

**REGULAR MEETING
HUNTINGTON UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION
November 20, 2006**

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of the Huntington Union Free School District was held on Monday, November 20, 2006, at Huntington Intermediate School, Lowndes Avenue, Huntington Station, NY 11746. Mr. Lee called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m..

ROLL CALL

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

MOTION carried.

At 6:30 p.m. the Board of Education went into Executive Session.

At 7:30 p.m. Mr. Lee reconvened the meeting. Mrs. Rogan was excused.

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:

November 6, 2006

MOTION carried.

APPROVAL OF WARRANTS

A MOTION was made by Mrs. Marchi and seconded by Mrs. Collyer to approve the following Warrants:

October 31, 2006:

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| General Fund Warrant #7 | \$ 2,713,483.11 |
| General Fund Warrant #8 | \$ 8,795,842.68 |
| School Lunch Warrant #6 | \$ 62,677.83 |
| School Lunch Warrant #7 | \$ 63,695.75 |
| Special Aid Warrant #7 | \$ 68,302.84 |
| Special Aid Warrant #8 | \$ 132,649.19 |
| Workers Comp Warrant #4 | \$ 26,705.38 |
| Capital Warrant #21 2004/2005 Capital Projects | \$ 9,593.78 |
| Capital Warrant #29 New Capital Projects | \$ 14,872.64 |
| Capital Warrant #1 Bond Issue | \$ 67,231.04 |

MOTION carried.

COMMUNICATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. Finello announced that a presentation is planned for the parents of 7th and 8th grade students from Finley and private and parochial schools for November 28th at Finley

Middle School to learn more about Huntington High School and what the high school has to offer these students. The high school faculty will be making the presentations.

Mr. Grackin said that the new gym bleachers at the high school have been installed. The auditorium construction will begin in December to be finished in February. The drainage, concrete work, and turf for the new field will be completed this week.

Mr. Lee inquired about the date for the dedication of the high school gym. The gym is being dedicated to Louis Giani. Letters and signs have been ordered and the date has not been determined.

PUBLIC COMMENTARY

At that portion of the meeting set aside for questions and comments from the public several parents from Woodhull were upset about Bus #3 and the after-school program.

A parent inquired about recruiting for a Director of Science for next year. He also inquired about updating and repairing computers in the high school. Mr. Grackin responded. This parent also asked if in the next contract with the ATH if the teachers' day could be extended to eight hours.

A parent from Southdown was concerned about her son's bus route being changed. She also inquired about the Literacy Collaborative Program and whether it would continue next year. Mr. O'Brien explained that all programs will be evaluated. This parent also asked about the overcrowding situation for next year and to please keep parents informed. Mr. Lee explained that the public will be made aware of the process. Mr. McGrath explained his concerns about the housing situation in Huntington Station and the lack of support from politicians. Extensive discussion followed.

Mrs. Rogan arrived at 8 p.m.

A Jefferson parent was concerned about the space crunch at Woodhull. She wanted to know how ELFACS was formed. Mr. Lee explained. Extensive discussion followed.

A Southdown parent was concerned about the ELA scores and wanted to know if an analysis of test scores was being done school by school. Mr. O'Brien responded that the report card should be on NYSED website in December. Extensive discussion followed.

A parent who is the wife of a fireman shared that the fire departments are concerned about fire safety issues in the illegal multifamily dwellings.

A Woodhull parent explained that she shares with the PTA what goes on at Board meetings. She also shared an article from a NYSUT newsletter about the Sewanhaka School District. Copies of the article would be made for the Board.

ITEMS OF FOR DISCUSSION AND ACTION

School Hours 2007-2008

Mr. Giani explained the ramifications of changing the high school starting times to a later time. Mr. McGrath explained why he introduced the idea of changing the high school hours. This item was tabled for the next meeting.

Budget Vote and Election Timeline 2007

A MOTION was made by Mrs. Rogan and seconded by Mrs. Collyer to approve the budget timeline for 2007.

MOTION carried.

District Auditor Management Letter/Corrective Action Plan

Mr. McGrath discussed the items from the management letter of Coughlin, Foundotos, Cullen & Danowski. See Mr. Grackin's memo attached. Mr. McGrath said the audit committee is not in agreement with the new rule, SAS 112, which states that the external auditor cannot create the annual financial statement. As a result, the Board of Education would have to hire another CPA firm to generate the financials. It will be discussed during the budget cycle.

A MOTION was made by Mrs. Collyer and seconded by Mrs. Marchi to accept the Corrective Action Plan.

MOTION carried.

A MOTION was made by Mrs. Collyer and seconded to amend the motion to accept the amended Corrective Action Plan.

MOTION carried.

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. 23449 | 2. 24554 | 3. 23243 |
| 4. 25035 | 5. 24813 | 6. 23554 |
| 7. 24143 | 8. 21985 | 9. 23731 |
| 10. 24051 | 11. 24986 | 12. 22212 |
| 13. 23980 | 14. 24225 | 15. 24530 |
| 16. 24867 | 17. 24772 | 18. 25026 |
| 19. 21520 | 20. 23480 | 21. 25022 |
| 22. 24939 | 23. 22435 | 24. 23745 |
| 25. 24937 | 26. 15017 | |

CPSE:

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| 1. 25031 | 2. 24726 | 3. 25032 |
| 4. 25034 | 5. 24722 | 6. 24840 |
| 7. 24995 | 8. 25044 | |

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 Resignation and Retirement

Katherine Eastman, Social Studies teacher, \$3000 retirement award, 20 years in Huntington

Change of Tenure Date

Eileen Melloy, ESL teacher, from September 1, 2007 to October 20, 2008 – as a result of leave of absence for child care.

Requests for Leave of Absence

Yafit Lucas, speech therapist, Flower Hill, effective 6 weeks after the birth of baby, anticipated to be February 13, 2007, and concluding on June 30, 2007

Eileen Melloy, ESL teacher, Finley, effective January 26, 2007 thru June 30, 2007 – child care

Long-Term Substitute Appointment

Connie Ziv, ESL, Finley, Sch. I, Step 1, \$43,500, effective January 26, 2007 thru June 30, 2007 – for E. Melloy

Ms. Ziv has been a long-term substitute for E. Melloy since September 1, 2006.

Appointment of Teacher for Dual Language Parents

Glenn Edwards, 2 hours per week, November to May, \$44.12 per hour; funded by grant. Mr. Edwards will teach Spanish and English to the parents in the dual language program

Appointment of ELL After School Staff-Primary Schools

\$44.12 per hour, 3 hours per week, for ELA test preparation; funded by grant.

Hildi Green, Southdown
Jill De Trano, Substitute

Adjustment to Agreement with Director of Science

Allen Schwartz, 7 personal/sick days to be used for the 06-07 school year

Coaching Recommendations

| <u>Coach</u> | <u>Sport/Position</u> | <u>Step</u> | <u>Salary</u> |
|-----------------------|----------------------------|-------------|---------------|
| <u>Winter:</u> | | | |
| Delete: | | | |
| A. Philip Robinson | Girls Basketball/Var Asst. | 4 | \$5259 |
| B. Jillian Jensen | JV Basketball – G | 3 | \$5030 |
| C. Krista Kozlosky | JH Cheering | 2 | \$ 989 |
| D. Salvatore Raucci | JH Basketball-G7 | 2 | \$3876 |

Add:

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|---------------------|----------------------------|---|--------|
| E. Kimberly Betz | Girls Basketball/Var Asst. | 1 | \$3746 |
| F. Jennifer Rodgers | JV Basketball-G | 1 | \$4269 |
| G. Jaclyn Saraga | JH Cheering | 1 | \$ 942 |

CURRENT WINTER VACANCY: Varsity Assistant Winter Track – Boys
JH Basketball – G7

Spring:

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|----------------------|-----------------------------|---|--------|
| H. Kimberly Betz | Girls Lacrosse/JV | 4 | \$5137 |
| I. Krystle Canino | Softball/Var | 4 | \$7237 |
| J. Michael Catania | Baseball/JV | 4 | \$4668 |
| K. Debra Cheskes | Girls Spring Track/Var | 4 | \$6850 |
| L. Nancy Conlon | Softball/JV | 4 | \$4668 |
| M. William Eriksen | Boys Lacrosse/JHB | 4 | \$4119 |
| N. Karen Fischer | Girls Lacrosse/Var Asst. | 4 | \$4843 |
| O. Jamie Fishlow | Boys Tennis/Var | 4 | \$5370 |
| P. Brian Gallagher | Girls Spring Track/JHB | 3 | \$3753 |
| Q. Michael Gribbin | Boys Spring Track/Var Asst. | 4 | \$4961 |
| R. James Hoops | Boys Tennis/JV | 4 | \$4300 |
| S. Gregory Kalkau | Baseball/Var | 2 | \$6232 |
| T. Charles Lukralle | Boys Lacrosse/Var Asst. | 4 | \$4843 |
| U. Tricia Martin | Girls Lacrosse/Var | 4 | \$6850 |
| V. Joseph Martone | Boys Lacrosse/JHB Asst. | 2 | \$3483 |
| W. Jamie Mastrangelo | Softball/Var Asst. | 2 | \$3921 |
| X. Paul McDermott | Boys Lacrosse/Var | 4 | \$6850 |
| Y. Eric Mininni | Girls Track/JHB Asst. | 3 | \$3535 |

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| Z. Lynn Perzeszty | Crew/Var Asst. | 3 | \$3687 |
| AA. Robert Polizzo | Crew/Var | 4 | \$5069 |
| BB. Bradley Reminick | Boys Tennis/JHB | 3 | \$3753 |
| CC. Jennifer Rodgers | Girls Lacrosse/JHB Asst. | 2 | \$3483 |
| DD. Jonathan Schwartz | Baseball/Var Asst. | 2 | \$3921 |
| EE. Jillian Talleur | Girls Lacrosse/JHB | 2 | \$3688 |
| FF. Eric Triolo | Boys Lacrosse/Var Asst. | 4 | \$4843 |
| GG. Anthony Troffa | Boys Lacrosse/JV | 4 | \$5137 |
| HH. Dennis Walker | Boys Spring Track/Var | 4 | \$6850 |
| II. Ronald Wilson | Boys Spring Track/JHB | 4 | \$4042 |

CURRENT SPRING VACANCIES: Baseball/JHB
Boys Lacrosse/Var/JV Asst.
Boys Spring Track/JHB Asst.
Girls Track/Var Asst.
Softball/JHB
Girls Lacrosse/JV Asst.
Boys Lacrosse/JHB
Boys Lacrosse/JHB Asst.

Intramural Recommendations

| <u>Name</u> | <u>Step</u> | <u>Salary</u> | <u>Season</u> | <u>Activity</u> |
|------------------|-------------|---------------|---------------|-----------------|
| HIGH SCHOOL: | | | | |
| A. Peter Fusco | 3 | \$1348 | Winter | Wt. Training |
| B. Stephen Henry | 4 | \$1431 | Spring | Wt. Training |
| FINLEY: | | | | |
| C. Travis Smith | 4 | \$1431 | Winter | Basketball |
| D. Alan Kuver | 4 | \$1431 | Spring | Fencing |

INTERMEDIATE:

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|------------------|-------|----------|--------|------------|
| E. Eric Triolo | 4(.5) | \$715.50 | Winter | Basketball |
| F. Carrie Postel | 4(.5) | \$715.50 | Spring | Volleyball |
| G. Carrie Postel | 4(.5) | \$715.50 | Spring | Hockey |

PRIMARY:

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|-----------------|-------|-----------|--------|-------------|
| H. Nancy Conlon | 1(.5) | \$ 583.00 | Winter | Multi-Sport |
| I. Kristi Deter | 1(.5) | \$ 583.00 | Winter | Multi-Sport |

HIGH SCHOOL:

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| J. Alan Kuver | 4 | \$1431 | Fall | Fencing |
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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:

Appointments

| <u>Unit</u> | <u>Name</u> | <u>Position</u> | <u>Salary</u> | <u>Eff.Date</u> | <u>Replacing</u> |
|-------------|---------------|-----------------|---------------|-----------------|------------------|
| Student | Matthew Scott | Lab Assistant | \$6.75/hr | 2006-2007 | |

Resignations

Aide: Karen Kornfeld-Holland, effective December 5, 2006

Security: James Carbone, effective November 24, 2006

Approval of New Non-Instructional Substitutes

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

MOTION carried.

BUSINESS

Approval of Contracts

Burton Behrendt & Smith, P.C.

A MOTION was made by Mrs. Marchi and seconded by Mrs. Collyer to approve the attached contract with Burton Behrendt & Smith, P.C., for architectural services.

(See attached)

MOTION carried.

SCOPE

A MOTION was made by Mrs. Marchi and seconded by Mrs. Collyer to approve the attached Membership Affiliation Agreement for 2006-07 with SCOPE.

(See attached)

MOTION carried.

Dr. Richard Stock

A MOTION was made by Mrs. Marchi and seconded by Mrs. Collyer to approve the contract with Dr. Richard Stock to teach two (2) in-service credit courses for \$2800 for 30 hours.

(See attached0

MOTION carried.

Approval of Bid Award

On-Line Backup Services

A MOTION was made by Mrs. Marchi and seconded by Mrs. Collyer to approve the bid award to Open Access Systems in the amount of \$2,835 per year for on-line backup services.

(See attached)

MOTION carried.

Approval of Amendments to Tax Exemptions

A MOTION was made by Mrs. Marchi and seconded by Mrs. Collyer to approve the amendments to three (3) tax exemptions that the district has participated in the past as follows:

1. Senior Citizens
2. Disabled Persons
3. Volunteer Firefighters and Ambulance Workers

(See attached)

MOTION carried.

Approval of Overnight Field Trip

A MOTION was made by Mrs. Marchi and seconded by Mrs. Collyer to approve an overnight high school orchestra trip to Fiesta-Val at Virginia Beach from April 27, 2007 through April 29, 2007.

(See attached)

MOTION carried.

Acceptance of Donations

A MOTION was made by Mrs. Marchi and seconded by Mrs. Collyer to approve the following donations:

1. Six (6) Mascot Mats from Mr. Bob Cabrera, NEFF
2. Two (2) television sets:
 - Toshiba Model CF27H40, Serial No. 66502187 from Debbora Mellon
 - Mitsubishi Model CS-35MX1, Serial No. 515720 from Fred Bisogno

MOTION carried.

Approval of Facilities Use Request

A MOTION was made by Mrs. Marchi and seconded by Mrs. Collyer to approve the Huntington Church of God for use of Huntington Intermediate Auditorium on December 10, 2006 and July 5, 6,7, 8, 2007.

(See attached)

MOTION carried.

First Reading of Amended Policies 5230 and 6110

A MOTION was made by Mrs. Marchi and seconded by Mrs. Collyer to approve the first reading of the modification to policies 5230 and 6110.

(See attached)

MOTION carried.

Budget Transfers

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

(See attached)

MOTION carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTARY

At that portion of the meeting set aside for questions and comments from the public Ann Connell, PTA President, invited everyone to “A Taste of Finley” on December 4, 2006 before the Board of Education meeting. She also praised Vincent Tannazzo, Finley Boys Soccer coach for a great season.

Regarding changing the starting times at Huntington High School, a parent who graduated from Northport High School, suggested allowing some students to be excused from first period instead of changing the schedule. She also wants a full-time aid in dual language classes.

A parent is concerned about the programs being delivered in each building.

CLOSING REMARKS BY BOARD MEMBERS

Mrs. Rogan thanked everyone for coming to the meeting. She also responded to a parent about a way to reach out to the community. Mrs. Rogan also said that standardized testing is important but what we read in the newspaper is inaccurate and that there is more to delivering a good education than what is read in the newspaper.

ADJOURNMENT

A MOTION was made by Mrs. Marchi and seconded by Mrs. Collyer to adjourn the meeting

At 9:50 p.m. the meeting was adjourned.

MOTION carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Catherine Bender
District Clerk