

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

March 7, 2011

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of the Huntington Union Free School District was held on Monday, March 7, 2011 at Jack Abrams School, Lowndes Avenue, Huntington Station, New York. The meeting was called to order at 6:45 p.m.

ROLL CALL

There were present Board of Education Members: Dwyer, Black, Brown, McGrath, Paci, Rogan; Christopher Guercio, Esq., Superintendent Finello, Mr. Grackin, Dr. Giani, Dr. Card and Mrs. Troffa. Mrs. Benè was absent. Mr. Paci arrived to the meeting at 8:30 p.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A MOTION was made by Mrs. Rogan and seconded by Mrs. Black to go into Executive Session to discuss contract negotiations.

MOTION carried 5-0.

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mr. Dwyer led the Board of Education and those 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 silenced so as not to disturb the meeting.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A MOTION was made by Mrs. Black and seconded by Mrs. Rogan to approve the Minutes of the Board of Education Meetings of February 3, 2011; February 5, 2011; February 7, 2011; and February 15, 2011.

MOTION carried 5-0.

APPROVAL OF TREASURER’S REPORT

A MOTION was made by Mr. McGrath and seconded by Mrs. Rogan to approve the Treasurer’s Report as of January 31, 2011.

MOTION carried 5-0.

FINANCIAL REPORTS

The following reports were presented For Information Only:

- Revenue Status Report as of January 31, 2011
- Expenditure Reports as of February 28, 2011
 - General Fund
 - School Lunch Fund
 - Special Aid Fund

APPROVAL OF WARRANTS

A MOTION was made by Mrs. Black and seconded by Mrs. Rogan to approve the warrants for the month of February:

February Warrants	
GENERAL ADVANCED WARRANT	\$6,867,738.44
GENERAL FUND WARRANT 02/02/11	\$1,010,797.26
GENERAL FUND WARRANT 02/16/11	\$2,225,493.32
SCHOOL LUNCH ADVANCE WARRANT	\$65,182.09
SCHOOL LUNCH WARRANT 02/02/11	\$253.73
SCHOOL LUNCH WARRANT 02/16/11	\$72,858.91
SPECIAL AID ADVANCED WARRANT	\$430,967.75
SPECIAL AID WARRANT 02/02/11	\$22,608.39
SPECIAL AID WARRANT 02/16/11	\$34,534.84
WORKERS COMP WARRANT 02/04/11	\$12,193.69
WORKERS COMP WARRANT 02/18/11	\$13,017.25
CAPITAL PROJECTS WARRANT HI 02/02/11	\$241,442.06
CAPITAL PROJECTS WARRANT HI 02/16/11	\$40,000.00
CAPITAL PROJECTS WARRANT HJ 02/16/11	\$146,680.00
CAPITAL PROJECTS WARRANT HK 02/16/11	\$29,832.56
T & A JANUARY WARRANT	\$5,981,636.66
T & A FEBRUARY WARRANT	\$6,260,946.60
TOTALS	\$23,456,183.55

MOTION carried 5-0.

CHANGE IN ORDER OF AGENDA

A MOTION was made by Mr. Dwyer and seconded by Mrs. Black to modify the order of the agenda for this night's meeting in order to present the budget presentation before the *Public Commentary* section and to combine the time allotted for public commentary to one hour that will occur following *Items for Discussion/Action*.

MOTION carried 5-0.

COMMUNICATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mrs. Rogan received a thank you note from Mrs. Cicio's Southdown class for participating in the PARP Reading Program and reading to the class. It was greatly appreciated.

Mrs. Black showed her appreciation to the St. Hugh's Youth Group for a race they sponsored to raise money for Project Hope.

Mr. McGrath thanked the Booster Club and Barbara Cutrone for a fundraiser that took place for the district.

Mr. Dwyer indicated that Mrs. Bené is absent from the meeting and Mr. Paci would be arriving late.

Mr. Dwyer reported on several meetings he attended. On February 16, 2011 Mr. Dwyer, Matt Harris, and Kevin Thorbourne along with other people from Long Island, attended a meeting in Washington D.C. with the Department of Justice and HUD to chase funds for Long Island. He also met with Steve Israel in regard to the same topic. On February 18, 2011 Mr. Dwyer, Mrs. Fehrs and Mr. Finello attended a Legislative Breakfast with local assemblymen and senators. The last meeting was a NYSSBA conference in Albany with approximately 300 school superintendents, Senator Marcellino and Assemblyman Conte.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION/ACTION

2011-2012 Budget

- a) Budget Reflecting 2 percent Tax Rate Increase
- b) State and Federal Aid/Funds Reductions
- c) Employee Benefit Increases
- d) Fund Balance/Reserves
- e) Assessed Value

Mr. Finello and Mr. Grackin presented a very detailed report on all areas of the budget listed above. Discussion followed.

The Board directed administration to prepare a budget with a 3.5 percent target and to hold off on using reserves at this time.

PUBLIC COMMENTARY

Members of the community were given the opportunity to address the Board of Education on items on the agenda. Commentary began at 9:55 p.m. and ended at 10:25 p.m.

CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION

Approval of CSE and CPSE Minutes

A MOTION was made by Mrs. Brown 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
25175	27970	27959	27642	24427 27731
24814	23207	27572	27977	27238 27471
24690	27792	27412	27976	25080 27901
27181	24685	27413	27927	27909 24890
23957	24661	27948	27974	27541 24878
24937	22371	23554	27817	25071 27932
27807	23198	23854	27979	27559 25176
27911	24816	27421	27980	25156 24059
27390	27981	24444	27772	27301 27367
24704	24815	27967	27892	25145 27900
27745		27969	27989	25148 27726
				24727 27793
				27908 25105
				27608 27523
				27316 27724
				24901 27538
				24930

MOTION carried 6-0.

PERSONNEL

On the recommendation of the Superintendent a MOTION was made by Mrs. Rogan and seconded by Mr. Dwyer to approve the following changes in personnel:

H. 1 Approve Resignations/Retirement/Leaves of Absence/Return from Leave of Absence

Resignations					
No.	Unit	Name	Assignment	Effective Date	Reason
1.1	AMA	Vanessa Nilsen	JE/SpEd	3/4/11	Personal
Retirement					
No.	Unit	Name	Assignment	Effective Date	Award
1.2	AMA	Emmagene Brown	SD/Aide	6/25/11	N/A
1.3	CU	Joanne Merenda	CO/SpEd	7/8/11	Not to exceed \$3,500.00
Leave of Absence					
No.	Unit	Name	Assignment	Effective Dates	Reason
1.4	AMA	Marilyn Strickland	HS/SpEd	2/4/11-3/7/11 approx.	FMLA
1.5	ATH	Christa Schlosser	SD/Reading	3/29/11-6/24/11	FMLA
1.6	ATH	Dina Telesco	WH/Elem	4/4/11-6/24/11	FMLA
Return from Leave of Absence					
No.	Unit	Name	Assignment	Effective Date	Reason
1.7	ATH	Lorraine Costello	HS/Art	9/1/11 Sch. VI Step 11.5 \$85,950.00	End Child Care
1.8	ATH	Renee Garcia	JE/SpEd	9/1/11 Sch. VI Step 10 \$82,065.00	End Child Care
1.9	ATH	Nancy Allard	CO/K-6 Data Coordinator	4/1/11	End Child Care

H. 2 Approve Long-Term Substitutes

Full-time						
No.	Unit	Name	Assignment	Effective Dates	Salary	Replacing
2.1	ATH	Brooke Bene	SD/Elem	12/14/10 3/17/11 approx.	1-20 days/\$90. 21-30 days/\$105. 31+days/\$241.45 Sch. 1 Step 1 \$48,290.00	T. Kelly
<i>Ms. Bene was previously appointed through approx. 2/17/11</i>						
2.2	ATH	John OKula	SD/SpEd	3/8/11-6/24/11	1-20 days/\$90. 21-30 days/\$105. 31+days/\$241.45 Sch. 1 Step 1 \$48,290.00	H.Green
2.3	ATH	Scott Leonardi	WH/Elem	1/19/11-6/24/11	Sch. V Step 1 \$57,525.00	D. Telesco
<i>Mr. Leonardi was previously appointed with an end date of TBD</i>						

H. 3 Approve Non-Instructional New Hires

Full-time						
No	Unit	Name	Assignment	Effective Date	Salary	Replacing
3.1	STU	Alexa Kaplan	Stage Crew	2010-2011	\$7.25/hr	N/A
3.2	NC	Eugene O'Hara	CO/Sr. Accountant	3/21/11	\$70,000.00	J. Keegan
<i>Pending Fingerprint Clearance</i>						

H. 4 Approve Additional Work

After School ELA/Math Test Prep Program/FH – Not to exceed \$1,500.00					
No.	Unit	Name	Description	Effective Dates	Rate of Pay
4.1	ATH	Catherine Barth	Teacher	3/2011-4/2011 15 sessions	\$48.97/hr
4.2	ATH	Tracy McManus	Teacher	3/2011-4/2011 15 sessions	\$48.97/hr
4.3	ATH	Suzanne Knoerzer	Sub-Teacher	3/2011-4/2011 15 sessions	\$48.97/hr
4.4	ATH	Donna Marie O'Shaughnessy	Sub-Teacher	3/2011-4/2011 15 sessions	\$48.97/hr
After School ELA/Math Test Prep Program/JE Funded through Title I Grant - Not to exceed \$1,500.00					
No.	Unit	Name	Description	Effective Dates	Rate of Pay
4.5	ATH	Karen Mallow-Rizzo	Teacher	3/2011-4/2011 15 sessions	\$48.97/hr
4.6	ATH	Evelyn D'Andraia	Teacher	3/2011-4/2011 15 sessions	\$48.97/hr
4.7	ATH	Marissa Damiano	Teacher	3/2011-4/2011 15 sessions	\$48.97/hr
4.8	ATH	Luz Marotta	Teacher	3/2011-4/2011 15 sessions	\$48.97/hr
4.9	ATH	Nicole Parrett	Sub-Teacher	3/2011-4/2011 15 sessions	\$48.97/hr
4.10	ATH	Allison Daly Muradyan	Sub-Teacher	3/2011-4/2011 15 sessions	\$48.97/hr
4.11	ATH	Priya Mondkar	Sub-Teacher	3/2011-4/2011 15 sessions	\$48.97/hr
After School ELA/Math Test Prep Program/WA Funded through Title I Grant - Not to exceed \$1,500.00					
No.	Unit	Name	Description	Effective Dates	Rate of Pay
4.12	ATH	Peri Alfano	Teacher	3/2011-4/2011 15 sessions	\$48.97/hr
4.13	ATH	Doreen Ellis	Teacher	3/2011-4/2011 15 sessions	\$48.97/hr
4.14	ATH	Debra Collins	Sub-Teacher	3/2011-4/2011 15 sessions	\$48.97/hr

After School ELA/Math Test Prep Program/SD Funded through Title I Grant - Not to exceed \$1,500.00					
No.	Unit	Name	Description	Effective Dates	Rate of Pay
4.15	ATH	Kimberly Myers-Bender	Teacher	3/2011-4/2011 15 sessions	\$48.97/hr
4.16	ATH	Soraya Triessl	Teacher	3/2011-4/2011 15 sessions	\$48.97/hr
4.17	ATH	David Crimi	Sub-Teacher	3/2011-4/2011	\$48.97/hr
Professional Development					
No.	Unit	Name	Description	Effective Dates	Rate of Pay
4.18	DSPA	Joseph Leavy	Director Humanities	2010-2011	6 hrs. @ \$75.00/hr
Kindergarten Registration					
No.	Unit	Name	Description	Effective Dates	Rate of Pay
4.19	CU	Clara Krapf	Registration Processing	3/8/11-3/31/11	\$10.50/hr
4.20	CU	Margaret Florio	Registration Processing	3/8/11-3/31/11	\$30.00/hr
4.21	CU	Maryanne O'Mara	Registration Processing	3/8/11-3/31/11	\$10.50/hr
Curriculum Writing					
No.	Unit	Name	Description	Effective Dates	Rate of Pay
4.22	ATH	Up to 6 writers	Guidance Program	2010-2011	Not to exceed \$1,900.00 Up to 38hrs.@48.97/hr
4.23	ATH	2 writers 3 days each	ELA/GR. 7&8	2010-2011	\$1,200.00 6 days @\$200.00/day
4.24	ATH	4 writers 2 days each	Science/Gr. 5-8	2010-2011	\$1,600.00 8 days @\$200.00/day
4.25	ATH	2 writers 2 days each	Integrated Algebra/Gr.9	2010-2011	\$800.00 4 days @\$200.00/day
4.26	ATH	2 writers 2 days each	Geometry/Gr.10	2010-2011	\$800.00 4 days @\$200.00/day
4.27	ATH	2 writers 2 days each	Living Environment/Gr.9	2010-2011	\$800.00 4 days @\$200.00/day
4.28	ATH	6 writers 1 day each	Social Studies/Gr.5	2010-2011	\$800.00 6 days @\$200.00/day
After School ELA/Math Test Prep Program/WH Funded through Title I Grant - Not to exceed \$1,500.00					
No.	Unit	Name	Description	Effective Dates	Rate of Pay
4.29	ATH	Susan Danzig	Teacher	3/2011-4/2011 15 sessions	\$48.97/hr
4.30	ATH	TBA	Teacher	3/2011-4/2011 15 sessions	\$48.97/hr
4.31	ATH	TBA	Sub-Teacher	3/2011-4/2011 15 sessions	\$48.97/hr

H. 5 Approve Extra Duty Assignments

Teachers Supervising Teacher Assistants Teaching Reading			
No.	Name	Description	Stipend
5.1	David Warren	1 TA - MS	\$376.00
Interscholastic Athletics			
No.	Name	Description/Season	Step/Stipend
5.2	Kevin Zaharios	Speed/Strength & Conditioning/Spring	\$4,000.00

H. 6 Approve Change in Assignment

No	Unit	Name	Effective Date	From	To
6.1	CU	Demetra Doscas	3/8/11	10 Month Clerk Typist/FL \$22,140.00	12 Month Sr. Clerk Typist/Sp. Ed. \$35,436.00
6.2	CU	Charlene Treffeisen	3/10/11	12 Month Sr. Clerk Typist/Sp. Ed \$38,670.00	12 Month Principal Clerk/Sp. Ed. \$49,050.00
6.3	CU	Madeline Musante	3/10/11	10 Month Clerk Typist/MS/Library \$22,140.00	12 Month Sr.Clerk Typist/Sp. Ed. \$35,436.00
6.4	CU	Bik Bialkowski	3/8/11	10 Month Clerk Typist/Sp.Ed. \$22,140.00	10 Month Clerk Typist/MS Library/Attendance \$22,140.00
No	Unit	Name	Effective Date	From	To
6.5	AMA	Up to 10 aides	2/5/11-4/30/11	3 hrs. @ contractual rate of pay/Saturday Academy	4 hrs. @ contractual rate of pay/Saturday Academy
6.6	CU	Lucy DeChiaro	2/5/11-4/30/11	3 hrs. @ \$10.50/hr.	4 hrs. @ \$10.50/hr.

H. 7 Approve Adult Ed

No.	Name	Description	Effective Dates	Rate of Pay
7.1	Fernando Gomez	Instructor	2010-2011	\$25.00/hr

H. 8 Approve Substitutes

No.	Unit	Name	Assignment	Effective Dates	Rate of Pay
8.1	ATH	Sarah Acton	Teacher	2010-2011	\$90./day
8.2	ATH	Krystina Fiorentino	Teacher	2010-2011	\$90./day
8.3	ATH	Matthew Kahrs	Teacher	2010-2011	\$90./day
8.4	AMA	Sarah Acton	Aide	2010-2011	\$9.00/hr
8.5	AMA	Kelly Clelland	Aide	2010-2011	\$9.00/hr
8.6	FSW	Kelly Clelland	Food Service	2010-2011	\$9.00/hr
8.7	FSW	Erika Jimenez	Food Service	2010-2011	\$9.00/hr
8.8	B&G	Kenneth Lewandowski	Custodian	2010-2011	\$10.50/hr
8.9	ATH	John Okula	Teacher	2010-2011	\$90./day
8.10	ATH	Patty Firouznia	Teacher	2010-2011	\$90./day

MOTION carried 6-0.

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 Contracts

A MOTION was made by Mrs. Brown and seconded by Mrs. Rogan to approve the following contracts for the 2010-2011 school year:

- a) Mill Neck Services for Deaf Adults
- b) South Oaks Comprehensive Behavioral Health Continuum
- c) AIMSweb Training Services

(See attached)

MOTION carried 6-0.

Acceptance of Single Federal Audit and Corrective

A MOTION was made by Mrs. Brown and seconded by Mrs. Rogan to accept the Federal Single Audit Report for the year ending June 30, 2010 as prepared by our external auditors Cullen and Danowski.

(See Attached)

MOTION carried 6-0.

Overnight Field Trip

A MOTION was made by Mrs. Brown and seconded by Mrs. Rogan to approve the overnight field trip for student Mikah Feldman-Stein to attend the “Music in our Schools” performances for the All State Jazz Ensemble in Albany, New York, March 3, 2011 through March 6, 2011 and returning on March 8, 2011.

(See attached)

MOTION carried 6-0.

Approval of Bid Awards

A MOTION was made by Mrs. Brown and seconded by Mrs. Rogan to approve the bid awards to the following vendors for the Printed Forms and Publications bid:

AC Envelope
Tobay Printing, Inc.
Matrix Digital Solution

(See attached)

MOTION carried 6-0.

A MOTION was made by Mrs. Brown and seconded by Mrs. Rogan to approve the bid award to the following vendors for the Surplus Equipment bid.

<u>Mid Island Salvage Corporation</u>	\$440
<u>Urban Renewal Corporation</u>	\$0

(See attached)

MOTION carried 6-0.

Approval of Mileage Reimbursement

A MOTION was made by Mrs. Brown and seconded by Mrs. Rogan to approve mileage reimbursement for the following employee:

Debra Collins

MOTION carried 6-0.

Approval of Budget Transfers

A MOTION was made by Mrs. Brown and seconded by Mrs. Rogan to approve the attached budget transfers.

(See attached)

MOTION carried 6-0.

CLOSING REMARKS BY BOARD MEMBERS

There were no closing remarks.

ADJOURNMENT

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

MOTION carried 6-0.

At 10:31 p.m. the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Elizabeth Troffa
District Clerk