

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

April 21, 2009

Recorded
Approved 05/19/09

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Ms. Garger, Mr. Edelman, Ms. Powell, Mr. Coutieri, Ms. Owens, Mr. Culhane. Ms. Sommers arrived at approximately 7:10PM.

ALSO PRESENT: Maureen Bright, Supt of Schools; Brian Heyward, Asst Supt for Personnel; Robert Wisotzky, Interim Asst Supt. for Business; Gary Steffanetta, Attorney.

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The Regular Meeting of the Board of Education was called to order by Vice President Garger at approximately 7:05PM.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

Voting on No. 1: 6-0. Motion carried unanimously.

The Board of Education recessed into Executive Session at approximately 7:05PM. The Board returned from Executive Session at approximately 8:25PM. No action was taken.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. Edelman made the following announcements:

- A. Tuesday, May 5, 2009
Voter Registration
3:00PM – 8:00PM
Election Districts, Burns, Dutch, East, Fork, Lee, Old Country Road and Woodland
- B. Wednesday, May 6, 2009
Board of Education Committee Meetings
Board Room, Administration Building – 7:30PM
Special Meeting of the Board of Education
Annual Budget Hearing
Board Room, Administration Building – 9:00 PM
- C. Wednesday, May 13, 2009

Elementary Student/Staff Recognition Ceremony
High School Auditorium – 7:30PM

- E. Tuesday, May 19, 2009
Annual Budget Vote & Election of Trustees
7:00 AM – 9:00 PM
Election Districts: Burns, Dutch, East, Fork, Lee, Old Country
and Woodland

Regular Meeting of the Board of Education
Executive Session – 7:00 PM
Action Meeting – *Approximately* 8:30 PM
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SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

Reports were presented as follows:

- 2009/10 Budget Presentation

WARRANT REPORT

The Board of Education received the Warrant Report from the Claims Auditor for the period March 1, 2009 through March 31, 2009. *Filed with Official Minutes.*

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MINUTES

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

- Minutes of Regular Meeting of March 25, 2009

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

PERSONNEL

CERTIFIED STAFF

- NO. 3 Ms. Powell moved, seconded by Mr. Coutieri, 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.

BUDGET REVIEW AND ADOPTION

NO. 4 Property Tax Report Card

Mr. Edelman moved, seconded by Ms. Garger, RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby adopts the proposed budget for the 2009-2010 school year, in the total amount of \$110,943,748 for presentation to the public at a public hearing on Wednesday, May 6, 2009 at 9:00PM in the Board Room of the Administration Building, and for submission to the qualified voters of the Hicksville Union Free School District for approval on Tuesday, May 19, 2009 between the hours of 7:00AM and 9:00PM, prevailing time; and

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby adopts and approves the Property Tax Report Card, appended to the adopted proposed budget, and directs the District Clerk to transmit said Property Tax Report Card to the State Education Department by the end of the next business day; and *Attachment No. 2*

Budget Resolutions

The Board of Education is asked to approve the following budget resolutions:

Proposition No. 1

Shall the School District Budget, in the amount of \$110,943,748 pursuant to Education Law Section 1716, be approved, and a tax on the taxable property of the District in the amount of such Budget, less State and Federal Aid and revenues from other sources, be levied?

Proposition No. 2

Shall the Board of Education be authorized to establish a capital reserve fund in the 2009-2010 school year in the maximum ultimate amount of \$850,000 for the reconstruction of a safer and more efficient Middle School bus loop and corresponding parking lot, including demolition of existing asphalt parking lots and driveways north of the Middle School, repaving of said area with new curbing, sidewalks, drywells, drainage systems, landscaping and related site-work as well as architect and project management fees, in the amount not to exceed \$850,000 for a probable term of three (3) years, said capital reserve fund shall be funded by transferring \$850,000 of unexpended surplus from the 2008-2009 school year to the fund, thereby incurring no additional cost to the taxpayer for the 2009-2010 school year, and to expend a maximum amount of \$850,000 for the specific aforementioned project, including other related incidental work, starting in the 2009-2010 school year?

This PROPOSITION is contingent upon approval of the voters of PROPOSITION NO. 1.

Proposition No. 3

In the event the voters approve the School District Budget contained at Proposition No. 1 above, shall the sum of \$50,000 be appropriated to the Hicksville Gregory Museum for educational services associated with its programs and a tax be levied on the taxable property of the District in that amount?

This PROPOSITION is contingent upon approval of the voters of PROPOSITION NO. 1

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

BUSINESS & FINANCE
OMNIBUS MOTION

NO. 5 Mr. Coutieri 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 March 31, 2009.
Filed with Official Minutes
2. Transfer Report
 - a) The Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, is asked to accept the Transfer Report for the period March 1, 2009 through March 31, 2009. *Attachment No. 3*
 - b) The Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, is asked to approve the Request for Transfer of Funds in excess of \$10,000/\$100,000 for the period March 1, 2009 through, March 31, 2009.
Attachment No. 4
3. Federal Single Auditor's Report
The Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, is asked to accept the Federal Single Audit Report for the year ending June 30, 2008. *Attachment No. 5*
4. Tuition Contract
The Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, is asked to approve the tuition contract between Rockville Centre School District and Hicksville School District for special education services for two students for the period September 3, 2008 through June 26, 2009 as listed in the backup.
Attachment No. 6

5. Special Education Services Contract

The Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, is asked to approve the special education services contracts between Port Washington and Glen Cove School Districts and the Hicksville School District for the period July 1, 2008 through June 30, 2009 as listed in the backup. *Attachment No. 7*

6. Health and Welfare Services Contracts

The Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, is asked to approve health services contracts with Farmingdale, Hempstead, Massapequa, Syosset, Valley Stream School Districts and Hicksville School District for the 2008-2009 school year. These contracts reimburse individual school districts for health services provided to students who reside in Hicksville and attend private/parochial schools in other school districts. *Attachment No. 8*

7. Federal Grant Subcontracts

The Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, is asked to approve contracts for receipt of Federal Part B flow-through allocations with Approved Special Education Providers, Kids First Evaluation & Advocacy Center, Variety Learning Center, Summit School, UCP of Nassau County, Henry Viscardi School, Harmony Heights, Hillcrest Educational Centers, Mill Neck Manor, Kidz Therapy, Eden II, Bilinguals, AHRC, All About Kids, Association for Children with Downs Syndrome, Marcus Avenue Early Childhood Development Program, Marion K. Solomon & Associates, Martin DePorres School, Nassau Suffolk Services for the Autistic, Nassau BOCES, pursuant to Federal 611 and 619 flow-through funds to Section 4410 for preschool and/or school age students for the 2008-2009 school year. *Attachment No. 9*

8. Federal Grant Subcontracts

The Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, is asked to approve the contracts with Approved Special Education providers, Jericho, Wantagh, Garden City, Levittown, Bellmore School Districts, pursuant to Federal 611 and 619 IDEA Flow-through funds to Section 4410 for preschool and/or school age students for the 2008-2009 school year. *Attachment No. 10*

9. Depository for School Funds

The Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, is asked to approve an additional bank as depository for school funds for the 2008-2009 school year:

Flushing Commercial Bank *Attachment No. 11*

10. Obsolete Textbooks

The Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, is asked to approve the disposal of obsolete textbooks, as listed in the back up. *Attachment No. 12*

11. Obsolete Equipment

The Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, is asked to approve the disposal of an obsolete computer and monitor, as listed in the backup. *Attachment No. 13*

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

NEW BUSINESS

OMINUBUS MOTION

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

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. Committee on Preschool 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 CPSE reports. *Filed with Official Minutes*

3. 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*

4. Donation

The Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, is asked to accept the following monetary donations from Target's "Take Charge of Education Program":

Burns Avenue	\$108.35
Dutch Lane	70.80
East Street	122.08

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Fork Lane	223.50
Lee Avenue	230.80
Old Country Rd.	223.50
Woodland	257.70
Middle School	293.84
High School	620.39 <i>Attachment No. 14</i>

5. Donation

The Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, is asked to accept a donation of 12 hockey sticks, 2 hockey goals and 3 small plastic hockey balls to the Lee Avenue School from the New York Islanders with an approximate total of \$100. *Attachment No. 15*

6. Donation

The Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, is asked to accept a monetary donation from New York ReLeaf's "School Spruce Up Project" to the Burns Avenue School in the amount of \$420 for the planting of trees. *Attachment No. 16*

7. Issuance of IEP Diplomas

The Board of Education is asked to approve the issuance of IEP diplomas to the students listed in the confidential attachment.

8. Resolution

Resolved, that upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves a modification of the settlement agreement between the District and the parents of a student identified on Confidential Schedule "A", and authorizes Maureen K. Bright, Superintendent of schools, to execute a Modification of Stipulation of Settlement and General Release.

9. NYSSBA Workshop

The Board of Education is asked to approve the online Fiscal Oversight Fundamentals training courses through the New York State School Boards Association for Board Member Steven Culhane for the period May 13, 2009 through June 24, 2009 at a cost of \$110. *Attachment No. 17*

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

OMNIBUS MOTION

BOCES VOTE

NO. 7 Ms. Garger moved, seconded by Ms. Owens, that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the following:

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1. BOCES – Election of Board Members

The Board of Education voted for Susan Bergtraum, Michael Weinick and Iris Wolfson to serve as Members of the Board of Cooperative Educational Services of Nassau County.

2. BOCES – Administrative Operations Budget

The Board of Education is asked to approve the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Board of Cooperative Educational Services of Nassau County (hereinafter ‘Nassau BOCES’) has proposed and presented its Proposed Administrative Operations Budget for the 2009/10 school year (July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2010), now therefore be it

Resolved, that the Nassau BOCES Proposed Administrative Operations Budget for the 2009/10 school year in the amount of seventeen million nine hundred eighty four thousand six hundred dollars (\$17,984,600) be, and hereby is, approved by the Hicksville Board of Education.

Voting on No. 7: 7-0. Motion carried unanimously. *Attachment No. 18*

POLICY

Adoption

NO. 8 Mr. Culhane moved, seconded by Ms. Garger, that the following policies are presented to the Board of Education for adoption:

- # 1900 Parent Involvement
- # 4770 Graduation Requirements
- # 4770R Program of Studies-Administrative Regulations
- # 4770E Implementation Schedule for Graduation Requirements

Voting on No. 8: 7-0. Motion carried unanimously. *Attachment No. 19*

Reading

The following policies are presented to the Board of Education for reading:

- # 6240 Investments
- # 6240R Administrative Regulations on Investments *Attachment No.20*

CURRICULUM

Summer Curriculum Writing

NO. 9 Ms. Owens moved, seconded by Ms. Powell, that the Board of Education approve the

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proposed Summer Curriculum Writing Projects for 2009:

Geometry Revision
American Sign Language I and II
Mandarin Chinese I and II

Voting on No. 9: 7-0. Motion carried unanimously.

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ADJOURNMENT

NO. 10 Ms. Garger moved, seconded by Mr. Edelman, that the Board of Education Meeting be adjourned.

Voting on No. 10: 7-0. Motion carried unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 10:00PM.

Helen Murray
District Clerk