

**HUDSON CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
SPECIAL BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
TUESDAY, JULY 1, 2008 – 6:30 P.M.
HUDSON HIGH SCHOOL
PUBLIC AGENDA**

1. **Call to Order**
2. **Pledge of Allegiance**
3. **Presentations/Awards**
4. **Public Comments**

A comment period will be available at the beginning of each meeting and at the end of the meeting for the public to address any items concerning the school district. Speakers are requested to use the sign-in sheet. We ask that remarks be limited to three (3) minutes and each speaker to one appearance. The Board of Education is interested in hearing citizens' viewpoints. We encourage, however, citizens to bring matters of concern to the attention of building and/or central administration prior to coming to the Board.

5. **Board Comments**
6. **Superintendent's Report**
7. **Agenda Changes**
8. **Old Business**
9. **New Business**
10. **Discussion of Consent Agenda Items**

- A. **Be It Resolved**, that the Board of Education approve the following Board Meeting Minutes:
 - A. Meeting Minutes #26, dated May 20, 2008, pages 2889-2890
 - B. Meeting Minutes #27, dated May 29, 2008, page 2891
- B. **Be It Resolved**, that the Board of Education accept a donation from Rheinstrom Hill Community Foundation in the amount of \$2,500.00 for the HMS Afterschool Program and direct the Clerk of the Board to send a thank you letter, as recommended by the Superintendent.
- C. **Be It Resolved**, that the Board of Education accept a donation from the Children's Foundation of Columbia County in the amount of \$2500.00 for the HMS Afterschool Program and direct the Clerk of the Board to send a thank you letter, as recommended by the Superintendent.

- D. **Be It Resolved**, that the Board of Education approve a Consulting Agreement for 2008-2009 school year, effective July 1, 2008 with Needham Risk Management Resource Group, LLC to assist us in the maintenance of the health and safety programs at the District at the rate of \$2,050.00 per month (no change in rate from 2007-2008 school year), as recommended by the Superintendent.
- E. **Be It Resolved**, that the Board of Education enter into an agreement for the 2008-2009 school year to participate in the National School Lunch Program, School Breakfast Program, and/or Special Milk Program and accept the responsibility for providing free and reduced price meals and/or free milk to eligible children in the schools under our jurisdiction, as recommended by the Superintendent.
- F. **Whereas**, the Hudson City School District is authorized under Real Property Tax Law, §1326 to levy and collect taxes in installments on or before such days as it prescribes by resolution;

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, that in accordance with its authority under Real Property Tax Law, §1326, the Hudson City School District Tax Collector be directed to collect school taxes for the 2008-2009 fiscal year on an installment basis, the first half to be payable without interest or penalty during the period July 15 – August 15, 2008 and the second half to be payable without interest or penalty during the period September 15 – October 15, 2008; and

Be It Further Resolved, that no installment shall be collected by the Hudson City School District Tax Collector unless all prior installments of current taxes, including interest, shall have been paid or shall be paid at the same time.

- G. **Be It Resolved**, that the Board of Education approve the 2008-2009 Tax Warrant.
- H. **Be It Resolved**, that the Board of Education approve a Consent Order by the New York State Supreme Court to reduce the assessment on Verizon of New York Inc. – Town of Claverack from \$701,280 to \$561,024 and grant a tax refund to Verizon of \$2,532.62, as recommended by the Superintendent.
- I. **Be It Resolved**, that the Board of Education approve a 2007-2008 Health Service Contract with the City School District of Albany for five (5) district students attending private schools in the City School District of Albany at a rate of \$601.59 per student, for a total amount of \$3,007.95, as recommended by the Superintendent.
- J. **Be It Resolved**, that the Board of Education approve an agreement with The School & Community Services Project, a program sponsored by Columbia County Mental Health Center, Catholic Charities of Columbia & Greene Counties, and Twin Counties Recovery Services, Inc., to provide mental health counseling services four days per week while school is in session and one day per week for six weeks during July and August, effective July 1, 2008 through June 30, 2009, paid by district funds, as recommended by the Superintendent.
- K. **Be It Resolved**, that the Board of Education approve an agreement with Educational & Management Services effective July 1, 2008 through June 30, 2009, paid by district funds, as recommended by the Superintendent.

- L. **Be It Resolved**, that the Board of Education approve an agreement with the City of Hudson Department of Youth for tutoring and reading instruction in July and August 2008 for homeless youth and YES program student participants, supported by the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance sub-grant, as recommended by the Superintendent.
 - M. **Be It Resolved**, that the Board of Education approve an agreement with The Research Foundation of SUNY on behalf of The Center on English Learning & Achievement (CELA for instructional strategies that strengthen student literacy skills, effective July 1, 2008 through June 30, 2009, supported by Title funds, as recommended by the Superintendent.
 - N. **Be It Resolved**, that the Board of Education approve an agreement with the City of Hudson Department of Youth for the Hudson Middle School Summer Program, effective July 1, 2008 through June 30, 2009, supported by the 21st Century Grant, as recommended by the Superintendent.
 - O. **Be It Resolved**, that the Board of Education approve an agreement with Concerted Effort for Beyond Paper and Pencil: Bring Literacy to Life through the Arts, effective July 1, 2008 through July 30, 2009, supported by Title funds, as recommended by the Superintendent.
 - P. **Be It Resolved**, that the Board of Education arranges for placement of students with disabilities (CSE and CPSE) as a result of meetings held on: February 29, March 18, June 13, 17, 18, 19, 20, 23, 24, 25, 26, 2008.
- 11. **Adoption of Consent Agenda (10A-P)**
 - 12. **Set next meeting date**
 - 13. **Executive Session**
 - 14. **Adoption of Personnel Agenda Items**
 - A. **Appoint Interim Superintendent of Schools, Contract Extension, Assistant Superintendent Salary Increase, Buy Back of Vacation Days, Stipend Increase for Caller of Substitute Teachers, Stipend Increase for Caller of Substitute Teacher Aides, Instructional Resignation, Rescind Instructional Summer Appointment, Instructional Leave of Absence, Instructional Transfer, Instructional Appointments, Summer 2008 Appointment – Program Manager, Instructional 21st Century Summer School Program Appointments, Guidance Counselors Summer Work for Summer 2008, Teachers to Cover Summer 2008 CSE/CPSE Meetings, Mentor Teacher Intern Program Mentors, Instructional Summer School Appointments, Grade Level Chair and Area Coordinator Appointments, Extra-Curricular Advisor Appointments, Extra-Curricular Sports Appointments (2008-2009), Administrator’s Vacation Days Buy Back, Non-Represented Employees – Salary Increases, Non-Instructional Appointments, Non-Instructional HHS Pool Rates of Pay (2008-2009)**

15. **Public Comments**
16. **Board Comments**
17. **Executive Session**
18. **Adjourn**