

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

March 5, 2012

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of the Huntington Union Free School District was held on Monday, March 5, 2012 at Jack Abrams School, Huntington Station, New York. The meeting was called to order at 6:05 PM.

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 Mrs. Brown to go into Executive Session to discuss negotiations, legal and personnel matters.

MOTION carried 7-0.

At 7:35 PM 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 February 13, 2012.

(See attached)

MOTION carried 7-0.

APPROVAL OF AUDIT COMMITTEE MINUTES

A MOTION was made by Mr. McGrath and seconded by Mr. Spector to approve the Audit Committee Minutes of February 13, 2012.

(See attached)

MOTION carried 7-0.

ACCEPTANCE OF WARRANTS

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

FEBRUARY WARRANTS	
GENERAL ADVANCED WARRANT (FEBRUARY)	\$5,744,541.15
GENERAL FUND WARRANT 02/01/2012	\$1,295,985.17
GENERAL FUND WARRANT 02/15/2012	\$1,246,994.06
GENERAL FUND WARRANT 02/29/2012	\$1,885,099.69
SCHOOL LUNCH ADVANCE WARRANT (FEBRUARY)	\$66,710.37
SCHOOL LUNCH WARRANT 02/01/2012	\$2,930.83
SCHOOL LUNCH WARRANT 02/15/2012	\$2,770.31
SCHOOL LUNCH WARRANT 02/29/2012	\$196.16
SPECIAL AID ADVANCED WARRANT (FEBRUARY)	\$102,870.23
SPECIAL AID WARRANT 02/01/2012	\$50,679.29
SPECIAL AID WARRANT 02/15/2012	\$6,403.12
SPECIAL AID WARRANT 02/29/2012	\$23,414.42
CAPITAL PROJECTS WARRANT HC 02/01/2012	\$524.38
CAPITAL PROJECTS WARRANT HI 02/01/2012	\$324.05
CAPITAL PROJECTS WARRANT HJ 02/01/2012	\$15,342.16
CAPITAL PROJECTS WARRANT HJ 02/15/2012	\$300.00
CAPITAL PROJECTS WARRANT HJ 02/29/2012	\$126.00
WORKERS COMP WARRANT 02/03/2012	\$13,422.34
WORKERS COMP WARRANT 02/17/2012	\$16,762.90
T & A FEBRUARY WARRANT	\$5,690,256.46
TOTALS	\$16,165,653.09

MOTION carried 7-0.

COMMUNICATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mrs. Hebert attended Pasta Night at Jefferson Primary School and thanked the Jefferson PTA and staff along with Margaret Evers for a great evening.

Mrs. Black and Mrs. Rogan reported on the Spelling Bee competition that they were asked to judge.

Mrs. Black announced the Greater Huntington Civic Group is honoring several people within the Township of Huntington including Mr. Polansky and our students, Juliana Coraor, Megan Hansen and Josh Solomowitz. This gala event will take place at the Crescent Club on April 21, 2012. Tickets are available through the Greater Huntington Civic Association.

Mr. Polansky announced that our four National Merit Semi-Finalists have reached the Finals. They are: Kaja Coraor, Andrew Ku, Jeffrey Sun, and Matthew Petryk. Congratulations to them.

Mr. Polansky announced the National History Day Competition was held this past week. There were four 3rd place winners. Ryan Lader won 3rd place for Senior Historical Paper and he is representing Huntington High School and the Long Island region at the next level of the competition, which is the state level, and will take place in Cooperstown. Other 3rd place winners are Matthew Beeby, Monica Casabona, and Christine O'Grady. Over 575 students participated in the event. Mr. Polansky congratulated the students and thanked Lauren Desiderio, Advisor for National History Day, and Joseph Leavy.

Mr. Polansky thanked the Music Department and the Arts-In-Education Committee for their work with the Engemann Theatre. The Engemann Theatre donated \$2,600 to the Art-In-Education Program. This donation is greatly appreciated.

Mr. Polansky recognized several athletes for their accomplishments during the winter athletic season: Gunther Cassell, Jake Goldstein, and Tyriek Johnson.

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*. Mrs. Rogan reminded everyone that we follow *Robert's Rules of Order*. Mrs. Rogan announced that the March 26th Board Meeting is a Budget Workshop and there will be open discussion with the public. *Public Commentary* began at 8:45 PM and ended at 8:57 PM.

PRESENTATION

2012-2013 Budget

Mr. Polansky presented a working budget that is a starting point. He indicated that the Board of Education will adopt a budget on April 16th. Mr. Polansky started with an overview of the expenditure categories comparing 2011-2012 to 2012-2013. He then

discussed three specific areas in detail: the Board of Education, Central Administration and Transportation. Mr. Polansky discussed the cost to reopen Jack Abrams School. This cost would have to be factored into the overall budget. Discussion followed.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION/ACTION

Building Use Fees

Mr. Polansky presented to the Board a list of users of our facilities and our fee schedule as compared to our neighboring districts. Administration had prepared four different new fee schedules for consideration by the Board. There was discussion and it was decided that revisions would be made and presented to the Board at the next meeting.

Jack Abrams School

Mrs. Rogan indicated that she and Mr. Polansky attended a Woodhull PTA meeting where the issue of Jack Abrams was brought up by several parents. Parents would like the Board to make it clear what Jack Abrams will be used for if it is not reopened this coming school year. There was discussion and Mrs. Rogan indicated that this will be an agenda item for discussion at a future Board Meeting.

CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION

A MOTION was made by Mr. Paci and seconded by Mrs. Black 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	24222	28150	27850	28190	28157
28152	27611	28178	28191	28147	27869
27545	27319	28181	27817	28043	28194
27259	23094	28188	28192	28044	28193
24139	22520	28180	28195	28068	27864
24960	22362	28170		28074	28196
24585	28183	28182			
	23128	28139			

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.7 on the personnel agenda:

H. 1 Approve Return from Leave of Absence

Return from Leave of Absence					
No.	Unit	Name	Assignment	Effective Dates	Reason
1.1	ATH	Kelly Trites	Elem/Sp. Ed.	9/1/12 Sch. VII Step 10 \$84,895.00	End Child Care

H. 2 Approve Long-Term Substitutes

Full-time						
No.	Unit	Name	Assignment	Effective Dates	Salary	Replacing
2.1	ATH	Victoria Creighton	WH/Elem	3/20/12 approx.-6/1/12 approx.	1-20 days/\$90. 21-30 days/\$105. 31+days/\$332.18/day Sch. VIII Step 1 \$66,435.00	D. Telesco
<i>Ms. Creighton is re-called from the PEL as a LTS</i>						
2.2	ATH	Robert Barca	MS/SS	9/13/11- approx. 3/19/12	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 3/5/12</i>						
Part-Time						
No.	Unit	Name	Assignment	Effective Dates	Salary	Replacing
2.3	ATH	Nube Crimi	MS/ESL (.2)	2/27/12- 6/22/12	\$65.00/day	E. Melloy

H. 3 Approve Non-Instructional New Appointment

Full-time						
No.	Unit	Name	Assignment	Effective Date	Salary	Replacing
3.1	SEC	Kevin Zaharios	HS/Security	3/6/12	\$18.99/hr.	T. Cantalupo
Part-time						
No.	Unit	Name	Assignment	Effective Date	Salary	Replacing
3.2	STU	Megan Boyce	HS/Lab Assistant	2011-2012	\$7.25/hr.	N/A

H. 4 Approve Change in Assignment

No.	Unit	Name	Effective Dates	From	To
4.1	AMA	Kathryn Einhorn	2/27/12	HS/Aide \$18.70/hr	HS/Teacher Asst. \$25,023.00
4.2	AMA	Kristen DeVille	2/27/12	HS/Aide \$18.70/hr	HS/Teacher Asst. \$25,023.00
<i>Ms. Einhorn and Ms. DeVille were previously recalled from the PEL</i>					

H. 5 Approve Extra Duty Assignments

Interscholastic Athletics - Spring			
No.	Name	Description/Season	Step/Stipend
5.1	Kailene Abt	MS Asst. Coach Girls Lacrosse - White/Gr. 7&8	Step 1 \$3,552.

5.2	Katelyn Hirsch	MS Asst. Coach Girls Lacrosse – Blue/Gr. 7&8	Step 1 \$3,552.
5.3	Keith Flynn	JV Coach Baseball	Step 4 \$5,183.
5.4	Keith Barrett	Varsity Coach Baseball	Step 1 \$6,346.
5.5	Jennifer Fudens	Varsity Coach Girls Track	Step 1 \$6,015.
5.6	Kevin Thorbourne	Varsity Asst. Girls Track	Step 2 \$4,300.
5.7	James Byrnes	JV Coach Softball	Step 1 \$4,107.
5.8	DELETE Keith Flynn	Varsity Asst. Baseball	Step 4 \$5,351.
5.9	DELETE Keith Barrett	JV Coach Baseball	Step 4 \$5,183.
5.10	Alan Anderson	Varsity Asst. Baseball	Step 1 \$3,856.
5.11	Julian Watts	JV Asst. Boys Lacrosse	Step 1 \$3,786.

H. 6 Approve Additional Work

Teacher Center					
No.	Unit	Name	Description	Effective Dates	Rate of Pay
6.1	ATH	Donna O'Shaughnessy	Instructor	2011-2012	Up to 60 hr. \$66.00/hr.
First Aid/CPR/AED					
No.	Unit	Name	Description	Effective Dates	Rate of Pay
6.2	ATH	Michael Marinello	Instructor	5/22/12	Up to 4 hrs. \$66.00/hr
6.3	ATH	John Walsh	Instructor	5/22/12	Up to 4 hrs. \$66.00hr
LEP/ELL MS After School Program Funded through Title III LEP/ELL Grant					
No.	Unit	Name	Description	Effective Dates	Rate of Pay
6.4	ATH	Eileen Gonzalez	Instructor	3/14/12-5/7/12	\$48.97/hr. (14 one hour sessions)
Professional Development					
No.	Unit	Name	Description	Effective Dates	Rate of Pay
6.5	DSPA	Carmen Kasper	Director Foreign Language	2011-2012	\$75.00/hr. 4 hrs.
Spring Musical – High School					
No.	Unit	Name	Description	Effective Dates	Rate of Pay
6.6	NC	Michelle Mallardi	Choreographer	2011-2012	\$50.00 hr. Up to 25 hrs.

H. 7 Approve Substitutes

No.	Unit	Name	Assignment	Effective Dates	Rate of Pay
7.1	ATH	Kaitlyn Kelly	Teacher	2011-2012	\$90.00/day
7.2	ATH	Thomas Savarese	Teacher	2011-2012	\$90.00/day
7.3	CU	Mardella Edwards	Clerical	2011-2012	\$10.50/hr
7.4	FSW	Cynthia Carter	Food Service	2011-2012	\$9.00/hr

MOTION carried 7-0.

Buildings	Units	
HS = Huntington High School MS = Finley Middle School JA = Jack Abrams Intermediate WH = Woodhull Intermediate FH = Flower Hill Primary SD = Southdown Primary JE = Jefferson Primary WA = Washington Primary	DW = District-wide CO = Central Office NC = Non Contractual STU = Student Worker AMA = Aides and Monitors DSPA = District Supervisors and Principals Assoc HCA= Chairpersons	SHHA = Study Hall and Hallway Assistants B & G = Buildings & Grounds FSW = Food Service Workers SEC = Security NUR = Nurses CU = Clerical

BUSINESS ITEMS

Approval of Contracts

A MOTION was made by Mrs. Hebert and seconded by Mrs. Brown to approve the contracts listed below:

Accessible Learning Technology Alternatives
Nirmala Mitra, MD
Paul Sachs

(See attached)

MOTION carried 7-0.

Approval of Health Services Rate

A MOTION was made by Mrs. Hebert and seconded by Mrs. Brown to approve the Health Services Rate of \$711.07.

(See attached)

MOTION carried 7-0.

Approval of Bid Awards

A MOTION was made by Mrs. Hebert and seconded by Mrs. Brown to approve the bid award for Printed Forms and Publications to the vendors listed below:

AC Envelope
Sir Speedy Printing
Matrix Digital Solutions
Tobay Printing, Inc.

(See attached)

MOTION carried 7-0.

Acceptance of Donations

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

Marc Jensen , parent of a former SEARCH student	TASCO Model #1200 Zoom Microscope kit for the SEARCH Program
Wendy Penzel , parent of a Huntington High School student	35mm Canon EOS A2 camera to be used in the Art Department of Huntington High School

MOTION carried 7-0.

Budget Transfers

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

(See attached)

MOTION carried 7-0.

2nd PUBLIC COMMENTARY

Members of the community were given the opportunity to address the Board of Education on any item. *Public Commentary* began at 9:25 PM and ended at 9:35 PM.

CLOSING REMARKS

Mrs. Brown thanked Marc Jensen and Wendy Penzel for their very generous donations.

ADJOURNMENT

A MOTION was made by Mrs. Brown and seconded by Mr. Spector to adjourn the meeting.

At 9:36 PM the meeting was adjourned.

MOTION carried 7-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Elizabeth Troffa
District Clerk