

**REGULAR MEETING
HUNTINGTON UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION
March 12, 2007**

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of the Huntington Union Free School District was held on Monday, March 12, 2007, at Huntington High School, Oakwood and McKay Road, Huntington, New York 11743. Mr. Lee called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m..

ROLL CALL

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

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 WARRANTS

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

February 28, 2007:

General Fund Warrant #16	\$ 2,647,707.05
General Fund Warrant #17	\$ 6,241,287.77
School Lunch Warrant #14	\$ 65,956.93
School Lunch Warrant #15	\$ 64,918.79
Special Aid Warrant #15	\$ 88,071.29

Special Aid Warrant #16	\$ 152,478.13
Workers Comp Warrant #8	\$ 23,931.37
Capital Warrant #5 Bond Issue	\$ 130,323.74
Capital Warrant #33 New Renovations	\$ 206,356.36

MOTION carried.

COMMUNICATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mrs. Rogan attended a Washington/Flower Hill joint fundraiser called “Taste of Huntington.” She said it was a fabulous event.

Mrs. Rogan participated in Challenge Day at Huntington High School as an adult facilitator. She said it was an amazing experience. She thanked Joan Fretz, Carmela Leonardi and Suzy Biagi for bringing this program to the school.

Mrs. Rogan is on the Comprehensive Health Advisory Council. They are putting together a new wellness policy to be in compliance with Suffolk County. She would like the Board to identify someone to dedicate time each week to working with Whitsons and Heart Link to take a look at the children’s menus.

Mrs. Black received a letter from ATH members of the high school building committee. In the letter the committee claims that the technology facilities at the high school are woefully inadequate. Mrs. Black would like an explanation from Central Administration.

Mr. Finello said they could take a look at what requests are made in the letter. He said that Central Administration would investigate it and put a cost analysis together.

Mrs. Black asked Mr. O’Brien about the Town of Huntington receiving a \$300,000 grant for a potential drop-out program. He explained that the Town and the District are working together to target the potential drop-outs and homeless children.

Mrs. Black asked Mr. Grackin what happens when the district goes beyond \$99,000,000 in a budget. Mr. Grackin explained that effective June 30, 2008 districts with a school budget over \$100,000,000 must report post employment benefits on balance sheet.

Mr. Lee said that he went to the St. Patrick's Day Parade in Huntington Village and the Blue Devil Band was outstanding and the district was well represented.

PUBLIC COMMENTARY

At that portion of the meeting set aside for questions and comments from the public a Southdown parent of a dual language student presented the Board with 57 petitions asking for Board to provide a full-time aide in each of the dual language classes. The petitioners would like a response as soon as possible.

A senior at the high school was concerned about leaks at the high school and what is being done. Mr. Grackin explained about a blocked univent and how it was handled. He also said the auditorium roof will be replaced in late summer.

Mr. Lee said he attended parent-teacher conferences at the high school last week after the water leak and that the custodians did a fantastic job of cleaning up.

A teacher from the high school, who was one of the signers of the letter from the ATH, is concerned that the district will be spending a lot of money to bring us up to the year 2000 instead of the year 2007.

The high school PTSA President expressed dismay that the tracking system for math is limited and does not provide opportunity for students should their direction be altered. She asked that the district look at changing the system. Mr. McGrath stated that if students didn't get into accelerated math and earth science in seventh grade, it is hard to get back on track. Mr. Edwards responded that it is being explored.

Mrs. Black asked what criteria sixth grade teachers use to place sixth graders in accelerated math in seventh grade. Mr. Edwards responded that the teachers use various methods, including quarterly exams, 4th and 5th grade state math tests and ELA scores.

ITEMS OF FOR DISCUSSION AND ACTION

2007-2008 Budget Presentation-Curriculum and Instruction

Mr. O'Brien gave an overview of the curriculum and instruction budget for 2007-2008. Extensive discussion followed especially regarding technology.

High School Courses/Staffing 2007-2008

Dr. Leonardi and Mr. Noce gave an overview of the courses that are being offered for 2007-2008. They also reviewed the staffing needs. Extensive discussion followed particularly with regard to science rooms and business education.

ELFACS Committee

A MOTION was made by Mrs. Collyer and seconded by Mrs. Marchi to authorize the addition of two parents from the attendance zones being affected to the ELFACS Committee.

MOTION carried.

INSTRUCTIONAL PERSONNEL

On the recommendation of the Superintendent, a MOTION was made by Mrs. Collyer and seconded by Mrs. Marchi to approve the following changes in Instructional Personnel:

Appointment of After-School Staff

\$44.12 per hour, 2 hours per week, 8th grade Science Test Preparation, funded by grant:

Judy Pazienza

\$44.12 per hour, 3 hours per week, Math Test Preparation, Flower Hill, funded by grant:

Patrice Persichilli, substitute
DonnaMarie o’Shaughnessy, substitute

Appointment of Music Advisors

<u>Advisor</u>	<u>Activity</u>	<u>Stipend</u>
Philip Kester	Winter Percussion	\$2243
Michael Marcenna	Winter Guard	\$2243

Additional Work

Assist with placement of students in day treatment and residential treatment center programs, 5 non-school days or non-school hours, each, funded by grant:

Giovanni Mendez, School Psychologist, at \$479.08 per diem
Lauren Principe, Special Education teacher, at \$407.10 per diem

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. Collyer and seconded by Mrs. Marchi to approve the following changes in Non-Instructional Personnel:

Retirements

Clerical, Jan Kindelman, Finley Middle School, effective July 1, 2007
Retirement increment not to exceed \$3500.

Aide, Cathy Arner, Woodhull Intermediate, effective July 9, 2007

Resignation

Food Service Worker, Filomena Mazzei, Southdown Primary, effective March 30, 2007

Termination of Service

RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby terminates the employment of Chad DeLuca, Custodial Worker I, effective Tuesday, March 13, 2007.

Approval of Non-Instructional Substitutes

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

MOTION carried.

BUSINESS

Approval of Change Order

A MOTION was made by Mrs. Collyer and seconded by Mrs. Marchi to approve the attached Change Order for \$23,387 with regard to the Bond Issue.

(See attached)

MOTION carried

Approval of Bid Awards

Surplus Equipment/Textbooks

A MOTION was made by Mrs. Collyer and seconded by Mrs. Marchi to approve the disposing of surplus equipment in the most environmentally responsible way in light of the fact that there was no response to the bid.

MOTION carried.

Printed Forms

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

Matrix Digital Solutions

High School Graduation Forms

a)	500 Academic Awards Booklets	\$ 85.00
b)	2,000 Annual Commencement Booklets	\$ 700.00
c)	2,000 Commencement Cards	\$ 70.00

Tobay Printing Co., Inc.

Transportation Newspaper

a)	16 Page Edition	\$1927.00
b)	20 Page Edition	\$2395.00
c)	24 Page Edition	\$2736.00

Dispatch Newspaper 2007-08

a)	8 Page Edition	\$ 923.00
b)	12 Page Edition	\$ 1272.00
c)	16 Page Edition	\$ 1323.00
d)	4 Page Edition	\$ 872.00

Adult Ed Brochure

14,000 Copies (2 issues)	\$ 3138.00
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Budget Notice

14,000 Notices	\$ 893.00
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MOTION carried.

Acceptance of Amended Donation

Special Education Parent/Teacher Association (SEPTA)

A MOTION was made by Mrs. Collyer and seconded by Mrs. Marchi to accept the amended donation of \$848.22 to the school district from SEPTA to be used for supply cabinets and supplies for the Friendship Clubs at Finley and Huntington Intermediate. The original donation of \$1345 was changed in order to take advantage of some discounts that the school district is entitled to receive. Budget codes will be increased as follows:

Budget Code	Increase
A2110-450-03-0108	\$549.28
A2020-450-21-0540	\$298.94
Total	\$848.22

MOTION carried.

Acceptance of Exposure Control Plan

A MOTION was made by Mrs. Collyer and seconded by Mrs. Marchi to accept the revised Exposure Control Plan for Bloodborne Pathogens.

(See attached)

MOTION carried.

Budget Transfers

A MOTION was made by Mrs. Collyer and seconded by Mrs. Marchi 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 a parent shared that when she took senior portfolio class in high school it was a very functional class and she felt it was the most important course she took and that it shouldn't be dropped.

A parent who is a teacher at Nassau BOCES shared that he teaches career financial management in his carpentry class and it is very practical for the students.

CLOSING REMARKS BY BOARD MEMBERS

Mrs. Black said that she met a parent who thought it was wonderful that a Spanish interpreter was at Jefferson earlier in the year for a meeting.

Mr. Forte wanted to know when the Western Suffolk BOCES report will be available. The report will be ready for the March 19th meeting.

Mrs. Marchi got a call from a reporter from the New York Times about the school budget.

ADJOURNMENT

A MOTION was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting

At 10:50 p.m. the meeting was adjourned.

MOTION carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Catherine Bender
District Clerk