

**REGULAR MEETING
HUNTINGTON UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION
DECEMBER 10, 2007**

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of the Huntington Union Free School District was held on Monday, December 10, 2007, at Huntington Intermediate School, Lowndes Avenue, Huntington Station, New York 11746. Mr. McGrath called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m.

ROLL CALL

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A MOTION was made by Mrs. Collyer and seconded by Mrs. Rogan to approve the Minutes of the Board of Education Meeting of November 19, 2007, and Amendment to the Minutes of October 29, 2007.

MOTION carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT

A MOTION was made by Mrs. Collyer and seconded by Mrs. Rogan to accept the following Treasurer's Report:

As of October 31, 2007

a. General Fund	\$21,201,763.72
b. Capital Fund	\$1,205,445.14
c. Special Aid Fund	\$372,576.19
d. School Lunch Fund	\$204,927.92
e. Trust & Agency Fund	\$961,724.64
f. Payroll Fund	0

MOTION carried.

The following reports were distributed “For Information Only”:

- Revenue Status Report as of October 31, 2007;
- Expenditure Reports as of November 30, 2007:
 - a) General Fund
 - b) School Lunch
 - c) Special Aid

APPROVAL OF WARRANTS

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

November 2007

	Amount
General Fund Warrant #9	\$5,580,274.72
General Fund Warrant #10	\$2,054,830.33
School Lunch Warrant #9	\$63,437.58
School Lunch Warrant #10	\$68,891.51
Special Aid Warrant #9	\$113,874.82
Special Aid Warrant #10	\$222,289.23
Workers Comp Warrant #5	\$42,063.10
Bond Issue Warrant #13	\$19,835.13
New Renovations Warrant #41	\$93.37
T & A Warrant #5	\$5,594,493.59

MOTION Carried.

Move Items Up in Agenda

A MOTION was made by Mrs. Black and seconded by Mrs. Rogan to move the Tenure Recommendations to this portion of the agenda.

MOTION carried.

TENURE RECOMMENDATION

A MOTION was made by Mrs. Rogan and seconded by Mrs. Black to approve tenure recommendations for two individuals.

Donna Moro, Science, effective January 3, 2008

Kathryn Dresch, Elementary, effective January 6, 2008

MOTION carried.

COMMUNICATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Since the last Board Meeting, Mr. Paci had spoken with parents regarding accelerated math. There was extensive discussion regarding the grading system used in the school district.

Mrs. Collyer read a letter of resignation as a Board Member and submitted this letter to the District Clerk, effective immediately.

PUBLIC COMMENTARY

A parent and PTA member commented on the use of our facilities by outside organizations. Mr. Grackin responded that it is a matter of policy. Regarding the football camp, this camp is run by our coaches and for our children.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

Facilities Presentation

Mr. Paci prepared a presentation on Facilities focusing on an *Immediate and Long Term Capacity Solution (Grades K-12)*. Extensive discussion followed.

Mr. Finello thanked Mr. Paci for his presentation and reviewed the two options that the Board is considering. Mr. O'Brien discussed the different configurations. Extensive discussion included looking into buying a house, renting space for Central Administration, portable classrooms, etc.

Roger Smith, Architect for Burton, Behrendt, Smith, discussed used portable modules that are available currently from Sagem School District. He explained the cost of moving them here. Discussion followed. Mr. Grackin answered questions regarding building aid.

CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION

A MOTION was made by Mrs. Rogan and seconded by Mr. Paci to authorize 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. | 24415 | 15. | 27250 | 29. | 25117 |
| 2. | 23902 | 16. | 24376 | 30. | 21554 |
| 3. | 27223 | 17. | 27240 | 31. | 23057 |
| 4. | 24259 | 18. | 24973 | 32. | 22301 |
| 5. | 24164 | 19. | 21793 | 33. | 24572 |
| 6. | 24950 | 20. | 24422 | 34. | 22199 |
| 7. | 24265 | 21. | 23864 | 35. | 21329 |
| 8. | 24787 | 22. | 22747 | 36. | 23891 |
| 9. | 22903 | 23. | 22089 | 37. | 27249 |
| 10. | 24050 | 24. | 21423 | 38. | 20893 |
| 11. | 27178 | 25. | 22863 | 39. | 22395 |
| 12. | 23771 | 26. | 24009 | 40. | 23915 |
| 13. | 22874 | 27. | 23720 | | |
| 14. | 24452 | 28. | 21110 | | |

CPSE

1.	25095	7.	27265	13.	27269
2.	25121	8.	25105	14.	27270
3.	27268	9.	27266	15.	27272
4.	24839	10.	24995	16.	25012
5.	27264	11.	25059		
6.	25146	12.	27271		

PERSONNEL ITEMS

INSTRUCTIONAL PERSONNEL

On the recommendation of the Superintendent, a MOTION was made by Mrs. Rogan and seconded by Mrs. Black to approve the following changes in instructional personnel:

1. TENURE RECOMMENDATIONS

Donna Moro, Science, effective January 3, 2008

Kathryn Dresch, Elementary, effective January 6, 2008

2. REQUESTS FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Annemarie Faulkner, Reading teacher, Southdown, effective January 28, 2008 through June 30, 2008 – child care

Megan Scannevin, Special Education teacher, Flower Hill, effective January 2, 2008 through June 30, 2008 – child care

3. LONG-TERM SUBSTITUTE APPOINTMENTS

Carolyn Naldi, Elementary teacher, Huntington Intermediate, effective December 1, 2007 through June 30, 2008, Sch. II, Step 1, \$46,835 – for R. Cirillo – child care

Margaret Dukoff, Reading teacher, Southdown, effective December 28, 2008 through June 30, 2008, Sch. IV, Step 1, \$51,780 – for A. Faulkner – child care

Jessica Kennaugh, Special Education teacher, Flower Hill, effective December 11, 2007 through June 30, 2008, Sch. IV, Step 1, \$51,780 – for M. Scannevin – child care

4. PART-TIME TEACHER APPOINTMENT

Esmeralda Tello, .6 Social Studies, .2 ESL, High School, effective November 26, 2007 through June 30, 2008, Sch. II, Step 2, \$38,696 – replacing E. Stein

5. TEACHERS RETURNING FROM LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Jacqueline Waltel-Plesent, Art teacher, Flower Hill/Southdown, effective January 28, 2008.

Kristen Thatcher, Elementary teacher, Washington, effective January 2, 2008

6. APPOINTMENT OF PIANO ACCOMPANISTS

\$21 per hour: Nicole Lynch
 Darlene Graham

7. APPOINTMENT OF EVENING HIGH SCHOOL ADMINISTRATOR

Edward Florea, 2007-08 school year, \$55.84 per hour, up to 18.5 hours per week maximum – previously appointed for 16 hours per week.

8. APPROVAL OF AFTER-SCHOOL EDUCATORS

Test preparation for AIS students, Huntington Intermediate and Woodhull, 2 hours per week, \$45.77 per hour, funded by grant:

Angela Berner	<u>Substitutes:</u>
Nancy Allard	Lisa Grammatico
Stephen Fitts	Ana Constantine
Carol Soskil	Sherri Meagher
Kathleen Thompson	Brenda McManus
Stephanie Madoff	
Heather Barfuss	
Danielle McCoy	

Huntington Intermediate, ELA, Math and Science Test Preparation, approximately 2 hours per week, \$45.77 per hour, funded by grant:

Irene Sofos, substitute

9. POST SEASON PAY FOR COACHES

<u>Coach/Sport</u>	<u>Total Days</u>	<u>Per Diem</u>	<u>Post Pay</u>
John Walsh/Girls Soccer	5	\$124.06	\$620.30
Karen Fischer/Girls Soccer	5	\$ 96.52	\$482.60
Debra Cheskes/Girls X-Country	8	\$124.06	\$992.48
Damianos Contopoulos/ Boys Volleyball	2	\$124.06	\$248.12
John Pagano/Boys Soccer	7	\$124.06	\$868.42
Jason Suarez/Boys Soccer	7	\$ 96.52	\$675.64
Lynn Perzeszty/Girls Swimming	18	\$124.06	\$2233.08

Margaret McConnell/ Girls Swimming	18	\$ 96.52	\$1737.36
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10. APPROVAL OF NEW INSTRUCTIONAL SUBSTITUTES

\$90 per diem: Esmeralda Tello

11. APPROVAL OF MENTORING GRANT STIPEND

Joann Kavanagh,, \$8,000 per year, funded by mentoring grant

12. COACHING RECOMMENDATION

<u>Coach</u>	<u>Sport</u>	<u>Step</u>	<u>Salary</u>
Jason Caruso	Fencing Var Asst.	1	\$3319

MOTION carried.

NON-INSTRUCTIONAL PERSONNEL

On the recommendation of the Superintendent, a MOTION was made by Mrs. Rogan and seconded by Mr. Paci to approve the following changes in instructional personnel:

1. APPOINTMENTS

<u>Unit</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Salary</u>	<u>Eff.Date</u>	<u>Replacing</u>
Aide	Rosana Caramanica	Teacher Aide	\$11.92/Hr	12/17/07	New for Bi-Lingual Program

2. RESIGNATION

Tammy Birt, Aide, Flower Hill, effective December 7, 2007

3. TERMINATION

Harold Scott, Food Service Driver, effective November 30, 2007

4. CHANGE IN ASSIGNMENT

Lori Bennett, Senior Clerk Typist, Finley Middle School, from 10 month to 12 month, effective January 2, 2008 replacing Barbara Hansen, retiring on December 21, 2007

Angela Amorison, Food Service Worker at Jefferson, new hours, from 6 ½ hours to 6 ¾ hours, effective December 11, 2007

5. APPROVAL OF NON-INSTRUCTIONAL SUBSTITUTES

Carolyn DeJesu	Aide, Clerical
Cheryl Martin	Aide
Claudio Delgado	Custodian

MOTION carried.

BUSINESS

Approval of Contracts

Stony Brook Teacher Center

A MOTION was made by Mrs. Black and seconded by Mr. Paci to approve the contract for the 2007-2008 school year.

(See Attached)

MOTION carried.

Lynn Stock

A MOTION was made by Mrs. Black and seconded by Mr. Paci to approve the contract for the 2007-2008 school year.

(See Attached)

MOTION carried.

New York Physical Therapy

A MOTION was made by Mrs. Black and seconded by Mr. Paci to approve the contract for the 2007-2008 school year.

(See Attached)

MOTION carried.

National Traffic Safety Institute (NTSI)

A MOTION was made by Mrs. Black and seconded by Mr. Paci to approve the contract for the 2007-2008 school year.

(See Attached)

MOTION carried.

Approval of Overnight Field Trips

New Orleans Area Habitat for Humanity

A MOTION was made by Mrs. Black and seconded by Mr. Paci to approve this field trip.

(See Attached)

MOTION carried.

Highstepper Trip to New York City

A MOTION was made by Mrs. Black and seconded by Mr. Paci to approve this field trip.

(See Attached)

MOTION carried.

Acceptance of Donations

Mr. Joseph Giani

A MOTION was made by Mrs. Black and seconded by Mr. Paci to accept a donation of a Bach Selmer trumpet, model #TR300 with case and mouthpiece worth \$300 for use in the District's music program.

MOTION carried.

Mr. & Mrs. Neugebauer

A MOTION was made by Mrs. Black and seconded by Mr. Paci to accept a donation of cabinets and a dishwasher for use in Mrs. Anson's Life Skills class at Huntington High School.

MOTION carried.

Washington Primary School PTA

A MOTION was made by Mrs. Black and seconded by Mr. Paci to accept a donation of \$5,218 to purchase a Smart Board.

MOTION carried.

Approval of Facilities Use Requests

Northport Youth Football Club

A MOTION was made by Mrs. Black and seconded by Mr. Paci to approve this organization as a user of our facilities.

(See Attached)

MOTION carried.

Northport Cow Harbor United Soccer Club

A MOTION was made by Mrs. Black and seconded by Mr. Paci to approve this organization as a user of our facilities.

(See Attached)

MOTION carried.

AMEND THE MOTION

A MOTION was made by Mrs. Rogan and seconded by Mrs. Black to amend the Motion to Approve the Northport Cow Harbor United Soccer Club as a user of our facilities.

MOTION carried.

Discussion followed. A MOTION was made by Mrs. Rogan and seconded by Mrs. Black to approve this organization as a user of our facilities.

AYES: Mr. McGrath

NOES: Mrs. Black
Mr. Paci
Mrs. Rogan

MOTION not carried.

Disposal of Equipment

A MOTION was made by Mrs. Black and seconded by Mrs. Rogan to dispose of 18 aluminum cross bars that are no longer used for track and field events.

MOTION carried.

Budget Transfers

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

(See Attached)

MOTION carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTARY

At the portion of the meeting set aside for questions and comments from the public, there were numerous comments from PTA, parents and residents regarding the facilities presentations, the use of portable classrooms, the resignation of Mrs. Collyer, and polarization within the district.

There were pleas from the public for the Board members to come together and formulate a plan. Sixteen people spoke. The Board answered questions and responded to the comments made.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A MOTION was made by Mr. Paci and seconded by Mrs. Black to go into Executive Session to discuss personnel matters.

MOTION carried.

At 9:50 p.m. the Board of Education went into Executive Session.

At 10:50 p.m. Mr. McGrath reconvened the meeting.

CLOSING REMARKS BY BOARD MEMBERS

There were no closing remarks.

ADJOURNMENT

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

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

MOTION carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Elizabeth Troffa
District Clerk