

HUDSON CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT  
SPECIAL BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING  
MAY 20, 2008 – 7:30 P.M.  
JOHN L. EDWARDS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Minutes Meeting #26

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The special meeting of the Hudson City School District Board of Education was held on May 20, 2008 at the John L. Edwards Elementary School, 360 State Street, Hudson, NY. The meeting was called to order by President John Mabb at 7:30 P.M. with the following Board Members in attendance:

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| <b>PRESENT:</b>      | John J. Mabb<br>Peter S. Rost<br>Patricia L. Abitabile<br>Mary Daly<br>Emil Meister<br>Peter Meyer<br>Jeffrey Otty |
| <b>ALSO PRESENT:</b> | Superintendent<br>Assistant Superintendent<br>Business Manager   |
|                      | Dr. Fern Aefsky<br>Dr. Amanda Bagnato<br>Daniel P. Barrett   |

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

On a motion by Mr. Otty with a second by Mrs. Daly, the Board of Education went into Executive Session at 7:32 P.M.  
 Ayes – 7            Nays – 0

**EXECUTIVE  
SESSION**

The Board of Education came out of Executive Session at 8:18 P.M. on a motion by Mr. Otty with a second by Mr. Meyer.  
 Ayes – 7            Nays – 0

**Public Comments**

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

1. Seain Pinkowski – Letter from Board
2. Michael Moore – The Pinkowski letter. Letter to Mr. Moore from the Board will be sent tomorrow
3. Vincent Wallace – Communication with public. Board votes should be verbal, roll call vote

**Superintendent’s Report**

**SUPT.’S REPORT**

- A. Senator Saland and Assemblyman Molinaro will be visiting the Middle School on June 2<sup>nd</sup> at 10:30 AM
- B. Science Textbook – Dr. Bagnato spoke in regard to the purchase of a Science Textbook
- C. ConnectEd – Two messages have been sent out using ConnectEd. All principals will be using the system
- D. Author’s Fair at Middle School

**Be It Resolved**, that the Board of Education, on a motion by Mr. Meister with a second by Mr. Rost, adopted an 8<sup>th</sup> grade science textbook, Science Explorer: Life, Earth, Physical Science, published by Pearson in 2009, as attached, as recommended by the Superintendent.

**SCIENCE  
TEXTBOOK**

Ayes – 6            Nays – 1    Mr. Meyer

The next Board Meeting will be held on June 9<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 p.m. at Hudson High School

**NEXT BD. MTG.**

On a motion by Mrs. Abitabile with a second by Mr. Meister, the Board of Education adopted the attached personnel agenda items (10A-C).

**PERSONNEL  
AGENDA ADOPTED**

Ayes – 6            Nays – 0            Abstentions – 1    Mr. Meyer

**AMENDED SCHOOL  
CALENDAR**

**Be It Resolved**, that the Board of Education, on a motion by Mrs. Abitabile with a second by Mr. Mesiter, amended the 2007-2008 school district calendar by designating a half-day of school for John L. Edwards, Greenport and M.C. Smith Middle Schools on Tuesday, June 24, 2008 as per new HTA contract, as recommended by the Superintendent.

Ayes – 6                      Nays – 0                      Abstentions – 1 Mr. Meyer

**BOARD COMMENTS**

- A. Mr. Mabb – Reviewed Interim Supt. applications and picked 4 to interview
- B. Mr. Meister – Spoke in regard to the Author’s Fair at HMS and how impressed he was with the Fair.
- C. Mr. Rost – Also spoke in regard to the Author’s Fair and students’ reactions
- D. Mr. Meyer – Spoke in regard to parent advocacy and also info regarding budget vote and propositions on the website.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

This time was set aside for public comments.

**OFFICIAL VOTE  
RESULTS**

**Be It Resolved**, that the Board of Education, on a motion by Mrs. Abitabile with a second by Mr. Rost, declared official the school board election, budget and proposition for the land swap between the Peoples Bible Church and the Hudson City School District vote results, as attached.

Ayes – 7                      Nays – 0

**NEXT BD. MTG.**

The Board of Education will meet on June 29, 2008 at 6:30 p.m. at Hudson High School to discuss the 2008-2009 budget.

**ADJOURNED**

On a motion by Mrs. Daly with a second by Mr. Meister, the Board of Education adjourned the meeting at 9:34 P.M.

Ayes – 7                      Nays – 0

**RECONVENED**

The Board of Education reconvened their meeting at 9:36 P.M. to swear in the new Board Members.

**J. OTTY &  
E. MEISTER SWORN  
IN**

The Clerk of the Board administered the oath of office to new Board Members Jeffrey Otty and Emil Meister. Mr. Otty was elected for a 5 year term and Mr. Meister for a 3 year term.

**ADJOURNED**

The Board of Education meeting was adjourned at 9:38 P.M. on a motion by Mrs. Abitabile with a second by Mr. Meyer.

Ayes – 7                      Nays – 0

## HUMAN RESOURCES - Personnel Agenda - May 20, 2008

### A. INSTRUCTIONAL SUBSTITUTE &/or HOME INSTRUCTOR APPOINTMENTS

	Last Name	First Name	Position	Effective Date	Type of Certification	Salary
1	Maresco	Kathleen	Substitute Teacher	05/21/08	Not Certified	\$65.00 per day

### B. 2007-2008 EXTRA-CURRICULAR ADVISOR APPOINTMENTS

	Last Name	First Name	Position	Location	Stipend*
1	Rees	Lucy Ann	National Junior Honor Society Co-Advisor	HMS	\$438.00
2	Salerno	Retta	National Junior Honor Society Co-Advisor	HMS	\$438.00

### C. CHANGE IN ELECTION INSPECTOR FOR BUDGET VOTE AND SCHOOL BOARD ELECTIONS APPOINTMENTS

	Last Name	First Name	Position	Previous Position	Effective Date	District No.	Notes
1	Brew	Leah	n/a	Election Inspector	05/20/08	Claverack No. 3	Terminate - Not available to serve

\*Pending salary schedule confirmation

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.