

**REGULAR MEETING  
HUNTINGTON UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT  
BOARD OF EDUCATION  
December 4, 2006**

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of the Huntington Union Free School District was held on Monday, December 4, 2006, at Finley Middle School, Greenlawn Road, Huntington, New York. Mr. Lee called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

**ROLL CALL**

There were present Board of Education Members Black, Collyer, Lee, Marchi, McGrath, Rogan; Superintendent Finello, Messrs. Giani, Grackin, O'Brien and Mrs. Bender. Mr. Forte was absent.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

A MOTION was made by Mrs. Marchi and seconded by Mrs. Collyer to go into Executive Session to discuss legal and personnel matters.

MOTION carried.

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

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

**EMERGENCY EVACUATION PROCEDURE**

Mr. Lee discussed the exits to be used in the event of any emergency.

**SMOKE FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT**

Mr. Lee announced that the Huntington Union Free School District is a smoke-free district and smoking is prohibited in all buildings and on school grounds.

## **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A MOTION was made by Mrs. Collyer and seconded by Mrs. Marchi to approve the Minutes of the following meeting of the Board of Education:

November 20, 2006

MOTION carried.

## **COMMUNICATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Mr. Lee thanked the Finley Middle School PTA for a wonderful reception and “Taste of Finley.”

Mr. Finello invited all to the Holiday Wrestling Tournament on Saturday December 9, 2006 at Huntington High School. The high school gymnasium will be dedicated at that time as the Louis D. Giani Gymnasium.

Mr. Finello reminded everyone that there have been adjustments made to the school calendar with regard to winter concerts at the high school. Parents have been notified and the changes are on the district website.

Mrs. Collyer reminded everyone about the Western Suffolk BOCES referendum on December 14<sup>th</sup> from 2:00 – 8:00 p.m. at James E. Allen. If the referendum passes, it would cost the Huntington School District approximately \$150,000 over a three-year period.

## **PUBLIC COMMENTARY**

At that portion of the meeting set aside for questions and comments from the public a parent asked why the district does not have a “no nit” policy. Discussion followed. Mr. Finello will follow up.

Several parents of dual language children have concerns about the program for next year particularly if their children are moved to another building.

A parent asked why the public wasn’t informed about the BOCES Referendum. Mr. Lee explained that it was in the local papers and on the district website.

A parent was concerned about the overcrowding in the elementary schools and the potential rezoning. Extensive discussion regarding the ELFACS committee followed.

**ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND ACTION**

School Hours 2006-2007

Mr. Giani explained the options and costs for changing the school hours for the high school for next year. After much discussion the high school hours will remain as they are and the elementary schools will flip as planned.

Woodhull Extension Estimates

Messrs. Larry Salvesen and Roger Smith of Burton Behrendt & Smith presented three options for possible extension to Woodhull Intermediate School. Extensive discussion followed.

**CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION**

A MOTION was made by Mrs. Marchi and seconded by Mrs. Collyer to authorize the district administration to arrange for the provision of appropriate special education programs and services for students as enumerated in the CSE and CPSE meetings:

CSE:

- |           |           |           |           |
|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| 1. 22874  | 2. 23948  | 3. 24511  | 4. 24613  |
| 5. 23243  | 6. 24365  | 7. 22104  | 8. 22146  |
| 9. 24883  | 10. 21826 | 11. 23396 | 12. 21712 |
| 13. 23480 | 14. 23745 | 15. 24819 | 16. 22435 |
| 17. 22199 | 18. 24363 | 19. 25004 |           |

CPSE:

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| 1. 25000 | 2. 25036 | 3. 24786 | 4. 25043 |
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MOTION carried.

**INSTRUCTIONAL PERSONNEL**

On the recommendation of the Superintendent, a MOTION was made by Mrs. Collyer and seconded by Mrs. Marchi to approve the following changes in Instructional Personnel:

**Tenure Recommendation**

Edward Florea, Science teacher, effective January 5, 2007

**Teacher Returning from Leave of Absence**

Erica Parris, English teacher, Finley, effective January 29, 2007

**Requests for Leave of Absence**

Lorraine Costello, Art teacher, High School, effective December 4, 2006 through June 30, 2007 – child care

Patricia Klee, Speech therapist, effective January 26, 2007 through June 30, 2007 – child care

Kelly Trites, Special Education teacher, Woodhull, effective January 26, 2007 through June 30, 2007 – child care

**Long Term Substitue Appointments**

Jacqueline Leonard, Speech therapist, Huntington Int/Woodhull, Sch. V, Step 7.5, \$66,080, effective January 26, 2007 through June 30, 2007 – for P. Klee

Mrs. Leonard has been the long-term substitute since January 2006

Amy Cohen, Art teacher, High School, Sch. VI, Step 1, \$54,370, effective January 26, 2007 through June 30, 2007 – for L. Costello

Mrs. Cohen has been the long-term substitute for Mrs. Costello since September 2006.

Jennifer Sussman, Special Education, Woodhull, Sch. II, Step 1, \$45,140, effective January 26, 2007 through June 30, 2007 – for K. Trites

Ms. Sussman has been the long-term substitute for Mrs. Trites since September 2006.

**Approval of Mentoring Grant Coordinator Stipend**

Margaret Colligan, \$8,000 per year, funded by mentoring grant

**Appointment of After School Staff**

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Mark Helstrom	Jenny Finnegan
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**Additional Work**

January Regents Review, \$44.12 per hour, not to exceed 50 hours

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Heather Swan, up to 5 days at \$44.12 per hour, make a video modeling literacy activities for parental involvement, funded by Title I

**Coaching Recommendations**

<u>Coach</u>	<u>Sport</u>	<u>Step</u>	<u>Salary</u>
Kristi Detor	JH Girls Basketball-7	4	\$4509.00
Ronald Wilson	Boys Winter Track, Var Asst.	4	\$4961.00

COACHING VACANCIES AS OF 11/17/06: NONE

**Approval of New Substitute Teacher(s)**

(See green sheet)

MOTION carried.

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VOTE: AYES: Mrs. Collyer  
Mr. Forte  
Mr. Lee  
Mrs. Marchi  
Mr. McGrath  
Mrs. Rogan

NOES: Mrs. Black

MOTION carried

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Ronald Wilson                      Boys Winter Track, Var Asst. 4                      \$4961.00

COACHING VACANCIES AS OF 11/17/06:                      NONE

MOTION carried.

**NON-INSTRUCTIONAL PERSONNEL**

On the recommendation of the Superintendent, a MOTION was made by Mrs. Collyer and seconded by Mrs. Marchi to approve the following changes in Non-Instructional Personnel:

**Appointments**

<u>Unit</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Salary</u>	<u>Eff.</u>	<u>Replacing</u>
Aide	Linda Uliano	6.5 Special Case Aide	\$11.92/hr	12/5/06	Donna Blair
Aide	Deanna Boccard	6.5 Special Case Aide	\$11.92/hr	12/5/06	Student #22537
Student	Tatiana DiPaola	Lab Assistant	\$6.75/hr	2006-2007	
Student	Michelle Reiss	Stage Crew	\$6.75/hr	2006-2007	
Student	Olivia Torres	Stage Crew	\$6.75/hr	2006-2007	
Student	Michael Funk	Stage Crew	\$6.75/hr	2006-2007	
Student	Merissa Rosenfeld	Stage Crew	\$6.75/hr	2006-2007	

**Request for Leave of Absence**

Food Service Worker, Frances Bravo, Huntington High School, effective November 27, 2006 through January 2, 2007 – family illness.

**Approval of New Non-Instructional Substitute(s)**

CLERICAL  
CUSTODIAL  
FOOD SERVICE  
NURSE  
SCHOOL TEACHER AIDE



SECURITY  
(green sheets)

MOTION carried.

**BUSINESS**

**Approval of Contracts**

Institute for Children with Autism (ICA)

A MOTION was made by Mrs. Marchi and seconded by Mrs. Collyer to approve the contract with the Institute for Children with Autism (ICA) for \$115 per hour, effective July 5, 2006 through June 30, 2007 for staff training, parent training, curriculum development and ancillary support in addition to ongoing classroom consultation.

(See attached)

MOTION carried.

Syosset Central School District

A MOTION was made by Mrs. Marchi and seconded by Mrs. Collyer to approve the contract with Syosset Central School District for educational services for one child with special needs.

(See attached)

MOTION carried.

Challenge Day

A MOTION was made by Mrs. Marchi and seconded by Mrs. Collyer to approve the contract with Challenge Day.

(See attached)

MOTION carried.

**Approval of Change Order**

A MOTION was made by Mrs. Marchi and seconded by Mrs. Collyer to approve the attached change order with Landtek for an asphalt walkway at the high school track and field.

(See attached)

MOTION carried.

**Approval of Wind Energy Feasibility Study**

A MOTION was made by Mrs. Marchi and seconded by Mrs. Collyer to approve LIPA to do a wind energy feasibility study at a cost of between \$12,500 and \$14,500. LIPA will underwrite 50% of the cost.

(See attached)

MOTION carried.

**Approval of Bid Award**

**Educational Data Services**

A MOTION was made by Mrs. Marchi and seconded by Mrs. Collyer to approve the bid award to Educational Data Services for the following:

1. Audio Visual Supplies
2. Science Supplies
3. Family/Consumer Science Supplies
4. Fine Art Supplies
5. Health and Trainer Supplies
6. Health/Athletic Tape Supplies
7. Library Supplies
8. Office Computer Supplies
9. Office Computer/Toner Supplies
10. Photography Supplies
11. Physical Education Supplies
12. Technology Education Supplies
13. General Classroom Supplies

(See attached)

MOTION carried.

**Second Reading of Policies 5230 and 6110**

A MOTION was made by Mrs. Marchi and seconded by Mrs. Collyer to approve the second reading of Policies 5230 and 6110.

(See attached)

MOTION carried.

**Extension of Superintendent's Contract**

A MOTION was made by Mrs. Marchi and seconded by Mrs. Collyer to approve the extension of the Superintendent's contract.

(See attached)

MOTION carried.

**Budget Transfers**

A MOTION was made by Mrs. Marchi and seconded by Mrs. Collyer to approve the attached budget transfers.

(See attached)

MOTION carried.

**PUBLIC COMMENTARY**

At that portion of the meeting set aside for questions and comments from the public a parent questioned school hours for 2007-2008.

A resident who works for Nassau County BOCES said school hours should be early.

**CLOSING COMMENTS BY BOARD MEMBERS**

Mrs. Black inquired about an additional \$120,000 in state aid revenues. Mr. Grackin explained that it will be used to build the fund balance.

**ADJOURNMENT**

A MOTION was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting

At 10:00 p.m. the meeting was adjourned.

MOTION carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Catherine Bender  
District Clerk

