

**SPECIAL MEETING
HUNTINGTON UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION
SEPTEMBER 7, 2007**

The Special Meeting of the Board of Education of the Huntington Union Free School District was held on Friday, September 7, 2007 at Huntington Intermediate School, Lowndes Avenue, Huntington Station, New York 11746. Mr. McGrath announced at 6:05 p.m. that there was no quorum and the meeting was cancelled. Mrs. Black arrived at 6:09 p.m, therefore, making a quorum. Mr. McGrath called the meeting to order at 6:09 p.m.

ROLL CALL

There were present Board of Education Members: Black, Collyer, McGrath, Rogan, Ms. Aloe and Mrs. Troffa. Mr. Paci arrived at 6:20 p.m. Mr. Forte and Mr. Lee were absent.

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 explained this was a special meeting of the Board of Education. There is one item on the agenda.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A MOTION was made by Mrs. Collyer and seconded by Mrs. Rogan to go into Executive Session.

AYES: Mrs. Black
 Mrs. Collyer
 Mrs. Rogan

NOES: Mr. McGrath

MOTION defeated.

PUBLIC COMMENTARY

There was extensive discussion regarding whether to have Public Commentary before or after Executive Session. There were many outbursts from the public, although not at the podium, as this portion of the meeting was not yet opened. Ms. Aloe advised the Board to go into Executive Session in order for her to give them advice. Mr. McGrath wanted to have the Public Commentary portion of the meeting before going into Executive Session. Discussion followed and Ms. Aloe advised repeatedly that the Board go into Executive Session. Mr. Paci arrived at 6:20 p.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A MOTION was made by Mrs. Collyer and seconded by Mrs. Black to go into Executive Session.

AYES:	Mrs. Black Mrs. Collyer Mr. Paci Mrs. Rogan
NOES:	Mr. McGrath

MOTION carried.

At 6:25 p.m. the Board went into Executive Session.

At 7:16 p.m. a MOTION was made by Mr. Paci and seconded by Mrs. Black to reconvene the meeting. Mr. Paci stated there was a Resolution that would be voted on at this meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENTARY

At the portion of the meeting set aside for questions and comments from the public, there was commentary by several members of the community calling upon the Board of Education to address issues that concern the students. Many times during the meeting there were shouts from the audience directed at Board members and Ms. Aloe. Ms. Aloe stated the Board is not authorized to discuss matters discussed in Executive Session. The Board reassured the public that they would address all issues of concern, but that there were some legal matters that cannot be discussed in public.

RESOLUTION

A MOTION was made by Mrs. Collyer and seconded by Mrs. Rogan to read the following Resolution:

“RESOLVED to appoint the firm of Richard Hamburger, Esq. to conduct a special investigation on behalf of the Board of Education at a fee of \$250 per hour not to exceed \$3,000 without further authorization of the Board.”

The Resolution was voted upon:

AYES:	Mrs. Black Mrs. Collyer Mr. Paci Mrs. Rogan
ABSTAIN:	Mr. McGrath

MOTION carried.

CLOSING REMARKS BY BOARD MEMBERS

The Board responded to comments made by members of the audience concerning the absences of Mr. Forte and Mr. Lee.

ADJOURNMENT

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

MOTION carried.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Elizabeth Troffa
District Clerk