

**REGULAR MEETING  
MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION  
HUNTINGTON U.F.S.D.**

**AUGUST 25, 2008**

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of the Huntington Union Free School District was held on Monday, August 25, 2008 at Jack Abrams Intermediate School, Lowndes Avenue, Huntington Station, New York. The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m.

**ROLL CALL**

There were present Board of Education Members: Dwyer, Rogan, Bené, Black, Brown, McGrath, Paci; Mr. Rosmarin, Superintendent Finello, Mr. Grackin, Dr. Giani, Dr. Lacey, and Mrs. Troffa.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

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

MOTION carried.

At 6:00 p.m. the Board of Education went into Executive Session.

At 7:30 p.m. Mr. Dwyer reconvened the meeting.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

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

**EMERGENCY EVACUATION PROCEDURE**

Mr. Dwyer 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. Dwyer 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. Paci and seconded by Mrs. Bené to approve the Minutes of the Board of Education Meeting of August 4, 2008.

MOTION carried.

## **APPROVAL OF TREASURER'S REPORT**

A MOTION was made by Mr. Paci and seconded by Mrs. Rogan to approve the Treasurer's Report as of June 30, 2008.

MOTION carried.

The following reports were presented For Information Only:

- Revenue Status Report as of June 30, 2008
- Expenditure Reports as of July 31, 2008
  - a. General Fund
  - b. School Lunch Fund
  - c. Special Aid Fund

## **APPROVAL OF WARRANTS**

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

July Warrants:

GENERAL FUND WARRANT #1	\$3,436,900.38
GENERAL FUND WARRANT #2	\$1,620,989.66
SCHOOL LUNCH WARRANT #1	\$6,893.62
SCHOOL LUNCH WARRANT #2	\$15,722.39
SPECIAL AID WARRANT #1	\$31,638.02
SPECIAL AID WARRANT #2	\$14,635.00
WORKERS COMP WARRANT #1	\$59,157.36
NEW RENOVATIONS WARRANT#49	\$125,394.50
T & A WARRANT #1	\$2,027,818.80

MOTION carried.

## **COMMUNICATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### Town of Huntington Meeting Request

Mr. Dwyer announced that he and Mrs. Rogan received an invitation from Mr. Petrone, Supervisor of the Town of Huntington, to attend a meeting in regard to the Avalon Project which is a Town project to be located east of Manor Field. Mr. Dwyer opened a discussion regarding bringing other issues to the table. He said he would like the Board's authorization to engage the Town in discussion about these other topics. This would be a start towards working on Board of Education *Goal #1 - Establishing a Dialogue with the Town of Huntington*. Extensive discussion followed. It was decided that Mr. Dwyer and Mrs. Rogan would attend this meeting and gather information to bring back to the full Board.

## **ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION/ACTION**

### **Earn and Learn Program**

An oral presentation was made by Jeffrey Rosmarin, a businessman, regarding the *Earn and Learn Program*. This is a rewards program established to help at-risk students achieve the goal of graduation. Students who are chosen for this program will be compensated for going to school and being accountable. Extensive discussion followed.

A MOTION was made by Mr. Paci and seconded by Mrs. Black to approve implementation of this program in the district.

AYES: Mrs. Bené  
Mrs. Black  
Mr. Dwyer  
Mr. McGrath  
Mr. Paci  
Mrs. Rogan

NOES: Mrs. Brown

ABSTAIN: 0

MOTION carried.

Mrs. Rogan commented that she would like our students to be more involved in what is going on in the world.

## **PUBLIC COMMENTARY**

At the portion of the meeting set aside for public commentary the following comments were made by district residents:

- When the Board members meet with Mr. Petrone there are other things that should be brought to his attention. One of them is the lack of sidewalks in the district. This resident also commented that money is wasted on mailing the district calendar. It is distributed to residents who do not have children in the district and he sees this as an unnecessary expense.
- A parent/resident had questions regarding parent monitoring software and where we presently stand regarding implementing it. He also stated how important the Attendance part of it is for parents. Mr. Dwyer responded and indicated we are working on it and there are some issues that are being resolved. Mrs. Black indicated that it would be helpful to give an update at the next meeting.
- Another parent/resident commented on the poor condition of or lack of sidewalks around Huntington High School. She stated the Town of Huntington does not install sidewalks. She also asked what is going on with E-School. Another comment regarded the poor

condition of the Washington Primary School athletic field. She wanted to know if a field at one of the other schools could be used.

## **ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION/ACTION**

### Parent Requests for School Transfers

Mr. Dwyer discussed the different aspects of the requests from parents to allow their children to attend a school in an attendance zone other than their own. Mr. Dwyer explained that there are two aspects to the matter. The first is a request to attend a school outside of the attendance zone where the family has **not moved**. The second is a request to attend a school in an attendance zone where the family has **moved from**. Extensive discussion followed. Policy was reviewed and discussed.

In regard to the first request: A MOTION was made by Mrs. Black to grant the parent's request to allow his child to attend another school other than their attendance zone where the family has not moved.

The MOTION was not seconded. No vote was taken.

More discussion followed. In regard to the second request, the following decision was made by the Superintendent:

These students are granted an exemption to attend a school outside of their attendance zone.

The Board decided that no action is necessary. They will support the Superintendent's decision.

### Fire Inspection Report

Mr. Rispoli, Director of Facilities, discussed the Fire Marshall's Report and the areas of non-conformance. All the areas have already been addressed.

A MOTION was made by Mrs. Brown and seconded by Mrs. Bené to accept the Fire Marshall's Report.

(See Attached)

MOTION carried.

### Board of Education Facilities Tour

The Board of Education Facilities Tour was set for Thursday, August 28, 2008 at 8:30 a.m. Mr. Finello asked that a Special Board Meeting be scheduled for that same day at 8:00 a.m. to make some personnel appointments necessary for the beginning of school.

### Elementary Projections

Dr. Giani updated the elementary enrollment projections and the impact it would have on staffing.

**CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION**

A MOTION was made by Mrs. Rogan and seconded by Mrs. Brown to authorize administration to arrange for the provision of appropriate special education programs and services for students as enumerated in the CSE and CPSE minutes:

CSE		CPSE		
24942	23886	27406	27401	27203
27335	27392	27407	25157	27441
25033	27377	27220	27408	27222
27444	21993	25156	27356	27199
27443	27442	27427	27402	27405
23761	25056	27434	27426	27323
27415	27440	27438	27362	27309
27261	27445	27416	27355	
27425		27213	27305	

CSE – Annual Reviews				CPSE – Annual Reviews
24693	24645	22008	21243	27328
23948	25019	23026	24101	27301
27219	23831	24666	23598	27303
23575	24709	23594	24166	27226
24959	24421	24805	23717	27210
23348	23036	21793	20610	27304
23449	21385	21732	23040	25039
25067	22724	21381	24966	27266
23611	24564	24818	24816	27254
23861	23677	24817	24529	27228
24508	25050	22514	27260	27271
24949	25051	21696	21220	27270
22881	23396	24713	25101	
24834	21815	23782	21520	
24571	24763	22814	22820	
24589	21580	27312	23916	
22883	24911	21661	23796	
23865	22089	27289	21244	
23860	24374	24939	22925	
22373	22049	23720	24740	
23082	21918	24440	22646	
22372	23622	23394	24821	
25004	20783	24108	24618	
24907	24245	25108	25102	
24506	23479	24033	24829	
24938	24271	21728	27250	
22267	23056	21546	21945	
24143	20841	21060	21423	
23847	21085	24044	21323	
22241	24848	24071	23795	
24293	23851	21981	24831	
21913	24197	22336	21085	
21510	21567	23792		
21627		24883		
		23122		

MOTION carried.

## **PERSONNEL ITEMS**

On the recommendation of the Superintendent the following changes in personnel occurred:

A MOTION was made by Mrs. Rogan and seconded by Mrs. Brown to approve items 1 through 4 and 6 through 11.

MOTION carried.

A MOTION was made by Mrs. Rogan and seconded by Mrs. Brown to approve Item 5 with the exception of Items 5.10, 5.17, 5.26, and 5.29.

MOTION carried.

### **H. 1 Approve Resignations / Leaves of Absence**

<b>Resignations</b>					
No.	Unit	Name	Assignment	Effective Date	Reason
1.1	ATH	Lynn Winters	Dean/JA	8/22/08	Another Position
1.2	AMA	Christine Draghi	WH	9/1/08	Return to School
1.3	AMA	Angela Westhoff	WA	9/1/08	Relocating
1.4	ATH	Patrick O'Connor	SS/MS	8/24/08	Family Obligations
<b>Leave of Absence</b>					
1.5	ATH	Kelly Trites	Sp. Ed./WH	9/1/08-6/30/09	Child Care
1.6	ATH	Leticia Cuthbertson	Gen. Ed. FH	9/1/08-11/26/08	Child Care

### **H. 2 Approve Non-Instructional New Hires**

<b>Full-time</b>						
No.	Unit	Name	Assignment	Effective Date	Salary	Replacing
2.1	AMA	Tyrone Alvarado	WA/Dual Language	9/1/08	\$12.34/hr	New
2.2	AMA	Kerri Gebbia	WA	9/1/08	\$14.02/hr	Recalled
2.3	AMA	Karen Hempel	WA	9/1/08	\$14.02/hr	Recalled
2.4	CU	Lindsey Fitzpatrick	JA	9/1/08	\$20,357.	Joanne Butkiewicz

### **H. 3 Approve Instructional New Hires**

<b>Probationary</b>							
No.	Unit	Name	Assignment	Certification	Effective Dates	Salary	Replacing
3.1	ATH	Christopher Hender	Sp.Ed./WH	Initial – Students w/Disabilities-(Gr.1-6); Initial – Childhood Education (Gr. 1-6); Initial Early Childhood Education (Birth-Gr.2)	9/1/08-9/1/11	\$47,200.	New

### **H. 4 Approve Long-Term Substitutes**

<b>Full-time</b>						
No.	Unit	Name	Assignment	Effective Dates	Salary	Replacing
4.1	ATH	Brianne Schilt	Guidance Counselor-HS	8/26/08-12/19/08	\$303.79/Day	B. Walsh
4.2	ATH	Heather Barfuss	SE/JA	9/1/08-6/30/09	Sch. V, Step 2 \$57,135.	K. Trites
4.3	ATH	Lauren Friedrich	Gen.Ed./JA	9/1/08-6/30/09	Sch. IV, Step 2 \$55,065.	H. Barfus/ N. Allard
4.4	ATH	Peter Edwards	SE/WA	9/1/08-11/21/08	\$232.07/day	A. German
4.5	SEC	Carlos Arce Rodriguez	HS	9/1/08-5/5/09	\$18.43/hr	Christopher Bamfo

## H. 5 Approve Extra Duty Assignments

<b>Clubs</b>			
No.	Name	Description	Step/Stipend
5.1	Jennifer Trott	Class Advisor/Freshman	Step 1 \$2222.
<b>Interscholastic Athletics</b>			
No.	Name	Description/Season	Step/Stipend
5.2	Richard Agnello	JH Coach-Boys Basketball/Winter	Step 4 \$4811.
5.3	Kimberly Betz	Varsity Coach-Girls Basketball/Winter	Step 3 \$5071.
5.4	Jessie Brennan	JH Coach-Girls Basketball/Winter	Step 2 \$4136.
5.5	Jason Caruso	Varsity Asst. Coach-Fencing/Winter	Step 2 \$3717.
5.6	Debra Cheskes	Varsity Coach-Girls Track/Winter	Step 4 \$6585.
5.7	James Creighton	JV Coach-Boys Basketball/Winter	Step 2 \$4967.
5.8	Michael Fabio	Varsity Coach-Fencing/Winter	Step 2 \$4877.
5.9	Louis R. Giani	JH Asst. Coach-Wrestling/Winter	Step 4 \$4321.
5.10	Louis Giani	.7 Varsity Asst. Coach-Wrestling/Winter	Step 4 \$3926.30
5.11	Alan Kuver	Varsity Asst. Coach-Fencing/Winter	Step 4 \$4331.
5.12	Philip Lowe	JH Coach-Boys Basketball/Winter	Step 4 \$4811.
5.13	Philip Lowe	JH Coach-Girls Basketball/Winter	Step 4 \$4811.
5.14	Timothy Madden	Varsity Asst.Coach-Boys Basketball/Winter	Step 4 \$5611.
5.15	Michael Marinello	JH Coach-Wrestling/Winter	Step 4 \$4570.
5.16	Margaret McConnell	Varsity Asst.Coach Boys Swimming/Winter	Step 4 \$5168.
5.17	Kieran Mock	Varsity Asst.Coach-Wrestling/Winter	Step 4 \$5609.
5.18	Lynn Pereszty	JH Coach-Boys Swimming/Winter	Step 4 \$4314.
5.19	Lori Pyzocha	JV Coach-Cheering/BB	Step 2 \$3360.
5.20	Caroline Reilly	JH Coach-Girls Volleyball/Winter	Step 2 \$3703.
5.21	Bradley Reminick	Varsity Coach-Girls Basketball/Winter	Step 4 \$8194.
5.22	Rebecca Robey	Varsity Coach-Cheering BB/Winter	Step 4 \$4062.
5.23	Jennifer Rodgers	JV Coach-Girls Basketball/Winter	Step 3 \$5368.
5.24	Michael Schmitz	Varsity Coach-Boys Basketball/Winter	Step 3 \$7598.
5.25	Gilbert Smith	Varsity Coach-Boys Swimming/Winter	Step 4 \$7310.
5.26	Travis Smith	Varsity Coach-Wrestling/Winter	Step 4 \$8162.
5.27	Ronald Wilson	Varsity Coach-Boys Track/Winter	Step 4 \$6585.
5.28	Kim Wright	JH Coach-Cheering BB/Winter	Step 2 \$1055.
5.29	Peter Fusco	.3 Varsity Asst. Coach-Wrestling/Winter	Step 4 \$1682.70

## H. 6 Approve Additional Work

No.	Unit	Name	Description	Effective Dates	Rate of Pay
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6.1	ATH	Joann Kavanagh	Teacher Center Director	7/1/08-6/30/09	\$19,000./Grant
6.2	ATH	Katie Canales P/T Music	Superintendent Conf. Day	9/2/08	\$232.05/day
6.3	ATH	Patricia Quinn	Driver Education Instructor	9/3/08-6/30/09	\$44.92/hr

## H. 7 Approve Supervision

No.	Name	Description	Effective Date	Rate of Pay
7.1	Ignatius Asaro	Supervision	2008/2009	\$30.47/hr
7.2	Michael Byrnes	Supervision	2008/2009	\$30.47/hr
7.3	Shari Campbell	Supervision	2008/2009	\$30.47/hr
7.4	Krystle Canino	Supervision	2008/2009	\$30.47/hr
7.5	Maria Canino	Supervision	2008/2009	\$30.47/hr
7.6	Rose Canino	Supervision	2008/2009	\$30.47/hr
7.7	Steve Davis	Supervision	2008/2009	\$30.47/hr
7.8	Jovan Hairston	Supervision	2008/2009	\$30.47/hr
7.9	James McCabe	Supervision	2008/2009	\$30.47/hr
7.10	John Mohlenhoff	Supervision	2008/2009	\$30.47/hr
7.11	Tara Reminick	Supervision	2008/2009	\$30.47/hr
7.12	Ann Marie Romeo	Supervision	2008/2009	\$30.47/hr
7.13	Jonathan Searles	Supervision	2008/2009	\$30.47/hr
7.14	Steve Muller	Supervision	2008/2009	\$30.47/hr

## H. 8 Approve Change in Assignment

No.	Unit	Name	Effective Dates	From	To
8.1	CU	Patricia Herlihy	8/26/08	Spec. Ed-CPSE \$37,697.	Guidance-HS \$37,697.
8.2	AMA	Carol Cruz	9/1/08	3 hr. aide \$19.35/hr	6.5 aide \$19.35/hr
8.3	ATH	Erik Bruckbauer	9/1/08	Class Advisor/ Junior \$1111.	Class Advisor/ Senior \$1111.
8.4	ATH	Camille Tedeschi	9/1/08	Class Advisor/ Junior \$1111.	Class Advisor/ Senior \$1111.
8.5	ATH	Michael Schwendeman	9/1/08	Class Advisor/ Sophomore \$2222.	Class Advisor/ Junior \$2222.
8.6	ATH	Lori Pyzocha	9/1/08	Class Advisor/ Freshman \$1111.	Class Advisor/ Sophomore \$1111.
8.7	ATH	Eliana Oranges	9/1/08	Class Advisor/ Freshman \$1111.	Class Advisor/ Sophomore \$1111.

## H. 9 Approve Substitutes

No.	Unit	Name	Assignment	Effective Dates	Rate of Pay
9.1	ATH	Rose Ackerly	Sub-Teacher	2008/2009	\$90./day
9.2	ATH	Shirley Campbell	Sub-Teacher	2008/2009	\$90./day
9.3	ATH	Michael Catania	Sub-Teacher	2008/2009	\$90./day
9.4	ATH	Lisa DeNicolis	Sub-Teacher	2008/2009	\$90./day
9.5	ATH	Nicole Dibiase	Sub-Teacher	2008/2009	\$90./day



9.6	ATH	Lindsay Griffiths	Sub-Teacher	2008/2009	\$90./day
9.7	ATH	Katie Himelein	Sub-Teacher	2008/2009	\$90./day
9.8	ATH	Lisa Karasik	Sub-Teacher	2008/2009	\$90./day
9.9	ATH	Laura Liksik	Sub-Teacher	2008/2009	\$90./day
9.10	ATH	MaryEllen Rothberg	Sub-Teacher	2008/2009	\$90./day
9.11	ATH	Brittany Sirlin	Sub-Teacher	2008/2009	\$90./day
9.12	ATH	Janet Vitello	Sub-Teacher	2008/2009	\$90./day
9.13	CU	Babette Demeo	Sub-Clerical	2008/2009	\$10.50/hr
9.14	AMA	Babette Demeo	Sub-Aide	2008/2009	\$8.75/hr
9.15	AMA	Lisa Karasik	Sub-Aide	2008/2009	\$8.75/hr.
9.16	AMA	Cherly Martin	Sub-Aide	2008/2009	\$8.75/hr.
9.17	CU	Elisa Straub	Sub-Clerical	2008/2009	\$10.50/hr.
9.18	AMA	Ronni Meier	Sub-Aide	2008/2009	\$8.75/hr.
9.19	CU	Elaina Hartos	Sub-Clerical	2008/2009	\$10.50/hr
9.20	AMA	Elaina Hartos	Sub-Aide	2008/2009	\$8.75/hr
9.21	CU	Courtney Belanger	Sub-Clerical	2008/2009	\$10.50/hr.
9.22	FSW	Selena Padilla	Sub-FSW	2008/2009	\$8.75/hr.
9.23	FSW	Tracey Turner	Sub-FSW	2008/2009	\$8.75/hr.
9.24	CU	Vanessa Long	Sub-Clerical	2008/2009	\$10.50/hr
9.25	CU	Carlos Palacios	Sub-Clerical	2008/2009	\$10.50/hr
9.26	AMA	Carlos Palacios	Sub-Aide	2008/2009	\$8.75/hr

## H. 10 Approve Home Tutors

No.	Name	Assignment	Effective Dates	Rate of Pay
10.1	Alyson Alvarez	Home Tutor	7/1/08-6/30/09	\$47.07/hr

## H. 11 Approve Salary Schedule Changes / Adjustments

No.	Name	School	From	To	Effective Date
11.1	Erik Bruckbauer	HS	Sch. VII, Step 7 \$74,345.	Sch. VIII, Step 7 \$78,065.	9/1/08
11.2	Elizabeth Casazza	HS	Sch. IV, Step 6 \$64,425.	Sch. V, Step 6 \$66,840.	9/1/08
11.3	Lynn Corsetti	HS	Sch. IV, Step 3 \$57,195.	Sch. V, Step 3 \$59,280.	9/1/08
11.4	Carlene Cournane	SD	Sch. V, Step 13 \$83,790.	Sch. VI, Step 13 \$86,535.	9/1/08
11.5	Wilson Douce	HS	Sch. VI, Step 11 \$81,335.	Sch. VII, Step 11 \$83,970.	9/1/08
11.6	Theresa Duffy	JE	Sch. V, Step 6 \$66,840.	Sch. VI, Step 6 \$69,195.	9/1/08
11.7	Doreen Ellis		Sch. VI, Step 7 \$71,595.	Sch. VII, Step 7 \$74,345.	9/1/08
11.8	Sarah Metcalf	SD	Sch. IV, Step 3 \$57,195.	Sch. V, Step 3 \$59,280.	9/1/08
11.9	Donna M. O'Shaughnessy	FH	Sch. VI, Step 5.5 \$68,010.	Sch. VII, Step 5.5 \$70,705.	9/1/08
11.10	Angela Turner	HI	Sch. VI, Step 10 \$78,875.	Sch. VIII, Step 10 \$85,520.	9/1/08
11.11	Patricia Anson	HS	Sch. VII, Step 4	Sch. VIII, Step 4	9/1/08

			\$67,055.	\$70,795.	
11.12	Lorena Diaz	HS	Sch. IV, Step 5 \$62,010.	Sch. V, Step 5 \$64,070.	9/1/08
11.13	Ayallah Jeddah	HS	Sch. IV, Step 4 \$59,620.	Sch. V, Step 4 \$61,650.	9/1/08
11.14	Christyn Kyle	WH	Sch. IV, Step 3.5 \$58,410.	Sch. VI, Step 3.5 \$63,165.	9/1/08
11.15	James Muller	Maint/DW	\$55,678.	\$61,900.	8/5/08
11.16	Jeremy Pelot	Guard/HS	\$17.81/hr	\$18.43/hr	9/1/08
11.17	Tina McDermott	Guard/HS	\$17.81/hr	\$18.43/hr	9/1/08

MOTION Carried.

### LEGEND

#### Schools/Buildings

HS = Huntington High School  
MS = Finley Middle School  
JA = Jack Abrams Intermediate  
WH = Woodhull Intermediate  
FH = Flower Hill Primary  
SD = Southdown Primary  
JE = Jefferson Primary  
WA = Washington Primary  
DW = District-wide  
CO = Central Office  
NC = Non Contractual

#### Units

ATH = Teachers  
AMA = Aides and Monitors  
DSPA = District Supervisors and Principals Assoc.  
HCA = Chairpersons  
SHHA = Study Hall and Hallway Assistants  
B & G = Buildings & Grounds  
FSW = Food Service Workers  
SEC = Security  
NUR = Nurses  
CU = Clerical

### **BUSINESS ITEMS**

#### **Approval of Contracts**

##### CCSI

A MOTION was made by Mrs. Bené and seconded by Mrs. Brown to approve the contract with CCSI.

(See Attached)

MOTION carried.

##### YMCA of Long Island

A MOTION was made by Mrs. Bené and seconded by Mrs. Brown to approve the contract with YMCA of Long Island for Before and After School Care Programs to school-age children for the 2008-2009 school year.

(See Attached)

MOTION carried.

##### Audit Committee Charter

A MOTION was made by Mrs. Bené and seconded by Mrs. Brown to accept the Audit Committee Charter.

MOTION carried.

Discussion followed in regard to the membership on the Audit Committee.

A MOTION was made by Mr. Dwyer and seconded by Mr. Paci to amend the Audit Committee Charter.

(See Attached)

MOTION carried.

### **Approval of Bid Awards**

#### **Bread Re-Bid**

A MOTION was made by Mrs. Bené and seconded by Mrs. Brown to split the award for the re-bids for Bread between Neri's Bakery Distribution, Inc. and Rockland Bakery.

(See Attached)

MOTION carried.

#### **Surplus Equipment and Textbooks**

A MOTION was made by Mrs. Bené and seconded by Mrs. Brown to acknowledge that there were no responses to this bid and therefore recommend disposal of these items in the most environmentally responsible way.

MOTION carried.

### **Budget Transfers**

A MOTION was made by Mrs. Bené and seconded by Mrs. Brown to approve the Budget Transfers for the 2008-2009 school year:

(See Attached)

MOTION carried.

### **PUBLIC COMMENTARY**

At the portion of the meeting set aside for public commentary the following comments were made:

- A resident asked that we do something about the microphones at the Board meetings. It was very difficult to hear at the meeting.
- Another resident asked about the status of the lockers at the high school. He also had comments about the Earn and Learn Program and the alternative high school and BOCES.
- A parent whose request to have his child participate in the Dual Language Program was denied commented on this issue.

- Another parent had a question about transportation and if there was a policy regarding children having to cross a double yellow line. Dr. Giani responded and directed her to call Transportation in the morning and to follow up with himself if necessary.

### **CLOSING REMARKS BY BOARD MEMBERS**

Mr. Dwyer reported that he, Mrs. Bené and Mrs. Brown attended a *New Board Member Academy* Workshop offered by the New York State School Boards' Association. It was informative and one of the recommendations was that there be formulated a Policy Committee whose purpose would be to review and update policies in an ongoing manner. Mr. Grackin informed the Board that we currently contract with Erie I BOCES to provide policies to the school district for review on a quarterly basis. Mrs. Bené and Mrs. Brown expressed an interest in formulating this Committee.

September 2, 2008 at 3 p.m. is the renaming ceremony for Jack Abrams Intermediate School. All are invited to attend.

Mrs. Brown and Mrs. Bené announced that they had attended the Fiscal Oversight Workshop that is a requirement for Board members. It was very informative and they would like to continue to attend different seminars and bring the information back to the full Board.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

A MOTION was made by Mrs. Brown and seconded by Mrs. Bené to go into Executive Session to discuss personnel matters.

MOTION carried.

At 10:10 p.m. the Board went into Executive Session.

At 10:36 p.m. Mr. Dwyer reconvened the meeting.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

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

MOTION carried.

At 10:36 p.m. the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Elizabeth Troffa  
District Clerk