

HUDSON CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
SPECIAL BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
NOVEMBER 19, 2007 – 6:00 P.M.
HUDSON HIGH SCHOOL

Minutes Meeting #11

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A workshop meeting of the Hudson City School District Board of Education was held on November 19, 2007 at Hudson High School, 215 Harry Howard Avenue, Hudson, NY. The meeting was called to order by President John Mabb at 6:00 P.M. with the following Board Members in attendance:

PRESENT: John J. Mabb
Patricia L. Abitabile
Mary Daly
Emil Meister
Peter Meyer
Jeffrey Otty

LATE ARRIVAL: Peter S. Rost

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Guidance Plan Presentation - Hudson High School and Hudson Middle School 2007-2008 Guidance Plans were presented.

The special meeting of the Hudson City School District Board of Education was called to order at 7:00 P.M. by President John Mabb.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Presentation/Awards – None

Public Comments – This time was set aside for public comments.

Superintendent’s Report

- A. Calendar Change regarding December Board of Education Meeting(s): One Board Meeting for December is scheduled for December 3rd, 2007 at 7:00 P.M. at Hudson High School.
- B. Superintendent’s Goals
- C. Budget Process – At the December meeting the budget process and budget calendar will be discussed.

Agenda Changes – No changes noted

On a consent motion by Mr. Rost with a second by Mrs. Abitabile, the Board of Education approved action on the following consent agenda items: CONSENT MOTION
Ayes – 6 Nays – 1 Mr. Meyer

Be It Resolved, that the Board of Education approved the following Board Meeting Minutes: APPROVED
Minutes Meeting #7, dated October 15, 2007, pages 2826-2830 MINUTES #7 & 8
Minutes Meeting #8, dated October 18, 2007, pages 2831-2832

Be It Resolved, that the Board of Education approved one emergency transportation contract with Coxsackie Transport to transport one student to the Claverack/VoTec program beginning EMERGENCY
October 29, 2007 and ending November 16, 2007, at a cost of \$230.00 per attendance day, TRANSPORTATION
as recommended by the Superintendent. Bid opening will be held on November 16, 2007. CONTRACT

- TREASURER'S REPORT Be It Resolved, that the Board of Education accepted the Treasurer's Report, as attached, for month of August 2007.
- TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT Be It Resolved, that the Board of Education accepted the Tax Collector's Report, as attached, on the Collection of 2007 School Taxes.
- 2007 DELINQUENT TAX ROLLS Be It Resolved, that the Board of Education turned over the 2007 Delinquent Tax Rolls to the County and City Tax Collectors, respectively.
- SURPLUS ITEMS Be It Resolved, that the Board of Education declared the following as additional surplus items, as recommended by the Superintendent.
- 6 x 8 single axle trailer
Dry line markers
Scott seeder
- 6TH GRADE FIELD TRIP APPROVED Be It Resolved, that the Board of Education approved a field trip request for sixth grade students to see *A Christmas Carol* at Proctor's Theater on November 28, 2007 at no cost to the district, as recommended by the Superintendent.
- 8TH GRADE FIELD TRIP APPROVED Be It Resolved, that the Board of Education approved a field trip request for eighth grade students to attend Physics Day at Six Flags New England in Agawam, MA, on May 16, 2008 at not cost to the district, as recommended by the Superintendent.
- CONSULTANT AGREEMENTS APPROVED Be It Resolved, that the Board of Education approved consultant agreements with the following for the 2007-2008 school year, as attached, as recommended by the Superintendent.
- Concerted Effort, Inc. Dean T. Spaulding, Ph.D.
- CSE AND CPSE PLACEMENTS Be It Resolved, that the Board of Education arranged for placement of students with disabilities (CSE and CPSE) as a result of meetings held on September 25, October 4, 10, 11, 15, 18, 25, 26, 29, 31 and November 1, 2, 6, 7, 9, 13, 2007.
- TRANSPORTATION BID SPECS Be It Resolved, that the Board of Education approved the attached Transportation Bid Specification template to incorporate the need for aides on buses, as recommended by the Superintendent.
- EXECUTIVE SESSION On a motion by Mr. Rost with a second by Mrs. Daly, the Board of Education went into Executive Session at 8:22 P.M.
- Ayes – 7 Nays – 0
- Board Member Peter Rost left the meeting at 8:55 P.M.
- The Board of Education came out of Executive Session at 9:18 P.M. on a motion by Mr. Otty with a second by Mr. Meister.
- Ayes – 6 Nays – 0
- CONSENT MOTION On a consent motion by Mrs. Daly with a second by Mrs. Abitabile, the Board of Education approved action on the following personnel agenda items:
- Ayes – 5 Nays – 0 Abstentions – 1 Mr. Meyer
- TEACHER MENTORS APPROVED The Board of Education approved the following as teacher mentors for the 2007-2008 school year at a stipend of \$1,200.00 each, as recommended by the Superintendent. (Mentor Teacher Intern Program)

Deborah Van Dyke	Kathleen Thornton	Deborah Tait
Gary Finelli	Robert LaCasse, Jr.	Sharon McEnroe
Francis Gavin	Karen Grener	Marilee Hobbs
Lucy Rees	Beth Barnes	Bruce Buhler

The Board of Education approved the following as members of the Steering Committee for the New Employee Mentoring Opportunities program for the 2007-2008 school year at a stipend of \$1,500.00 each, as recommended by the Superintendent. (Mentor Teacher Intern Program)

STEERING COMM.
NEW EMPLOYEE
MENTORING

Patricia Howe

Melissa Brown

Judith Roehr

The Board of Education approved payment to teachers for graduate and/or in-service credits at the 2005-2006 contractual rate pending contract negotiations, as attached, as recommended by the Superintendent.

GRADUATE &
IN-SERVICE
CREDITS

The Board of Education approved payment to the following teacher for three graduate credits at the 2005-2006 contractual rate pending contract negotiations retroactive to 2006-2007, as recommended by the Superintendent.

GRADUATE
CREDIT FOR
JEANINE MILLAR

Jeanine Millar

Finances & Human Resources in Education

\$192.00

The Board of Education appointed Rebecca Claus, registered professional nurse, as school nurse at Greenport Elementary School, effective on or about November 20, 2007 at a 2005-2006 starting salary of \$28,000.00, pro-rated and 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
REBECCA CLAUS

The Board of Education appointed Patricia Blackwell, NYS certified music teacher, to a three-year probationary position as music teacher in the music tenure area at John L. Edwards Elementary School, effective November 20, 2007 through November 19, 2010, at an annual 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
P. BLACKWELL

The Board of Education appointed Matthew Campbell, NYS certified literacy (birth-grade 6) teacher, to a regular substitute position to cover a reading teacher's leave of absence at John L. Edwards Elementary School effective November 20, 2007 through June 26, 2008, at an annual salary of Step 1, Level 1, \$35,882.00, pro-rated, with benefits, 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
M. CAMPBELL

The Board of Education adjusted the salary of Judith French, teaching assistant at Hudson High School, from \$9.50 per hour to \$12.33 per hour, effective September 25, 2007, as recommended by the Superintendent. Ms. French has met the criteria to be at Level II, Year 4 of the teaching assistant salary schedule.

SALARY ADJUSTED
FOR JUDITH FRENCH

The Board of Education reappointed Kathleen Maresco as a substitute teacher 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.

REAPPOINTED
K. MARESCO

- APPOINTMENT
TEACHER SUBS
- 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.
- Corrine Abrams Lynne Howell Caitlin Nicholson
Kathleen Buchanan Vivian Jones Yvonne Rice
Emily Goldstien
- APPOINTMENT
DREW CARPINO
HOME INSTRUCTOR
- The Board of Education appointed Drew Carpino as a home instructor 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.
- RETIREMENT
VERNON DOYLE
- The Board of Education accepted with regret the resignation of Vernon Doyle, laborer at M. C. Smith Middle School, for the purpose of retirement, effective October 17, 2007, as recommended by the Superintendent.
- RESIGNATION
ETHEL BLANCHARD
- The Board of Education accepted the resignation of Ethel Blanchard, teacher aide (lunch time) at Greenport Elementary School, effective end of day November 2, 2007, as recommended by the Superintendent.
- RESIGNATION
CLARA SILCOCK
- The Board of Education accepted the resignation of Clara Silcock from the part-time laborer recall list, effective November 6, 2007, as recommended by the Superintendent. Ms. Silcock was laid off as part-time laborer on June 29, 2005 due to the contingent budget and her name placed on the recall list.
- RESIGNATION
STEPHANIE HAIGH
- The Board of Education accepted the resignation of Stephanie Haigh, teacher aide at John L. Edwards Elementary School, effective end of day on November 16, 2007, as recommended by the Superintendent.
- UNPAID LEAVE OF
ABSENCE FOR
TAMMI PLASS
- The Board of Education approved an unpaid leave of absence for family medical reasons for Tammi Plass, teacher aide at John L. Edwards Elementary School, from November 23, 2007 to April 1, 2008, as recommended by the Superintendent.
- APPROVED INCREASE
IN HOURS – AIDE
POSITION
- The Board of Education approved an increase in hours for a newly created teacher aide position at John L. Edwards Elementary School, from 6.25 to 6.50 hours per day, as recommended by the Superintendent.
- TRANSFER FOR
G. ALMSTEAD
- The Board of Education approved a transfer for teacher aide Gregory Almstead at the John L. Edwards Elementary School from a 1:1 aide position to a shared aide position at John L. Edwards created by the Board at their October 15th meeting, effective November 20, 2007 with no change in pay or hours, as recommended by the Superintendent.
- APPOINTMENT
CLARE KOWALSKI
- The Board of Education appointed Clare Kowalski as teacher aide, assigned to a 1:1 aide position at John L. Edwards Elementary School, for 6.25 hours per day, effective November 20, 2007 at the rate of \$8.44 per hour, replacing Kim Williams who transferred to Greenport School, 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 motion by Mrs. Abitabile with a second by Mr. Meister, the Board of Education went into EXECUTIVE SESSION
Executive Session at 10:05 P.M.
Ayes – 6 Nays – 0

The Board of Education came out of Executive Session at 10:43 P.M. on a motion by Mr. Otty
with a second by Mr. Meister.
Ayes – 6 Nays – 0

The Board of Education meeting was adjourned at 10:44 P.M. on a motion by Mrs. Daly with a ADJOURNED
second by Mrs. Abitabile.
Ayes – 6 Nays – 0