Program - ELL's Funded by Title III LEP Grant					
No.	Unit	Name	Description	Effective Dates	Rate of Pay
5.5	ATH	DELETE 6 teachers	Preparing lessons, progress monitoring, re-evaluations, placement of students	2011-2012	\$48.97/hr. 15 hrs. total
5.6	ATH	Up to 3 teachers	Preparing lessons, progress monitoring, re-evaluations, placement of students	2011-2012	\$200.00/day Not to exceed 7 days ea.
5.7	AMA	Miryam Palacio	Aide	2011-2012	\$19.99/hr Not to exceed 55 hrs.
<i>Ms. Palacio was previously approved for 2 hours per week</i>					
Kindergarten Registration					

No.	Unit	Name	Description	Effective Dates	Rate of Pay
5.8	NUR	Rita Barry	Screenings	2011-2012	\$36.13/hr Up to 4 days
5.9	NUR	Marlene McKenna	Screenings	2011-2012	\$35.11/hr Up to 7 days
5.10	NUR	Judy Maier	Screenings	2011-2012	\$30.82/hr Up to 3 days
Teacher Coverage					
No.	Unit	Name	Description	Effective Dates	Rate of Pay
5.11	ATH	Kelly Quintero	Teacher	1/13/12-TBD	\$103.20/day
5.12	ATH	Kelly Kaiser	Teacher	1/13/12-TBD	\$87.53/day
5.13	ATH	Aimee Antorino	Teacher	1/13/12-TBD	\$96.04/day
5.14	ATH	John Pagano	Teacher	1/13/12-TBD	\$90.03/day
5.15	ATH	Michael Schwendemann	Teacher	1/13/12-TBD	\$84.90/day

H. 6 Approve Substitutes

No.	Unit	Name	Assignment	Effective Dates	Rate of Pay
6.1	ATH	Pamela Jacovina	Teacher	2011-2012	\$90.00/day
6.2	ATH	Annie Bastien	Teacher	2011-2012	\$90.00/day
6.3	ATH	Joseph Manaseri	Teacher	2011-2012	\$90.00/day
6.4	AMA	Annie Bastien	Aide	2011-2012	\$9.00/hr
6.5	AMA	Elizabeth Boyd-Lupi	Aide	2011-2012	\$9.00/hr
6.6	CU	Nancy McCarthy	Clerical	2011-2012	\$10.50/hr
6.7	ATH	Emily Eckstrum	Teacher	2011-2012	\$90.00/day

BUSINESS ITEMS

Approval of Contracts

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

- a) Developmental Disabilities Institute
- b) Joann Kavanagh
- c) Learning Curve Consultants

(See attached)

MOTION carried 7-0.

Approval of Facilities Use Request

Long Island Vengeance

A MOTION was made by Mrs. Brown and seconded by Mr. Spector to approve the organization, Long Island Vengeance, as an approved user of our facilities.

(See attached)

MOTION carried 7-0.

Acceptance of Donations

Flower Hill PTA

A MOTION was made by Mrs. Brown and seconded by Mr. Spector to accept the donation of a Smartboard 680 and projector (Optima TX542) to be used at Flower Hill Primary School.

(See attached)

MOTION carried 7-0.

Long Beach School District

A MOTION was made by Mrs. Brown and seconded by Mr. Spector to accept the donation of books from Long Beach School District to be used in the Foreign Language Department.

(See attached)

MOTION carried 7-0.

Approval of Mileage Reimbursement

A MOTION was made by Mrs. Brown and seconded by Mr. Spector to place the following employees on the Mileage Reimbursement List:

Silvana Caruso – Food Service
Michael Procaccini – Teacher

MOTION carried 7-0.

Budget Transfers

A MOTION was made by Mrs. Brown 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.

CLOSING REMARKS

Mrs. Brown thanked the Flower Hill PTA and the Long Beach School District for their generous donations.

ADJOURNMENT

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

At 10:35 p.m. the meeting was adjourned.

MOTION carried 7-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Elizabeth Troffa
District Clerk