

HUDSON CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT  
REGULAR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING  
APRIL 8, 2013 – 7:00 P.M.  
HUDSON HIGH SCHOOL LIBRARY

Minutes Meeting #21

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The regular meeting of the Hudson City School District Board of Education was held on April 8, 2013 at the Hudson High School Library, 215 Harry Howard Ave., Hudson, NY.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

**PRESENT:** Peter D. Merante, Sr.  
Jeri Chapman  
Kelly Frank  
Tiffany Hamilton  
Carrie Otty  
Peter A. Rice, Jr.

**ABSENT:** Elizabeth Fout

**LATE ARRIVALS:** Meagan Pinkowski, Student Representative

**ALSO PRESENT:** Superintendent Maria J. Suttmeier  
School Business Executive Robert D. Yusko, Jr.  
Clerk of the Board Frieda A. Van Deusen

Ms. Frank made a motion, seconded by Mr. Rice, that the Board of Education accept the Board Agenda with the following additions: **AGENDA ACCEPTED**

- Add 14.1.2 New Business - Discussion of PINS follow up
- Add 11.1.4 Consensus Agenda – Teacher Aide positions eliminated
- 11.1.5 Consensus Agenda – Teacher positions eliminated
- 11.1.6 Consensus Agenda – Shared Service Agreement
- 11.1.7 Consensus Agenda – Proposed Budget for 2013-2014

Ayes – 6          Nays – 0          MOTION CARRIED

Student Representative Meagan Pinkowski arrived at the meeting at 7:05 p.m.

Meagan Pinkowski, Student Representative reported on several student activities as follows: **STUDENT REP.’S REPORT**

- Art Show at Columbia-Greene Community College on April 16<sup>th</sup>
- GSA “National Day of Silence” April 19<sup>th</sup>
- National Honor Society Induction – May 9<sup>th</sup>
- HHS is now on Twitter – HHSBluehawks on Twitter
- Robotics Competition held last weekend – We placed 19<sup>th</sup> out of 56

**Presentations:** **PRESENTATIONS**

Hudson Police Department – Newly appointed Hudson Police Chief Ed Moore introduced himself to the Board and reported to them that he had never been a strong advocate of police presence in schools, but is now seeing the importance of their presence in school buildings and indicated that as part of their daily beat Hudson Police Officers will now stop by each of our buildings in an effort to promote positive interactions among students.

- PRESENTATIONS CONT'D.** Digits – Jr. HS Staff – Derek Reardon introduced Lucy Rees who presented the 7 and 8<sup>th</sup> Grade math program Digits along with teachers Emily Goldstien and Wendy Dederick. Prior to tonight’s board meeting the board members were invited to a “hands on” view of the Digits Program by 7 and 8<sup>th</sup> grade students some of who were present at the board meeting.
- 2013-2014 Final Budget Presentation – Budget Committee Chairperson Kelly Frank gave a brief report on the work of the Budget Committee to prepare the budget for 2013-2014 followed by a presentation by Superintendent Maria Suttmeier of the final draft of the proposed budget for the Board of Education’s final approval and adoption for the public vote. Supt. Suttmeier also thanked the Board Budget Committee, Mr. Yusko, Business Manager and all the administrators for their help.
- JERI CHAPMAN** Board Member Jeri Chapman left the meeting at 7:30 p.m.
- INSTRUCTIONAL CONVERSATIONS** There was no report due to the absence of April Prestipino, Coordinator of Student Improvement.
- EXECUTIVE SESSION** On a motion by Ms. Frank, with a second by Ms. Hamilton, the Board of Education went into Executive Session at 8:07 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, as it relates to agenda item 8.0.  
Ayes – 5                      Nays – 0                      MOTION CARRIED
- The Board of Education came out of Executive Session at 8:21 p.m. on a motion by Ms. Frank, with a second by Ms. Hamilton.  
Ayes – 5                      Nays – 0                      MOTION CARRIED
- PERSONNEL AGENDA ITEM #8.1.1** Ms. Frank made a motion, seconded by Mr. Rice, that the Board of Education approves personnel agenda item 8.1.1. as attached, and pull agenda item 8.1.2.  
Ayes – 5                      Nays – 0                      MOTION CARRIED
- PERSONNEL AGENDA ITEMS #8.1.3-8.1.6** Ms. Frank made a motion, seconded by Mr. Rice, that the Board of Education approves personnel agenda items 8.1.3 through 8.1.6, as attached.  
Ayes – 5                      Nays – 0                      MOTION CARRIED
- OLD BUSINESS** There were no items to discuss under old business.
- PUBLIC FORUM** No one signed up to speak during public forum.
- CONSENSUS AGENDA ITEMS 11.1.1-11.1.3** On a motion by Ms. Frank, with a second by Ms. Hamilton, the Board of Education approves consensus agenda items 11.1.1-11.1.3, as follows:  
Ayes – 5                      Nays – 0                      MOTION CARRIED
- HEALTH SERVICES CONTRACT-SAUGERTIES** Be It Resolved, that the Board of Education approves a 2012-2013 Health Services Contract with Saugerties Central School District for one (1) district student who attends the Woodstock Day School in the Saugerties CSD, at a cost of \$707.19.
- HEALTH SERVICES CONTRACT-RENSSELAER** Be It Resolved, that the Board of Education approves a 2012-2013 Health Services Contract with Rensselaer City School District for six (6) district students who attend Doane Stuart School in Rensselaer, at a cost of \$417.49 per student, for a total cost of \$2,504.94.
- CSE & CPSE PLACEMENTS** Be It Resolved, that the Board of Education arranges for placement of students with disabilities (CSE and CPSE meetings held on March 7, 18, 19, 21, 22, 2013)

**Be It Resolved**, on a motion by Ms. Frank, with a second by Ms. Hamilton, that effective June 30, 2013, the following non-instructional positions are hereby eliminated in accordance with the parties' collective bargaining agreement:

**4 TEACHER AIDE  
POSITIONS  
ELIMINATED**

4 Teacher Aides (FTE)

**Be It Further Resolved**, that the Superintendent of Schools is hereby directed to notify the affected employees who have been excessed or reduced as a result of the elimination of positions.

Ayes – 5 Nays – 0 MOTION CARRIED

**Be It Resolved**, on a motion by Ms. Frank, with a second by Ms. Otty, that effective June 30, 2013, the following instructional positions are hereby eliminated:

**2 TEACHER  
POSITIONS**

1 FTE from the School Counselor tenure area  
1 FTE from the Special Education teacher tenure area

**Be It Further Resolved**, that the Superintendent of Schools is hereby directed to notify the least senior teachers affected in each of the affected tenure areas who have been excessed or reduced as a result of the elimination of positions.

Ayes – 5 Nays – 0 MOTION CARRIED

On a motion by Ms. Frank, with a second by Ms. Otty, the Board of Education approves a Shared Service Agreement, as attached, between the Hudson City School District (District of Attendance) and the Taconic Hills Central School District (District of Residence), for a District of Residence CSE student to receive appropriate services at the District of Attendance for which all related costs would be incurred by the District of Residence beginning April 8, 2013 through June 30, 2013, as recommended by the Superintendent.

**SHARED SERVICE  
AGREEMENT –  
TACONIC HILLS**

Ayes – 5 Nays – 0 MOTION CARRIED

**Be It Resolved**, on a motion by Ms. Frank, with a second by Ms. Hamilton, that the Board of Education adopts the 2013-2014 proposed budget in the amount of \$43,416,302, as recommended by the Superintendent.

**PROPOSED BUDGET  
FOR 2013-14 ADOPTED**

Ayes – 5 Nays – 0 MOTION CARRIED

**Coordinator of School Improvement's Report**  
No report given.

**CSI REPORT**

**Superintendent's Report**

The 2013-2014 Final Budget Presentation at the beginning of the meeting was the Superintendent's Report for the evening.

**SUPT.'S REPORT**

**Positive Notes**

**POSITIVE NOTES**

1. The Superintendent attended the Mock Trial Competition between Coxsackie-Athens and Hudson. The team is scheduled to compete against Cairo-Durham within the next two weeks.
2. Superintendent Suttmeier also attended the Robotics Competition over the weekend in Hartford, CT and Hudson came in 19<sup>th</sup> out of 56 entries.
3. Superintendent Suttmeier thanked the Board of Education for adopting the proposed budget.

**New Business**

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**Announcement BOE President**

President Peter Merante announced his resignation from the Board of Education effective April 24, 2013 due to health reasons. He will preside over the April 23<sup>rd</sup> board meeting and then will officially step down so that his seat could be placed on the upcoming ballot. President Merante thanked his fellow members of the Board and wished them the best.

PINS Update

Board Member Tiffany Hamilton informed the Board that there will be a meeting regarding PINS at TSL on Tuesday, April 9<sup>th</sup>, at 6:30 p.m. and that there will be further discussion regarding the PINS program with town hall style meetings in the near future.

There was no need to have an Executive Session at this time.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

On a motion by Ms. Frank, with a second by Ms. Hamilton, the Board of Education meeting was adjourned at 8:29 p.m.

**ADJOURNED**

Ayes – 5

Nays – 0

**MOTION CARRIED**

# HUMAN RESOURCES

# PERSONNEL AGENDA

April 8, 2013

## 8.1.1 SUBSTITUTE STAFF APPOINTMENTS

	Last Name	First Name	Position	Certification	Rate of Pay	Effective Date
A.	Ely	Danielle	Substitute Teacher Substitute Teaching Assistant	Non-Certified	\$65.00 per day \$10.83 per hour	4/9/13
B.	Jackson	Lisa	Substitute Teacher Substitute Teaching Assistant	Non-Certified	\$65.00 per day \$10.83 per hour	4/9/13
C.	Meltz	Tyler	Substitute Teacher Substitute Teaching Assistant Substitute Teacher Aide	Non-Certified	\$65.00 per day \$10.83 per hour \$8.44 per hour	4/9/13
D.	Southard	Christine	Substitute Teacher	Certified	\$85.00 per day	4/9/13
E.	Waters	Robyn	Substitute Teacher Home Instructor	Certified	\$85.00 per day \$20.00 per hour	4/9/13
F.	Reardon	Samantha	Substitute Teacher Aide	N/A	\$8.44 per hour	4/9/13
G.	Servider	Antanette	Substitute Teacher Aide	N/A	\$8.44 per hour	4/9/13

## 8.1.3 REMOVE ELECTION INSPECTOR FOR BUDGET VOTE AND SCHOOL BOARD ELECTIONS

	Last Name	First Name	Position	District No.	Effective Date
A.	Cox	Alberta	Alternate Inspector	As Needed	4/9/13

## 8.1.4 APPOINT ELECTION INSPECTOR FOR BUDGET VOTE AND SCHOOL BOARD ELECTIONS

	Last Name	First Name	Position	District No.	Rate	Effective Date
A.	D'Onofrio	Rita	Alternate Inspector	As Needed	\$25.00 per day if not called upon	5/21/13

## 8.1.5 SCHOOL NURSE APPOINTMENT

	Last Name	First Name	Position	Location	Certification Area	Salary	Effective Date	Notes
A.	Groll	Joni	School Nurse	Jr./Sr. High School	Registered Professional Nurse	\$28,250 pro-rated	4/15/13	To replace L. Wordon Posting #031413-23

**8.1.6 SUPPORT STAFF APPOINTMENT CORRECTION TO MARCH 25, 2013 AGENDA**

	<b>Last Name</b>	<b>First Name</b>	<b>New Position</b>	<b>Corrected Former Position</b>	<b>New Rate of Pay</b>	<b>Former Rate of Pay</b>	<b>Effective Date</b>	<b>Notes</b>
A.	VanKeuren	Timothy	Building Maintenance Mechanic	Maintenance Man	\$43,540 pro-rated includes night differential	\$35,298	3/26/13	Replacing S. Leonard Posting #N030513-32

**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.**

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