

HUDSON CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
REGULAR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
JULY 15, 2013 – 7:00 P.M.
HUDSON HIGH SCHOOL LIBRARY

Minutes Meeting #2

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The regular meeting of the Hudson City School District Board of Education was held on July 15, 2013 at the Hudson High School Library, 215 Harry Howard Ave., Hudson, NY.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

PRESENT:

Kelly Frank
Joseph E. Carr
Jeri Chapman
Elizabeth Fout
Tiffany Hamilton
Carrie Otty
Peter A. Rice, Jr.

ALSO PRESENT: Coordinator of School Improvement
School Business Executive
Clerk of the Board

April Prestipino
Robert D. Yusko, Jr.
Frieda A. Van Deusen

Ms. Otty made a motion, seconded by Mr. Rice, that the Board of Education accept the Board Agenda with the following additions or changes:

AGENDA ACCEPTED

- 1) Add agenda item 7.1.11 hand carry to the personnel agenda
- 2) Add discussion regarding “*the proposed acquisition, sale or lease of real property*” to Executive Session
- 3) Switch agenda item 9.0 Old Business to 8.0 and Public Forum from 8.0 to 9.0 on agenda
- 4) Vote separately on agenda item 10.1.4 (CSE & CPSE recommendations)
- 5) Under New Business add agenda item 13.1.1 (Staley B. Keith Social Justice Center letter)
- 6) Under New Business add agenda item 13.1.2 (Notes from the Superintendent)
- 7) Presentations/Recognition and Instructional Conversations to follow Executive Session

Ayes – 7

Nays – 0

MOTION CARRIED

On a motion by Ms. Chapman, with a second by Ms. Hamilton, the Board of Education went into Executive Session at 7:06 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 7.0 and discuss proposed acquisition, sale or lease of real property.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Ayes – 7

Nays – 0

MOTION CARRIED

April Prestipino and Robert Yusko were dismissed from Executive Session at 7:45 p.m.

The Board of Education came out of Executive Session at 7:55 p.m. on a motion by Ms. Fout, with a second by Ms. Hamilton.

Ayes – 7

Nays – 0

MOTION CARRIED

Ms. Hamilton made a motion, seconded by Ms. Chapman, that the Board of Education approves personnel agenda item 7.1.1, as attached.

PERSONNEL AGENDA
ITEM 7.1.1

Ayes – 7

Nays – 0

MOTION CARRIED

PERSONNEL AGENDA
ITEM 7.1.2

Ms. Hamilton made a motion, seconded by Mr. Rice, that the Board of Education approves personnel agenda item 7.1.2, as attached.
Ayes – 6 Nays – 0 Abstentions – 1 Ms. Fout MOTION CARRIED

PERSONNEL AGENDA
ITEMS 7.1.3-7.1.10

Ms. Hamilton made a motion, seconded by Mr. Rice, that the Board of Education approves personnel agenda items 7.1.3-7.1.10, as attached.
Ayes – 7 Nays – 0 MOTION CARRIED

PERSONNEL AGENDA
ITEM 7.1.11

Be It Resolved, that the Board of Education, on a motion by Ms. Fout, with a second by Ms. Hamilton, appoints the following teacher aides to proctor summer Regents exams on August 13 and 14, 2013, as needed, not to exceed 8 hours per day at their contractual rate:

Leslie Northup
Dawn Miller
Virginia Schertel
Lawrence Stevenson
Paulette Heath-Folds
Stella Roberts

TEACHER RETIREMENT
RECOGNITION

Board President Kelly Frank read the following: On behalf of the Board of Education and the Superintendent of Schools, we accept with regrets the resignation for the purpose of retirement of LuAnn Fredereksen, and thank her for her 31.8 years of service to the students of the Hudson City School District and wish her good health and happiness in the years ahead. Congratulations.

PUBLIC FORUM

The following members of the public addressed the Board:

- 1) Dan Udell – Read “Ode to a Teacher” and spoke in support of teacher Beverly Hayles
- 2) Quintin Cross – Read a letter addressed to the Board from the Staley B. Keith Social Justice Center in regard to PINS petitions and their review by our Board of Ed.
- 3) William Hughes – Spoke in regard to tenure recommendation and support for Beverly Hayles and teacher diversity in our school district.
- 4) Darlene Schaeffer – Spoke in regard to Beverly Hayles
- 5) Beverly Hayles – Thanked everyone for their support

OLD BUSINESS

Fourth Reading – Policy 5300 Code of Conduct – Jeri Chapman brought the Code of Conduct Policy to the Board for its fourth reading and asked if there were any suggested changes before adopting the policy. Ms. Hamilton had a few suggestions going forward to consider in updating the Code of Conduct. Ms. Fout listed a number of items that need to be addressed before the Board adopts the Code and did not recommend that the Code of Conduct be adopted this evening. It was suggested by Ms. Chapman that we bring someone in from the outside to review the policy and make corrections. A lengthy discussion followed and the Board decided not to adopt the policy this evening and to look into finding an educator that can review the Code and assist us in making corrections, etc.

ADDITIONAL PUBLIC
FORUM

Ms. Chapman made a motion, seconded by Ms. Hamilton, that the Board of Education add a second Public Forum session to our agenda for the evening.
Ayes – 7 Nays – 0 MOTION CARRIED

CONSENSUS AGENDA
ITEMS 10.1.1-10.1.3

Ms. Hamilton made a motion, seconded by Ms. Fout, that the Board of Education approves consensus agenda items 10.1.1-10.1.3 as follows:
Ayes – 7 Nays – 0 MOTION CARRIED

APPROVED BOARD
MINUTES #26 AND #1
ORGANIZATIONAL MTG.

Be It Resolved, that the Board of Education approve Board Meeting Minutes as follows:

- A. Minutes Meeting #26, dated June 24, 2013, pages 3400-3403
- B. Organizational Meeting Minutes #1, dated July 1, 2013, pages 3404-3409

Be It Resolved, that the Board of Education accept a donation from Williams Lumber of an RM 4500-88 utility cart valued at \$143.88, to be used toward the Kindness Club for the 2013-2014 life skills class – school store and snack cart, and direct the Board Clerk to send a thank you.

**DONATION FROM
WILLIAMS LUMBER
ACCEPTED**

Be It Resolved, that the Board of Education approve the attached three-year service agreement with TVC Albany, Inc. d/b/a Tech Valley Communications for telephone dial tone and long distance service, effective July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2016.

**TVC ALBANY, INC.
SERVICE CONTRACT**

Be It Resolved, that the Board of Education, on a motion by Ms. Hamilton, with a second by Ms. Chapman, arranges for placement of students with disabilities (CSE and CPSE meetings held on February 3, 26, 27, 28, March 1, 5, 6, 7, 8, 12, 13, 14, 15, 19, 20, 22, 25, 26, April 11, 12, 18, 25, May 2, 6, 14, 16, 17, 22, 23, 28, June 3, 4, 6, 14, 19, 20, 2013)

**CSE & CPSE
PLACEMENTS**

Ayes – 6 Nays – 0 Abstentions – 1 Ms. Fout **MOTION CARRIED**

Be It Resolved, that the Board of Education, on a motion by Ms. Frank, with a second by Ms. Hamilton, accepts the purchase offer for the Greenport School as attached and submitted by Mark Salomon, \$400,000.

**PURCHASE OFFER
FOR GREENPORT
SCHOOL**

Be It Further Resolved, that pursuant to Education Law, Sections 1709 (11) and 2511, voter approval is required to sell real property.

Ayes – 6 Nays – 1 Ms. Fout **MOTION CARRIED**

Ms. April Prestipino, Coordinator of School Improvement, presented a power point presentation on our 2010-2011 Report Card guiding the Board and the public through the Report Card with detailed information in regard to understanding the updated format of the Report Card.

**CSI REPORT
PRESENTATION**

New Business

NEW BUSINESS

1. Staley B. Keith Social Justice Center – The Staley B. Keith Social Justice Center letter was discussed and it was reported that the PINS review issue was initially put on the table that Superintendent Maria Suttmeier will review each PINS petition and the Board would get an overview once a month from the Superintendent. It was decided that no resolution would be passed at this meeting and that a meeting would be set up with the Social Justice Center to get more detailed information.

2. Notes from the Superintendent - Thomas Gavin has been appointed as the Administrator for The Columbia-Greene Partnership Academy, “The Bridge”. Mr. Gavin and Mr. Bruce Potter from the Berkshire School will work together to draw up a Code of Conduct for the Academy which will come before our Board and the Catskill Board for approval.

Public Forum – The following members of the public addressed the Board:

PUBLIC FORUM

1) William Hughes – Suggested Candace LaRue as the person to contact in regard to review of our District’s Code of Conduct Policy.

2) Selha Graham-Cora – Spoke in regard to the many meanings associated with the word “gang” and the use of the word in our policy. Also asked about the drug findings in our school district that warrants using drug dogs to search our buildings, etc.

3) Quintin Cross – Spoke about the Miranda Law and the Code of Conduct Policy. He also welcomed a meeting with the district in regard to PINS petitions.

4) Mary Ellen Henderson – Addressed the Code of Conduct Policy and also support for teacher Beverly Hayles.

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Ms. Hamilton, with a second by Ms. Chapman, the Board of Education meeting was adjourned at 10:10 p.m.

Ayes – 7 Nays – 0

MOTION CARRIED

7.1.1 INSTRUCTIONAL STAFF RESIGNATION FOR THE PURPOSE OF RETIREMENT

	Last Name	First Name	Position	Location	Years of Service	Effective Date
A.	Fredereksen	Lu Ann	Elementary Teacher	JLE	31.8	8/16/13

7.1.2 INSTRUCTIONAL TENURE APPROVALS

	Last Name	First Name	School	Tenure Area	Certification Area/Type	Effective Tenure Dates
A.	Hayles	Beverly	HSHS	Special Education	Special Education/Permanent	9/01/13
B.	Hubert	Kristina	HJHS	Physical Education	Physical Education/Permanent	9/01/13

7.1.3 KINDERGARTEN SCREENING APPOINTMENT

	Last Name	First Name	Position	Location	Hours	Rate of Pay	Effective Dates	Notes
A.	Geer	Pierpont	School Nurse	JLE	8:30a.m.-3:00p.m.	Contractual Rate	7/08/13-7/19/13	To do physical screenings

7.1.4 DIGNITY FOR ALL STUDENTS ACT APPOINTMENTS

	Last Name	First Name	Title	Building	Effective Dates	Stipend	Notes
A.	Clark	Eric	Dignity Act Coordinator	HJSHS	7/01/13-6/30/14	N/A	Appointment required by law
B.	Novine	Liz	Dignity Act Coordinator	MCSIS	7/01/13-6/30/14	N/A	Appointment required by law
C.	Lanuto	Joanne	Dignity Act Coordinator	JLE	7/01/13-6/30/14	N/A	Appointment required by law

7.1.5 CSE/CPSE SUMMER MEETING COVERAGE APPOINTMENT

	Last Name	First Name	Position	Effective Dates	Rate of Pay	Notes
A.	McSherry	Debi	Speech Therapist	7/01/13-8/31/13	Contractual Rate	Posting #050913-27

7.1.6 SUPPORT STAFF APPOINTMENT

	Last Name	First Name	New Position (10-month position)	Previous Appointed Position	Location	Hours	Rate of Pay	Effective Date	Notes
A.	Klima	Donna	Head Cook/Cafeteria Manager	Temporary Head Cook/Cafeteria Manager	JLE	6 hours per day	\$17.04 per hour	7/16/13	52 weeks probationary period. Was temporary for training purposes.

7.1.7 ELIMINATE TEMPORARY POSITION

	Position	Location	Effective Date	Notes
A.	Temporary Head Cook/Cafeteria Manager	MCSIS	6/30/13	This temporary position was for the purpose of training. No longer needed.

7.1.8 SUPPORT STAFF PROBATIONARY PERIOD EXTENSION

	Last Name	First Name	Position	New Probationary End Date	Former Probationary End Date	Notes
A.	Figueroa	Caridad	Food Service Helper	2/11/14	6/30/13	Extended to a probationary term of 52 weeks from date of hire.

7.1.9 SUPPORT STAFF RESIGNATION

	Last Name	First Name	Position	Location	Years of Service	Effective Date
A.	Schools	Cynthia	Teacher Aide	JLE	22	6/30/13

7.1.10 21st CENTURY PROGRAM STUDENT HELPER APPOINTMENTS

	Last Name	First Name	Rate of Pay (Not to exceed 15 hrs./wk.)	Effective Date	Notes
A.	Alce	Shelby	\$7.50 per hour	7/16/13	Funded via 21 st Century Grant
B.	Alce	Wenskarly	\$7.50 per hour	7/16/13	Funded via 21 st Century Grant
C.	Anthony	Doncelle	\$7.50 per hour	7/16/13	Funded via 21 st Century Grant
D.	Gordon	Taneka	\$7.50 per hour	7/16/13	Funded via 21 st Century Grant
E.	King	Ashley	\$7.50 per hour	7/16/13	Funded via 21 st Century Grant
F.	Kitrell	Crystal	\$7.50 per hour	7/16/13	Funded via 21 st Century Grant
G.	Nabid	Fardin	\$7.50 per hour	7/16/13	Funded via 21 st Century Grant
H.	Toussaint	Fabrice	\$7.50 per hour	7/16/13	Funded via 21 st Century Grant

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.

