

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

**May 7, 2012**

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of the Huntington Union Free School District was held on Monday, May 7, 2012 at Jack Abrams School, Huntington Station, New York. The meeting was called to order at 6:37 PM.

**ROLL CALL**

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

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

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

MOTION carried 7-0.

At 7:32 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 April 16, 2012.

(See attached)

MOTION carried 7-0.

A MOTION was made by Mrs. Brown and seconded by Mrs. Hebert to approve the Board of Education Minutes of April 24, 2012.

(See attached)

MOTION carried 7-0.

**APPROVAL OF TREASURER’S REPORT**

A MOTION was made by Mrs. Hebert and seconded by Mr. Paci to approve the Treasurer’s Report as of March 31, 2012.

**FINANCIAL REPORTS - FYI**

The following reports were presented for information only:

- Revenue Status Report as of April 30, 2012
- Expenditure Reports as of April 30, 2012
  - a) General Fund
  - b) School Lunch Fund
  - c) Special Aid Fund
- Extra Curricular Quarterly Reports as of March 31, 2012

**ACCEPTANCE OF WARRANTS**

A MOTION was made by Mr. Paci and seconded by Mr. Spector to accept the following warrants:

<b>APRIL WARRANTS</b>	
	<b>AMOUNT</b>
GENERAL FUND WARRANT 04/11/2012	\$1,030,989.95
GENERAL FUND WARRANT 04/25/2012	\$1,907,767.39
SCHOOL LUNCH WARRANT 04/11/2012	\$1,883.33
SCHOOL LUNCH WARRANT 04/25/2012	\$94,186.28
SPECIAL AID WARRANT 04/11/2012	\$9,498.11
SPECIAL AID WARRANT 04/25/2012	\$21,356.94
WORKERS COMP WARRANT 03/02/2012	\$13,577.90
WORKERS COMP WARRANT 04/13/2012	\$13,839.07
WORKERS COMP WARRANT 04/27/2012	\$17,112.03
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>\$3,110,211.00</b>

MOTION carried 7-0.

### **COMMUNICATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Board members and Mr. Polansky attended several events:

- Distinguished Seniors' Dinner
- a Budget Breakfast at the high school for seniors eligible to vote to educate them on their right to vote
- the PTA Council's *Meet the Candidates Night*
- Huntington Village Lacrosse Day where monies were raised to fund the Mick Luckow Scholarship Fund and a Sportsmanship Award in memory of Courtney O'Bryan
- the Greater Huntington Civic Association Hope Awards where Mr. Polansky and students and teachers from the high school were honored
- Eagle Scout Awards where one of our students was honored and received this award
- Young Leaders Night
- the NAACP and the Greater Huntington Civic Group *Meet the Candidates Night*
- Chamber Music Concert at Finley Middle School

Mrs. Rogan shared information in regard to the Governor's Education Reform Committee.

Mr. Polansky made several announcements in regard to students who were honored with various awards for competition. This included the Distinguished Seniors Dinner, Huntington Camera Club competition, the Long Island Arts Alliance Gala, Poetry for the Hart, Huntington High Arts Showcase, Science Research Symposium, High Arts Council Showcase and a 2004 graduate who won the Long Island Marathon.

Mr. Polansky discussed the APPR template that was released by the State Education Department and gave an update as to the district's timeline. He indicated that state testing went very well, but there were many errors in the state tests. Mr. Polansky indicated that the Board of Regents is looking into different graduation options.

Mr. Polansky indicated that May 15<sup>th</sup> is Mandate Relief Day and districts will be working in a consortium to address this issue.

Mr. Polansky announced the following events that will be taking place:

- District Art/Fashion Show on May 15 and 16
- Relay for Life on June 9 and 10, to raise money in support of cancer research
- SEPTA's *Sunset on the Bay* fundraiser to be held on May 19<sup>th</sup>
- Several retirement celebrations

### **PRESENTATION**

2012-2013 Budget Hearing

Mr. Polansky reviewed the adopted budget in a presentation.

**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*. There was no commentary.

**ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION/ACTION**

2012-2013 Budget Hearing

Mr. Polansky again summarized the budget that was adopted on April 16 and discussed the contingency budget in the event the budget does not pass.

Policy First Readings

Dignity for All Students Act – Policy #7550

Mr. Polansky presented this policy to the Board of Education for a first reading.

(See attached)

Community Use of School Facilities – Policy #3270

A MOTION was made by Mr. Paci and seconded by Mrs. Hebert to approve the attached policy.

(See attached)

AYES:	6	Mrs. Black
		Mrs. Brown
		Mrs. Hebert
		Mr. Paci
		Mrs. Rogan
		Mr. Spector
NOES:	1	Mr. McGrath
ABSTAIN:	0	

MOTION carried 6-1.

Creation of Employee Retirement System Reserve Fund

Mr. Polansky discussed the creation of this Reserve Fund. It will be voted on as part of the Business Agenda.

**CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION**

A MOTION was made by Mrs. Brown 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
27767	23057	28240
27927	23907	28243
25037	28230	28242
27719	28218	28241
23906	27651	28190
24017	28215	28245
24813	28199	28210
28149	28217	28201
24667	28010	28244
		28265
		28239
		28266
		28080

CSE Annual Reviews				CPSE Annual Reviews
27637	25175	22362	24654	28012
27448	24482	27968	22447	27927
27506	23906	25062	24638	27885
25086	24248	24773	25060	28068
24954	27398	24604	25130	27722
27819	23988	28063	24510	28135
28062	27807	23094	27525	27926
27952	28019	24405	24496	28142
28039	27424	22372	27477	
27186	25163	23235	23927	
27865	25067	27350	27844	
27188	27208	23891	28112	
25126	27495	27903	27356	
27286	27631	24242	27683	
24787	23438	27645	27897	
25145	27353	24813	28046	
27316	22877	27380	24490	
27324	24731	22140	27842	
27365	22525	22164	27841	
27364	23282	24847	27878	
27608	22142	27209	27487	

27811	22408	27492		
27902	24725	28024		
28108	24806	27948		
27805	27672	24414		
27808	24752	24869		
27966	24002	28102		
27696	23735	27391		
24814	24156	28040		
25095	22119	24667		
28116	23865	27413		
28035	25169	24272		
28109	27714	27931		
24808	23736	27287		
24622	24771	24254		
27526	28106	21728		

MOTION carried 7-0.

**PERSONNEL ITEMS**

On the recommendation of the Superintendent, a MOTION was made by Mrs. Hebert and seconded by Mrs. Black to approve Items H.1 through H.9 on the personnel agenda:

**H. 1 Approve Retirements/Resignation/Leave of Absence/Returns from Leave of Absence**

<b>Retirements</b>					
No.	Unit	Name	Assignment	Effective Date	Award
1.1	ATH	Kaaren Palumbo	CPSE/Chairperson	Close of Business 8/10/12	N/A
1.2	ATH	Thomas Masone	HS/Science	Close of Business 6/30/12	Not to exceed \$3,000.00
1.3	CU	Joan K. Sciacchitano	MS/Sp. Ed.	Close of Business 8/31/12	Not to exceed \$3,500.00
1.4	AMA	Ann Salmon	MS/Aide	Close of Business 6/23/12	N/A
1.5	NUR	Connie De Grassi	HS/Nurse	Close of Business 6/30/12	N/A
<b>Resignation</b>					
No.	Unit	Name	Assignment	Effective Date	Reason
1.6	ATH	Michael Procaccini	HS/Science	6/30/12	Personal
<b>Return from Leave of Absence</b>					
No.	Unit	Name	Assignment	Effective Dates	Reason
1.7	ATH	Hildi Stanford	SD/Sp. Ed.	9/1/12	End Child Care
1.8	ATH	Jennifer Marsh	WA/ESL	5/29/12	End Child Care
1.9	ATH	Kathryn Carey	MS/Speech	9/1/12	End Child Care

**H. 2 Approve Instructional New Hires**

<b>Probationary</b>						
No	Unit	Name	Assignment	Certification	Effective Date	Salary
2.1	NC	Sammy Gergis	Asst. Superintendent for Business	SDBL/Prof	7/1/12	\$140,000.00
<i>Mr. Gergis' Probation Period is 7/1/12-6/30/15</i>						
2.2	DSPA	Brenden Cusack	HS/Asst. Principal	SAS/Perm SDA/Perm English 7-12/Perm	7/1/12	\$129,349.00
<i>Mr. Cusack's Probation Period is 7/1/12-6/30/15</i>						

**H. 3 Approve Long-Term Substitutes**

<b>Full-time</b>						
No.	Unit	Name	Assignment	Effective Dates	Salary	Replacing
3.1	ATH	Robert Barca	MS/SS	9/13/11- 6/4/12 approx.	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 4/16/12approx.</i>						

**H. 4 Approve Non-Instructional New Appointment**

<b>Part-Time</b>						
No.	Unit	Name	Assignment	Effective Date	Salary	Replacing
4.1	CU	Mardella Edwards	HS/B&G	5/8/12	\$13.95/hr	A. Gerardi

**H. 5 Approve Additional Work**

<b>Summer Staffing - Special Education</b> Funded through Special Education Grant						
No	Unit	Name	Description	Effective Date	Rate of Pay	
5.1	ATH	Linda Roth	Chairperson/Gr. 7-12	Summer 2012 Not to exceed 15 days	\$9,191.55 \$612.77/day	
<b>Summer Staffing - Special Education</b> Funded through Special Education Grant						
No	Unit	Name	Description	Effective Date	Rate of Pay	
5.2	ATH	Kaaren Palumbo	Chairperson/Gr. K-4	Summer 2012 Not to exceed 25 days	\$13,700.75 \$548.03/day	
5.3	ATH	Kathleen McCourt	HS/Coordinator	Summer 2012 Not to exceed 25 days	\$11,198.25 \$447.93/day	
5.4	ATH	TBA	Chairperson II	Summer 2012 Not to exceed 25 days	Contractual Rate of Pay	
5.5	ATH	TBA	Chairperson CPSE K-3	Summer 2012 Not to exceed 10 days	Contractual Rate of Pay	
5.6	ATH	TBA	School Psychologist	Summer 2012 Not to exceed 120 hrs.	\$10,306.80 \$85.89/hr	
5.7	ATH	TBA	Social Worker	Summer 2012 Not to exceed 120 hrs.	\$9,303.60 \$77.53/hr	

5.8	ATH	TBA	Speech Therapist	Summer 2012 Not to exceed 100 hrs.	\$8,525.00 \$85.25/hr
5.9	ATH	TBA	Gen. Ed. Teacher	Summer 2012 Not to exceed 150 hrs.	\$7,345.50 \$48.97/hr
5.10	ATH	TBA	Special Ed Teacher	Summer 2012 Not to exceed 150 hrs.	\$7,345.50 \$48.97/hr
<b>Curriculum Writing</b>					
No	Unit	Name	Description	Effective Date	Rate of Pay
5.11	ATH	2 writers	Art/Ceramics	2011-2012	\$397.76 4 hrs. @ \$48.97/hr
5.12	ATH	3 writers	Guidance/Grade 11	2011-2012	\$881.46 6 hrs. @ \$48.97/hr
5.13	ATH	17 writers	SLO's/Humanities Gr. 7-12	2011-2012	\$3,329.96 4 hrs. @ 48.97/hr
5.14	ATH	4 writers	Science/Grade 6	2011-2012	\$783.52 4 hrs. @ \$48.97/hr
5.15	ATH	17 writers	SLO's/K-3	2011-2012	\$3,329.96 4 hrs. @ \$48.97/hr
5.16	ATH	20 writers	CCLS Curriculum Map	2011-2012	\$3,917.00 2 hrs. @ \$48.97/hr
<b>Part-Time Teacher for Math Scoring</b>					
No	Unit	Name	Description	Effective Date	Rate of Pay
5.17	ATH	Ozlem Artukmac (.4)	Full Time Equivalent	5/8/12	\$181.10
<b>Alternative High School</b>					
No	Unit	Name	Description	Effective Date	Rate of Pay
5.18	ATH	Kara Horn	Substitute	2011-2012	\$53.25/hr
<b>Scoring</b>					
No	Unit	Name	Description	Effective Date	Rate of Pay
5.19	ATH	Angela Berner	ELA	2011-2012	2 days @ \$200.00/day
5.20	ATH	Nancy Allard	ELA & Math - Gr. 3-8	2011-2012	2 days @ \$319.94/day
<b>Election Personnel - Budget Vote</b>					
No.	Unit	Name	Description	Effective Dates	Rate of Pay
5.21	N/A	Christine Bene	Clerk	5/8/12	\$10.50/hr
5.22	N/A	Emmagene Brown	Clerk	5/8/12	\$10.50/hr
5.23	N/A	MaryLou Brown	Clerk	5/8/12	\$10.50/hr
5.24	N/A	Concetta Cagnino	Clerk	5/8/12	\$30.00/hr
5.25	N/A	Rita Carino	Clerk	5/8/12	\$30.00/hr
5.26	CU	Margaret Creighton	Clerk	5/8/12	Contractual Rate
5.27	N/A	Edie DeGennaro	Clerk	5/8/12	\$10.50/hr
5.28	CU	Janet Lentini	Clerk	5/8/12	Contractual Rate



**H. 6 Approve Extra Duty Assignments**

<b>Clubs - Sophomore Class Advisor</b>			
No.	Name	Description	Stipend
6.1	<b>DELETE</b> Victoria Lombardi	Sophomore Class Advisor - 1.0	\$2,311.00
6.2	<b>ADD</b> Victoria Lombardi	Sophomore Class Advisor - .75	\$1,733.25
<i>Ms. Lombardi was initially appointed at 1.0</i>			
6.3	<b>ADD</b> Gina Colica	Sophomore Class Advisor - .25	\$577.75
<b>Clubs - Etcetera</b>			
No.	Name	Description	Stipend
6.4	<b>DELETE</b> Kenneth Krummenacker	Etcetera - 1.0	\$1,254.00
6.5	<b>ADD</b> Kenneth Krummenacker	Etcetera - .5	\$627.00
<i>Mr. Krummenacker was initially appointed at 1.0</i>			
6.6	<b>ADD</b> Dianna Molenko	Etcetera - .5	\$627.00

**H. 7 Approve Excess of Staff**

No.	Unit	Name	Assignment	Effective Date
7.1	ATH	Michelle Audia	WA/Elem	6/30/12
7.2	ATH	Jaclyn Ambrosio	MS/Family Consumer	6/30/12
7.3	ATH	Rebecca Arlin	HS/Sp. Ed.	6/30/12
7.4	ATH	David Benjamin	SD/ESL	6/30/12
7.5	ATH	Suzette Biagi	HS/Business	6/30/12
7.6	ATH	Louis Giani	FH/P.E.	6/30/12
7.7	ATH	Dawn Ginty	JE/Elem	6/30/12
7.8	ATH	Alan Kuver	MS/HS/Technology	6/30/12
7.9	ATH	Melissa Lang	WA/Elem	6/30/12
7.10	ATH	Nicole Malizia	FH/Elem	6/30/12
7.11	ATH	Karen Morea	WH/FH/SD/WA/Art	6/30/12
7.12	AMA	Melissa Conroy	FH/Aide	6/30/12
7.13	AMA	Antonette Frazier	JE/Aide	6/30/12
7.14	AMA	Barbara Santoro	FH/Aide	6/30/12
7.15	AMA	Whitney Voyages	FH/Aide	6/30/12
7.16	AMA	Yaritza Ramos	WH/Aide	6/30/12

**H. 8 Approve Termination**

No.	Unit	Name	Assignment	Effective Date
8.1	ATH	John Scheffer	HS/MS/Latin	6/30/12

**H. 9 Approve Substitutes**

No.	Unit	Name	Assignment	Effective Dates	Rate of Pay
9.1	SEC	Carol Scully	Security	2011/2012	\$11.45/hr

9.2	AMA	Lisa Karasik	Aide	2011/2012	\$9.00/hr
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MOTION carried 7-0.

Dr. Giani announced the retirements and introduced Brenden Cusack, Assistant Principal, Huntington High School and Sammy Gergis, Assistant Superintendent for Business.

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 Scholarship Fund**

**Mick Luckow Scholarship Fund**

A MOTION was made by Mrs. Black and seconded by Mrs. Brown to approve the establishment of a scholarship fund in the amount of \$5,000 in the name of Michael Luckow.

(See attached)

MOTION carried 7-0.

**Approval of Resolution**

**Retirement Contribution Reserve Fund**

A MOTION was made by Mrs. Black and seconded by Mrs. Brown to approve the attached Resolution.

(See attached)

MOTION carried 7-0.

**Approval of Huntington Arts Council – Summer Arts Enrichment Program**

A MOTION was made by Mrs. Black and seconded by Mrs. Brown to approve the Summer Arts Enrichment Program at Huntington High School for the summer of 2012. The Huntington Arts Council will conduct this program.

(See attached)

MOTION carried 7-0.

**Approval of Contracts**

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

- Gina Castaldo
- CBIZ Valuation Group, LLC
- Glen Cove City School District

(See attached)

MOTION carried 7-0.

### **Approval of Bid Awards**

#### **Educational Data Services, Inc.**

A MOTION was made by Mrs. Black and seconded by Mrs. Brown to award the bids listed below to Educational Data Services, Inc.:

- Athletic Reconditioning
- Computer/Security Equipment
- Copiers-Lease/Purchase
- Interactive Whiteboards and Related Products
- General Classroom Supplies
- Office/Computer Supplies

MOTION carried 7-0.

#### **Student Agendas**

A MOTION was made by Mrs. Black and seconded by Mrs. Brown to award the Student Agendas bid to Premier Agendas, Inc. and School Mate per the attached memorandum.

(See attached)

MOTION carried 7-0.

#### **Capital Bid Award**

A MOTION was made by Mrs. Black and seconded by Mrs. Brown to award the Replacement of Underground Fuel Storage Tanks at Flower Hill Primary School, Jefferson Primary School and Woodhull Intermediate School to three different vendors:

- G & M Dege, Inc.
- American Environmental Assessment Corporation
- G Construction Enterprises, LLC.

(See attached)

MOTION carried 7-0.

**Approval of Request for Proposal (RFP) – Home Tutoring Services**

A MOTION was made by Mrs. Black and seconded by Mrs. Brown to award the request for proposal to:

- Syosset Tutoring                      \$40
- Creative Tutoring                      \$40
- Top Grade                                \$45
- Islip Tutoring Service                \$46

MOTION carried 7-0.

**Appointment of Election Chairperson**

A MOTION was made by Mrs. Black and seconded by Mrs. Brown to appoint John Paci as Election Chairperson for the Annual Budget Vote and Election to be held on May 15, 2012.

MOTION carried 7-0.

**Acceptance of Donation**

A MOTION was made by Mrs. Black and seconded by Mrs. Brown to accept the donation listed below from the Friends of Huntington Crew to be used in the Huntington Crew Program. This donation is valued at \$6,000.

- Refurbished Kaschper 4+Cox boat (Serial # ZK003785G007)

MOTION carried 7-0.

**Approval of Budget Transfers**

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

(See attached)

MOTION carried 7-0.

**2<sup>nd</sup> PUBLIC COMMENTARY**

Members of the community were given the opportunity to address the Board of Education on any item. Two people spoke.

**CLOSING REMARKS**

Mrs. Brown thanked the Friends of Huntington Crew for their very generous donation.

Mr. Spector announced the Art Show and Fashion Show to be held the day of the vote, May 15<sup>th</sup> and also on May 16<sup>th</sup>.

Mrs. Hebert announced this week is Teacher Appreciation Week.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

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

MOTION carried 7-0.

**ADJOURNMENT OF PUBLIC SESSION**

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

MOTION carried 7-0.

At 8:25 PM the public meeting was adjourned and the board members went into Executive session.

**ADJOURNMENT**

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

At 10:00 PM the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Elizabeth Troffa  
District Clerk