

**HUDSON CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
SPECIAL BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
MARCH 10, 2008 – 6:00 P.M.
HUDSON HIGH SCHOOL**

Minutes Meeting #18

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A budget workshop meeting of the Hudson City School District Board of Education was held on March 10, 2008 at Hudson High School, 215 Harry Howard Ave., Hudson, NY. The meeting was called to order by Vice President Peter Rost at 6:00 p.m. with the following Board Members in attendance:

PRESENT: Peter S. Rost
Patricia L. Abitabile
Mary Daly
Emil Meister
Peter Meyer

LATE ARRIVAL: John J. Mabb

ABSENT: Jeffrey Otty

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Board President John Mabb arrived at the meeting at 6:05 p.m.

Dr. Aefsky, Superintendent and Daniel Barrett, Business Manager, made a presentation to the Board in regard to Debt Service and Employee Benefits for the 2008-2009 Budget and the Governor’s State Aid Proposal.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:59 p.m.

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

- A. Recognition of Odyssey of the Mind Participants

PRESENTATION

Public Comments

- 1. Lee Stone – Loss of teachers, benefits cost & mandates, speaker system
- 2. Vince Wallace – State Aid shortfall, tax concerns, lower tax
- 3. Mike Moore – Racial issues, Civil Rights upheld
- 4. Frank Klein – Baseball field
- 5. Steve Leonard – Informational packets for Board Members
- 6. Beth Herring – Girl’s softball waiver of fees and hand out for Board

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Superintendent’s Report

- A. ConnectED mass notification system
- B. Snow day make up Monday, April 21, and May 23, 2008
- C. Technology tour
- D. Homeless – next meeting there will be information on the grant and Implementation
- E. YES Program

SUPT.’S REPORT

Agenda Changes

Peter Meyer would like the order of the agenda changed to old business and board comment at beginning of the meeting

AGENDA CHANGES

Be It Resolved, that the Board of Education, on a motion by Mr. Rost with a second by Abitabile, approved a field trip request, as attached, for high school music students to attend a Broadway show in New York City, participating with the educational program STUDENTSLIVE, at a date to be determined in April or May, at no cost to the district, as recommended by the Superintendent.

Ayes – 6 Nays – 0

FIELD TRIP TO NYC
APPROVED

Committee Reports

- A. Audit – Peter Rost gave a report and thanked the business office staff for their cooperation with Questar III during the Business Office Study. Mr. Barrett will report back to the Board on our corrective action plan concerning the Business Office Study.
- B. Policy – Pat Abitabile spoke in regard to the Guidelines for Visiting and Resident Animals in Schools
- C. Facilities – Facilities Meeting will be held March 13th at 4:15 p.m.
- D. Student – No report was given. Our student member Samantha Hallenbeck was ill.

COMMITTEE
REPORTS

Old Business

- A. Corrective Action Plan Appointment
- B. Supplemental Education Services (SES)
- C. Policy 5300.75 Code of Conduct Dissemination and Review – First Reading

OLD BUSINESS

New Business

- A. Girl's Softball – Waiver
- B. Baseball Fields

NEW BUSINESS

On a motion by Mr. Meister with a second by Mr. Rost, the Board of Education granted a waiver of fees for use of our school facilities and fields for the 2007-2008 school year to the Hudson Junior Girls Softball League.

Ayes – 5 Nays – 1 Mrs. Daly

WAIVER OF FEES
HUDSON JR. GIRLS
SOFTBALL LEAGUE

Board Comments

- A. Mr. Meyer – Bus Pass Policy and Baldwin Report
- B. Mrs. Abitabile – Wished good luck to the Robotics Team and congratulations to the Middle School Odyssey Teams
- C. Mr. Rost – Congratulations to the Middle School Odyssey Team and the State Aid issue – advocacy needed
- D. Mrs. Daly – Art Show at Columbia-Greene Community College starts tomorrow

BOARD COMMENTS

Public Comments

- A. Frank Klein – Comment about use of former employee's name in public
- B. Alice Hoffman – Bus pass issue
- C. Wayne Francis – Spelling Bee at Proctor's
- D. Lorraine Dellavechia – Agenda Books
- E. Ellen Henderson – Questions and answers by the public be addressed in Executive Session. Bus Passes – all students should get a pass. Spoke in regard to the animal issue in the district.
- F. Carrie Waterhouse – Bus runs have safety and security. Racial issues

PUBLIC COMMENTS

On a motion Mr. Rost with a second by Mr. Meister, the Board of Education went into Executive Session at 9:35 P.M.

Ayes – 6 Nays – 0

EXECUTIVE
SESSION

The Board of Education came out of Executive Session at 9:53 P.M. on a motion by Mr. Meyer with a second by Mr. Rost.

Ayes – 6 Nays – 0

ADJOURNMENT

The Board of Education meeting was adjourned on a motion by Mr. Rost with a second by Mrs. Daly at 9:54 P.M.

Ayes – 6

Nays – 0

HUMAN RESOURCES - Personnel Agenda - March 10, 2008

A. INSTRUCTIONAL LEAVE OF ABSENCE

	Last Name	First Name	Position	Location	Effective Dates	Notes
1	Cousens	Michele	Elementary Teacher	HMS	03/26/08 - 06/30/08	FMLA begins ~ 05/07/08
2	Quinion	Tani	Elementary Teacher	JLE	04/14/08 - 6/30/08	FMLA begins ~ 06/09/08
3	Pitts	Colleen	Elementary Teacher	JLE	04/04/08 - 05/19/08	

B. INSTRUCTIONAL RESIGNATION

	Last Name	First Name	Position	Location	Effective Date
1	Claus	Rebecca	School Nurse	GPT	not later than 03/25/08

C. INSTRUCTIONAL APPOINTMENTS

	Last Name	First Name	Position	Location	Type of Appointment	Effective Dates	Salary	Notes
1	Randall	Nancy	SAT Prep Class	HHS	Temporary	03/13-04/24/08	\$2,000.00	Paid via 21 st Century Grant
2	Tait	Deborah	SAT Prep Class	HHS	Temporary	03/13-04/24/08	\$2,000.00	Paid via 21 st Century Grant

D. EXTRA-CURRICULAR SPORTS APPOINTMENTS**

	Last Name	First Name	Position	05-06 Stipend*	Sport Season
1	Clark	Jennifer	Girls' Modified Softball Coach	\$2,257.00	Spring 2007-2008
2	Pitts	Stefanie	Boys' Varsity Track Assistant Coach	\$2,578.00	Spring 2007-2008

E. NON-INSTRUCTIONAL LEAVE OF ABSENCE

	Last Name	First Name	Position	Location	Effective Dates
1	Clark	Kathy	Afterschool Program Director	HMS	03/27/08 - 05/06/08

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 the fingerprinting and criminal history record check of the prospective school employee, where required by law.

*2005-2006 contractual rate, pending contract negotiations

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

RESOLUTION # 031008 F

Establish 1:1 Teacher Aide Position

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Hudson City School District establish a 1:1 teacher aide position, (6.5 hours per day), as per student IEP, at Montgomery C. Smith Middle School, as recommended by the Superintendent.