

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

August 23, 2010

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of the Huntington Union Free School District was held on Monday, August 23, 2010 at J. Taylor Finley Middle School, Greenlawn Road, Huntington, New York. The meeting was called to order at 6:10 p.m.

ROLL CALL

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A MOTION was made by Mr. McGrath and seconded by Mrs. Rogan to go into Executive Session to discuss the superintendent search.

MOTION carried.

At 7:29 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.

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 set to vibrate.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A MOTION was made by Mrs. Black and seconded by Mrs. Bené to approve the Minutes of the Board of Education Meeting of August 9, 2010.

AYES: 4 Mrs. Bené
 Mrs. Black
 Mr. Dwyer
 Mr. Paci
 NOES: 0 0
 ABSTAIN: 2 Mrs. Rogan
 Mr. McGrath

MOTION carried 4-0. Mrs. Rogan and Mr. McGrath were absent from the Board Meeting of August 9, 2010, therefore, they abstained from the vote.

A MOTION was made by Mr. McGrath and seconded by Mrs. Black to approve the Minutes of the Board of Education meeting of August 18, 2010.

AYES: 4 Mrs. Bené
 Mrs. Black
 Mr. Dwyer
 Mr. McGrath
 NOES: 0 0
 ABSTAIN: 2 Mr. Paci
 Mrs. Rogan

MOTION carried 4-0. Present at the August 18, 2010 Board of Education Meeting were Trustees, Bené, Black, Dwyer, and McGrath.

APPROVAL OF WARRANTS

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

July Warrants	
GENERAL ADVANCED WARRANT	3,720,487.43
GENERAL FUND WARRANT 7/21/10	\$1,589,611.38
SCHOOL LUNCH ADVANCED WARRANT	5,325.05
SCHOOL LUNCH WARRANT 7/21/10	30,358.82
SPECIAL AID ADVANCED WARRANT	53,639.93
SPECIAL AID WARRANT 7/07/10	174,874.34
SPECIAL AID WARRANT 7/21/10	30,832.35
WORKERS COMP WARRANT 7/09/10	15,352.40
WORKERS COMP WARRANT 7/23/10	20,621.52
CAPITAL PROJECTS WARRANT 7/07/10	5,049.00
CAPITAL PROJECTS WARRANT 7/21/10	2,633.80
CAPITAL RESERVE WARRANT 7/21/10	11.10
T & A JULY WARRANT	2,220,336.61
TOTALS	7,869,133.73

MOTION carried.

COMMUNICATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. Dwyer discussed the Avalon Bay project and updated the Board on conversations he had with Susan Berland, Councilwoman for the Town of Huntington. He indicated Ms. Berland had issues with the zoning change that is proposed for the area of Huntington Station around the train station. Mr. Dwyer indicated the Town of Huntington vote on this scheduled for September 2nd may be postponed.

Mr. Paci discussed the Referendum on August 24th and the space constraints at Woodhull that the addition would help to alleviate.

Mr. McGrath asked that discussion about the down zoning in Huntington Station be placed on the next Board agenda for discussion since it directly affects the school district. He also discussed that the town seized property in Greenlawn after two drug arrests were made.

Mr. Paci commented about the Suffolk County Police Department and that there needs to be increased police patrols around Jack Abrams School. Discussion followed. Mrs. Rogan questioned what is being done in terms of dealing with the town, county and police so we can get students back at Jack Abrams School.

Mrs. Black indicated that at the Special Board meeting of August 18, 2010 the Board assigned a new position in our district, that of Director of School Safety and Alternate Educational Programs. She would like a consultant to work with the new director in order to support him in this position.

PUBLIC COMMENTARY

At the portion of the meeting set aside for public commentary, comments were made on the upcoming referendum indicating that they would vote “no.” There was commentary about decisions the board has made, commentary about a question and answer segment with the board, and the closing of Jack Abrams School to students. Mr. Paci responded to commentary about the number of students at Woodhull. There were questions addressed to the board which the board responded to. There was commentary about state aid, asking that the referendum be delayed, asking that the board work with the neighborhood, Avalon Bay, commentary asking the board to take a position against the down zoning in Huntington Station, and overcrowding in the primary schools.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION/ACTION

Report on Elementary School Reconfiguration K-4, 5 and 6

Mr. Finello indicated that administration will give an update on the reconfiguration. Mr. Grackin indicated that work has been ongoing at Jack Abrams, the High School and Finley to convert

space as needed. Smartboards are being relocated and will be completed in September. Dr. Card indicated that finishing touches are being placed on class placements and the overall program. He indicated how the push-in teachers will be utilized. Discussion followed on a variety of topics, AIS, average kids, small spaces for intervention services, professional development, Teacher Center funding, and class size. Dr. Giani reported on staffing and class size. He indicated the Transportation Guides have been printed and mailed, bus runs will be done the week of August 30th, and a central pick up location for the morning Music Program is being considered.

Strategic Protection Group, Inc. Proposal

Mr. Dwyer discussed the presentation that Mr. Zotto of Strategic Protection Group, Inc. presented at the last board meeting. He opened up discussion as to the merits of this type of study. Discussion followed.

A MOTION was made by Mrs. Black and seconded by Mr. Paci to enter into an agreement with Strategic Protection Group.

Discussion followed regarding wording in the agreement. A MOTION was made by Mr. Dwyer and seconded by Mrs. Bené to amend the MOTION to include in the wording of the contract, Huntington High School, Finley Middle School, Woodhull Intermediate School, Jack Abrams School and Washington Primary School.

MOTION carried 6-0.

The vote was taken on the MOTION to enter into this agreement with Strategic Protection Group, Inc.

(See attached)

MOTION carried 6-0.

Board of Education Facilities Tour

A time and date was set for the annual Facilities Tour by the Board of Education as required by Commissioner of Education Regulations. Wednesday, September 1, 2010 at 7:30 a.m. beginning at the high school was the time decided upon. Mr. Finello and Mr. Grackin would meet Mrs. Bené, Mrs. Black and Mrs. Rogan for the tour.

CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION

A MOTION was made by Mr. Paci and seconded by Mrs. Rogan 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				Annual Reviews-CSE		
27765		27736	27763	27673		27344	24737	22625
25130		27707	27518	27710		25171	23847	24421

27740		27885	27719	27871		24425	22142	24939
27733		27881	27798	27879		24127	27684	24641
27431		27640	27866	27797		27400	23026	21546
24816		27516	27657	27626		22386	21732	21381
21661		27739	27709	27872		23442	21554	27750
27883		27886	27801	27873		25111	23995	24821
		27882	27880	27753		27485	23677	25062
		27849	27665	27735		22052	23106	24166
						24494	21580	27889
						24212	27661	27786
						24101	24911	24387
						27713	24604	27759
						27371	24143	21744
						24882	24982	24414
						21962	27569	27751
						24938	24848	21365
						24292	24685	27754
						27313	22925	24615
						27620	27611	
						24550	24716	
						27615	24067	
						27439	23736	

MOTION carried.

PERSONNEL ITEMS

On the recommendation of the Superintendent a MOTION was made by Mrs. Rogan and seconded by Mrs. Bené to approve H.1 through H.8 and H.10 through H.15

MOTION carried 6-0.

A MOTION was made by Mrs. Rogan and seconded by Mr. Paci to approve H.9 Item 9.1.

AYES:	5	Mrs. Bené
		Mrs. Black
		Mr. McGrath
		Mr. Paci
		Mrs. Rogan
NOES:	0	0
ABSTAIN:	1	Mr. Dwyer

Mr. Dwyer recused himself from the vote because this is a family member.

MOTION carried 5-0.

H. 1 Approve Resignations / Leaves of Absence/Retirement

Resignations					
No.	Unit	Name	Assignment	Effective Date	Reason
1.1	ATH	Maria Romero	WA/DL	8/13/10	Accepted another position
Leave of Absence					
No.	Unit	Name	Assignment	Effective Dates	Reason
1.2	ATH	Jennifer Stuccio	WA/Sp. Ed.	9/1/10-1/28/11	Child Care
Retirement					
No.	Unit	Name	Assignment	Effective Dates	Award
1.3	AMA	Lynne Aloe	SD/Sp. Ed.	8/17/10	N/A

H. 2 Approve Non-Instructional New Hires

Part-time						
No.	Unit	Name	Assignment	Effective Dates	Salary	Replacing
2.1	STU	Alexandra Martinolich	HS-Lab Assistant	2010-2011	\$7.25/hr	N/A
2.2	STU	Lauren Boyce	HS-Lab Assistant	2010-2011	\$7.25/hr	N/A
2.3	STU	Danielle Cochrane	HS-Lab Assistant	2010-2011	\$7.25/hr	N/A
2.4	FSW	Carmela Cipriano	MS/20 hours	9/1/10	\$10.10/hr	I. Jordan

H. 3 Approve Instructional New Hires

Probationary							
No	Unit	Name	Assignment	Certification	Effective Dates	Salary	Replacing
3.1	ATH	Matthew Perlongo	MS/Math	Initial/Math 7-12	9/1/10-9/1/11 Jarema Credit	Sch. V Step 3 \$61,675.00	M. Robinette
3.2	ATH	Karen Melara	JE/DL	Initial/Child.Ed. Initial/Bilingual Ed. Ext.	9/1/10-9/1/13	Sch. VI Step 1 \$60,365.00	M. Romero
3.3	ATH	Jennifer Glatzer	DW/ESL	Initial/ESOL	9/1/10-1/28/11 Jarema Credit	Sch IV Step 4 \$62,025.00	Re-called from PEL
3.4	ATH	Josephine Llorente	WH/Music	Initial/Music	9/1/10-9/1/13	Sch. I Step 1 \$48,290.00	New

H. 4 Approve Long-Term Substitutes

Full-time						
No.	Unit	Name	Assignment	Effective Dates	Salary	Replacing
4.1	ATH	Melissa Goldsborough	WA/Sp. Ed.	9/1/10-1/28/11 approx.	Sch. IV Step 1 \$55,405.00	J. Stuccio

H. 5 Approve Extra Duty Assignments

Clubs-HS			
No.	Name	Description	Stipend
5.1	Kristin Singer	Art Honor Society .5	\$564.50
5.2	Kasmira Mohanty	Art Honor Society .5	\$564.50

5.3	Lori Kenny	Senior Class Advisor .5	\$1,155.50
5.4	Eliana Oranges	Senior Class Advisor .5	\$1,155.50
5.5	Erik Bruckbauer	Junior Class Advisor .5	\$1,155.50
5.6	Camille Tedeschi	Junior Class Advisor .5	\$1,155.00
5.7	Donna Nugent	Sophomore Class Advisor .5	\$1,155.50
5.8	Lauren Desiderio	Sophomore Class Advisor .5	\$1,155.50
5.9	Gina Colica	Freshman Class Advisor .5	\$1,155.50
5.10	Victoria Lombardi	Freshman Class Advisor .5	\$1,155.50
5.11	James Graber	Newspaper/Literary	\$3,127.00
5.12	James Graber	Newspaper/Printing	\$1,171.00
5.13	Kenneth Krummenacker	ETCETRA	\$1,254.00
5.14	Roy Dumar	Gay & Straight Alliance	\$1,269.00
5.15	Suzette Biagi	Grandfriends .5	\$634.00
5.16	Camille DeCanio	Grandfriends .5	\$634.00
5.17	Robert Gilmor	Habitat for Humanity	\$1,268.00
5.18	Aimee Antorino	English Honor Society .5	\$581.00
5.19	Helen Guarino	English Honor Society .5	\$581.00
5.20	Deidre Mayer	French Honor Society	\$1,162.00
5.21	Sylvia Gilbert	Italian Honor Society	\$1,162.00
5.22	Doris Quintilian	Math Honor Society	\$1,268.00
5.23	Joseph Cohen	National Honor Society	\$2,666.00
5.24	Lori Kenny	Science Honor Society .5	\$581.00
5.25	Dame Forbes	Science Honor Society .5	\$581.00
5.26	Mercedes Pena	Spanish Honor Society	\$1,162.00
5.27	Gina Colica	Key Club .5	\$1,018.50
5.28	Kelly Kaiser	Key Club .5	\$1,018.50
5.29	Amanda Meyer	Mathletes Grade 9 .5	\$876.50
5.30	Keith Mattis	Mathletes Grade 9 .5	\$876.50
5.31	Joan Lehnert	Mathletes Grades 10-12	\$1,753.00
5.32	Robert Gilmor	Natural Helpers	\$2,489.00
5.33	Lori Kenny	Science Research Club	\$2,092.00
5.34	Lauren Desiderio	Social Issues	\$1,268.00
5.35	Youlanda Carey	Step Team .5	\$634.50
5.36	Rhonda Nixon	Step Team .5	\$634.50
5.37	Frederick Bisogno	Student Government .5	\$1,606.00
5.38	Anthony Troffa	Student Government .5	\$1,606.00
5.39	Camille DeCanio	Students for World Unity .5	\$1,333.00
5.40	Suzette Biagi	Students for World Unity .5	\$1,333.00
5.41	Heather Swan	Video Club	\$3,309.00
5.42	Camille Tedeschi	Internship Program	\$1,275.00
5.43	Camille DeCanio	Internship Program	\$5,610.00
5.44	Bernadette Walsh	Internship Program	\$1,275.00
5.45	Elizabeth Casazza	Yearbook/Business	\$1,460.00
5.46	Pamela Piffard	Yearbook/Art, Literary, Photo	\$8,527.00
5.47	Michael Schwendemann	Drama	\$9,224.00
5.48	Kenneth Gilbert	Stage Crew	\$3,356.00
Clubs-MS			
No.	Name	Description	Stipend
5.49	Esmeralda Tello	Yorkers	\$1,197.00

5.50	Erica Murphy	School Store	\$3,246.00
5.51	Melanie DeMarco	Mathletes 7	\$1,753.00
5.52	Ayallah Jeddah	Art Club	\$1,197.00
5.53	Denise Grodzicki	Mathletes 8 .5	\$876.50
5.54	Elizabeth Grobe	Mathletes 8 .5	\$876.50
5.55	Frank Battista	Student Government .5	\$1,606.00
5.56	Matthew Perlongo	Student Government .5	\$1,606.00
5.57	Dee Weinstock	AV	\$3,509.00
5.58	Phyllis Sadusky	Honor Society	\$1,753.00
5.59	Kimberly Schiller	Newspaper	\$1,700.00
5.60	Caterina Cain	Community Club	\$1,197.00
5.61	TBA	Drama Director	\$3,763.00
5.62	TBA	Asst. Drama Director	\$2,509.00
5.63	TBA	Stage Crew	\$1,652.00

H. 6 Approve Additional Work

Sports Physicals & Re-qualifications					
No.	Unit	Name	Description	Effective Dates	Rate of Pay
6.1	NUR	Martha Ironman	Nurse	Summer 2010	\$43.82/hr
Re-Configuration of Schools					
No.	Unit	Name	Assignment	Effective Dates	Rate of Pay
6.2	ATH	Karen Behrman	Preparation 2010-2011 School year	Summer 2010	Up to 5days @ \$200.00/day

H. 7 Approve Change in Rate of Pay

No.	Unit	Name	Description	Effective Date	From	To
7.1	ATH	Marybeth Robinette	State Reporting	Summer 2010	\$604.08/day	\$580.51/day

H. 8 Approve Rescinding of LOA

No.	Unit	Name	Assignment	Effective Date
8.1	ATH	Marybeth Robinette	Director of Math & Testing	9/1/10

H. 9 Approve Home Tutors

No.	Name	Assignment	Effective Dates	Rate of Pay
9.1	Karen Dwyer	Home Tutor	2010-2011	\$48.97/hr

H. 10 Approve Salary Schedule Changes / Adjustments

No.	Name	School	From	To	Effective Date
10.1	David Benjamin	WH	Sch. VI Step 4 \$66,965.00	Sch. VII Step 4 \$69,765.00	9/1/10
10.2	Risa Brachman	FH	Sch. VI Step 9 \$79,555.00	Sch. VII Step 9 \$82,365.00	9/1/10
10.3	Katherine Canales	WH	Sch. I Step 3 \$51,815.00	Sch. II Step 3 \$53,680.00	9/1/10
10.4	Conrad Dierking	WH	Sch. V Step 7 \$72,090.00	Sch. VI Step 7 \$74,485.00	9/1/10

10.5	Theresa Duffy	JE	Sch. VII Step 8 \$79,825.00	Sch. VIII Step 8 \$83,735.00	9/1/10
10.6	Mariana Irigoyen	JE	Sch. V Step 5.5 \$68,100.00	Sch. VI Step 5.5 \$70,760.00	9/1/10
10.7	Jennifer Irvolino	HS	Sch. V Step 10 \$79,620.00	Sch. VI Step 10 \$82,065.00	9/1/10
10.8	Chelsea Jablon	JE	Sch. II Step 4 \$55,860.00	Sch. IV Step 4 \$62,025.00	9/1/10
10.9	Linda Kohan	DW	Sch. VI Step 10.5 \$83,345.00	Sch. VII Step 10.5 \$86,130.00	9/1/10
10.10	Kenneth Krummenacker	HS	Sch. VIII Step 10 \$88,975.00	Sch. VII Step 10 \$84,895.00	9/1/10
10.11	Eliana Oranges	HS	Sch. V Step 14 \$90,030.00	Sch. VI Step 14 \$92,845.00	9/1/10
10.12	Cinzia Reeves	WH	Sch. V Step 7 \$72,090.00	Sch. VI Step 7 \$74,485.00	9/1/10
10.13	Bradley Remenick	MS	Sch. VI Step 11 \$84,620.00	Sch. VII Step 11 \$87,365.00	9/1/10
10.14	Erika Sabogal	FH	Sch. III Step 7 \$64,715.00	Sch. IV Step 7 \$69,540.00	9/1/10

H. 11 Approve Changes / Adjustments to Probationary Period

Probationary						
No.	Unit	Name	Certification	From:	To:	Reason
11.1	ATH	Jaclyn Ambrosio	Initial/Family & Consumer Science	9/1/09-9/1/12	9/1/10-9/1/13	Error on 8/9/10 agenda

H. 12 Approve Recall of Staff from Preferred Eligible List

No	Unit	Name	Assignment	Certification	Effective Date	Salary/Step
12.1	ATH	Jennifer Glatzer	/ESL	Initial/ESOL	9/1/10	Sch IV Step 4 \$62,025.00

H. 13 Approve Change in Assignment

No.	Unit	Name	Effective Date	From	To
13.1	AMA	Anne Johnson	9/1/10	3 hr. Aide	6.5 SpEd Aide
13.2	AMA	Junette Gunter	9/1/10	3 hr. Aide	6.5 hr DL Aide

H. 14 Approve Recall of Staff

No.	Unit	Name	Assignment	Effective Date
14.1	AMA	Doreatha Bailey	HS/Sp. Ed.	9/1/10
14.2	AMA	Annie Bastien	SD/Sp. Ed.	9/1/10
14.3	AMA	Karen Beirne	FH/Sp. Ed.	9/1/10
14.4	AMA	Yvonne Dacosta	WA/Sp. Ed.	9/1/10
14.5	AMA	Alison Moller	FH/Sp. Ed.	9/1/10
14.6	AMA	Andrea Myssiorek	HS/Sp. Ed.	9/1/10
14.7	AMA	Christopher Obi	MS/Sp. Ed.	9/1/10

H. 15 Approve Substitutes

No.	Unit	Name	Assignment	Effective Dates	Rate of Pay
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15.1	ATH	Qudsia Alvi	Teacher	2010-2011	\$90.00/day
15.2	ATH	Mary Corderio	Teacher	2010-2011	\$90.00/day
15.3	ATH	Angela Rogan	Teacher	2010-2010	\$90./day
15.4	ATH	Adrienne Wood	Teacher	2010-2011	\$90.00/day
15.5	SEC	Vernon Alexander	Security	2010-2011	\$11.45/hr
15.6	CU	Agnes Fitzgerald	Clerical	2010-2011	\$10.50/hr
15.7	CU	AnnMarie Galban	Clerical	2010-2011	\$10.50/hr
15.8	CU	Angela Rogan	Clerical	2010-2011	\$10.50/hr
15.9	AMA	Lorraine Corbly	Aide	2010-2011	\$9.00/hr
15.10	AMA	Angela Rogan	Aide	2010-2011	\$9.00/hr

Buildings	Units	
HS = Huntington High School	DW = District-wide	SHHA = Study Hall and Hallway Assistants
MS = Finley Middle School	CO = Central Office	B & G = Buildings & Grounds
JA = Jack Abrams Intermediate	NC = Non Contractual	FSW = Food Service Workers
WH = Woodhull Intermediate	STU = Student Worker	SEC = Security
FH = Flower Hill Primary	AMA = Aides and Monitors	NUR = Nurses
SD = Southdown Primary	DSPA = District Supervisors and Principals Assoc	CU = Clerical
JE = Jefferson Primary	HCA = Chairpersons	
WA = Washington Primary		

BUSINESS ITEMS

Approval of Districtwide Facilities Study by Burton Behrendt Smith

A MOTION was made by Mr. Dwyer and seconded by Mr. McGrath to approve the proposal in the amount of \$25,000 plus hourly compensation for time accrued after 8/9/10 for the Spatial Needs Analysis to be completed by our architects, Burton Behrendt Smith. Discussion followed.

(See attached)

MOTION carried 6-0.

Approval of Disposal of Equipment

A MOTION was made by Mr. Dwyer and seconded by Mr. McGrath to approve placing the following equipment on a surplus bid list for disposal.

Equipment	Location	Serial No.
Samsung Television- Model: VM 3105	Central Administration	3C AAC 00752

MOTION carried 6-0.

Budget Transfers

A MOTION was made by Mr. Dwyer and seconded by Mr. McGrath to approve the attached budget transfers for the 2009-2010 and 2010-2011 years.

(See attached)

MOTION carried 6-0.

PUBLIC COMMENTARY

At the portion of the meeting set aside for public commentary comments were made about funding of the Teacher Center, Strategic Protection Group, large class size, the reconfiguration, the music program, the referendum on August 24th, RFP as standard procedure, transparency, and a question and answer period at board meetings.

CLOSING REMARKS BY BOARD MEMBERS

Mr. Paci indicated he received calls regarding Mrs. Evers, Principal of Jefferson Primary School, and the long hours and hard work she is putting in. Mr. Paci thanked her and all the principals for their dedication and hard work.

Mrs. Rogan requested that discussion about how our Public Commentary should be run be placed on the next Board of Education Meeting Agenda. Discussion followed.

Mrs. Rogan commented that when she voted in support of the Referendum the 4th graders were not in the primary buildings and if the referendum had been voted on after the closing of Jack Abrams Schools, she would not have supported it. Mrs. Rogan pledges to support administration and staff but would like to see us work towards finding a way to open Jack Abrams School.

Mr. Dwyer remarked that the board and community need to find a way of disagreeing without personal attacks and interrupting when others are speaking. He indicated there is a separation of responsibility between the school district and town and these issues need to be addressed to the town.

Mrs. Bené commented that she would like everybody to work together because this reconfiguration is happening in September and what we say filters down to our children.

ADJOURNMENT

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

MOTION carried.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Elizabeth Troffa
District Clerk