

**WORK SESSION**

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

**April 14, 2009**

The Work Session of the Board of Education of the Huntington Union Free School District was held on Tuesday, April 14, 2009 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, Benè, Black, Brown, McGrath, Paci; Ms. Aloe, Mr. Sheahan, Superintendent Finello, Mr. Grackin, Dr. Giani, Dr. Lacey, and Mrs. Troffa.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

A MOTION was made by Mr. McGrath and seconded by Mrs. Bené to go into Executive Session to discuss a teacher disciplinary matter.

MOTION carried.

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

At 8:00 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.

**ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION**

**Budget 2009-2010**

Mr. Dwyer opened the meeting by indicating that the meeting is a public work session to go over the budget. There is an option to have public commentary. A MOTION was made by Mrs. Brown and seconded by Mrs. Bené to hold the Public Commentary section of the meeting until after the discussion of the budget.

MOTION carried.

Mr. Finello began the discussion by explaining the Federal Stimulus package that would be coming to the district and the criteria the federal government is placing on the districts that are accepting the funding, which is that this money must be used by the school districts to “restore, create and maintain services.” Mr. Grackin discussed the options we have to restore many of the

previously cut positions and programs and still keep the tax rate under a 3 percent increase. Extensive discussion followed. All areas of the budget that were cut in Budget Draft #3 were discussed in detail in order to be able to present a budget to be adopted on April 20, 2009.

**MOTION TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION**

A MOTION was made by Mrs. Black and seconded by Mr. Paci to go into Executive Session to discuss contractual issues.

At 9:25 p.m. the Board of Education went into Executive Session.

At 9:40 p.m. Mr. Dwyer reconvened the meeting.

**PUBLIC COMMENTARY**

At the portion of the meeting set aside for public commentary, a librarian asked if the Librarians positions had been restored.

**ADJOURNMENT**

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

MOTION carried.

At 9:42 p.m. the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Elizabeth Troffa  
District Clerk