

**SPECIAL MEETING  
HUNTINGTON UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT  
BOARD OF EDUCATION  
AUGUST 23, 2007**

The Special Meeting of the Board of Education of the Huntington Union Free School District was held on Thursday, August 23, 2007 at Huntington Intermediate School, Lowndes Avenue, Huntington Station, New York 11746. Mr. McGrath called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

**ROLL CALL**

There were present Board of Education Members: Black, Collyer, Forte, McGrath, Paci, Rogan, Superintendent Finello, Messrs. Giani, Grackin, O'Brien, Guercio and Mrs. Troffa. Mr. Lee was absent.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

A MOTION was made by Mrs. Collyer and seconded by Mrs. Black 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 8:07 p.m. Mr. McGrath reconvened the meeting.

**EMERGENCY EVACUATION PROCEDURE**

Mr. McGrath discussed the exits to be used in the event of any emergency.

**SMOKE-FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT**

Mr. McGrath announced that the Huntington Union Free School District is a smoke-free district and smoking is prohibited in all buildings and on school grounds.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Mr. McGrath led the Board of Education and those others present in the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

**COMMUNICATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Mr. McGrath announced that there is one item on the agenda. That is the appeal by Dr. Carmela Leonardi to the Board of Education to be reinstated as Principal of Huntington High School. Mr. McGrath indicated the Public Commentary portion of the meeting which was to follow this announcement was open to district residents and district

employees. Mr. McGrath asked that those making public commentary identify themselves.

A motion was made by Mrs. Collyer and seconded by Mrs. Rogan to suspend Policy 3220, Item G

“Employees should not be identified by name during public commentary. Comments relating to the competence or personal conduct of individuals are prohibited and shall be declared out of order.”

Motion carried.

### **PUBLIC COMMENTARY**

Commentary was made by twenty-two (22) people, either employees of the district or residents of the district in regard to the appeal of Dr. Leonardi to be reinstated as Principal of Huntington High School. Commentary also pertained to the establishment of the Alternative High School. Extensive discussion followed.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

A motion was made by Mr. Paci and seconded by Mrs. Rogan to go into Executive Session for continued discussion on the matter at hand.

MOTION carried.

At 10:20 p.m. the Board of Education went into Executive Session.

At 10:30 p.m. Mr. McGrath reconvened the meeting.

### **RESOLUTION**

Mr. McGrath read the Resolution:

“Shall Dr. Leonardi’s appeal of the Superintendent’s decision to assign her to the position of Alternative High School Principal for the 2007-2008 school year be upheld.”

Note: A “yes” vote means you are voting to return Dr. Leonardi to the position of high school principal. Four “yes” votes are necessary to uphold the appeal.

Before taking a vote there was commentary by board members.

The Resolution was voted upon:

AYES: Mrs. Black  
Mrs. Collyer  
Mr. Forte  
Mr. Paci  
Mrs. Rogan

NOES: Mr. McGrath

MOTION carried.

**ADJOURNMENT**

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

Meeting was adjourned at 10:45 p.m.

MOTION carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Elizabeth Troffa  
District Clerk