

Meeting of the Board of Education  
Hicksville Union Free School District  
Town of Oyster Bay, Hicksville, NY  
Board Room, Administration Building

July 16, 2008

Recorded  
**Approved 08/27/08**

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BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Ms. Sommers, Ms. Garger, Mr. Edelman, Ms. Powell, Mr. Coutieri, Ms. Owens, Mr. Culhane.

ALSO PRESENT: Maureen Bright, Supt of Schools; Brian Heyward, Asst Supt for Personnel; Marianne. Litzman, Asst Supt for Curr & Instruc; Robert Witosky, Interim Asst Supt. for Business; John Sheahan, Attorney.

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The Regular Meeting of the Board of Education was called to order by President Sommers at approximately 7:07PM.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

NO. 1 Ms. Owens moved, seconded by Ms. Garger, that the Board of Education recess into Executive Session to discuss personnel, special education and advice of counsel.

Voting on No. 1: 7-0. Motion carried unanimously.

The Board of Education recessed into Executive Session at approximately 7:07PM. The Board returned from Executive Session at approximately 8:38PM. No action was taken.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. Edelman made the following announcements:

- A. Wednesday, August 6, 2008  
**Special Meeting of the Board of Education**  
Action Meeting  
Board Room, Administration Building – 7:00PM
- B. Wednesday, August 27, 2008  
**Regular Meeting of the Board of Education**  
Executive Session – 7:00 PM  
Action Meeting – *Approximately* 8:30 PM  
Board Room, Administration Building
- C. Wednesday, September 10, 2008

**Board of Education Committee Meetings**  
Board Room, Administration Building – 7:30 PM

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

Reports were presented as follows:

- Summer Programs and Projects Update

WARRANT REPORT

The Board of Education received the Warrant Report from the Claims Auditor for the period June 1, 2008 through June 30, 2008. *Filed with Official Minutes.*

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MINUTES

NO. 2 Mr. Edelman moved, seconded by Mr. Coutieri, that the Board of Education approve the minutes of the following meetings as prepared by the District Clerk:

- Minutes of Regular Meeting of June 18, 2008
- Minutes of Special Meeting of June 24, 2008
- Minutes of Special Meeting of June 25, 2008

Voting on No. 2: 7-0. Motion carried unanimously.

PERSONNEL

NO. 3 Ms. Powell moved, seconded by Ms. Garger, that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the actions detailed in the Personnel Actions Report.

Voting on No. 3: 7-0. Motion carried unanimously.

**BUSINESS & FINANCE**  
**OMNIBUS MOTION**

NO. 4 Ms. Garger moved, seconded by Ms. Powell, that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the following Omnibus Motion:

1. Treasurer’s Report

The Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, is asked to approve the Treasurer’s Report for the period ending June 30, 2008. *Filed with Official Minutes*

2. Appropriated Fund Balance  
The Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, is asked to approve the appropriation of fund balance in the amount of \$1,700,000 for the purpose of reducing the amount to be raised by tax levy.
3. Tax Resolution  
The Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, is asked to approve the resolution required by the Nassau County Administrative Code, as amended, setting the amount to be raised by taxes for school purposes at \$88,492,236. This amount will result in an estimated Class I tax rate of \$376.236 per hundred dollars of assessed valuation. *Attachment No. 3*
4. Renewal of Contract  
The Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, is asked to renew its contract for Commercial Crime for New York Schools Insurance Reciprocal subscribers with Travelers Insurance Group, Northern Insuring Agency for the period July 1, 2008 to June 30, 2009 at a cost of \$4,188. This represents no increase over the current year. *Attachment No. 4*
5. Student Accident Insurance  
The Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, is asked to approve the renewal of the District's student accident insurance with Security Mutual Life Insurance Company through Salerno Brokerage Corporation in the amount of \$17,964.65 with a \$500 deductible for the period August 26, 2008 to August 26, 2009 at the rate of \$2.95 per student and \$44.75 per football player. In addition, the Board of Education is asked to approve the renewal of the \$5,000,000 excess student accident policy with American Life through Salerno Brokerage Corporation in the amount of \$5,457 for a total premium increase of \$594.40. *Attachment No. 5*
6. Excess Workers' Compensation Insurance  
The Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, is asked to renew its contract for Excess Workers' Compensation Insurance to Midwest Employers Casualty Corporation for the period July 1, 2008 through June 30, 2009 at a cost of \$.0585 per \$100 of payroll estimated at \$61,113,267 for a total cost of \$35,751, as listed in the back up. *Attachment No. 6*
7. Consultant Services Contract  
The Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, is asked to approve a contract between Syosset Home Tutoring and the Hicksville School District for the provision of home instruction services to Hicksville students for the period July 1, 2008 through June 30, 2009 for a fee of \$36 per hour, an increase of \$1.00 over the current fee. *Attachment No. 7*

8. Consultant Services Contract

The Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, is asked to approve a contract between Creative Tutoring, Inc. and the Hicksville School District for the provision of home instruction services to Hicksville students for the period July 1, 2008 through June 30, 2009 for a fee of \$35 per hour. *Attachment No. 8*

9. Horizon Healthcare

The Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, is asked to approve the contract between Horizon Healthcare Staffing and the Hicksville School District for the provision of 1:1 nursing services for the period July 1, 2008 through June 30, 2009 as listed in the back up. *Attachment No. 9*

10. Autism Consulting Services Contract

The Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, is asked to approve the contract between The Institute for Children with Autism and the Hicksville School District for the period July 1, 2008 through June 30, 2009 for consulting services at the following fee schedule:

Consultative services:	\$115.00 per hr.
ABA & instructional services for students at home	90.00 per hour

*Attachment No. 10*

11. Consultant Contract

The Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, is asked to approve the contract between All About Kids and the Hicksville School District for the period July 1, 2008 through June 30, 2009 for the provision of special education services, as listed in the backup. *Attachment No. 11*

12. Consultant Contract – Metro Therapy

The Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, is asked to approve the contract with Metro Therapy and the Hicksville School District for the provision of occupational and physical therapy for the period July 1, 2008 through June 30, 2009 based on the following fee schedules as listed in the backup:

Individual OT/PT at \$38 per ½ hour session, no increase  
Group OT/PT at 58.00 per ½ hour session, no increase  
Evaluations OT/PT (in district) - \$130, no increase *Attachment No. 12*

13. Health and Welfare Services Contract  
The Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, is asked to approve Health Services Contracts which reimburse individual school districts for health services provided to students who reside in Hicksville and attend private/parochial schools in other school districts for the 2007-08 school year, as listed in the backup. *Attachment No. 13*
14. Special Education Services Contract  
The Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, is asked to approve the special education services contracts between the Hicksville School District and Uniondale, West Islip, East Meadow, Manhasset, Syosset School Districts and Developmental Disabilities Institute, Inc. for the period July 1, 2007 through June 30, 2008, as listed in the backup. *Attachment No. 14*
15. Federal Grant Subcontracts  
The Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, is asked to approve contracts with approved special education providers pursuant to Federal 611 and 619 IDEA Flow-through funds to Section 4410 for preschool and/or school age students for the 2007-08 school year. *Attachment No. 15*
16. Mileage Reimbursement  
The Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent is asked to set the mileage reimbursement at \$.58 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2009.
17. Disposal of Obsolete Equipment  
The Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, is asked to approve the disposal of obsolete equipment as listed in the backup. *Attachment No. 16*

Voting on No. 4: 7-0. Motion carried unanimously.

#### FACILITIES

##### NO. 5 Facilities Use

Mr. Coutieri moved, seconded by Ms. Owens, It is Resolved that the Board of Education suspend its policy requiring teams requesting facilities use have more than fifty per cent (50%) membership of Hicksville residents, and grants Holy Trinity High School a permit to utilize the Dutch Lane fields on the dates requested. Furthermore, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education is asked to approve a Waiver of Facilities Use Fees to Holy Trinity High School for the use of the Dutch Lane fields, as specified, at a time when they are not utilized by Hicksville students, for their fall sports season from August 20, 2008 through November 7,

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2008, Monday thru Friday from 3:00PM to 5:00PM.

Voting on No. 5: 7-0. Motion carried unanimously. *Attachment No. 17*

NEW BUSINESS  
OMNIBUS MOTION

NO. 6 Ms. Owens moved, seconded by Mr. Coutieri, that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the following Omnibus Motion, as amended:

1. Committee on Special Education  
Resolved, that the Board of Education hereby accepts, and shall through the Administration, arrange for the provision of the appropriate special education programs and services for students enumerated in the CSE reports. *Filed with official Minutes*
2. Section 504  
Resolved, that the Board of Education hereby accepts, and shall through the Administration, arrange for the provision of the appropriate special education programs and services for students enumerated in the Section 504 reports. *Filed with Official Minutes*
3. Donation  
The Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, is asked to accept a monetary donation from Allstate in the amount of \$1,000 to Hicksville High School to be used to increase student awareness on teen motor vehicle accidents. *Attachment No. 18*
4. Donation  
The Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, is asked to accept a donation of a Focupix BriteG 4:3 Electric Projector Screen with dual remote to Fork Lane School from The Cangero Family valued at approximately \$500. *Attachment No. 19*
5. New York State School Superintendent's Conference  
The Board of Education is asked to approve the attendance of the Superintendent at the New York State Council of School Superintendents' Fall Conference on October 4, 2008 through October 7, 2008. Expenses to be paid include registration, housing accommodations, transportation and meals. Total expenditures not to exceed \$2,000. *Attachment No. 20*

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6. School Law Conference

The Board of Education is asked to approve the attendance of two Board Member (Anthony J. Edelman and Joanne Owens) to the Fourteenth Annual School Law Conference on July 25, 2008 at a cost of 210 per person for a total cost of \$420. *Attachment No. 21*

7. NYSSBA Board Officers Academy

The Board of Education is asked to approve the attendance of one Board Member (Anthony J. Edelman) to the New York State School Boards Association 2008 Board Officers Academy on September 20, 2008 at a cost of \$265. Expenses to be paid include registration, housing accommodations, transportation and meals. Total expenditures not to exceed \$700. *Attachment No. 22*

Voting on No. 6: 7-0. Motion carried unanimously.

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ADJOURNMENT

NO. 7 Mr. Coutieri moved, seconded by Mr. Culhane, that the Board of Education Meeting be adjourned.

Voting on No. 7: 7-0. Motion carried unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 8:55PM.

Helen Murray  
District Clerk