

**REGULAR MEETING
HUNTINGTON UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION
April 16, 2007**

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of the Huntington Union Free School District was held on Monday, April 16, 2007, at Woodhull Intermediate School, Woodhull Road, Huntington, NY 11743. Mr. Lee called the meeting to order at 6:15 p.m.

ROLL CALL

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

MOTION carried.

At 6:15 p.m. the Board of Education went into Executive Session.

At 7:45 p.m. Mr. Lee reconvened the meeting.

EMERGENCY EVACUATION PROCEDURE

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

SMOKE FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT

Mr. Lee 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 Mrs. Collyer and seconded by Mrs. Marchi to approve the Minutes of the following meetings of the Board of Education:

March 12, 2007
March 19, 2007
March 26, 2007

MOTION carried.

TREASURER’S REPORT

A MOTION was made by Mrs. Collyer and seconded by Mrs. Marchi to accept the following Treasurer’s Report of February 28,2007:

General Fund	\$37,472,389.94
Capital Fund	2,427,543.06
Special Aid Fund	608,959.28
School Lunch Fund	246,922.17
Trust and Agency Fund	938,528.70
Payroll Fund	0

MOTION carried

EXPENDITURE REPORT

Revenue Status Report through February 28, 2007 was distributed for “Information Only” as follows:

- a) General Fund

Expenditure Reports through March 31, 2007 were distributed for “Information Only” as follows:

- a) General Fund
- b) School Lunch Fund
- c) Special Aid Fund

APPROVAL OF WARRANTS

A MOTION was made by Mrs. Collyer and seconded by Mrs. Marchi to accept the following Warrants:

March 2007:

General Fund Warrant #18	\$ 2,575,541.74
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General Fund Warrant #19	\$ 7,981,960.66
School Lunch Warrant #16	\$ 42,346.79
School Lunch Warrant #17	\$ 95,867.05
Special Aid Warrant #17	\$ 40,243.84
Special Aid Warrant #18	\$ 171,920.93
Workers Comp Warrant #9	\$ 36,293.50
Capital Warrant #6 Bond Issue	\$ 377,701.78
Capital Warrant #34 New Renovations	\$ 49,773.69
Capital Warrant #30 2003/2004	\$ 4,053.79
Capital Warrant #24 2004/2005	\$ 16,288.19
Trust and Agency #9	\$ 7,548,470.47

MOTION carried.

COMMUNICATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mrs. Bender announced that the Huntington Public Library annual vote and election would be held on Tuesday, April 17th at the main branch of the library from 10:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENTARY

At that portion of the meeting set aside for questions and comments from the public James Graber, a high school teacher, thanked the Board of Education on behalf of the high school teachers for taking into consideration the high school teachers' concerns regarding additional technology for the high school.

ITEMS OF FOR DISCUSSION AND ACTION

2007-2008 Budget Presentation – Staffing, Employee Benefits, Transportation

Mr. Grackin presented the employee benefits budget for 2007-2008 with no large increases.

Mr. Lee read the comments of the Internal Auditor's report and discussion ensued amongst the Board. Mr. Lee pointed out that according to the auditor the district had excellent internal controls and the auditor will use Huntington as a model for other districts.

Mrs. Collyer said she was very proud of the Board and administration with regard to checks and balances.

Mr. McGrath reported that when the Audit Committee met with the auditor, the auditor was very pleased with the district. Mr. McGrath thanked all involved.

Mr. Giani presented the staffing portion of the budget for 2007-2008 which includes an overall projected decrease of 2.5 positions as follows:

- 1.0 increase in central office and general administration
- 1.0 decrease in elementary classroom teachers
- No change in elementary special education
- .9 overall reduction in other elementary staffing
- .8 increase in middle school staffing
- .1 increase in high school staffing
- 2.5 reduction in overall non-instructional staffing

Mr. O'Brien explained the need for an Assistant to the Superintendent for Literacy K-12 position that is being recommended.

Mr. Giani presented the Transportation portion of the 2007-2008 budget.

Facilities Study

Roger Smith of Burton Behrendt Smith reported that the spatial needs analysis for all of the district's buildings including consideration of the old Touro Law Building and taking into account the Western Suffolk BOCES demographic study would be ready in late spring or early summer.

A MOTION was made by Mrs. Marchi and seconded by Mrs. Collyer to adopt the attached proposal of the districtwide spatial needs analysis by Burton Behrendt Smith.

(See attached)

MOTION carried.

CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION

A MOTON was made by Mrs. Marchi and seconded by Mrs. Collyer to authorize the district 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. 24853	2. 24477	3. 25060	4. 25109	5. 23847
6. 23263	7. 24654	8. 25108	9. 21712	10.21381
11.22104	12.24469	13.24939	14.24758	15.24805
16.22724	17.23079	18.24530	19.20893	20.25154
21.23460	22.25075	23.21417	24.25091	25.25076
26.21323	27.24421	28.24440	29.24832	

CPSE:

1. 24787

CSE Annual Reviews:

1. 24634	2. 24635	3. 24950	4. 24307	5. 24418
6. 24445	7. 23574	8. 23763	9. 23991	10.24038
11.23537	12.23556	13.24979	14.24622	15.24500
16.24704	17.24116	18.23446	19.23663	20.23732
21.24960	22.24590	23.24647	24.25109	25.24863
26.24255	27.22362	28.23870	29.24629	30.24701
31.22354	32.24716			

CPSE Annual Reviews:

1. 24794	2. 24971	3. 24898	4. 24926	5. 24850
6. 25011	7. 24839	8. 24570	9. 25014	10.29797

MOTION carried.

INSTRUCTIONAL PERSONNEL

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

Requests for Leave of Absence

Victoria Creighton, Elementary teacher, effective 2007-2008 school year – child care

Jennie Higgins, Elementary teacher, effective September 1, 2007 through November 2, 2007 – child care

Amy Ingber, Special Education teacher, effective April 12, 2007 through April 24, 2007 – child care

Teacher Returning from Leave of Absence

Jennifer Stuchio, Special Education teacher, effective September 1, 2007

Change of Tenure Date

Jessica Boyle, Technology Coordinator, from October 12, 2007 to December 13, 2007 – Mrs. Boyle is on unpaid child care leave

Suzanne Gimpel, Special Education teacher, Flower Hill, from November 22, 2007 to December 14, 2007 – Mrs. Gimpel was on unpaid child care leave

Change of Leave of Absence Date

Danielle Walsh, Elementary teacher, from 2007-2008 school year to September 1, 2007 to January 30, 2008 – child care

Mrs. Walsh was previously approved for a leave of absence for 2007-2008

Approval of Voluntary Substitute Teachers

Effective January 30, 2007, \$30 per period:

Finley:

David Warren
Frank Battista

Jefferson: Patricia Sweeney

Huntington Int: Cristina Anderson
Carol Ann Kinane

Additional Work

Open House for Redistricted Students, 1.5 hours at \$44.12 per hour:

Vilma Matos
Lynn Winters

AP and Regents Review, \$44.12 per hour, not to exceed 150 hours

Coaching Recommendations

<u>Coach</u>	<u>Team</u>	<u>Step</u>	<u>Salary</u>
Christopher Petrucci	JH Baseball	1	\$3186
Louis R. Giani	JH Assist Wrestling	3	\$3770
Timothy Madden prorated	JV Softball	1	\$2466

Post Season Pay for Coaches

<u>Name/Team</u>	<u>Team</u>	<u>Total Days</u>	<u>Per Diem</u>	<u>Post Pay</u>
Bradley Reminick	Girls Basketball	14	\$119.58	\$1674.12
Kim Betz	Girls Basketball	14	\$ 93.03	\$1302.42
Rebecca Robey	Cheering	8	\$119.58	\$ 956.64
Louis Giani	Wrestling	19	\$119.58	\$2272.02
Travis Smith	Wrestling	17	\$ 93.03	\$1581.51
Gil Smith	Boys Swimming	27	\$119.58	\$3228.66
Dennis Walker	Boys Winter Track`	4	\$119.58	\$ 478.32

Debra Cheskes	Girls Winter Track	22	\$119.58	\$2630.76
Travis Tate	Girls Winter Track	22	\$ 93.03	\$2046.66

Approval of New Substitute Teacher(s)

(See green sheet)

MOTION carried.

NON-INSTRUCTIONAL PERSONNEL

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

Appointments

<u>Unit</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Salary</u>	<u>Eff.Date</u>	<u>Replacing</u>
Clerical	Suzanne Smythe	10 Month Clerk Typist High School	\$20, 357.00	3/29/2007	Janet O’Neil
Food Service	Desiree Colato	5 Hour/Day Southdown	\$10.10/hr	4/17/2007	FilomenaMazzei

Return From Leave of Absence

Suzanne Millner, Teacher Assistant, Finley, effective March 20, 2007

Retirements

Nurse, Patricia H. Forde, High School, effective July 1, 2007

Nurse, Marlene McKenna, Flower Hill, effective July 1, 2007

Aide, Nancy Adams, Huntington Intermediate, effective July 1, 2007

Section 75 Proceeding

WHEREAS, the employee listed in the attached confidential schedule is currently the Respondent in a hearing pursuant to Section 75 of the New York State Civil Service Law; and

WHEREAS, said employee has been suspended without pay through April 4, 2007; and

WHEREAS, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education wishes to continue said employee's suspension pending the outcome of the hearing;

RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby continues said employee's suspension, with pay, pending the outcome of the aforementioned Section 75 Proceeding. The suspension shall commence on Thursday, April 5, 2007.

Approval of Non-Instructional Substitute Lists

CLERICAL
CUSTODIAL
FOOD SERVICE
NURSE
SCHOOL TEACHER AIDE
SECURITY
(green sheets)

MOTION carried.

BUSINESS

Approval of Contracts

The Child Center for Developmental Services, Inc.

A MOTION was made by Mrs. Marchi and seconded by Mrs. Collyer to approve the contract with The Child Center for Developmental Services, Inc., effective July 1, 2006 through June 30, 2007, for Neuro Developmental pediatric evaluations at the rate of \$500 per hour.

(See attached)

MOTION carried.

Islip Tutoring Service

A MOTION was made by Mrs. Marchi and seconded by Mrs. Collyer to approve the contract with Islip Tutoring Service, effective July 1, 2007 through June 30, 2008 as per attached.

(See attached)

MOTION carried.

Lakretz Creative Support Services, Inc.

A MOTION was made by Mrs. Marchi and seconded by Mrs. Collyer to approve the contract with Lakretz Creative Support Services, Inc., effective April 1, 2007 through August 31, 2007 for person-centered transition plans and workshops as per attached.

(See attached)

MOTION carried.

North Shore Speech-Language Associates

A MOTION was made by Mrs. Marchi and seconded by Mrs. Collyer to approve the contract with North Shore Speech-Language Associates, effective April 1, 2007 through August 31, 2007 for speech-language therapy services and evaluations as per attached.

(See attached)

MOTION carried.

Approval of Multicoupler and Radio Receiver at Finley Middle School for the Huntington Community First Aid Squad

A MOTION was made by Mrs. Marchi and seconded by Mrs. Collyer to approve the installation of a passive UHF radio receiver on the roof of Finley Middle School as requested by Huntington Community First Aid Squad.

(See attached)

MOTION carried.

Approval of Health Services Rate

A MOTION was made by Mrs. Marchi and seconded by Mrs. Collyer to approve the attached health services rate of \$531.14 per student for students attending St. Patrick’s School as per attached chart.

(See attached)

MOTION carried.

Approval of Memoranda of Agreement

Clerical Unit

A MOTION was made by Mrs. Marchi and seconded by Mrs. Collyer to approve the attached memorandum of agreement with the Clerical Unit regarding contingency days.

(See attached)

MOTION carried.

Custodial Unit

A MOTION was made by Mrs. Marchi and seconded by Mrs. Collyer to approve the attached memorandum of agreement with the Custodial Unit regarding contingency days.

(See attached)

MOTION carried.

Acceptance of Donations

Huntington Foundation for Excellence in Education

A MOTION was made by Mrs. Marchi and seconded by Mrs. Collyer to approve the following grants from the Huntington Foundation for Excellence in Education.

Grant	Staff	School	Amount	Code
Publishing Center	Georganne White	Washington	\$959.00	A2111-450-06-0540
Dress Forms	Amy Worth	Huntington High	\$960.00	A2111-450-20-0540
Bridges for Children with Autism	Leonard Mendola	Woodhull Intermediate	\$750.00	A2111-450-01-0540

Art Gallery	Kristin Haacke	Huntington High	\$583.86	A2111-451-20-0540
Environmental Club	Jody Kavanagh	Huntington Intermediate	\$505.00	A2111-450-03-0540
Leveled Text	Allison Daly & Louise Sugrue	Jefferson Primary	\$986.61	A2111-450-04-0540
Grade 3 Science Learning Initiative	Margaret H. Evers	Jefferson Primary	\$900.70	A2111-451-04-0540
TOTAL			\$5,645.17	

MOTION carried.

PTA Council for Arts-In-Education

A MOTION was made by Mrs. Marchi and seconded by Mrs. Collyer to approve the donation of \$9,555 from the PTA Council to support the Arts-In-Education Program for 2006-2007, crediting revenue code A2705 and expenditure code A2110-490-37-0316.

MOTION carried.

Huntington Elks Lodge No. 1565

A MOTION was made by Mrs. Marchi and seconded by Mrs. Collyer to approve the donation of 350 dictionaries for third grade students from the Elks Lodge #1565.

MOTION carried.

Huntington Intermediate Student Leadership Organization

A MOTION was made by Mrs. Marchi and seconded by Mrs. Collyer to approve the donation of \$1,613.76 from the Huntington Intermediate Student Leadership Organization to be used toward the purchase of a new auditorium curtain. This donation will be credited to the revenue code A2705 and expenditure code A1621-402-15-0716.

MOTION carried.

Ancient Order of Hibernians

A MOTION was made by Mrs. Marchi and seconded by Mrs. Colyer to approve the donation of \$1,000 to the Marching Band from the Ancient Order of Hibernians in appreciation of their performance in the St. Patrick's Day Parade.

MOTION carried.

Disposal of Equipment

A MOTION was made by Mrs. Marchi and seconded by Mrs. Collyer to approve the disposal of the following equipment:

Item	Serial No.	Quantity	Condition
Traulsen 4-Door Reach-In Freezer	#000212	1	Beyond repair
Excellence Ice Cream Freezer Chest	#7001739	1	Beyond repair
Kelvinator Ice Cream Freezer Chest	#000583	1	Beyond repair

MOTION carried.

Approval of Mileage Reimbursement

A MOTION was made by Mrs. Marchi and seconded by Mrs. Collyer to approve mileage reimbursement for the following school district employee for use of personal vehicle for school district business:

Lynn Winters – Dean, Huntington Intermediate School

MOTION carried.

Budget Transfers

A MOTION was made by Mrs. Marchi and seconded by Mrs. Collyer to approve the attached budget transfers.

(See attached)

MOTION carried.

CLOSING REMARKS BY BOARD MEMBERS

Mrs. Collyer asked who the candidates are for the Board of Education. Mrs. Bender responded that the candidates are John Paci, III, and Richard McGrath.

ADJOURNMENT

A MOTION was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting

At 9:00 p.m. the meeting was adjourned.

MOTION carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Catherine Bender
District Clerk