

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

**OCTOBER 17, 2008**

The Special Meeting of the Board of Education of the Huntington Union Free School District was held on Friday, October 17, 2008 at Jack Abrams Intermediate School, Lowndes Avenue, Huntington Station, New York. The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m.

**ROLL CALL**

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

**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.

**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. Mr. Dwyer also requested that all cell phones be turned off or put on vibrate.

**ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION/ACTION**

**Woodhull Facilities Bid Award**

Mr. Grackin explained that there was a bid opening on October 14, 2008 and our architects from Burton, Behrendt, Smith had made a recommendation. He then introduced architects David Bozuhoski and Larry Salvesen. Mr. Bozuhoski is extensively involved with the project and was responsible for the analysis and bid tabulation. He explained this bid award was a General Construction (Single Trade) Contract with the electrical portion bid at the same time. Mr. Grackin distributed an estimated budget for the project that included all foreseeable costs. Discussion followed with regard to spending money on student desks since the bid came in so low. The Board asked many questions including if the architects had worked with this company in the past. Discussion followed.

Mr. Grackin recommended that the Board hire a Clerk of the Works to oversee the project and to keep the project on schedule. He explained why this was his recommendation. Extensive discussion followed and the Board decided not to hire a Clerk of the Works.

A MOTION was made by Mrs. Bené and seconded by Mr. Paci to award the Woodhull Classroom Addition bid to KEM Construction Corporation at a cost of \$439,620.

MOTION carried.

#### Certificates

Mr. Finello distributed certificates from Western Suffolk BOCES to the board members present in recognition of their contribution as members of the Board of Education.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

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

MOTION carried.

At 7 p.m. the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Elizabeth Troffa  
District Clerk