

**HUDSON CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
SPECIAL BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
OCTOBER 15, 2007 – 7:00 P.M.
HUDSON HIGH SCHOOL**

Minutes Meeting #7

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The special meeting of the Hudson City School District Board of Education was held on October 15, 2007 at Hudson High School, 215 Harry Howard Ave., Hudson, NY. The meeting was called to order by President John Mabb at 7:00 P.M. with the following Board Members in attendance:

PRESENT: John J. Mabb
Peter S. Rost
Patricia L. Abitabile
Mary Daly
Peter Meyer

ALSO PRESENT: Superintendent Dr. Fern Aefsky
Assistant Superintendent Dr. Amanda Bagnato
Business Manager Daniel P. Barrett

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Presentations/Awards

PRESENTATIONS

A. District Superintendent James N. Baldwin updated the Board on Corrective Action. Also presenting were Gladys Cruz and Ray Ruby

The Board of Education took a 5 minute recess at 9:15 P.M.

RECESS

At 9:15 P.M., on a motion by Mr. Rost with a second by Mrs. Abitabile, the Board approved that the meeting continue to 10:30 P.M.

EXTENDED MTG.

Ayes – 5 Nays – 0

B. Architect Louis Turpin and Mike DeLeama from BBL presented a facilities update

Public Comments – Time was set aside for public comments.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

At 10:25 P.M., on a motion by Mrs. Abitabile with a second by Mrs. Daly, the Board of Education extended the board meeting to 11:00 P.M.

MTG. EXTENDED

Ayes – 5 Nays – 0

Superintendent’s Report

SUPT.’S REPORT

- 1. 5th Annual Black College Fair
- 2. Music Department
- 3. BEST Program Coordinator
- 4. New Paltz College Talent Search Program
- 5. Permanent Subs

Agenda Changes - No changes to the agenda noted.

AGENDA

On a motion by Mrs. Abitabile with a second by Mr. Rost, the Board of Education went into Executive Session at 10:40 P.M.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Ayes – 5 Nays – 0

The Board of Education came out of Executive Session at 11:15 P.M. on a motion by Mrs. Abitabile with a second by Mrs. Daly.

Ayes – 5 Nays – 0

At 11:15 P.M., on a motion by Mrs. Abitabile with a second by Mrs. Daly, the Board of Education extended Board meeting to 11:30 P.M.

EXTENDED MTG.

Ayes – 4 Nays – 1 Mr. Meyer

Be It Resolved, that the Board of Education established a teacher aide position (special education shared aide) at Greenport Elementary School for 6 hours per day, as recommended by the Superintendent.

AIDE POSITION
ESTABLISHED AT
GREENPORT

Be It Resolved, that the Board of Education established a teacher aide position (1:1 special education) at Hudson High School for 6.5 hours per day, as recommended by the Superintendent.

AIDE POSITION
ESTABLISHED AT
HHS

Be It Resolved, that the Board of Education approve independent evaluators, as attached, for the 2007-2008 school year, as recommended by the Superintendent.

INDEPENDENT
EVALUATORS

On a motion by Mr. Rost with a second by Mrs. Abitabile, the Board of Education suspended the committee reports.

Ayes – 4 Nays – 1 Mr. Meyer

COMMITTEE
REPORTS
SUSPENDED

On a consent motion by Mr. Rost with a second by Mrs. Abitabile, the Board of Education approved the following personnel agenda items:

Ayes – 4 Nays – 1 Mr. Meyer

PERSONNEL
AGENDA APPROVED

The Board of Education accepted the resignation of Pamela De Leon, Spanish teacher at Hudson High School, effective end of day October 11, 2007, as recommended by the Superintendent.

RESIGNATION
P. DE LEON

The Board of Education accepted the resignation of Janine Martin, music teacher at John L. Edwards Elementary School, effective end of day October 31, 2007, as recommended by the Superintendent.

RESIGNATION
JANINE MARTIN

The Board of Education accepted the resignation of Stacey Infantino, speech therapist at M.C. Smith Middle School, effective end of day October 31, 2007, as recommended by the Superintendent.

RESIGNATION
STACEY INFANTINO

The Board of Education appointed Elizabeth Dolan and Michele Cousens to the HMS Book Club at the Hudson Opera House, effective October 21, 2007 through December 1, 2007, for a total of 36.5 hours each at the contractual rate, as recommended by the Superintendent. (Curriculum funds)

APPOINTMENT
E. DOLAN & M.
COUSENS

The Board of Education appointed the following individuals as substitute teachers for the 2007-2008 school year, as recommended by the Superintendent. Such appointment is 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 the fingerprinting and criminal history record check of the prospective school employee, where required by law.

TEACHER SUBS
APPOINTED

Amy Anthony	Betheny Mills	Laurie Sleezer
Linda Gasparini	Lucy Nathanson	Jessica Sweet
Beth Harring	Melissa Roberts	Kelly Torchia
Amie Malin	Luisa Sabin-Kildiss	Kristin Williams

The Board of Education appointed the following individuals as home instructors for the 2007-2008 school year, as recommended by the Superintendent. Such appointment is 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 the fingerprinting and criminal history record check of the prospective school employee, where required by law.

HOME INSTRUCTORS
APPOINTED

Amie Malin Melissa Roberts

The Board of Education removed Nicole Lougheed from the 2007-2008 substitute teacher list, as recommended by the Superintendent.

N. LOUGHEED
NO LONGER SUB

- RESIGNATION
IRENE PORCARO
- The Board of Education accepted the resignation of Irene Porcaro, school nurse at Greenport Elementary School, effective end of day October 25, 2007, as recommended by the Superintendent.
- RESIGNATION
F. ABITABILE
- The Board of Education accepted the resignation of Francis Abitabile, School Safety Officer effective end of day October 26, 2007, as recommended by the Superintendent.
- APPOINTMENT
JUNE BOUCHER
- The Board of Education appointed June Boucher as Bloodborne Pathogens Program Administrative Coordinator for the school district, as recommended by the Superintendent.
- CHANGE IN DATES
FOR LOA
- The Board of Education approved a change in dates of the previously approved unpaid leave of absence for Patricia Sacco, cafeteria manager at John L. Edwards Elementary School, from September 17 through October 12, 2007 to October 1 through October 26, 2007, as recommended by the Superintendent.
- DECREASE IN HRS.
FOR M. SUPER
- The Board of Education approved a decrease in hours of teacher aide Mary Beth Super from 6.5 to 6 hours per day, effective September 4, 2007, as recommended by the Superintendent.
- APPOINTMENT
FEROZA AKHTER
- The Board of Education appointed Feroza Akhter as teacher aide, assigned to John L. Edwards Elementary School replacing Janice Scali, for 6 hours per day, effective October 9, 2007 at a rate of \$8.44 per hour, as recommended by the Superintendent. Such appointment is 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 the fingerprinting and criminal history record check of the prospective school employee, where required by law.
- APPOINTMENT
KIM WILLIAMS
- The Board of Education appointed Kim Williams as teacher aide, assigned to a 1:1 special education aide position at John L. Edwards Elementary School replacing Dawn Miller, for 6.5 hours per day, effective October 9, 2007 at a rate of \$8.44 per hour, as recommended by the Superintendent. Such appointment is 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 the fingerprinting and criminal history record check of the prospective school employee, where required by law.
- APPOINTMENT
RENEE MYRICK
- The Board of Education appointed Renee Myrick as teacher aide, assigned to a 3.5 hour per day aide position at Hudson High School, replacing Gerald Wood, effective October 16, 2007 at a rate of \$8.44 per hour, as recommended by the Superintendent. Such appointment is 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 the fingerprinting and criminal history record check of the prospective school employee, where required by law.
- APPOINTMENT
TEACHER AIDE SUBS
- The Board of Education appointed the following to the teacher aide substitute list for the 2007-2008 school year at the rate of \$8.44 per hour, as recommended by the Superintendent. Such appointment is 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 the fingerprinting and criminal history record check of the prospective school employee, where required by law.
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| Taslema Akter | Gloria Shook |
| Claudia Scott | Teena Vining-Downey |
- APPOINTMENT
CATHY GIERKA
- The Board of Education appointed Cathy Gierka to the food service helper substitute list for the 2007-2008 school year at the rate of \$8.25 per hour, as recommended by the Superintendent. Such appointment is 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 the fingerprinting and criminal history record check of the prospective school employee, where required by law.

On a consent motion by Mr. Rost with a second by Mrs. Abitabile, the Board of Education approved action on the following items:

CONSENT MOTION

Ayes – 4 Nays – 1 Mr. Meyer

Be It Resolved, that the Board of Education appointed Allison Blake, NYS certified Literacy (Birth-Grade 6) teacher, to a three-year probationary reading teacher position in the reading tenure area at John L. Edwards Elementary School, effective October 16, 2007 and extending through October 15, 2010, at a 2005-2006 base salary of Step 1 Level 1, \$35,882.00 pro-rated pending contract negotiations, as recommended by the Superintendent. Such appointment is 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 the fingerprinting and criminal history record check of the prospective school employee, where required by law.

APPOINTMENT
ALLISON BLAKE

Be It Resolved, that the Board of Education appointed Melanie Lupoli, NYS certified Students With Disabilities (Grades 1-6), to a 0.5 FTE special education teacher position at John L. Edwards Elementary School, effective October 16, 2007, at a 2005-2006 base salary of Step 1 Level 1, \$35,882.00 pro-rated, pending contract negotiations, as recommended by the Superintendent. Such appointment is 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 the fingerprinting and criminal history record check of the prospective school employee, where required by law.

APPOINTMENT
MELANIE LUPOLI

Be It Resolved, that the Board of Education accepted with regret the resignation of Donna Accuosti, elementary education teacher at John L. Edwards Elementary School, effective November 11, 2007, as recommended by the Superintendent.

RESIGNATION
DONNA ACCUOSTI

Be It Resolved, that the Board of Education appointed Patricia Koskowski as a teacher aide, assigned to a 1:1 special education teacher aide position at Hudson High School for 6 hours per day, at the rate of \$8.44 per hour, effective September 24, 2007, as recommended by the Superintendent. Such appointment is 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 the fingerprinting and criminal history record check of the prospective school employee, where required by law.

APPOINTMENT
P. KOSKOWSKI

Be It Resolved, that the Board of Education appointed Nicole Franco as a teacher aide, assigned to a special education classroom at Hudson High School, replacing Jeannine Demski, for 6.5 hours per day, at the rate of \$8.44 per hour, effective September 25, 2007, as recommended by the Superintendent. Such appointment is 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 the fingerprinting and criminal history record check of the prospective school employee, where required by law.

APPOINTMENT
NICOLE FRANCO

Be It Resolved, that the Board of Education established a teacher aide position (special education shared aide) at John L. Edwards Elementary School for 6.25 hours per day, as recommended by the Superintendent.

AIDE POSITION
ESTABLISHED - JLE

On a motion by Mr. Rost with a second by Mrs. Abitabile, the Board of Education adjourned the meeting at 11:24 P.M.

ADJOURNMENT

Ayes – 5 Nays - 0