

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

**March 30, 2009**

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of the Huntington Union Free School District was held on Monday, March 30, 2009 at Jack Abrams Intermediate 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, Rogan, Benè, Black, Brown, McGrath, Paci; Mr. Guercio, Superintendent Finello, Mr. Grackin, Dr. Giani, Dr. Lacey, and Mrs. Troffa.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

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

MOTION carried.

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

At 7:55 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. Brown and seconded by Mrs. Black to approve the Minutes of the Board of Education Meeting of March 16, 2009.

MOTION carried.

## **COMMUNICATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Georgia McCarthy, Director of Health, Physical Education and Athletics, on behalf of the student athletes and the coaching staff, thanked the Booster Club, Huntington Foundation for Excellence in Education (HFEE), Gold Cost Therapy, and SEPTA for their support and very generous donations. Mrs. McCarthy enumerated the very generous contributions made by these groups. She also thanked the Board of Education and Central Administration for their support also.

Mrs. Brown informed the Board and public that the Huntington High School Crew team's chaser along with those of other schools was destroyed over the weekend by vandals. She asked if anyone knew how help could be given to the team to replace it.

Mrs. Black announced that Finley students competed in a Latin competition for Nassau and Suffolk students at Stonybrook University. The Finley group came in 4<sup>th</sup> place out of 18 schools. They competed against mostly high school students and did very well. Mrs. Black congratulated the students who competed and won and also thanked Carmen Kasper, Director of Foreign Language and ESL/Bilingual Education, for making it possible for the students to be part of the competition.

Mrs. Black announced there will be a book discussion of "The Kite Runner" by Khaled Hosseini on April 17, 24 and 30, 2009 that will be facilitated by Huntington High School seniors who have been studying this book. She invited all to be part of this literary discussion and to come to a performance of three chapters of the book by a professional actor on Friday April 3<sup>rd</sup> at the high school library.

Mrs. Rogan participated in *Read Across America* on Friday, March 27, 2009 at Washington Primary School. Mrs. Benè, members of Central Administration and many other administrators also participated. Mrs. Rogan thanked all those who participated and Georganne White, Librarian at Washington Primary School, for coordinating the program.

Mrs. Rogan indicated that she and Mrs. Bené attended a *Safe and Drug Free* Workshop coordinated by Victor Matarasso and Kathryn Costa, social workers in the district to discuss the dangers and risks of alcohol and drug use. It was very informative for students and parents.

Mrs. Rogan attended the play *Pajama Game*. She commented how professional the whole event was and thanked those who made it possible.

Mr. Dwyer indicated he and Mr. Finello attended a meeting on March 23, 2009 at Town Hall called by Supervisor Petrone to bring together local elected officials and community groups to review the situation in the area regarding increased police response that we got from the county. Mr. Dwyer reported this meeting was very well attended. There were representatives from Steve Israel's office, Steve Levy's office, Tri-CYA, representatives from the Suffolk County Second Precinct Police, and other community groups were represented. Mr. Dwyer reported back to the Board what had been discussed at the meeting.

## **PUBLIC COMMENTARY**

At the portion of the meeting set aside for public commentary a parent and President of the Friends of Huntington Crew thanked Mrs. Brown for the announcement regarding the vandalism of the crew team shells. She thanked HFEE and the Booster Club for their fundraising on behalf of the crew team and indicated how important this is to the team. She also thanked the Board of Education for their support.

A parent of a student in the Dual Language Program spoke in support of the Dual Language Program and Glenn Edwards.

A parent asked what the outcome was of the Math Counts Club competition on March 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> at the Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute.

Commentary included:

- Support of the SEARCH Program, the Arts-in-Education Program, the Library Program, and Glenn Edwards and the Dual Language Program;
- Questions regarding the number of chaperones used by the district, substitute clericals and custodians;
- A suggestion that employees of the district take a cut in pay;
- Looking into alternate methods of transportation for athletic events after school other than buses, possibly of parents driving students.

## **ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION/ACTION**

Mr. Dwyer moved the Technology Presentation to the first Item for Discussion.

### Technology Presentation

Mr. Dwyer introduced Paul Bayer, an IT specialist who offered his services to the district in August 2008 to review our IT system and make recommendations. Mr. Bayer reported that the district is in pretty good shape but improvements can be made. He reviewed his recommendations and answered questions posed by the Board of Education. Discussion followed.

### 2009-2010 School Budget (Draft #3)

- Dr. Giani presented a detailed review of Staffing and Transportation for next year. Extensive discussion followed.
- Mr. Grackin presented a detailed review of the Benefits area in the budget. Discussion followed.

Mr. Finello discussed news on the state budget that came from Governor Patterson's office. Extensive discussion followed. The Board decided that another board meeting would be

necessary before adopting the budget on April 20, 2009. The Board of Education agreed to schedule a Work Session and that would take place on Tuesday, April 14, 2009.

**CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION**

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		Annual Reviews CPSE
27413	23915	27583	24742	27412	27211
27412	27325	25095	27389	23948	27479
22825	080160001	27491	24516	22604	25031
22456	24845	27516	25066	22129	27197
24503	27555	27584	25175	22447	25159
23298	24147	27579	27464	27372	27380
20893	27556	27505	27354	24638	27360
24615	24657	27581	27547	25023	27203
27289	27548	27580	27398	25076	25145
22334	24846	27604	24235	20599	25124
27546	24491		23957		25071
24821					25105
					27191
					27323
					25148

MOTION carried.

**PERSONNEL**

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

**H. 1 Approve Resignations / Leaves of Absence / Retirement**

Resignations					
No.	Unit	Name	Assignment	Effective Date	Reason
1.1	ATH	Jill Lowe	WH	4/17/09	Re-locating
Leave of Absence					
No.	Unit	Name	Assignment	Effective Dates	Reason
1.2	ATH	Jennifer Glatzer	SD	5/6/09-6/26/09	Child Care
1.3	ATH	Karen Swanson	WH	9/1/09-1/29/10	Child Care
Return from Leave of Absence					
No.	Unit	Name	Assignment	Effective Date	Reason
1.4	ATH	Jennifer DiMattei	MS	5/4/09	End of Child Care
1.5	ATH	Colleen Mahoney	JAI	5/15/09	End of Child Care
1.6	SEC	Christopher Bamfo	HS	4/14/09	Return from Military

1.7	AMA	Juanita Turner	MS	3/30/09	Return from medical leave
Retirement					
No.	Unit	Name	Assignment	Effective Date	Award
1.8	AMA	Joanne Gruder	Jefferson	Close of Business 6/26/09	N/A
1.9	CU	Rachel Cermignani	Flower Hill	Close of Business 7/1/09	Retirement Incentive not to exceed \$3,500.

**H. 2 Approve Non-Instructional New Hires**

Full-time						
No.	Unit	Name	Assignment	Effective Date	Salary	Replacing
2.1	AMA	Lorraine Corbly	WH	3/31/09	\$12.34/hr	Kristen DeVille

**H. 3 Approve Extra Duty Assignments**

Interscholastic Athletics			
No.	Name	Description/Season	Rate of Pay
3.1	Eliasib Acosta	Boys Cross Country/Fall-Post Season	\$2296.80 18 days @ \$127.60/day
3.2	Michael Schmitz	Varsity Boys Basketball/Winter-Post Season	\$2424.40 19 days @ \$127.60/day
3.3	Timothy Madden	Varsity Boys Basketball/Winter-Post Season	\$1886.13 19 days @ \$99.27/day
3.4	Kieran Mock	Wrestling/Winter-Post Season	\$2424.40 19 days @ \$127.60/day
3.5	Travis Smith	Wrestling/Winter-Post Season	\$1886.13 19 days @ \$99.27/day
3.6	Louis Giani	Wrestling/Winter-Post Season	\$1320.29 (70%) 19 days @ \$99.27/day
3.7	Peter Fusco	Wrestling/Winter-Post Season	\$565.84 (30%) 19 days @ \$99.27/day
3.8	Rebecca Robey	Varsity Cheerleading/Winter-Post Season	\$1020.80 8 days @ \$127.60/day
3.9	Bradley Reminick	Girls Varsity Basketball/Winter-Post Season	\$1914.00 15 days @ \$127.60/day
3.10	Gilbert Smith	Varsity Boys Swimming/Winter-Post Season	\$3317.60 26 days @ \$127.60/day
3.11	Thomas Tantillo	MS Head Coach/Baseball-Spring	Step 1 \$3399.

**H. 4 Approve Additional Work**

AP and Regents Review – Not to exceed 150 hours					
No.	Unit	Name	Description	Effective Dates	Rate of Pay
4.1	ATH	TBD	Review Sessions	2008-2009	\$47.07/hr

**H. 5 Approve Changes / Adjustments to Probationary Period**

No.	Unit	Name	Certification	From:	To:	Reason
5.1	ATH	Christina Droskoski	Reading	9/25/09	10/4/10	Unpaid Leave of Absence
5.2	ATH	Nadine Araoz	Social Studies	12/12/10	12/12/11	Unpaid Leave of Absence
5.3	ATH	Jennifer Glatzer	ESL	10/16/10	12/9/10	Unpaid Leave of Absence

**H. 6 Approve Substitutes**

No.	Unit	Name	Assignment	Effective Dates	Rate of Pay
6.1	AMA	Christopher Jimenez	Aide	2008-2009	\$8.75/hr
6.2	AMA	Natalie Vacirca	Aide	2008-2009	\$8.75/hr
6.3	AMA	Danielle Sadusky	Aide	2008-2009	\$8.75/hr
6.4	AMA	Colleen Thompson	Aide	2008-2009	\$8.75/hr
6.5	AMA	Barbara Cali	Aide	2008-2009	\$8.75/hr
6.6	CU	Barbara Cali	Clerical	2008-2009	\$10.50/hr
6.7	CU	Mardella Edwards	Clerical	2008-2009	\$10.50/hr
6.8	CU	Katherine Berner	Clerical	2008-2009	\$10.50/hr
6.9	AMA	Katherine Berner	Aide	2008-2009	\$8.75/hr
6.10	CU	Qudsia Alvi	Clerical	2008-2009	\$10.50/hr
6.11	ATH	Qudsia Alvi	Teacher	2008-2009	\$90./day
6.12	ATH	Linda Ray	Teacher	2008-2009	\$90./day
6.13	FSW	Vita Bartolotta	Food Service	2008-2009	\$8.75/hr
6.14	B&G	Dwayne Sair	Custodian	2008-2009	\$10.50/hr
6.15	AMA	Gloria Wilson	Aide	2008-2009	\$8.75/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

**BUSINESS ITEMS**

**Approval of Contracts**

Howard Goldberg

A MOTION was made by Mrs. Rogan and seconded by Mrs. Black to approve the contract for the time period March 9, 2009 through June 30, 2009.

(See Attached)

MOTION carried.

Jim Wright

A MOTION was made by Mrs. Rogan and seconded by Mrs. Black to approve the contract for the time period July 1, 2009 through July 30, 2009.

(See Attached)

MOTION carried.

American Red Cross

A MOTION was made by Mrs. Rogan and seconded by Mrs. Black to approve the contract for the 2009-2010 school year.

(See Attached)

MOTION carried.

SCOPE Membership

A MOTION was made by Mrs. Rogan and seconded by Mrs. Black to approve membership with SCOPE for the 2009-2010 school year.

(See Attached)

MOTION carried.

Huntington Coach Corporation

A MOTION was made by Mrs. Rogan and seconded by Mrs. Black to extend all transportation contracts with Huntington Coach Corporation for the 2009-2010 school year at the May CPI.

(See Attached)

MOTION carried.

**Approval of Capital Bid Award**

A MOTION was made by Mr. McGrath and seconded by Mrs. Rogan to award the capital bid opened on March 3, 2009 to the companies listed below. Burton Behrendt Smith, the district's architects, reviewed the bids and recommended the awards. The Board of Education tabled Base Bid GC-3 – *Combined site work – Huntington High School and Flower Hill Primary School* from this award. Bid amounts are listed on the enclosure.

Locust Valley Electric Inc.

Hi-Lume Corporation

Neos Associated Inc.

(See Attached)

MOTION carried.

**Acceptance of GASB 45 Report**

A MOTION was made by Mrs. Rogan and seconded by Mrs. Black to accept the GASB 45 Report as generated by the actuaries at Questar III BOCES.

(See Attached)

MOTION carried.

**Acceptance of Donations**

**Gold Coast Physical Therapy**

A MOTION was made by Mrs. Rogan and seconded by Mrs. Black to accept a donation in the approximate amount of \$5,000 for flooring for the Weight Room at Huntington High School.

(See Attached)

MOTION carried.

**Booster Club**

A MOTION was made by Mrs. Rogan and seconded by Mrs. Black to accept a donation by the Booster Club totaling \$36,809 for equipment to be used by all students in the Interscholastic Athletic and Physical Education Programs.

(See Attached)

MOTION carried.

**SEPTA Grants**

A MOTION was made by Mrs. Rogan and seconded by Mrs. Black to accept grants donated by SEPTA totaling \$3,731.06.

(See Attached)

MOTION carried.

**Disposal of Equipment**

A MOTION was made by Mrs. Rogan and seconded by Mrs. Black to dispose of the equipment listed below:

<b>Equipment</b>	<b>Serial No.</b>	<b>Quantity</b>	<b>Location</b>
Silesia Grill Machine (Panini Grill) Model #CG-2	V38034	1	Not operational

MOTION carried.

**Approval of Facilities Use Request**

A MOTION was made by Mrs. Rogan and seconded by Mrs. Black to approve as a user of our facilities the organization listed below:

**USATF-LI Long Island Distance Running Development Program**

(See Attached)

MOTION carried.



**PUBLIC COMMENTARY**

At the portion of the meeting set aside for public commentary, comments were made about the Arts-in-Education and Library Programs and how they affect all the students. Comments were made in regard to the two extra classrooms at Woodhull, how propositions are placed on the ballot at the budget vote, transportation costs, cuts in central administration, how long the school district has been contracting with Huntington Coach, and putting staffing information on the website.

**CLOSING REMARKS BY BOARD MEMBERS**

Mrs. Benè indicated she was happy we would be scheduling a Work Session Board Meeting and should add it to the schedule for next year.

Mr. Paci thanked the building principals and administrators for their academic presentations that had occurred throughout the year. Mr. Paci indicated how important these presentations were to the Board.

**ADJOURNMENT**

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

MOTION carried.

At 10:45 p.m. the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Elizabeth Troffa  
District Clerk