

**REGULAR MEETING
HUNTINGTON UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION
MARCH 31, 2008**

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of the Huntington Union Free School District was held on Monday, March 31, 2008, at Huntington Intermediate School, Lowndes Avenue, Huntington Station, New York 11746. Mr. McGrath called the meeting to order at 6:45 p.m.

ROLL CALL

There were present Board of Education Members: McGrath, Lee, Black, Paci, and Rogan; Mr. Guercio, Superintendent Finello, Messrs. Giani, Grackin, O'Brien, and Mrs. Troffa. Mr. Lee did not stay for the entire meeting.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

MOTION carried.

At 6:45 p.m. the Board of Education went into Executive Session.

At 7:50 p.m. Mr. McGrath reconvened the meeting.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

EMERGENCY EVACUATION PROCEDURE

Mr. McGrath discussed the exits to be used in the event of any emergency. He also asked that all cell phones be turned off.

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.

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 March 10, 2008. Mr. Paci wanted to clarify that there was discussion, initiated by Mr. Paci, at the Board Meeting of March 10, 2008 regarding the Greenkill Trip, but the vote to approve the trip was a unanimous approval of 5 – 0.

MOTION carried.

APPROVAL OF WARRANTS

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

February 2008

	Amount
General Fund Warrant #15	\$8,888,032.59
General Fund Warrant #16	\$2,957,629.01
School Lunch Warrant #15	\$90,134.14
School Lunch Warrant #16	\$78,527.51
Special Aid Warrant #15	\$191,150.39
Special Aid Warrant #16	\$119,321.69
Workers Comp Warrant #8	\$30,060.89
New Renovations Warrant #44	\$78,281.64
Bond Issue Warrant #15	\$116,498.25
Excel Expenses Warrant #1	\$43,307.13
T & A Warrant #*	\$8,187,226.03

MOTION carried.

COMMUNICATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. McGrath announced the following students to be acknowledged and honored for their outstanding accomplishments:

Sean Sullivan, a 9th grade swimmer – Coach Gil Smith introduced this student and informed those present of his many accomplishments. This student was all-league, all-county, all-state and NYS scholar athlete.

Huntington High School Art Program - Joan Fretz, Director of Performing Arts, informed the Board that eight of our students (in a competition of over 400 entries) were selected to participate in an exhibit in the Heckscher Museum’s “Long Island’s Best Young Artists” Competition. Five of our students won a total of six awards. This is a great accomplishment for our students.

Girls Varsity Basketball – Coach Brad Reminick announced the team had won the Suffolk County Class A Championship. Two athletes also made All-State. He thanked the athletes, parents, Board and community for their support.

Blue Devils Wrestling Team – Coach Travis Smith announced the team was undefeated this season. They were league champs, had ten all-league wrestlers, had five all-county wrestlers and had three all-state wrestlers. He introduced the wrestlers and thanked them for a great season.

PUBLIC COMMENTARY

At the portion of the meeting set aside for questions and comments from the public, commentary was made expressing praise and thanks for Marlon Small, Principal of Flower Hill, and the positive changes he has made in the school. Commentary was also made regarding the Arts in Education Program, how it serves all children K-12 and what a valuable program it is.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION/ACTION

2008-2009 Budget- Special Education, Pupil Personnel Services, Co-Curricular Activities and Inter-Scholastic Athletics

Mr. O’Brien presented a detailed review of these function areas. Dr. Mingin, Executive Director of Student Support Services, answered questions as did Mrs. McCarthy, Director of Health, Physical Education and Athletics.

Mr. Paci had questions regarding the Transportation Request for Proposal (RFP) process. Mr. Grackin responded. Discussion followed.

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	1.	23927	11.	23851	21.	24071
	2.	23082	12.	25102	22.	21501
	3.	24347	13.	22514	23.	24706
	4.	22625	14.	27312	24.	23036
	5.	21931	15.	24564	25.	22104
	6.	23891	16.	27289	26.	27230
	7.	24645	17.	27193	27.	22049
	8.	23864	18.	22089	28.	27324
	9.	23745	19.	21546	29.	21554
	10.	22146	20.	21546	30.	25081
CPSE				31.	27288	
	1.	27347				
	2.	27345				
	3.	27346				

CSE Annual Reviews	1.	24236	19.	24257	37.	22386
	2.	24888	20.	24319	38.	24554
	3.	24937	21.	25173	39.	24762
	4.	25094	22.	22481	40.	23266
	5.	24837	23.	22771	41.	23309
	6.	24943	24.	22914	42.	21817
	7.	23902	25.	23015	43.	22174
	8.	27259	26.	23458	44.	22326
	9.	24808	27.	23761	45.	22134
	10.	24814	28.	24347	46.	21986
	11.	24500	29.	24682	47.	23418
	12.	24516	30.	25075	48.	27218
	13.	25134	31.	25135	49.	20425
	14.	24919	32.	23289	50.	20599
	15.	24912	33.	24813	51.	24387
	16.	24863	34.	22119	52.	27230
	17.	24745	35.	24292		
	18.	24116	36.	21913		

CPSE Annual	1.	27187	9.	24990
Reviews	2.	24943	10.	25033
	3.	27267	11.	24901
	4.	24971	12.	25146
	5.	24976	13.	25071
	6.	24837	14.	25041
	7.	25159	15.	24995
	8.	24827	16.	25090

MOTION carried.

INSTRUCTIONAL PERSONNEL

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

1. TEACHER PROBATIONARY APPOINTMENT

<u>Name</u>	<u>Tenure Area</u>	<u>Prob.Appt. Date</u>	<u>Tenure Cert. Date</u>	<u>Status</u>
Eileen Melloy Foreign Language teacher Finley Sch. VI, Step 5.5 \$66,130	For. Lang.	3/27/08	3/27/11 Perm:	ESL, Spanish, Soc. Stud

Ms. Melloy has been an ESL teacher in Huntington since September 2004. She will now teach .6 Spanish and .4 ESL.

2. TEACHER RETURNING FROM LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Eileen Melloy, ESL teacher, Finley, effective March 27, 2008

3. CHANGE OF TENURE DATE

Eileen Melloy, ESL teacher, from October 20, 2009 to May 20, 2009 – due to unpaid leave of absence

4. REQUESTS FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Allison Curran, ISL teacher, effective approximately May 1, 2008 through approximately May 30, 2008 – child care

Danielle Walsh, Compensatory Math teacher, effective 2008-09 school year – child care

5. ADDITIONAL WORK

AP Review, not to exceed 70 hours, \$45.77 per hour

6. INTRAMURAL RECOMMENDATIONS

<u>Name</u>	<u>Step</u>	<u>Salary</u>	<u>Season</u>	<u>Activity</u>
Delete: Theresa Matthews	1	\$483.96	Spring	Multi-Sport
Add:				

Aide, Marie Rogan, Washington Primary, effective June 28, 2008

Custodian, James Greene, Jr., Finley Middle School, effective July 1, 2008

Retirement increment not to exceed \$750.00

5. TERMINATION

Brianne McCarthy, Aide, Huntington Intermediate, effective March 3, 2008

6. APPROVAL OF NON-INSTRUCTIONAL SUBSTITUTES

Lori Bressler	Clerical
Doris Johnson	Clerical
Olga Velazquez	FSW
Denise Virnelli	Nurse
David Zimmerman	Aide

MOTION carried.

BUSINESS ITEMS

Approval of Contracts

SCOPE

A MOTION was made by Mrs. Black and seconded by Mrs. Rogan to approve the contract with SCOPE for their Before and After School Child Care Program for the 2008-2009 school year.

MOTION carried.

(See Attached)

The Daytop Preparatory School

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

(See Attached)

MOTION carried.

Education, Inc.

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

(See Attached)

MOTION carried.

Discipline Associates

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

(See Attached)

MOTION carried.

Acme Bus Corporation

A MOTION was made by Mrs. Black and seconded by Mrs. Rogan to renew this contract for the summer 2008 period.

(See Attached)

MOTION carried.

Approval of Memorandum of Agreement

Clerical Unlit

A MOTION was made by Mrs. Black and seconded by Mrs. Rogan to approve the attached Memorandum of Agreement with the Clerical Unit regarding contingency days.

(See Attached)

MOTION carried.

Approval of Memorandum of Agreement

Custodial Unlit

A MOTION was made by Mrs. Black and seconded by Mrs. Rogan to approve the attached Memorandum of Agreement with the Custodial Unit regarding contingency days.

(See Attached)

MOTION carried.

Approval of Request for Approval

Omni Group

A MOTION was made by Mrs. Black and seconded by Mrs. Rogan to approve the Omni Group, Inc. as a Third Party Administrator for our 403b Program.

(See Attached)

MOTION carried.

Approval of Capital Reserve Propositions

A MOTION was made by Mrs. Black and seconded by Mrs. Rogan to approve the following Capital Reserve Propositions to be placed on the May ballot.

Proposition 1: Resolved that the Board of Education be authorized to expend from the Building Improvement Fund, established by the voters of the district at the annual district meeting held June 3, 2003, an amount not to exceed \$850,000 for Woodhull Intermediate classroom addition; \$405,000 for reconstruction of exterior wall at Huntington High School; \$25,000 for Security Guard booth at Huntington High School; \$120,000 for completion of Woodhull Intermediate Ceiling Replacement;

\$112,000 for Replacement of Fire Alarm System at Southdown Primary; \$64,000 for Irrigation of Athletic Field at Washington Primary; - \$72,000 for asphalt play area at Huntington Intermediate.

Proposition 2: RESOLVED that pursuant to Section 3651 of the New York Education Law, the Board of Education is authorized to establish a Capital Reserve Fund, known as the “Building Improvement Fund,” for the purpose of district wide renovation and reconstruction projects. Such Building Improvement Fund shall be capitalized in the ultimate amount not to exceed \$10,000,000 (ten million dollars), plus interest. The probable term of the Reserve Fund shall be eight years, effective July 1, 2008. The source of funding of said Building Improvement Fund shall be the annual transfer of surplus monies, if any, from the District’s General Fund, not to exceed \$2,000,000 in any given year, as may be available at the end of each fiscal year from June 30, 2008 through and including June 30, 2016.

MOTION carried.

Approval of Bid Award

Underground Storage Tanks at Washington and Southdown Primary Schools

A MOTION was made by Mrs. Black and seconded by Mrs. Rogan to approve the bid award to Ferrandino and Sons in the amount of \$322,000.

(See Attached)

MOTION carried.

Acceptance of Donations

A MOTION was made by Mrs. Black and seconded by Mrs. Rogan to accept the following donations:

1. DVD’s and videos donated by Maryann Sacher, Physical Education Teacher at Woodhull Intermediate School. (See attached list).
2. Photography equipment donated by June VonVange listed below:

Donation	Value
Multiple Vintage Cameras	\$300
2 8mm video cameras	\$200
8mm video projector	\$100
Box camera	\$25
Multiple lenses	\$200

3. Photography equipment donated by Maryann Daly, teacher at Huntington Intermediate School:

Donation	Value
35 mm Minolta camera body	\$75
35 mm Minolta camera w/lens	\$100
Polaroid 600 camera	\$25

4. 1,000 guitar pics donated by Murphy’s Music and Computer Center to Finley Middle School.

MOTION carried.

Approval of Mileage Reimbursement

A MOTION was made by Mrs. Black and seconded by Mrs. Rogan to approve mileage reimbursement for the following employee:

Caroline Rivas - ESL Aide

MOTION carried.

Approval of Stipulation of Settlement

A MOTION was made by Mrs. Black and seconded by Mrs. Rogan to approve a Stipulation of Settlement in the case of Section 75 Charges against the employee named on the attached confidential list as “Employee A” (hereinafter referred to as “Subject Employee”) pursuant to Section 75 of the Civil Service Law. This approval is subject to a signed execution by the Subject Employee and her Union Representative which must be received by April 4, 2008.

(See Attached Confidential Schedule A)

MOTION carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTARY

At the portion of the meeting set aside for public commentary a question was asked about the budget proposition. Discussion followed. Another question was asked regarding the district using the Think Link tests instead of Terra Nova. Mr. O’Brien responded. Another comment was from a parent who had spoken to teachers who expressed their frustration about E-School.

ADJOURNMENT

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

At 9:05 p.m. the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Elizabeth Troffa
District Clerk