

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

August 27, 2008

Recorded
Approved 09/24/08

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; Gary Steffanetta, Attorney.

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The Regular Meeting of the Board of Education was called to order by President Sommers at approximately 7:04PM.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

NO. 1 Ms. Garger moved, seconded by Mr. Coutieri, 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 7:04PM. The Board returned from Executive Session at approximately 9:08PM. No action was taken.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. Edelman made the following announcements:

- A. Wednesday, September 10, 2008
Board of Education Committee Meetings
Board Room, Administration Building – 7:30 PM

- B. Wednesday, September 24, 2008
Regular Meeting of the Board of Education
Executive Session – 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM
Board Room, Administration Building
New Teacher Reception – 8:00 PM – 8:30 PM
High School Auditorium
Action Meeting – *Approximately* 8:30 PM
Board Room, Administration Building

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Reports were presented as follows:

- Summer Projects Update
- Summer School Programs Update
- Goals & Objectives for 2008/2009

WARRANT REPORT

The Board of Education received the Warrant Report from the Claims Auditor for the period July 1, 2008 through July 31, 2008. *Filed with Official Minutes.*

GENERAL PUBLIC

MINUTES

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

- Minutes of Reorganization Meeting of July 2, 2008
- Minutes of Regular Meeting of July 16, 2008
- Minutes of Special Meeting of August 6, 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. Owens, 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 July 31, 2008. *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 July 1, 2008 through July 31, 2008. *Attachment No. 3*

- b. The Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, is asked to accept the Year End Transfer Report for the period ending June 30, 2008. *Attachment No. 4*
- c. 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 July 1, 2008 through July 31, 2008. *Attachment No. 5*
3. Cooperative Bid – Facilities
The Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, is asked to adopt a resolution to participate in the Nassau County Director of Facilities Purchasing Consortium for the 2008-09 school year, as listed in the backup. *Attachment No. 6*
4. 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 Hempstead School District for the period July 1, 2007 through June 30, 2008 and July 1, 2008 through June 30, 2009, as listed in the backup. *Attachment No. 7*
5. 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. 8*
6. Extension of Transportation Contract
The Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, is asked to authorize the Board President to sign the extension of the transportation contract with JACO Transportation, Inc. for transportation for sports and field trips for the 2008/09 school year at an increase of 3.5%, as listed in the backup.
7. Extension of Transportation Contract
The Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, is asked to approve the extension of the transportation contract with Suburban Transportation, Inc. for transportation for special education students for the

2008/09 school year in the amount of \$173,146 which represents a 3.5% increase. *Attachment No. 9*

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

NEW BUSINESS
OMNIBUS MOTION

NO. 5 Mr. Coutieri moved, seconded by Ms. Garger, 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. 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. Appointment of Asbestos Officer
The Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, is asked to appoint David Bell as Asbestos Officer to oversee and coordinate the AHERA Regulations for the 2008-2009 school year.
5. Resolution
BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby authorizes and directs Guercio & Guercio, LLP, as general counsel for the District, to initiate and prosecute legal proceedings necessary to appeal the Decision and Order issued by the State Review Officer of the New York State Education Department, Paul F. Kelly, dated June 20, 2008 in the matter of the due process complaint brought by the parents of the student identified on Confidential Schedule "A".

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6. Impartial Hearing Officer

Resolved, that the Board of Education hereby appoints Martin Schiff to serve as Impartial Hearing Officer in the matter of a due process request by the parent of a certain student listed on Confidential Schedule "B", in accordance with District guidelines and policy.

7. Donation

The Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, is asked to accept a donation of 415 dictionaries for third grade students valued at \$705.50 as part of the Hicksville-Jericho Rotary Club Dictionary Project. *Attachment No. 10*

8. 2008-2009 Goals and Objectives

The Board of Education is asked to adopt the 2008-2009 District Goals & Objectives as attached. *Attachment No. 11*

9. Resolution

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby accepts the designation of the law office of Miranda Sokoloff Sambursky Slone Verveniotis, LLP, as attorneys, to provide Paul Schweyer and Michael O'Connell with a defense in the matter entitled, Marleen Walner, Ph.D. v. Hicksville UFSD, et al, in accordance with Section 3811 of The Education Law and Section 18 of The Public Officer's Law.

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

GENERAL PUBLIC

ADJOURNMENT

NO. 6 Mr. Coutieri moved, seconded by Ms. Powell, that the Board of Education Meeting be adjourned.

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

The meeting adjourned at approximately 9:45PM.

Helen Murray
District Clerk