

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

**March 28, 2011**

The Regular Budget Meeting of the Board of Education of the Huntington Union Free School District was held on Monday, March 28, 2011 at Jack Abrams School, Lowndes Avenue, Huntington Station, New York. The meeting was called to order at 6:35 p.m.

**ROLL CALL**

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

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

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

MOTION carried 7-0.

At 7:37 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. Brown and seconded by Mrs. Black to approve the Minutes of the Board of Education Meeting of March 10, 2011 and March 14, 2011.

MOTION carried 7-0.

**COMMUNICATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Mrs. Black attended a fund raiser for Nails Head Building Homes for Heroes at a local business establishment on Saturday, March 26, 2011 honoring a local hero who was severely injured in war. She thanked all who attended this community event.

Mrs. Rogan attended the demolition of 1000 New York Avenue.

**PUBLIC COMMENTARY**

Members of the community were given the opportunity to address the Board of Education on items on the agenda. Commentary began at 7:42 p.m. and ran for 30 minutes.

**ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION/ACTION**

**School Budget 2011-2012 Draft #1**

Mr. Finello indicated that we have no specific information regarding the Governor's state budget and any state aid that may be coming back to the district. This information may be forthcoming by this Wednesday, and until that time we will hold off that discussion. Mr. Finello indicated that the discussion will be a line by line review of the following budget areas:

- a) Central Services
- b) Curriculum and Instruction
- c) Special Education, Pupil Personnel
- d) Co-Curricular and Interscholastic Athletics

Mr. Grackin and Dr. Card each reviewed their respective areas and answered questions the Board asked. Discussion followed.

**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.

A MOTION was made by Mr. McGrath and seconded by Mrs. Brown to approve Items H.1 through H.6.

**AMEND MOTION**

A MOTION was made by Mr. McGrath and seconded by Mrs. Brown to amend the initial MOTION to exclude Items H.4.16 through H.4.19.

MOTION carried 7-0.

**Approve AMENDED MOTION**

A MOTION was made by Mr. McGrath and seconded by Mrs. Brown to approve the AMENDED MOTION that is to approve H.4.1 through H.4.27 excluding H.4.16 through H.4.19.

MOTION carried 7-0.

**Approve MOTION to Table Items**

A MOTION was made by Mr. McGrath and seconded by Mr. Paci to table Items H.4.16 through H.4.19.

MOTION carried 7-0.

**H. 1 Approve Resignation/Leaves of Absence**

<b>Resignation</b>					
No.	Unit	Name	Assignment	Effective Date	Reason
1.1	ATH	Roy Dumar	HS/English	6/30/11	Personal
1.2	ATH	Josephine Llorente	WH/Music	6/24/11	Grad School
<b>Leave of Absence</b>					
No.	Unit	Name	Assignment	Effective Dates	Reason
1.3	ATH	Adrienne DiMaggio	WA/Elem	3/25/11-6/24/11	FMLA
1.4	AMA	Marilyn Strickland	HS/Aide	2/4/11-5/17/11 approx.	FMLA
<b>Return from Leave of Absence</b>					
No.	Unit	Name	Assignment	Effective Dates	Reason
1.5	ATH	Allison Curtin	WH/Sp. Ed.	3/16/11	End Child Care

**H. 2 Approve Long-Term Substitutes**

<b>Full-time</b>						
No.	Unit	Name	Assignment	Effective Dates	Salary	Replacing
2.1	ATH	Beth Minoff	WA/Sp. Ed.	3/8/11- 6/24/11 approx.	1-20 days/\$90. 21-30 days/\$105. 31+days/\$277.02 Sch. IV Step 1 \$55,405.00	C. Roseto
2.2	ATH	Denise Novello	WA/Elem.	10/28/10-6/24/11	Sch. V Step 1 \$57,525.00	A. DiMaggio
<i>Ms. Novello was previously appointed through 3/25/11</i>						
2.3	ATH	Dana Aboulafia	MS/Speech	3/28/11-TBD	1-20 days/\$90. 21-30 days/\$105.	K. Carey

					31+days/\$301.82 Sch. VI Step 1 \$60,365.00	
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**H. 3 Approve Extra Duty Assignments**

<b>Interscholastic Athletics – Post Season</b>			
No.	Name	Description/Season	Step/Stipend
3.1	Michael Kaplan	Coach Girls Basketball/Winter-Post Season	\$531.00 4 days @ \$132.75
3.2	James McCabe	Asst. Coach Girls Basketball/Winter-Post Season	\$309.87 3 days @ \$103.29
3.3	Gilbert Smith	Coach Boys Swimming/Winter-Post Season	\$2,787.75 21 days @ \$132.75
3.4	Ronald Wilson	Coach Boys Track/Winter-Post Season	\$3,717.00 28 days @ \$132.75
3.5	Debra Cheskes	Coach Girls Track/Winter-Post Season	\$1,460.25 11 days @ 132.75
3.6	Kieran Mock	Coach Wrestling/Winter-Post Season	\$2,522.25 19 days @ \$132.75
3.7	Travis Smith	Asst. Coach Wrestling/Winter-Post Season	\$1,962.51 19 days @\$103.29
3.8	Louis Giani, Sr.	Asst. Coach Wrestling/Winter-Post Season	\$1,373.70 19 days @ \$72.30
3.9	Peter Fusco	Asst. Coach Wrestling/Winter-Post Season	\$588.81 19 days @ \$30.99

**H. 4 Approve Additional Work**

<b>Music-HS</b>					
No.	Unit	Name	Description	Effective Dates	Rate of Pay
4.1	NC	Veronica Mainville	Piano Accompanist	2010-2011	\$24.00/hr
4.2	NC	Nicole Lynch	Piano Accompanist	2010-2011	\$24.00/hr
<b>Saturday Academy Orientation</b>					
No.	Unit	Name	Description	Effective Dates	Rate of Pay
4.3	ATH	Up to 32 teachers	Teacher	2010-2011	1.5 hr. @\$48.97/hr
4.4	ATH	Ivona Catanzaro	Teacher	2010-2011	1.5 hr. @\$48.97/hr.
4.5	ATH	Lauren Frisenda	Teacher	2010-2011	1.5 hr. @\$48.97/hr
4.6	ATH	Alexandra O’Leary	Teacher	2010-2011	1.5 hr. @\$48.97/hr
4.7	ATH	Lisa Sullivan	Teacher	2010-2011	1.5 hr. @\$48.97/hr
4.8	ATH	Maria Acevedo	Teacher	2010-2011	1.5 hr. @\$48.97/hr
4.9	ATH	Justine Triola	Teacher	2010-2011	1.5 hr. @\$48.97/hr
4.10	ATH	Brian Hansen	Teacher	2010-2011	\$48.97/hr Not to exceed 2hrs.
<b>Professional Development Funded through Title IIA</b>					

No.	Unit	Name	Description	Effective Dates	Rate of Pay
4.11	ATH	Angela Berner	ELA Assessment	3/3/11 and 3/31/11	4 hrs. @ \$48.97/hr
<b>Regents Review</b>					
No.	Unit	Name	Description	Effective Dates	Rate of Pay
4.12	ATH	Donna Nugent	Review	2010-2011	2 hrs. @ 48.97/hr
4.13	ATH	Anna Fabela	Review	2010-2011	1 ½ hrs. @48.97/hr
<b>Saturday Academy Program – Up to two hours a week Funded through Title III Grant</b>					
No.	Unit	Name	Description	Effective Dates	Rate of Pay
4.14	ATH	Claudia Gonzalez- Butler	Sub-Teacher	2010-2011	\$48.97/hr
<b>New Teacher Mentoring Program Funded through Title IIA Grant</b>					
No.	Unit	Name	Description	Effective Dates	Stipend
4.15	ATH	David Benjamin	Mentor	2010-2011	\$187.50 – 1/4
<b>Summer Staffing – Special Education Funded through Special Education Grant</b>					
No.	Unit	Name	Description	Effective Dates	Rate of Pay
4.16	DSPA	Nancy Wilson	Asst. Director	Summer 2011 Not to exceed 9 days	\$5,734.71 \$637.19/day
4.17	DSPA	Linda Costello-Roth	Chairperson/Gr. 4-8	Summer 2011 Not to exceed 10 days	\$5,896.00 \$589.60/day
4.18	DSPA	Kaaren Palumbo	Chairperson/K-3	Summer 2011 Not to exceed 25 days	\$13,700.75 \$548.03/day
4.19	ATH	Kathleen McCourt	Coordinator/HS	Summer 2011 Not to exceed 25 days	\$10,932.50 \$437.30/day
4.20	ATH	TBA	School Psychologist	Not to exceed 120 hrs.	\$12,345.80 \$102.89/hr
4.21	ATH	TBA	Social Worker	Not to exceed 120 hrs.	\$10,855.00 \$90.46/hr
4.22	ATH	TBA	Speech Therapist	Not to exceed 100 hrs.	\$9,868.67 \$98.69/hr
4.23	ATH	TBA	Gen. Ed. Teacher	Not to exceed 150 hrs.	\$7,345.50 \$48.97/hr
4.24	ATH	TBA	Sp. Ed. Teacher	Not to exceed 150 hrs.	\$7,345.50 \$48.97/hr
<b>After School ELA/Math Test Prep Program/WA Funded through Title I Grant - Not to exceed \$1,500.00</b>					
No.	Unit	Name	Description	Effective Dates	Rate of Pay
4.25	ATH	<b>DELETE</b> Peri Alfano	Teacher	3/2011-4/2011 15 sessions	\$48.97/hr
4.26	ATH	Nancy Giorgos	Teacher	3/2011-4/2011	\$48.97/hr

				15 sessions	
SEARCH PROGRAM					
No.	Unit	Name	Description	Effective Dates	Rate of Pay
4.27	ATH	Christina Gottlieb	Teacher	2010-2011	4 days @ \$508.68/day

**H. 5 Approve Change in Assignment**

No.	Unit	Name	Effective Dates	From	To
5.1	AMA	Olga Velazquez	3/15/11	FH/5 hrs. \$10.77/hr.	HS/4 hrs. \$10.77/hr.

**H. 6 Approve Substitutes**

No.	Unit	Name	Assignment	Effective Dates	Rate of Pay
6.1	ATH	Dana Aboulafia	Teacher	2010-2011	\$90./day
6.2	ATH	Rui Correia	Teacher	2010-2011	\$90./day
6.3	ATH	Jennifer Queen	Teacher	2010-2011	\$90./day
6.4	ATH	Marissa Signorelli	Teacher	2010-2011	\$90./day
6.5	NC	Joan Esposito	Clerical	2010-2011	\$30.00/hr
6.6	SEC	Glenn Deveau	Security	2010-2011	\$11.45/hr
6.7	AMA	Peter Palacio	Aide	2010-2011	\$9.00/hr
6.8	FSW	Heather Christy	Food Service	2010-2011	\$9.00/hr
6.9	FSW	Araceli Espinal	Food Service	2010-2011	\$9.00/hr

**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  
 STU = Student Worker

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

**CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION**

Appointment of Impartial Hearing Officer

On March 22, 2011 Trustee, Kimberly Brown, exercised her power to appoint Impartial Hearing Officer, Arthur Venezia, to preside over a hearing requested by the parents of student #27431. This appointment was made outside of the time frame of a regularly scheduled board meeting.

(See attached)

**BUSINESS ITEMS**

A MOTION was made by Mrs. Brown and seconded by Mr. McGrath to approve Items I.1 through I.12 of the Business agenda. Items I.2 and I.4 were pulled from this MOTION.

MOTION carried 7-0.

Discussion followed regarding Item I.4 – Approval of Capital Reserve Proposition. Changes were made to the original proposition.

**Approval of Capital Reserve Proposition**

A MOTION was made by Mr. McGrath and seconded by Mrs. Brown to approve the following Resolution:

RESOVED, that the Board of Education will be authorized to expend from the Building Improvement Fund, established by the voters of the district at the annual district meeting held May 20, 2008, an amount not to exceed \$215,000 for fuel oil tank replacement at Flower Hill Primary School, \$215,000 for fuel oil tank replacement at Jefferson Primary School, \$215,000 for fuel oil tank replacement at Woodhull Intermediate School and \$39,000 for the balance of EXCEL projects district wide.

MOTION carried. 7-0.

Discussion followed regarding Item I.4 – Approval of Transportation Contract.

**Approval of Transportation Contract Extension**

A MOTION was made by Mr. McGrath and seconded by Mrs. Rogan to table this item on the agenda.

MOTION carried 7-0

**Approval of Contracts**

A MOTION was made by Mr. McGrath and seconded by Mrs. Brown to approve the following contracts for the 2011-2012 school year:

(See attached)

South Oaks Hospital – Revised

Little Flower Union Free School District

Developmental Disabilities Institute

MOTION carried 7-0.

**Approval of Request for Proposal – Summer Transportation**

Huntington Coach/Roy K. Davis

A MOTION was made by Mr. McGrath and seconded by Mrs. Brown to award the Request for Proposal for Summer Transportation to Huntington Coach/Roy K. Davis.

(See attached)

MOTION carried 7-0.

**Approval of Resolution**

Eastern Suffolk BOCES Cooperative Bid System

A MOTION was made by Mr. McGrath and seconded by Mrs. Brown to approve the attached Resolution – Joint Municipal Cooperative Bidding Program CoSer 612 Resolution (A).

(See attached)

MOTION carried 7-0.

**Approval of Change Order**

Locust Valley Electric

A MOTION was made by Mr. McGrath and seconded by Mrs. Brown to approve the Change Order to Locust Valley Electric in the amount of \$1,754.56.

(See attached)

MOTION carried 7-0.

**Approval of Bid Award**

Carrier Corporation

A MOTION was made by Mr. McGrath and seconded by Mrs. Brown to award the purchase of an HVAC Unit to Carrier Corporation.

(See attached)

MOTION carried 7-0.

**Acceptance of Donations**

A MOTION was made by Mr. McGrath and seconded by Mrs. Brown to accept the following donations:

- Timothy Madden – elliptical machine valued at \$500
- OOMPAH – digital audio recorders, flip video cameras and an iPod Touch

(See attached)

MOTION carried 7-0.

Mrs. Brown thanked Mr. Madden and OOMPAH for their very generous donations.

**Disposal of Equipment**

A MOTION was made by Mr. McGrath and seconded by Mrs. Brown to approve placing the following equipment on the Surplus List to be disposed of:

Leg Press Machine – Serial No. 003030

MOTION carried 7-0.

**Approval of Facilities Use Request**

Long Island Squids

A MOTION was made by Mr. McGrath and seconded by Mrs. Brown to approve placing The Long Island Squids organization on the approved User of Facilities list.

(See attached)

MOTION carried 7-0.

A MOTION was made by Mr. McGrath and seconded by Mrs. Brown to approve Field Turf Usage by the Silcoates School on April 5, 2011.

(See attached)

MOTION carried.

**BUDGET TRANSFERS**

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

(See attached)

MOTION carried 7-0.

**PUBLIC COMMENTARY**

Members of the community were given the opportunity to address the Board of Education on any items of interest. This portion of the meeting began at 9:40 p.m. and ran for 30 minutes.

**CLOSING REMARKS BY BOARD MEMBERS**

Mrs. Brown remarked that at the last three board meetings there were three students who spoke during *Public Commentary*. She remarked that they all did a great job and thanked them for their input.

**MOTION TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION**

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

MOTION carried 7-0.

At 10:15 p.m. the Board went into Executive Session.

At 11:07 p.m. Mr. Dwyer reconvened the meeting.

**ADJOURNMENT**

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

At 11:08 p.m. the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Elizabeth Troffa  
District Clerk