

HUDSON CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT  
REGULAR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING  
APRIL 28, 2008 – 6:30 P.M.  
JOHN L. EDWARDS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Minutes Meeting #24

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A budget workshop meeting of the Hudson City School District Board of Education was held on April 28, 2008 at John L. Edwards Elementary School, 360 State Street, Hudson, NY. The meeting was called to order by President John Mabb at 6:30 P.M. with the following Board Members in attendance:

**PRESENT:**  
  
John J. Mabb  
Peter S. Rost  
Patricia L. Abitabile  
Mary Daly  
Emil Meister  
Peter Meyer  
Jeffrey Otty  
Samantha Hallenbeck, Student Member

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

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**Budget** – The Board discussed the budget for 2008-2009

**BUDGET DISCUSSION**

**Be It Resolved**, that the Board of Education, on a motion by Mr. Rost with a second by Mrs. Abitabile, adopted the 2008-2009 School District Budget in the amount of \$37,463,918, as recommended by the Superintendent.

**BUDGET ADOPTED**

Ayes – 5 Mr. Mabb Nays – 2 Mr. Meyer  
Mr. Rost Mr. Meister  
Mrs. Abitabile  
Mrs. Daly  
Mr. Otty

The Budget Workshop concluded at 6:59 P.M.

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

**SPECIAL MEETING**

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**Presentation/Award**

**PRESENTATION/AWARD**

- A. A presentation was made by the students of Beth Barnes 1<sup>st</sup> Grade class and Diana Kipp’s 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade class in regard to Beyond Paper and Pencil: Bringing Literacy to Life through the Arts.
- B. Mike Needham of Needham Risk Management presented the District with the Utica National Insurance Group School Safety Excellence Award for 2008.

**Public Comments**

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

- 1. Vincent Wallace – Budget issues
- 2. Wayne Kinney – Field trip

**SUPT'S. REPORT**

- A. Transportation/Fuel Costs
- B. Additional Funding
- C. SQR Greenport Elementary School
- D. School Improvement Grant

**AGENDA CHANGES**

No changes noted.

**APPROVED BOARD  
MINUTES #20 & #21**

Be It Resolved, that the Board of Education, on a motion by Mr. Rost with a second by Mr. Meister, approved the following Board Meeting Minutes:

Minutes Meeting #20, dated April 3, 2008, page 2875  
Minutes Meeting #21, dated April 7, 2008, pages 2876-2878  
Ayes – 7                      Nays – 0

**DONATION FROM  
STEWART'S FOUNDATION**

Be It Resolved, that the Board of Education, on a motion by Mr. Rost with a second by Mrs. Abitabile, accepted a check in the amount of \$750.00 from The Stewart's Foundation for the Hudson Middle School Afterschool Program and directed the Clerk of the Board to send a thank you letter to Stewart's, as recommended by the Superintendent.

Ayes – 7                      Nays – 0

**CONSENT MOTION**

Be It Resolved, that the Board of Education, on a consent motion by Mrs. Abitabile with a second by Mr. Meister, approved action on the following items:

Ayes – 7                      Nays – 0

**PARTIAL YEAR TRANSPORT  
CONTRACT – COXSACKIE**

Be It Resolved, that the Board of Education approved a partial year transportation contract with Wayne Parks – Cossackie Transport to transport a special education student attending the Northeast Parent and Child Center, in the amount of \$188.00 per attendance day beginning April 21, 2008 and ending June 26, 2008, as recommended by the Superintendent.

**HEALTH SERVICE  
CONTRACT – SAUGERTIES**

Be It Resolved, that the Board of Education approved a 2007-2008 health service contract with the Saugerties Central School District for health services for one Hudson City School District resident who attends the Woodstock School in the Saugerties Central School District at a cost of \$510.67, as recommended by the Superintendent.

**OFFICIAL RESULTS  
DATE FOR BUDGET/BOARD  
VOTE**

Be It Resolved, that the Board of Education established May 20, 2008 as the date of the Board of Education meeting when official results of the budget vote and school board election be approved, as recommended by the Superintendent.

**ESTABLISHED HHS  
HALF-CREDIT COURSE  
WOMEN'S LITERATURE**

Be It Resolved, that the Board of Education approved the establishment of a high school half-credit English course, Women's Literature, and textbook adoption, as recommended by the Superintendent.

**ESTABLISHED HHS  
HALF-CREDIT ENGLISH  
CONTEMPORARY LIT.**

Be It Resolved, that the Board of Education approved the establishment of a high school half-credit English course, Contemporary Literature, and textbook adoption, as recommended by the Superintendent.

**FIELD TRIP – HMS  
NY MUSEUM OF TOLERANCE**

Be It Resolved, that the Board of Education, on a motion by Mr. Rost with a second by Mr. Mabb, approved a field trip request, as attached, for middle school English students to visit the New York Museum of Tolerance in New York City on April 30, 2008 at no cost to the district, as recommended by the Superintendent.

Ayes – 4    Mr. Mabb    Nays – 2    Mr. Meyer    Abstentions – 1    Mrs. Daly  
                 Mrs. Abitabile                      Mr. Rost  
                 Mr. Otty  
                 Mr. Meister



**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

- A. Mr. Harrell mentioned that it was a good meeting and also how unhappy he was that Dr. Aefsky was leaving.**
- B. Mr. Charles Peters asked about community involvement regarding the Superintendent search.**
- C. Mrs. Henderson spoke in regard to the Superintendent search and the Elks Club waiver of fees.**

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**On a motion by Mr. Meister with a second by Mrs. Daly, the Board of Education went into Executive Session at 9:12 p.m.**

**Ayes – 7                  Nays – 0**

**The Board of Education came out of Executive Session at 9:40 p.m. on a motion by Mr. Rost with a second by Mr. Otty.**

**Ayes – 7                  Nays – 0**

**ADJOURNMENT**

**The meeting was adjourned at 9:41 p.m. on a motion by Mr. Rost with a second by Mr. Meyer.**

**Ayes – 7                  Nays – 0**

Human Resources Resolution # 042808 A

**RESIGNATION OF SUPERINTENDENT**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education of the Hudson City School District hereby accepts the resignation of Dr. Fern Aefsky, Superintendent of Schools, effective 12:00 midnight, June 30, 2008.

## HUMAN RESOURCES - Personnel Agenda - April 28, 2008

### B. INSTRUCTIONAL APPOINTMENT LOCATION CORRECTION

	Last Name	First Name	Position	Previous Location	Corrected Location	Notes
1	Markowitz	Steven	Teaching Assistant	GPT	HMS	Previously approved 4/7/08

### C. GRADUATE IN-SERVICE CREDITS - APRIL 2008

	Last Name	First Name	Current Preparation	Name of Course	Credits	Remuneration
1	Cipollari	Theresa	BA47MS	The Macabre in New Young Adult Literature	1	\$64.00
2	Cornell	Rosalie	BS79MS	Institute in Ed Admin	3	\$192.00
3	Doto	Diana	BS59MSED	Ethics for Administrators Pre-Practicum	1	\$64.00
4	Hanley	Jill	BA60MS	Education Law	3	\$192.00
5	Hanley	Jill	BA63MS	Educational Leadership Internship: Part 1	3	\$192.00
6	Hanley	Jill	BA66MS	Supervision & Teacher Development	3	\$192.00
7	Hanley	Jill	BA69MS	Educational Leadership Internship: Part 2	3	\$192.00
8	Hanley	Jill	BA72MS	Administration of Special Education Programs	3	\$192.00
9	Hanley	Jill	BA75MS	Leadership Case Study	3	\$192.00
10	Millar	Jeanine	BS39MS	Quantative Methods in Educational Leadership	3	\$192.00

### D. IN-SERVICE Continuing Education Units - APRIL 2008

	Last Name	First Name	Current Preparation	Name of Course	Credits	Remuneration
1	Roehr	Judy	BA59MLS	Putting Inquiry into Practice	10 c.e.u	0.00
2	Brust	Janet	BA43MS	SAS Training	2 c.e.u	0.00

### E. INSTRUCTIONAL SUBSTITUTE APPOINTMENTS

	Last Name	First Name	Position	Effective Date	Type of Certification	Salary
1	Millar	Andrew	Substitute Teacher	04/29/08	Not Certified	\$65.00 per day
2	Hermance	Betty	Substitute Nurse	04/29/08	Registered Nurse	\$20.00 per hour/\$100.00 per day maximum

**F. INSTRUCTIONAL SUBSTITUTE &/or HOME INSTRUCTOR RESIGNATIONS**

	Last Name	First Name	Position	Effective Date
1	Drahushuk	William	Substitute Teacher	05/05/08
2	Maresco	Kathleen	Substitute Teacher	04/29/08
3	Roberts	Melissa	Substitute Teacher	04/25/08
4	Roberts	Melissa	Home Instructor	04/25/08
5	Torchia	Kelly	Substitute Teacher	04/29/08

**G. NON-INSTRUCTIONAL APPOINTMENT**

	Last Name	First Name	Position	Location	Type of Appointment	Effective Date	Hours	Rate	Notes
1	Carrasco	Victor	Custodian	HHS	Probationary	05/12/08	7 per day	\$26,603.00 + \$325.00 (ND) Total \$26,928.00, Pro-rated	Probationary Term - no less than 12 weeks and no more than 52 weeks Replacing T. Beaumont

**H. CHANGES IN ELECTION INSPECTORS FOR BUDGET VOTE AND SCHOOL BOARD ELECTIONS APPOINTMENTS**

	Last Name	First Name	Position	Previous Position	Effective Date	District No.	Notes
1	Winant	Jeanette	n/a	Election Inspector	05/20/08	Hudson No. 1	Terminate - Not available to serve
2	DeStefano	Claudia	Election Inspector	Election Inspector Alternate	05/20/08	Hudson No. 1	\$7.50 per hour Replacing J. Winant
3	Altomer	Toni	Election Inspector Alternate	n/a	05/20/08	(as needed)	\$25.00 per day if not called upon Replacing C. DeStefano

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.