

HUDSON CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
SPECIAL BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
APRIL 23, 2013 – 7:00 P.M.
HUDSON HIGH SCHOOL LIBRARY

Minutes Meeting #22

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The special meeting of the Hudson City School District Board of Education was held on April 23, 2013 at the Hudson High School Library, 215 Harry Howard Ave., Hudson, NY.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The meeting was called to order by President Peter Merante at 7:00 p.m. with the following Board Members in attendance:

PRESENT:

- Peter D. Merante, Sr.
- Jeri Chapman
- Kelly Frank
- Tiffany Hamilton
- Carrie Otty
- Peter A. Rice, Jr.
- Meagan Pinkowski, Student Representative

ABSENT:

- Elizabeth Fout

ALSO PRESENT:

- Superintendent
- Coordinator of School Improvement
- School Business Executive
- Clerk of the Board

- Maria J. Suttmeier
- April Prestipino
- Robert D. Yusko, Jr.
- Frieda A. Van Deusen

Ms. Frank made a motion, seconded by Ms. Hamilton, that the Board of Education accept the Board Agenda with the addition of under Old Business 9.1.1 – Code of Conduct and 9.1.2 – Spanish Trip

AGENDA ACCEPTED

Ayes – 5

Nays – 0

MOTION CARRIED

Student Representative Meagan Pinkowski reported on several student activities as follows:

STUDENT REP.'S REPORT

- Youth Government Day – April 18th
- National Day of Silence – April 19th
- Boys Tennis Team – Scholar Athlete Recognition
- Coaches Against Cancer Event
- Museum of Natural History Field Trip
- Biggest Loser Competition
- Sean’s Run – HHS SADD Team participation
- Spirit Week and Field Day

Presentations:

PRESENTATIONS

Tri-County Partnership Presentation and Columbia-Greene Partnership Academy –

Maria Suttmeier updated the Board on the Tri-County Partnership, a new partnership between the county agencies and schools which supports students, families and young adults in the Rensselaer, Columbia and Greene counties. The initiative hopes to increase the collaboration among county agencies and service providers, public schools, BOCES and others, increase graduation rates of special education students, and also enable the partnership to qualify for grants in the future.

Ms. Suttmeier and Bruce Potter, Superintendent of Berkshire Union Free School District, reviewed the work of the Columbia-Greene Partnership Academy and asked the Board of Education for their support. The proposed C-GPA will serve special education and high risk regular education students from both counties with an alternative to the traditional high school model.

PRESENTATIONS CONT'D.

5th Grade Poetry Slam Presentation – MCSIS students – In recognition of April being National Poetry Month, the Investment in Youth Program sponsored a 5th Grade Poetry Slam and students from Mrs. Lynn Clark's 5th Grade recited poems they had written.

Hudson Children's Book Festival Support Recognition – Lisa Dolan introduced Susan Simon and Chris Jones, two of our mentors from the Hudson Reads Program, who organized a reception at the Red Barn to raise scholarship funds. The event was a huge success and the funds raised will enable 300 children to buy a book at the Hudson Children's Book Festival. In recognition of their efforts, Ms. Simon and Ms. Jones were presented with a certificate and a book festival apron.

Outgoing Board Member Service Recognition – Superintendent Suttmeier thanked Peter Merante, outgoing President and member of the Board of Education, for his service and presented him with a gift certificate.

INSTRUCTIONAL CONVERSATIONS

April Prestipino, Coordinator of School Improvement, provided handouts for the Board in regard to videos for parents and families about the Common Core Assessments and a copy of a memo from the State Education Department updating New York's implementation of the Common Core State Standards.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Board did not need to go into Executive Session at this time.

**PERSONNEL AGENDA ITEMS
8.1.1-8.1.11**

On a motion by Ms. Frank, with a second by Ms. Hamilton, the Board of Education approves personnel agenda items 8.1.1-8.1.11.

Ayes – 6

Nays – 0

MOTION CARRIED

OLD BUSINESS

Code of Conduct – Ms. Chapman reported that the Code of Conduct is available on the district's website and at the next meeting of the Board we will have an actual reading and establish a committee. On Monday, April 29th, at 4:45 p.m. there will be a public hearing on the Code of Conduct.

Spanish Trip – Pam Kulyniak, Cortlynn Jepsen and Judy Weinman spoke to the Board in regard to the recent Spanish trip and asked if the Board could provide funds and transportation to help defray expenses for the students and chaperones coming to our district from Spain.

In addition several of the students from our high school Spanish class who went to Spain spoke about their trip.

PUBLIC FORUM

Dan Udell – Mr. Udell spoke on behalf of the group "Friends of Hudson Schools" and mentioned that a "Get Out and Vote" flyer is being distributed throughout the community. Mr. Udell also asked for volunteers to help.

Alice Hoffman – Read a list of questions and concerns for the Board to respond to.

Maureen Sheridan, Theresa Nicholson and students from Ms. Sheridan's special education class at the MCSIS asked the Board to reconsider the layoff of guidance counselor Elizabeth Young.

**CONSENSUS AGENDA ITEMS
11.1.1 and 11.1.2**

On a motion by Ms. Frank, with a second by Mr. Rice, the Board of Education approves consensus agenda items 11.1.1 and 11.1.2 as follows:

Ayes – 6

Nays – 0

MOTION CARRIED

**APPROVED BOARD MEETING
MINUTES #20 AND #21**

Be It Resolved, that the Board of Education approves the following Board Meeting Minutes:

A. Minutes Meeting #20, dated March 25, 2013, pages 3376-3380

B. Minutes Meeting #21, dated April 8, 2013, pages 3381-3384

Be It Resolved, that the Board of Cooperative Educational Services of Rensselaer, Columbia and Greene Counties is authorized to expend the sum set forth in the 2013-14 tentative Administrative budget in the amount of \$4,238,898.

**QUESTAR III BUDGET
APPROVED**

Be It Resolved, that the Hudson City School District Board of Education, on a motion by Ms. Frank, with a second by Ms. Chapman, hereby casts its votes for the following candidates to fill five vacancies on the Rensselaer, Columbia, Greene Counties Board of Cooperative Educational Services:

**VOTE CAST FOR
BOCES BOARD**

Robert Gibson
Carol Orvis
Susan Garrigan-Piela
Edmund Brooks
Lynn Clum

Ayes – 6

Nays – 0

MOTION CARRIED

On a motion by Ms. Frank, with a second by Ms. Chapman, the Board of Education approves consensus agenda items 11.1.4-11.1.10 as follows:

**CONSENSUS AGENDA
ITEMS 11.1.4-11.1.10**

Ayes – 6

Nays – 0

MOTION CARRIED

Be It Resolved, that the Board of Education accepts a donation from the Carrie Haddad Gallery to the district of four paintings by artist Kathy Burge with a total retail value of \$25,200.00 and direct the Clerk of the Board to send a thank you.

**DONATION FROM
CARRIE HADDAD
GALLERY**

Be It Resolved, that the Board of Education approves a transportation contract, as attached, with Cossackie Transport – Wayne Parks, to transport a student coming back into our district as per McKinney/Vento regulations, at a total cost of \$3360.00 beginning April 15, 2013 and ending June 30, 2013.

**TRANSPORTATION
CONTRACT –
COXSACKIE
TRANSPORT**

Be It Resolved, that the Board of Education approves an emergency transportation contract, as Attached, with Johnston & Pulcher Inc. to transport students to Berkshire Day Treatment Program, as per IEP, at a total anticipated cost of \$6322.00 beginning April 17, 2013 and ending May 15, 2013.

**EMERGENCY
TRANSPORT
JOHNSTON &
PULCHER**

Be It Resolved, that the Board of Education grants approval for a specialized speech evaluation for a district student to be conducted by The Pauline K. Winkler Speech-Language-Hearing Clinic at The College of St. Rose, at a cost of \$175.00 for two hours of evaluation, with an estimate of 2-4 hours total.

**SPEECH EVALUATION
APPROVED**

Be It Resolved, that the Board of Education approves the attached Treasurer's Report for the month of March 2013.

**TREASURER'S
REPORT**

Be It Resolved, that the Board of Education accepts the attached Cash Flow Projection Report as prepared by the Treasurer for the period July 2012 through June 2013, updated to reflect information received through March 31, 2013.

**CASH FLOW
REPORT**

Be It Resolved, that the Board of Education accepts the attached Financial Reports for the months Ending February 28, 2013 and March 31, 2013.

FINANCIAL REPORTS

On a motion by Ms. Frank, with a second by Ms. Chapman, the Board of Education approves consensus agenda items 11.1.11-11.1.12 as follows:

**CONSENSUS AGENDA
ITEMS 11.1.11-11.1.12**

Ayes – 6

Nays – 0

MOTION CARRIED

Be It Resolved, that the Board of Education accepts the attached Hudson Junior High School Extra-Curricular Account Monthly Financial Report for the month of March 2013.

**JRHS EXTRA-CURR.
ACCOUNT REPORT**

Be It Resolved, that the Board of Education accepts the attached Hudson Senior High School Extra-Curricular Account Monthly Financial Report for the month of March 2013.

**HSHS EXTRA-CURR.
ACCOUNT REPORT**

**CONSENSUS AGENDA
ITEMS #11.1.13-11.1.14**

On a motion by Ms. Frank, with a second by Ms. Chapman, the Board of Education approves consensus agenda items #11.1.13-11.1.14 as follows.

Ayes – 6 Nays – 0 MOTION CARRIED

CSE & CPSE PLACEMENTS

Be It Resolved, that the Board of Education arranges for placement of students with disabilities (CSE and CPSE meetings held on February 12, March 5, 14, 15, 18, 19, 20, 21, 26, 27, 2013)

**MOA - TEMPORARY
ACTING PRINCIPAL – JLE**

Be It Resolved, that the Board of Education approves the attached Memorandum of Agreement between the Hudson City School District and the Building Administrators regarding the appointment of a temporary acting principal at John L. Edwards Primary School who is not a member of the Building Administrators unit.

CSI'S REPORT

April Prestipino, Coordinator of School Improvement, discussed the APPR – Teacher/ Student Data Linkage and the CASDA Review of JLE with the Board.

**SUPERINTENDENT'S
REPORT**

Superintendent Suttmeier reported on the following topics:

NYS Testing
Sixth Grade Move – Pros and cons
District Focus Review Summary Statement – Summary statement has not been received

Positive Notes: Mock Trial
Questar III Annual Dinner Mtg. – Student Rep. Meagan Pinkowski

NEW BUSINESS

1) 2013-2014 District Calendar – Reviewed briefly

**2013-14 DISTRICT
CALENDAR APPROVED**

On a motion by Ms. Frank, with a second by Ms. Otty, the Board of Education adopts the 2013-2014 District Calendar, as attached.

Ayes – 6 Nays – 0 MOTION CARRIED

2) Board Officers, April 24-June 30, 2013 – Due to the resignation of Peter Merante, Board President, effective April 24, 2013, the Board discussed electing an interim board president.

**KELLY FRANK ELECTED
INTERIM BOARD PRES.**

Board Member Tiffany Hamilton nominated Kelly Frank as Interim Board President, seconded by Carrie Otty. There being no further nominations a vote took place and Ms. Frank was elected as Interim Board President beginning April 24 through June 30, 2013.

Ayes – 6 Nays – 0 MOTION CARRIED

EXECUTIVE SESSION

On a motion by Ms. Frank, with a second by Ms. Otty, the Board of Education went into Executive Session at 9:08 p.m. to discuss the medical, financial, credit or employment history of a particular person or corporation, or matters leading to the appointment, employment, promotion, demotion, discipline, suspension, dismissal or removal of a particular person or corporation; Superintendent's evaluation; real estate/market value.

Ayes – 6 Nays – 0 MOTION CARRIED

Robert Yusko left Executive Session at 9:34 p.m.

The Board of Education came out of Executive Session at 9:44 p.m. on a motion by Ms. Frank, with a second by Ms. Hamilton.

Ayes – 6 Nays – 0 MOTION CARRIED

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Ms. Frank, with a second by Ms. Hamilton, the Board of Education meeting was adjourned at 9:45 p.m.

Ayes – 6 Nays – 0 MOTION CARRIED

8.1.1 INSTRUCTIONAL LEAVE REPLACEMENT APPOINTMENT

	Last Name	First Name	Position	Location	Rate of Pay	Effective Dates	Notes
A.	Hasbrook	Sarah	Reading Teacher	JLE	\$85.00 per day	4/24/13-6/14/13 (tentative dates)	Replacing T. Rapant – Maternity LOA

8.1.2 GRADUATE AND IN-SERVICE CREDITS - APRIL, 2013

	Teacher	Current Preparation	Name of Course	Credits	Remuneration
A.	Hayles, Beverly	BA45MSED	Curriculum Development & Revision	3	\$219.00
B.	Hayles, Beverly	BA45MSED	Education Law	3	\$219.00

8.1.3 SUPPORT STAFF RESIGNATION FOR THE PURPOSE OF RETIREMENT*

	Last Name	First Name	Position	Location	Years of Service	Effective Date
A.	Proniske	Marilyn	Teaching Assistant	JLE	5	Close of business on 6/30/13

8.1.4 SUMMER FOOD SERVICE PROGRAM APPOINTMENTS

	Last Name	First Name	Position	Location	Hours	Rate of Pay	Program Dates	Effective Start Date	Notes
A.	Werner	Bonnie	Assistant Director/Site Supervisor	TBD	Monday-Friday 7 a.m.-1 p.m.	\$17.00 per hour	7/1/13-8/16/13	6/24/13-8/16/13	Posting #N030613-35 Eff. Start Date to allow for training, site preparation, and set-up as necessary.
B.	Genito	Tammy	Operational Staff (6 hr. position)	TBD	Monday-Friday 7 a.m.-1 p.m.	\$12.50 per hour	7/1/13-8/16/13	6/24/13-8/16/13	Posting #N030613-36 Eff. Start Date to allow for training, site preparation, and set-up as necessary.
C.	McGee	Helen	Substitute Operational Staff	TBD	Monday-Friday 7 a.m.-1 p.m.	\$12.50 per hour	7/1/13-8/16/13	6/24/13-8/16/13	Posting #N030613-37 As needed

8.1.5 SUBSTITUTE STAFF APPOINTMENTS

	Last Name	First Name	Position	Certification	Rate of Pay	Effective Date
A.	Bucholsky	Kathleen	Substitute Teaching Assistant Substitute Teacher Aide	Non-Certified	\$10.83 per hour \$8.44 per hour	4/24/13
B.	Clark	Katherine	Substitute Teacher Home Instructor	Certified	\$85.00 per day \$20.00 per hour	4/24/13
C.	Stevenson	Deborah	Substitute Teaching Assistant	Non-Certified	\$10.83 per hour	4/24/13
D.	Nabozny	Karen	Substitute Food Service Helper	N/A	\$8.55 per hour	4/24/13

8.1.6 SUBSTITUTE STAFF RESIGNATIONS

	Last Name	First Name	Position	Effective Date
A.	Halwick	Alisha	Substitute Teacher Substitute Teaching Assistant	4/24/13
B.	Feller	Heather	Substitute Teacher	4/24/13

8.1.7 INTERSCHOLASTIC SPORTS COORDINATOR APPOINTMENT

	Last Name	First Name	Position	Stipend	Effective Dates
A.	Wood	Gerald	Interscholastic Sports Coordinator	\$5620.	7/1/13-6/30/14

8.1.8 EXTRA-CURRICULAR SPORTS APPOINTMENTS**

	Last Name	First Name	Position	Season	Stipend	Effective Date
A.	Davi	John	Boys' JV Baseball Volunteer	Spring	-0-	4/24/13
B.	LaCasse	Robert	Boys' Varsity Football Coach	Fall	\$4493.	4/24/13
C.	Cukerstein	Justin	Boys' Varsity Football Assistant Coach	Fall	\$3598.	4/24/13
D.	Jefferson	Dicel	Boys' Varsity Football Assistant Coach	Fall	\$3598.	4/24/13
E.	Davi	John	Boys' JV Football Coach	Fall	\$3598.	4/24/13
F.	LaCasse	Michael	Boys' JV Football Assistant Coach	Fall	\$3147.	4/24/13
G.	Blake	Allison	Girls' Varsity Soccer Coach	Fall	\$3711.	4/24/13
H.	Peters	Charles	Girls' Varsity Volleyball Coach	Fall	\$3711.	4/24/13
I.	Hunter	Mary	Girls' JV Volleyball Coach	Fall	\$2996.	4/24/13
J.	Millar	Jeanine	Girls' Varsity Tennis Coach	Fall	\$3369.	4/24/13

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K.	Millar	Andrew	B & G Varsity Golf Coach	Fall	\$2249.	4/24/13
L.	Briscoe	Shawn	Boys' Varsity Basketball Coach	Winter	\$4493.	4/24/13
M.	Jefferson	Dicel	Boys' JV Basketball Coach	Winter	\$3598.	4/24/13
N.	Dellavechia	Lance	Boys' Modified Basketball Coach	Winter	\$3147.	4/24/13
O.	Super	Thomas	Girls' Varsity Basketball Coach	Winter	\$4493.	4/24/13
P.	Cukerstein	Justin	Girls' Varsity Basketball Assistant Coach	Winter	\$3598.	4/24/13
Q.	Ivery	Brice	Girls' JV Basketball Coach	Winter	\$3598.	4/24/13
R.	Connor	John	Girls' Modified Basketball Coach	Winter	\$3147.	4/24/13
S.	Clarke	Michele	JV & Var. Basketball Cheerleading Coach	Winter	\$2249.	4/24/13
T.	Peters	Charles	Boys' Varsity Volleyball Coach	Winter	\$3711.	4/24/13
U.	Hunter	Mary	Boys' JV Volleyball Coach	Winter	\$2996.	4/24/13
V.	Markowitz	Steven	Boys' Varsity Bowling Coach	Winter	\$3369.	4/24/13
W.	Hollenbeck	Ken	Boys' JV Soccer Coach	Fall	\$2996.	4/24/13

8.1.9 POOL STAFF APPOINTMENT

	Last Name	First Name	Position	Hours	Rate of Pay	Effective Dates
A.	Nedwell	Missy	Lifeguard	As needed	\$9.00/hr. PM Swim \$11.00/hr. AM Swim	2012-2013 school year

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

***On behalf of the Superintendent of Schools and the Board of Education of the Hudson City School District, I would like to extend our best wishes to you for a long, happy, and healthy retirement.**

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