

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

**April 20, 2009**

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of the Huntington Union Free School District was held on Monday, April 20, 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; Superintendent Finello, Mr. Grackin, Dr. Giani, Dr. Lacey, and Mrs. Troffa.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

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

MOTION carried.

At 7:04 p.m. the Board of Education went into Executive Session.

At 7:40 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. Benè and seconded by Mrs. Rogan to approve the Minutes of the Board of Education Meeting of March 30, 2009 and April 14, 2009.

MOTION carried.

**APPROVAL OF TREASURER'S REPORT**

A MOTION was made by Mr. McGrath and seconded by Mrs. Bené to approve the Treasurer's Report as of February 28, 2009.

MOTION carried.

The following reports were presented For Information Only:

- FYI – Revenue Status Report as of February 28, 2009
- Expenditure Reports as of March 31, 2009
  - a. General Fund
  - b. School Lunch
  - c. Special Aid Fund

### **COMMUNICATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Mr. Dwyer announced the Huntington Public Library will be having its annual budget vote and election on Tuesday, April 21, 2009 at the Library in Huntington Village from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.

### **PUBLIC COMMENTARY**

At the portion of the meeting set aside for public commentary several teachers commented about the cuts in the Mathematics Department indicating the children will be affected. There were several comments in support of the teachers in the SEARCH Program.

### **ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION**

#### **Adoption of the 2009-2010 School Budget**

A MOTION was made by Mr. McGrath and seconded by Mrs. Brown to adopt the expenditure budget of \$104,814,259 for the 2009-2010 school year.

(See Attached)

MOTION carried.

#### **Adoption of the 2009-2010 Contingency Budget**

Mr. Finello explained this budget is an increase of 1.16% over the current year's budget. He also detailed the money we will receive from the federal stimulus package. Mr. Dwyer then elaborated on how the Board arrived at the budget that we are looking to adopt at this meeting. Mr. Grackin explained the difference between the general fund budget and the contingency budget and how it would impact the district.

A MOTION was made by Mrs. Bené and seconded by Mrs. Rogan to adopt the contingency budget of \$104,657,923 for the 2009-2010 school year.

(See Attached)

MOTION carried.

District Wide Technology Plan 2009-2012

Dr. Lacey explained the vision as set forth in the Technology Plan and thanked Joann Kavanagh and the Technology team for their contribution resulting in this Plan. A MOTION was made by Mr. McGrath and seconded by Mrs. Rogan to accept the District Wide Technology Plan 2009-2012.

AYES: Mrs. Bené  
Mrs. Black  
Mrs. Brown  
Mr. Dwyer  
Mr. McGrath  
Mrs. Rogan

NOES: Mr. Paci  
ABSTAIN: 0

MOTION carried.

Course Approval

Dr. Lacey explained the Fashion Design and Illustration 3 course presented for approval. Extensive discussion followed. Mrs. Fretz answered questions posed by the Board. A MOTION was made by Mrs. Brown and seconded by Mrs. Bené to approve this course for the 2009-2010 school year.

AYES: Mrs. Bené  
Mrs. Brown  
Mr. Dwyer  
Mr. McGrath  
Mrs. Rogan

NOES: Mrs. Black  
Mr. Paci  
ABSTAIN: 0

MOTION carried.

75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Huntington High School Band

Mrs. Fretz informed the Board of Education that the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Huntington High School Band will be celebrated during the upcoming school year. Two celebrations are being planned, in the fall during the Homecoming Parade, and a spring concert. Band alumnae are planning to be part of the celebration.

Mr. Finello announced on April 28, 2009 at 8:30 a.m. the Board of Education will vote on the BOCES Administration budget. Discussion followed as to what Board members would be available on that day. Mrs. Bené, Mr. Dwyer, Mr. McGrath, and Mrs. Rogan will form the quorum necessary for the vote.

**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 meetings:

CSE		CPSE
27322	27255	27593
23574	24254	27596
27386	27496	27597
22140	27558	27592
22164	27569	27591
23792	27585	27594
21567	27586	27595
23218	22165	
23263		
25170		
21580		

CSE Annual Reviews				CPSE Annual Reviews	
24954	27294	24668	22371	27182	27441
27335	24943	27336	21986	27251	25146
24427	24837	22537	24359	27568	27410
25086	25031	22477	21985	27321	27184
24431	27461	24116	24641	25130	27285
27195	27317	24907	24182	27315	27384
24894	27306	22824	23980	27490	27309
25090	24207	23731	20648	27364	27272
25085	24995	24773	22395		
24785	27424	24834	22236		
25130	24690	24508	24555		
24698	25173	27462	21494		
24351	27182	24929	21230		
24768	24513	23939	23916		
25040	24319	24550	24572		
	27433	24910	22104		
	27457	24731	20880		
	24726	25171	27458		
	24614	27475	24051		
	24766	24701			

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	Peter Deschler	WH	Close of Business 6/30/09	Personal
Leave of Absence					
No.	Unit	Name	Assignment	Effective Dates	Reason
1.2	ATH	Jessica McVetty	WA	4/16/09-6/26/09	Child Care
1.3	ATH	Danielle Nolan	FH	5/5/09-6/26/09	Child Care
1.4	ATH	Ivonne Szabo	SD	5/4/09-6/26/09	Child Care
Return from Leave of Absence					
No.	Unit	Name	Assignment	Effective Date	Reason
1.5	AMA	Daphine Harkins	JE	5/11/09	End Student Teacher Assignment
Retirement					
No.	Unit	Name	Assignment	Effective Date	Award
1.6	NC	Barbara Lacey	CO	Close of Business-6/30/09	N/A
1.7	CU	Patricia De Lecce	HS	Close of Business-7/10/09	Retirement Incentive not to exceed \$3500.

**H. 2 Approve Changes / Adjustments to Probationary Period**

No.	Unit	Name	Certification	From:	To:	Reason
2.1	AMA	Daphine Harkins	Teacher Assistant	9/1/09	11/16/09	Unpaid Leave of Absence

**H.3 Approve Tenure Recommendation**

No.	Unit	Name	Assignment	Effective Date	Certification
3.1	ATH	Eileen Melloy	MS	5/20/09	ESL

**H. 4 Approve Additional Work**

Election Personnel – Budget Vote					
No.	Unit	Name	Description	Effective Dates	Rate of Pay
4.1	CU	Marion Guilfooy	Clerk	5/19/09	\$20.00/hr
Alternative High School					
No.	Unit	Name	Description	Effective Dates	Rate of Pay
4.2	ATH	Lauren Thomas	Social Studies	2008-2009	\$51.19/hr
Adult Ed					
No.	Unit	Name	Description	Effective Dates	Rate of Pay
4.3	N/A	Allison Pollard	Instructor	2008-2009	\$25.00
4.4	N/A	Kerri Titone	Instructor	2008-2009	\$25.00

**H. 5 Approve Substitutes**

No.	Unit	Name	Assignment	Effective Dates	Rate of Pay
5.1	ATH	Michael Visco	Teacher	2008-2009	\$90./day
5.2	AMA	Michael Visco	Aide	2008-2009	\$8.75/hr
5.3	ATH	Laura Lambiase	Teacher	2008-2009	\$90./day
5.4	ATH	Christina Gottlieb	Teacher	2008-2009	\$90./day
5.5	ATH	Bernadette Phelan	Teacher	2008-2009	\$90./day
5.6	ATH	George Geist	Teacher	2008-2009	\$90./day
5.7	NUR	Danielle Jeshiva	Nurse	2008-2009	\$105./day
5.8	AMA	Lindsey Marotta	Aide	2008-2009	\$8.75/hr
5.9	CU	Lindsey Marotta	Clerical	2008-2009	\$10.50/hr
5.10	AMA	Peter Brossoff	Aide	2008-2009	\$8.75/hr

5.11	B&G	Samuel Cutrone	Custodian	2008-2009	\$10.50/hr
5.12	SEC	Walter Wilson	Security	2008-2009	\$11.45/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

MOTION carried.

**BUSINESS ITEMS**

**Contracts**

Ascent: A School for Individuals with Autism

A MOTION was made by Mrs. Brown and seconded by Mr. McGrath to approve the contract for the 2009-2010 school year.

(See Attached)

MOTION carried.

L.I. Professional &I Parent Education Network

A MOTION was made by Mrs. Brown and seconded by Mr. McGrath to approve the contract for the period ending June 30, 2009.

(See Attached)

MOTION carried.

Laura Van Tassell

A MOTION was made by Mrs. Brown and seconded by Mr. McGrath to approve the contract for the period ending June 30, 2009.

(See Attached)

MOTION carried.

Christy Baralis

A MOTION was made by Mrs. Brown and seconded by Mr. McGrath to approve the contract for the period ending June 30, 2009.

(See Attached)

MOTION carried.

Susan Simonds

A MOTION was made by Mrs. Brown and seconded by Mr. McGrath to approve the contract for the period ending June 30, 2009.

(See Attached)

MOTION carried.

David Badanes

A MOTION was made by Mrs. Brown and seconded by Mr. McGrath to approve the contract for the period ending June 30, 2009.

(See Attached)

MOTION carried.

Challenge Day

A MOTION was made by Mrs. Brown and seconded by Mr. McGrath to approve the contract for the 2009-2010 school year.

(See Attached)

MOTION carried.

**Change Order**

Burton Behrendt Smith

A MOTION was made by Mrs. Brown and seconded by Mr. McGrath to approve the Change Order with Burton Behrendt Smith in the amount of \$18,900.

(See Attached)

MOTION carried.

**Property Tax Report Card**

A MOTION was made by Mrs. Brown and seconded by Mr. McGrath to approve the Property Tax Report Card to be submitted to the State Education Department.

(See Attached)

MOTION carried.

**Memorandum of Agreement**

A MOTION was made by Mrs. Brown and seconded by Mr. McGrath to approve the Memorandum of Agreement between the Board of Education of the Huntington Union Free

School District and the United Public Service Employees Union Clerical Unit for the time period July 1, 2007 through June 30, 2009.

(See Attached)

MOTION carried.

### **Capital Bid Award**

#### **Suffolk Paving**

A MOTION was made by Mrs. Brown and seconded by Mr. McGrath to approve the Base Bid GC-3 award to Suffolk Paving in the amount of \$670,331 for site work at Huntington High School and Flower Hill Primary School.

(See Attached)

MOTION carried.

### **Bid Award**

#### **Dollamur Sport Surfaces**

A MOTION was made by Mrs. Brown and seconded by Mr. McGrath to approve the award of the Wrestling Mat Bid to Dollamur Sport Surfaces in the amount of \$13, 465.

(See Attached)

MOTION carried.

### **Donations**

A MOTION was made by Mrs. Brown and seconded by Mr. McGrath to accept the donations from the donors listed below:

Jean diMonda

Charlie Lang

Larry and Karen Turner

Patricia Duclos

Carol McGovern

Huntington Foundation for Excellence in Education

(See Attached)

MOTION carried.

### **PUBLIC COMMENTARY**

At the portion of the meeting set aside for public commentary comments were made in regard to Dr. Lacey's retirement, comments on the budget, and the SEARCH Program.

### **CLOSING REMARKS BY BOARD MEMBERS**



Mrs. Rogan indicated she would like more information about the electives offered at the high school. Mr. Noce offered to give her any information she or any other Board member asked for.

Mrs. Black commented on the budget that she feels we may be kicking our problems down the road and she is concerned that Central Administration was not touched and with Dr. Lacey retiring there is an opportunity to restructure and give more responsibility to the directors.

Mrs. Brown commented that the individual involved in the security assessment that is being done in our district by Federal Shield, a security consulting firm, is highly qualified and we should take the recommendations very seriously. Mr. Finello commented there will be a proposal put together for the Board. Discussion followed.

Mrs. Bené commented on how long and painstaking the budget process had been for the Board and that they tried to appease everyone and fulfill the needs of this district.

Mrs. Rogan commented there needs to be a change in the system at the state level and she would be willing to appeal to Albany on behalf of the school district.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

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

MOTION carried.

At 9:05 p.m. the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Elizabeth Troffa  
District Clerk