

**REGULAR MEETING  
HUNTINGTON UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT  
BOARD OF EDUCATION  
MARCH 3, 2008**

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of the Huntington Union Free School District was held on Monday, March 3, 2008, 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: McGrath, Lee, Paci, and Rogan; Mr. Gregory Guercio; Superintendent Finello; Messrs. Giani, Grackin, O'Brien, and Mrs. Troffa. Mrs. Black was absent.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

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

MOTION carried.

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

At 7:40 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. Mr. McGrath also asked that all cell phones be turned off.

**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 Mr. Lee and seconded by Mrs. Rogan to approve the Minutes of the Board of Education Meeting of February 11, 2008.

MOTION carried.

**COMMUNICATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Mr. McGrath reported that he and Mr. Finello met with Steve Israel to discuss the No Child Left Behind Act (NCLB) and how it impacts our district. He reported on discussions that have taken place and suggestions that were made.

Mr. Finello reported that Senator Marcellino is expected to meet with Western Suffolk BOCES Board Presidents and Superintendents at a Legislative Breakfast on Friday, March 7, 2008 to discuss state aid.

Mr. Lee announced that the Girls' High School Basketball team are Class A Champions, their first County Championship, and will go on to play Floral Park.

Mr. McGrath discussed a NYSSBA Retreat that the Board of Education attended and that the Board was implementing some suggestions that had come out of the retreat. These changes are the placement of the tables and a change in the format of *Public Commentary* at Board meetings.

Mrs. Rogan discussed a Science Trilogy Night at Huntington High School that she attended and Mardi Gras Pasta Night at Huntington Intermediate School.

### **ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION**

#### **2008-2009 Budget**

Mr. Grackin presented a detailed review of function areas: Central Administration and General Support, Debt Service, and Interfund Transfers. Extensive discussion followed.

#### **Approval of Schools Requiring Academic Progress**

A MOTION was made by Mr. Lee and seconded by Mrs. Rogan to approve the plans presented by Mr. O'Brien at the Board meeting of February 11, 2008.

MOTION carried.

#### **Biennial Review of the District Plan/Shared Decision Making**

Mr. O'Brien indicated there are no changes and the original plan is still in effect. Re-Certification is required. A MOTION was made by Mrs. Rogan and seconded by Mr. Lee to approve re-certification of this plan.

MOTION carried.

### **CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION**

A MOTION was made by Mr. Lee and seconded by Mrs. Rogan 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. 24766  | 12. 25009 |
| 2. 22957  | 13. 22395 |
| 3. 21510  | 14. 27298 |
| 4. 24816  | 15. 27313 |
| 5. 23145  | 16. 21554 |
| 6. 23056  | 17. 25081 |
| 7. 24661  | 18. 22606 |
| 8. 21520  | 19. 23775 |
| 9. 24529  | 20. 21838 |
| 10. 24848 | 21. 27296 |
| 11. 24387 |           |

**CPSE**

- 1. 25167
- 2. 27321
- 3. 27331
- 4. 27322

**CSE Annual Reviews**

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| 1. 24727 | 9. 27279  |
| 2. 24746 | 10. 27177 |
| 3. 24894 | 11. 25109 |
| 4. 24853 | 12. 24785 |
| 5. 24513 | 13. 25080 |
| 6. 24614 | 14. 22478 |
| 7. 24726 | 15. 24864 |
| 8. 24766 | 16. 24505 |

MOTION carried.

**INSTRUCTIONAL PERSONNEL**

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

**1. REQUESTS FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

Stacey Byrnes, Science teacher, effective 2008-09 school year

Amy Goldberg, English teacher, effective 2008-09 school year

**2. LONG-TERM SUBSTITUTE APPOINTMENT**

Danielle Reminick, Elementary teacher, Sch. IV, Step 1, \$51,780, effective March 3, 2008 through June 30, 2008 – for D. Telesco – child care

**3. TEACHER RESIGNATION**

Victoria Maisano, Guidance Counselor, High School, effective June 30, 2008

**4. APPROVAL OF AFTER-SCHOOL EDUCATORS**

Flower Hill, Math Test Preparation, approximately 2 hours per week, \$45.77 per hour, funded by grant:

Veronica Quinlan, substitute

Flower Hill, ELA & Math Test Preparation, approximately 3 hours per week, \$45.77 per hour, funded by grant:

DonnaMarie O’Shaughnessy, substitute

**5. ADDITIONAL WORK**

Giovanni Mendez, complete evaluation report, approximately 4 hours at \$45.77 per hour, week of February 18, 2008

Victor Matarasso, complete social history, approximately 2 hours at \$45.77 per hour, week of February 18, 2008

Trilogy Night, approximately 2.5 hours each, at \$45.77 per hour:

Carl Maltempi	Lori Pyzocha	Alan Kupferman
Thomas Masone	Edward Florea	Joseph Cohen

**6. COACHING RECOMMENDATIONS**

<u>Coach</u>	<u>Sport</u>	<u>Step</u>	<u>Salary</u>
<b>Delete:</b>			
Jillian Talleur	JH Girls Lacrosse Asst.	3	\$3912
Jonathan Schwartz	Var Baseball Asst.	3	\$4534
<b>Add:</b>			
Michelle Reilly	JH Girls Lacrosse Asst.	1	\$3319
Krista Kozlosky	JH Girls Track Asst.	3	\$3668
Nyasha Bowen	JH Boys Track Asst.	1	\$3110
Jillian Talleur	JV Girls Lacrosse Asst.	3	\$4528
Jonathan Searles	Var Baseball Asst.	1	\$3603
Brian Reynolds	JH Girls Spring Track	4	\$4194
Linnea Michaels	Var Asst. Girls Spring Track	1	\$3780

**7. APPROVAL OF NEW INSTRUCTIONAL SUBSTITUTES**

\$90 per diem:

Tracey Adler	Valerie Byrne	Leigh Johnson
Kimberly Belkin	Nana Formichella	Valerie Taylor
Susan Bernard-Handler	Flavia Gorini	Caitlin Thompson

MOTION carried.

**NON-INSTRUCTIONAL PERSONNEL**

On the recommendation of the Superintendent, a MOTION was made by Mr. Lee and seconded by Mrs. Rogan to approve the following changes in Non-Instructional Personnel:

**1. PROVISIONAL APPOINTMENT**

<u>Unit</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Salary</u>	<u>Eff.Date</u>	<u>Replacing</u>
Clerical	Mardella Edwards	Account Clerk Typist	\$26,500.	2/15/08	Elizabeth Voight

**2. RESIGNATIONS**

Clerical, Michele Kentros, Payroll, effective February 14, 2008  
 Aide, Sevda Cabas, High School, effective February 26, 2008  
 Aide, Mirella Oritz, High School, effective February 25, 2008

**3. TERMINATION**

Aide, Lucretia Chiusano, Huntington High School, effective March 4, 2008

**4. RETURN FROM LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

Aide, Stephanie Moore, High School, effective April 2, 2008

**5. APPROVAL OF NON-INSTRUCTIONAL SUBSTITUTES**

Kathryn Adamcewicz	Nurse
Anne Bershatsky	Aide
Mark Zimmer	Security

MOTION carried.

**BUSINESS ITEMS**

**Approval of Contracts**

Sheetal Malhotra

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

(See Attached)

MOTION carried.

Out East Occupational Therapy

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

(See Attached)

MOTION carried.

**Approval of Change Order**

Burton Behrendt Smith

A MOTION was made by Mrs. Rogan and seconded by Mr. Paci to approve the Change Order deduction in the amount of \$908.10.

(See Attached)

MOTION carried.

**Approval of Bid Awards**

Printed Forms and Publications

A MOTION was made by Mrs. Rogan and seconded by Mr. Paci to approve the bid awards attached.

(See Attached)

MOTION carried.

Graphing Calculators

A MOTION was made by Mrs. Rogan and seconded by Mr. Paci to approve the bid award to EAI Education.

(See Attached)

MOTION carried.

**Donations**

Linda Shoemaker

A MOTION was made by Mrs. Rogan and seconded by Mr. Paci to approve the donation listed below:

- Pentax SF10 35 mm camera and telephoto lens valued at \$150 donated by Linda Shoemaker, former band director. This donation is for use in the Photography Program.

MOTION carried.

Lorri Kessler-Toth

A MOTION was made by Mrs. Rogan and seconded by Mr. Paci to approve the donation listed below:

- Twelve bags of high quality apparel fabric to be used by our fashion students.

MOTION carried.

Senator Carl Marcellino

A MOTION was made by Mrs. Rogan and seconded by Mr. Paci to approve a donation of \$60,000 to be used in support of our Elementary Summer Remedial Reading Program 2007.

(See Attached)

MOTION carried.

**Approval of Mileage Reimbursement**

A MOTION was made by Mrs. Rogan and seconded by Mr. Paci to approve mileage reimbursement for the following employees:

Peri Alfano	Danielle Nolan
Kimberly Betz	Christyn Roseto
Catherine Fede	Jennifer Stucchio
Debra Foster	Patricia Sweeney
Alissa German	Joanne Taormina
Susanne Giuliani	Renee Troffa
Sarah Metcalf	Mary Velez

MOTION carried.

**Memorandum of Agreement**

Associated Teachers of Huntington (ATH)

A MOTION was made by Mrs. Rogan and seconded by Mr. Paci to approve the Memorandum of Agreement that was ratified by the Associated Teachers of Huntington (ATH) for the contract period July 1, 2008 to June 30, 2009.

(See Attached)

MOTION carried.

**Budget Transfers**

A MOTION was made by Mrs. Rogan and seconded by Mr. Paci 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 questions raised regarding the budget, fund raising to offset the tax burden, Huntington High School lockers, and recycling.

**ADJOURNMENT**

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

At 8:50 p.m. the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Elizabeth Troffa  
District Clerk