

**HUDSON CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
REGULAR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
FEBRUARY 24, 2009 – 6:00 P.M.
HUDSON HIGH SCHOOL LIBRARY**

Minutes Meeting #23

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A budget workshop meeting of the Hudson City School District Board of Education was held on February 24, 2009 at the Hudson High School, 215 Harry Howard Ave., Hudson, NY.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The meeting was called to order by Board President Mary Daly at 6:00 P.M. with the following Board Members in attendance:

PRESENT:	Mary Daly Patricia L. Abitabile Emil Meister Peter Meyer Jeffrey Otty Robyn Spateholts, Student Member
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ABSENT:	Peter S. Rost
LATE ARRIVAL:	John J. Mabb

ALSO PRESENT: Superintendent Assistant Superintendent Business Manager	John F. Howe Amanda Bagnato Daniel P. Barrett
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Nicole DeDominicis, Transportation Supervisor, presented the transportation expenditure budget for the 2009-2010 school year to the Board of Education for review and comment.

On a motion by Mr. Meyer with a second by Mr. Otty, the meeting was adjourned at 6:36 P.M. to attend the basketball game in the gym until 7:00 P.M.

Ayes – 5	Nays – 0	Motion Passed
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(Board Member Jack Mabb arrived at 7:00 P.M.)

The regular meeting of the Hudson City School District Board of Education was called to order at 7:00 P.M. by President Mary Daly.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Public Forum:

PUBLIC FORUM

- A. Thomas Fleming – Questions and comments regarding library coverage/staff
- B. Michael Moore – Questions and comments regarding his son
- C. Chris Keith – Spoke in regard to trip to Mexico
- D. Erica Summerlin – Spoke in regard to trip to Mexico
- D. Hannah Newberry – Spoke in regard to trip to Mexico
- E. Susan Brown – Spoke in regard to her son’s trip to Mexico
- F. Toni Koweek – Thanked BOE for consideration of trip to Spain
- G. Molly Koweek – Read letter from Erica Warden in support of trip
- H. Judy Weinman– Spoke in support of trip
- I. Emily Gaylord – Spoke in support of trip to Spain

Upon the recommendation of Superintendent Howe, Mr. Otty made a motion, seconded by Mr. Mabb, that the BOE accept the agenda.

**AGENDA
ACCEPTANCE**

Ayes – 5	Nays – 1 Mr. Meyer	Motion Passed
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BOARD MINUTES #22
APPROVED

9.1.1 – Upon the recommendation of Superintendent Howe, Mrs. Abitabile made a motion, seconded by Mr. Mabb, that the BOE approve Board Meeting Minutes #22, dated February 10, 2009, pages 2953-2955.

Ayes – 6 Nays – 0 Motion Passed

WAIVER OF FEES -
HUDSON JUNIOR GIRLS
SOFTBALL LEAGUE

9.1.2 – Upon the recommendation of Superintendent Howe, Mr. Meyer made a motion, seconded by Mr. Otty, that the BOE approve a waiver of fees for the Hudson Junior Girls Softball League to use our fields and high school gym.

Ayes – 6 Nays – 2 Mrs. Abitabile Motion Passed
Mrs. Daly

TREASURER'S REPORT

9.1.3 – Upon the recommendation of Superintendent Howe, Mr. Otty made a motion, seconded by Mr. Mabb, that the BOE approve the Treasurer's report for the month of January 2009.

Ayes – 6 Nays – 0 Motion Passed

BUDGET STATUS REPORT
& BUDGET TRANSFERS

9.1.4 – Upon the recommendation of Superintendent Howe, Mrs. Abitabile made a motion, seconded by Mr. Otty, that the BOE approve the Budget Status Report and Budget Transfers for the month of January 2009.

Ayes – 6 Nays – 0 Motion Passed

CSE/CPSE
RECOMMENDATIONS

9.1.5 – Upon the recommendation of Superintendent Howe, Mrs. Abitabile made a motion, seconded by Mr. Meyer, that the BOE approve the CSE/CPSE recommendations.

Ayes – 6 Nays – 0 Motion Passed

TARGET FIELD TRIP
GRANTS DONATION

9.1.6 – Upon the recommendation of Superintendent Howe, Mrs. Abitabile made a motion, seconded by Mr. Meister, that the BOE accept an \$800.00 Scholarship from Target Field Trip Grants Program and increase budget code A2110.400-01I

Ayes – 6 Nays – 0 Motion Passed

ASST. SUPT. REPORT

Amanda Bagnato, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum & Instruction discussed ESL Parent's Night on February 11, 2009, grants update and curriculum timeline information.

SUPT.'S REPORT

Superintendent's Report:

3rd READING OF POLICY
#8412

Mrs. Abitabile made a motion, seconded by Mr. Mabb, that the BOE accept the third reading of Policy #8412 – Idling School Buses on School Grounds.

Ayes – 6 Nays – 0 Motion Passed

POLICY #8412 APPROVED

Upon the recommendation of Superintendent Howe, Mr. Otty made a motion, seconded by Mr. Meister, that the BOE approve Policy #8412 – Idling School Buses on School Grounds.

Ayes – 6 Nays – 0 Motion Passed

3rd READING OF POLICY
#9240

Mrs. Abitabile made a motion, seconded by Mr. Otty, that the BOE accept the third reading of Policy #9240 – Recruiting and Hiring.

Ayes – 6 Nays – 0 Motion Passed

POLICY #9240 APPROVED

Upon the recommendation of Superintendent Howe, Mrs. Abitabile made a motion, seconded by Mr. Mabb, that the BOE approve Policy #9240 – Recruiting and Hiring.

Ayes – 6 Nays – 0 Motion Passed

Mrs. Abitabile made a motion, seconded by Mr. Otty, that the BOE accept the third reading of Policy #4531 – School-Sponsored Curricular Field Trips.
Ayes – 6 Nays – 0 Motion Passed

3rd READING OF
POLICY #4531

Upon the recommendation of Superintendent Howe, Mrs. Abitabile made a motion, seconded by Mr. Meister, that the BOE approve Policy #4531 – School-Sponsored Curricular Field Trips.

Ayes – 5 Nays – 1 Mr. Meyer Motion Passed

POLICY #4531
APPROVED

Upon the recommendation of Superintendent Howe, Mr. Otty made a motion, seconded by Mr. Meister, that the BOE meeting adjourn at 7:48 P.M.

Ayes – 6 Nays – 0 Motion Passed

MEETING
ADJOURNED

The Board of Education meeting was called to order by President Mary Daly at 8:22 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER

Superintendent Howe discussed the Legislative update and website update with the BOE.

SUPT.'S REPORT

Old Business:

OLD BUSINESS

12.1.1 – Athletic Committee – Superintendent Howe discussed the Committee with the BOE

Upon the recommendation of Superintendent Howe, Mr. Meister made a motion, seconded by Mr. Otty, that the BOE form an Athletic Committee.

Ayes – 6 Nays – 0 Motion Passed

ATHLETIC
COMMITTEE

12.2.2 – Trip to Spain – Spanish teacher Amparo Gazzera spoke to the BOE in regard to the trip to Spain.

TRIP TO SPAIN

Mr. Meyer made a motion to allow the field trip with Mrs. Gazzera having four (4) days to get the complete data in. MOTION WAS NOT SECONDED.

Mrs. Abitabile made a motion, seconded by Mr. Meister, that the BOE not approve the trip.

Ayes – 3 Nays – 2 Abstentions – 1 Mr. Otty *Motion failed to pass due to lack of majority vote*

Mr. Meyer made a motion to approve the field trip. MOTION WAS NOT SECONDED

Mr. Mabb made a motion, seconded by Mr. Otty, that the BOE defer action on the trip until further information is collected by Thursday.

Ayes – 3 Nays – 3 *Motion failed to pass due to lack of majority vote*

(Board Member Peter Meyer left the meeting at 9:20 P.M.)

12.1.3 – Upon the recommendation of Superintendent Howe, Mr. Meister made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Abitabile, that the BOE amend resolution 8.1.7, 2009-2010 District Calendar, from Minutes Meeting.

Ayes – 5 Nays – 0 Motion Passed

AMEND DISTRICT
CALENDAR

(Board Member Peter Meyer returned to the meeting at 9:22 P.M.)

Public Forum:

PUBLIC FORUM

- A. Toni Koweek – Comments regarding Spain trip
- B. Chuck Peters – Comments regarding copies of policies for public
- C. Elizabeth Fout – Comments regarding administration & public

Upon the recommendation of Superintendent Howe, Mr. Meister made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Abitabile, that the BOE go into Executive Session at 9:27 P.M. to discuss employment/employment history of a particular person(s).

Ayes – 6 Nays – 0 Motion Passed

EXECUTIVE
SESSION

- EXTEND BOE MTG. Mrs. Abitabile made a motion, seconded by Mr. Meister, to extend the BOE meeting until 10:00 P.M.
Ayes – 6 Nays – 0 Motion Passed
- EXECUTIVE SESSION Upon the recommendation of Superintendent Howe, Mrs. Abitabile made a motion, seconded by Mr. Meister, that the BOE come out of Executive Session at 9:47 P.M.
Ayes – 6 Nays – 0 Motion Passed
- PERSONNEL AGENDA ITEMS #16.1.1-16.1.6 Upon the recommendation of Superintendent Howe, Mrs. Abitabile made a motion, seconded by Mr. Meister, that the BOE approve personnel agenda items 16.1.1-16.1.6, as attached.
Ayes – 6 Nays – 0 Motion Passed
- RETIREMENT - CAROLINE RUSH Mrs. Abitabile made a motion, seconded by Mr. Mabb, that on behalf of the Board of Education and the Superintendent of Schools, we accept with regrets the resignation for the purpose of retirement of Caroline Rush, and thank her for her 19 years of service to the students of the Hudson City School District. We wish her good health and happiness in the years ahead. Congratulations.
Ayes – 6 Nays – 0 Motion Passed
- PERSONNEL AGENDA ITEMS #16.1.8 & 16.1.9 Upon the recommendation of Superintendent Howe, Mrs. Abitabile made a motion, seconded by Mr. Otty, that the BOE approve personnel agenda items 16.1.8 & 16.1.9, as attached.
Ayes – 6 Nays – 0 Motion Passed
- EXECUTIVE SESSION Upon the recommendation of Superintendent Howe, Mrs. Abitabile made a motion, seconded by Mr. Meister, that the BOE go into Executive Session at 9:50 P.M. for discussion of a personnel matter.
Ayes – 6 Nays – 0 Motion Passed
- EXTEND BOE MTG. Mr. Meister made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Abitabile, to extend the BOE meeting until 10:30 P.M..
Ayes – 6 Nays – 0 Motion Passed
- EXECUTIVE SESSION Upon the recommendation of Superintendent Howe, Mrs. Abitabile made a motion to come out of Executive Session at 10:50 P.M.
Ayes – 6 Nays – 0 Motion Passed
- ADJOURNED Upon the recommendation of Superintendent Howe, Mrs. Abitabile made a motion, seconded by Mr. Mabb, that the BOE meeting adjourn at 10:51 P.M.
Ayes – 6 Nays – 0 Motion Passed

Human Resources Resolution #14.1.9

TERMINATION OF PROBATION

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, that the Superintendent's recommendation that the services of Ryan Groat, as an administrator in the Middle School Principal tenure area be terminated as of the close of business on June 30, 2009, is hereby accepted.

HUMAN RESOURCES - Personnel Agenda – February 24, 2009

16.1.1 SUBSTITUTE TEACHER APPOINTMENT(S)

	Last Name	First Name	Certification Area	Type of Certification	Rate of Pay	Effective Date
A.	Cerny	Susan	Not Certified	N/A	\$65.00	2/25/2009
B.	Griffin	Randall	Not Certified	N/A	\$65.00	2/25/2009
C.	Struble	Michelle	Not Certified	N/A	\$65.00	2/25/2009

16.1.2 SUBSTITUTE TEACHER ASSISTANT APPOINTMENT(S)

	Last Name	First Name	Certification Area	Type of Certification	Rate of Pay	Effective Date
A.	Struble	Michelle	Not Certified	N/A	\$9.17 per hour	2/25/2009

16.1.3 21st CENTURY GRANT PROGRAM APPOINTMENT(S) CORRECTION

	Last Name	First name	Position	Rate	Effective Date(s)	Notes
A.	Kachuba	Christine	SAT Prep Course (English) Instructor	\$41.00 per hr for instruction and \$36 per hr for preparation (not to exceed 24 total hrs)	3/2/2009	Paid through 21 st Century Grant
B.	Ohrin	Matthew	SAT Prep Course (Math) Instructor	\$41.00 per hr for instruction and \$36 per hr for preparation (not to exceed 24 total hrs)	3/2/2009	Paid through 21 st Century Grant

16.1.4 SUPPORT STAFF SUBSTITUTE APPOINTMENT(S)

	Last Name	First Name	Position	Rate	Effective Date(s)
A.	Cerny	Susan	Teacher's Aide	\$8.44 per hour	2/25/2009
B.	Clemente	Shirley	Clerical	\$16.16 per hour	2/25/2009
C.	Sleezer	Laurie	Teacher's Aide	\$8.44 per hour	2/25/2009
D..	Tenerowicz	Peter	Teacher's Aide	\$8.44 per hour	2/25/2009

16.1.5 SUPPORT STAFF SUBSTITUTE APPOINTMENT CORRECTION(S)

	Last Name	First Name	Position	Previous Hours Per Day	Corrected Hours Per Day	Effective Date
A.	Schrestha	Prakesh	1:1 Teacher's Aide (Spec. Ed.)	6.0 hours per day	6.5 hours per day	2/11/2009

16.1.6 INSTRUCTIONAL STAFF APPOINTMENTS

	Last Name	First Name	Position	Location	Rate	Effective Date
A.	Nicholson	Theresa	Afterschool PM Detention	HHS	\$12.50 per hour	2008-2009

16.1.7 INSTRUCTIONAL STAFF RESIGNATION FOR THE PURPOSE OF RETIREMENT

	Last Name	First Name	Position	Location	Effective Date
A.	Rush	Caroline	Grade 4 Teacher	GPT	6/30/2009

16.1.8 SUPPORT STAFF APPOINTMENTS

	Last Name	First Name	Position	Location	Hours	Rate	Effective Date
A.	Gaylord	Emily	Student Lifeguard	HHS	as needed	\$9.00 per hour (P.M. swim) \$11.00 per hour (A.M. swim)	2/25/2009

16.1.9 ADMINISTRATIVE TERMINATION OF PROBATION

SEE ATTACHMENT

All appointments are subject to and shall not constitute employment by the District unless and until clearance for employment has been received from the State Education Department relating to fingerprinting and criminal history record check of prospective school employee(s), where required by law.

**Appointments are contingent upon successful completion of CPR, AED & First Aid for Coaches