

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

April 4, 2011

The Regular Budget Meeting of the Board of Education of the Huntington Union Free School District was held on Monday, April 4, 2011 at Jack Abrams 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, Black, Benè, Brown, McGrath, Paci, Rogan; Greg Guercio, Esq., Christopher Guercio, Esq., Superintendent Finello, Mr. Grackin, Dr. Giani, Dr. Card and Mrs. Troffa.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

MOTION carried 7-0.

At 7:50 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. Bené to approve the Minutes of the Board of Education Meetings of March 25, 2011 and March 28, 2011.

MOTION carried 7-0.

COMMUNICATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Board members reported on fundraisers that they attended, PTA sponsored fashion show at the Harbor Club and March Madness.

Mr. Paci commented about the Suffolk County Police Department crime statistics.

PUBLIC COMMENTARY

Members of the community were given an opportunity to address the Board of Education regarding items on the agenda. Commentary began at 7:55 p.m. and ended at 9:35 p.m.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND ACTION

School Budget 2011-2012 Draft #1

Mr. Finello indicated that this will be the last presentation of the budget draft before budget adoption on April 11th. Dr. Giani presented regarding staffing and transportation. Discussion followed.

Mr. Grackin discussed that the state budget was adopted in Albany and that \$544,000 of state aid has been restored to the district. Discussion followed about restoring items into the budget. After much discussion the board decided upon a tax rate increase of 3.3 percent.

CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION

Approval of CSE and CPSE Minutes

A MOTION was made by Mrs. Brown and seconded by Mr. Dwyer 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		CSE			CPSE	
				Annual Reviews			Annual Reviews	
27886		27990		24622	27280		27736	27852
24531		28004		27912	24922		27809	27868
25133		28000		27829	27352		27707	27863
27486		27849		24516	24690		27817	27802
23610		27995		27811	27522		27885	27833
27790		27996		27295	27853		27846	27812
24668		27997		24828	27235		27803	27872
23674		27728		24893	27819		27830	27873

24639		28001		24919	27318		27913	27939
27889		27988		25162	27220		27719	27915
24254		27994		27524	27652			
24272		27987		24482	23760			
24638		27999		24635	27672			
24963		28005		27904	23761			
27992		27658		27324	23282			
		27767						
		27998						

MOTION carried 7-0.

Districtwide Shared Decision Making Advisory Committee Member Appointments

A MOTION was made by Mrs. Brown and seconded by Mrs. Black to approve individuals to two-year terms on the Districtwide Shared Decision Making Advisory Committee effective May 1, 2011 through April 30, 2013.

Huntington High School	Don Kiley
Finley Middle School	Marilyn Maggio
Woodhull Intermediate School	Pam Fallon
Flower Hill Primary School	Tracy Trucker Donna Blair
Southdown Primary School	Joseph Obermaier
Jefferson Primary School	Margaret Evers Dominique Stanley (SEPTA)
General Administration	Nancy Wilson Rae Montesano Kenneth Card

MOTION carried 7-0

PERSONNEL

On the recommendation of the Superintendent the following changes in personnel were made:

A MOTION was made by Mrs. Brown and seconded by Mr. Dwyer to approve H.1, H.3, H.4.

MOTION carried 7-0.

A MOTION was made by Mrs. Brown and seconded by Mr. Paci to approve H.2.1.

AYES: 6 Mrs. Black
 Mrs. Brown

Mr. Dwyer
 Mr. McGrath
 Mr. Paci
 Mrs. Rogan

NOES: 0
 ABSTAIN: 1

Mrs. Bené

MOTION carried 6-0. Mrs. Bené abstained because this is her daughter.

A MOTION was made by Mrs. Bené and seconded by Mr. Paci to approve H.2.2.

MOTION carried 7-0.

H. 1 Approve Leave of Absence

Leave of Absence					
No.	Unit	Name	Assignment	Effective Date	Reason
1.1	ATH	Debra Lawrence	WA/Sp.Ed.	3/28/11-4/24/11	FMLA

H. 2 Approve Long-Term Substitutes

Full-time						
No.	Unit	Name	Assignment	Effective Dates	Salary	Replacing
2.1	ATH	Brooke Bene	SD/Elem	12/14/10-6/30/11	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 3/17/11</i>						
No.	Unit	Name	Assignment	Effective Dates	Salary	Replacing
2.2	ATH	Tina Balducci	SD/Elem	2/8/11-4/24/11 approx.	\$1-20 days/\$90. 21-30 days/\$105. 31+days/\$277.02 Sch. IV Step 1 \$55,405.00	D. Lawrence
<i>Ms. Balducci was previously appointed with an undetermined end date</i>						

H. 3 Approve Additional Work

Summer Staffing – Special Education Funded through Special Education Grant					
No.	Unit	Name	Description	Effective Dates	Rate of Pay
3.1	DSPA	Nancy Wilson	Asst. Director	Summer 2011 Not to exceed 9 days	\$5,734.71 \$637.19/day
3.2	DSPA	Linda Costello-Roth	Chairperson/Gr. 4-8	Summer 2011 Not to exceed 10 days	\$5,896.00 \$589.60/day

3.3	DSPA	Kaaren Palumbo	Chairperson/K-3	Summer 2011 Not to exceed 25 days	\$13,700.75 \$548.03/day
3.4	ATH	Kathleen McCourt	Coordinator/HS	Summer 2011 Not to exceed 25 days	\$10,932.50 \$437.30/day

H. 4 Approve Substitutes

No.	Unit	Name	Assignment	Effective Dates	Rate of Pay
4.1	ATH	Vanessa Nilsen	Teacher	2010-2011	\$90./day
4.2	B&G	Patrick Flynn	Custodian	2010-2011	\$10.50/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		

PUBLIC COMMENTARY

Members of the community were given an opportunity to address the Board of Education on any item of interest. Commentary began at 10:55 p.m. and ended at 11:13 p.m.

CLOSING REMARKS BY BOARD MEMBERS

Mrs. Brown reminded everyone of the high school play on Friday and Saturday night.

MOTION TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

MOTION carried 7-0.

At 11:15 p.m. the Board went into Executive Session.

At 11:46 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 11:47 p.m. the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Elizabeth Troffa
District Clerk