

HUDSON CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
REGULAR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
DECEMBER 9, 2013 – 6:00 P.M.
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Minutes Meeting #10

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The regular meeting of the Hudson City School District Board of Education was held on December 9, 2013 at the Hudson Senior High School, 215 Harry Howard Ave., Hudson, NY.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The meeting was called to order by President Kelly Frank at 6:00 p.m. with the following Board Members in attendance:

PRESENT:

Kelly Frank
Tiffany Hamilton
David Kisselburgh
Carrie Otty
Peter A. Rice, Jr.

LATE ARRIVAL:
ABSENT:

Joseph E. Carr (7:00 p.m.)
Jeri Chapman

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. Otty made a motion, seconded by Mr. Kisselburgh, that the Board of Education accepts the Board Agenda with a hand carry to be added to the consensus agenda, item 11E, nomination and vote on the position of NYSSBA Area 7 Director.

AGENDA ACCEPTED

Ayes – 5 Nays – 0

MOTION CARRIED

Curriculum Workshop

CURRICULUM
WORKSHOP

Life Skills – Lisa Foronda-Schmitt – Ms. Foronda-Schmitt introduced her students and staff then briefly reviewed the curriculum of her special education life-skills class. She showed a video presentation of the many projects her students are involved in on a daily basis not only within the district but out in the community as well through the Youth Employment Services (YES) Program. The group left coffee and treats on their Kindness Cart for the Board and public to enjoy.

Science – Michael Antonelli, Science Department Head, presented a slide show of all the HS science courses offered in our district and how Common Core is being incorporated into the science curriculum.

ELA – Theresa Cipollari – Theresa Cipollari, English Department Head, spoke about the HS ELA Curriculum and how they are shifting their practices to align with the Common Core. She talked about a non-fiction novel, World Afire, that her students are reading about the Hartford Circus Fire on July 6, 1944. Slides were shown depicting events of that day and two students from Ms. Cipollari’s class read poems they had written about the fire.

The Board thanked all teachers for their presentations.

Board Member Joseph Carr arrived at the meeting at 7:00 p.m.

JOSEPH CARR

There was no Student Representative Report due to the absence of Bill Glasser, our Student Rep.

STUDENT REP.

The regular Board of Education meeting resumed at 7:00 p.m. with a jazz ensemble from the M.C. Smith Intermediate School playing renditions of “Up on the Housetop”, “Jingle Bells” and “Winter Wonderland”. The Superintendent thanked Mr. Vorwald and the students for their performance.

JAZZ ENSEMBLE
FROM MCSIS

YES PROGRAM

Tara McSherry-Wolfe, School Social Worker, reviewed with the Board the Youth Employment Services (YES) Program and introduced students who have worked or presently are working at jobs in our community through the YES Program. Each student spoke about how the program has helped them.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

No Executive Session required at this time.

**PERSONNEL AGENDA
ITEMS A-H**

Ms. Hamilton made a motion, seconded by Ms. Otty, that the Board of Education approves Personnel Agenda items A-H, as attached.

Ayes – 6

Nays – 0

MOTION CARRIED

OLD BUSINESS

Transportation for Athletes – The district checked with legal counsel in regard to dropping off students at a stop or stops other than a school building after a sporting event, etc. and were informed that State law requires that students are transported from the school and back to the district or appropriate school unless parents are providing transportation. Currently the district does not have a policy and we would have to write a policy in order to change the current drop off points.

Assessment Calendar – In regard to a request from Board Member Jeri Chapman at the last Board Meeting for an Assessment Calendar providing the Board with an inventory as to what we are doing in each of our buildings, the Superintendent advised the Board that the Assessment Calendar was electronically sent to the Board.

Update on The Bridge Program – Ms. Suttmeier informed the Board that the district is still waiting for the Commissioner’s office to rule on The Bridge Program and mentioned another program called Alternative Transition Program (ATP) as a first step possibility.

PUBLIC FORUM

Selha Graham-Cora – Shared concerns regarding PINS proposition, anti-bullying policy, and the handling of the black-out situation at the Intermediate School.

**CONSENSUS AGENDA
ITEMS A-D**

Ms. Hamilton made a motion, seconded by Ms. Otty, that the Board of Education approves consensus agenda items A-D as follows:

Ayes – 6

Nays – 0

MOTION CARRIED

**BOARD MINUTES #9
APPROVED**

Be It Resolved, that the Board of Education approves Board Meeting Minutes #9, dated November 25, 2013, pages 3443-3446.

**2013-14 TAX REFUNDS
APPROVED**

Be It Resolved, that the Board of Education approves the following refunds of 2013-2014 taxes due to Small Claims petitions:

City of Hudson:	Audubon Road Trust - \$1,565.16
	Robins, Marc - \$510.74
	Levisieur, Elsa - \$329.51
	Daniel Jacoby or Randall Buck - \$823.77
Town of Claverack:	Miller, Allen C., Jr. - \$1,119.53
Town of Ghent:	Reiser, Roger - \$747.33

**EXTRA CLASSROOM
ACTIVITY ANNUAL
CHARTER**

Be It Resolved, that the Board of Education approves the following extra classroom activity annual charter for the 2013-2014 school year, as attached:

Yearbook – Jr. HS

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 CPS meetings held on September 17, October 8, 28, November 4, 15, 21, 25, 26, December 2, 4, 5, 2013)

**NYSSBA AREA 7
DIRECTOR NOMINATION**

On a motion by Ms. Hamilton, with a second by Ms. Otty, the Board of Education nominates Matthew Wade as Area 7 Director of the New York State School Boards Association.

Ayes – 6

Nays – 0

MOTION CARRIED

Be It Resolved, that the Hudson City School District, on a motion by Ms. Frank, with a second by Ms. Hamilton, hereby elects Matthew Wade to the position of Area 7 Director of the New York State School Boards Association for a two-year term commencing January 2014.

M. WADE ELECTED
AREA 7 DIRECTOR

Ayes – 6

Nays – 0

MOTION CARRIED

Business Executive's Update

BUSINESS EXEC.
UPDATE

Mr. Yusko, School Business Executive, updated the Board on the Greenport School and indicated that the buyers will not be on the Planning Board Agenda for December. The Town of Greenport is willing to have the project proceed and the buyers are still expressing interest in the building. We hope to be able to get the sale of the Greenport School on the ballot for May.

Coordinator of School Improvement's Report

CSI REPORT

April Prestipino, Coordinator of School Improvement, reported on the following:

STLE III Grant – The STLE III grant which funds our Lead Evaluator was hand delivered to the State on December 2, 2013. The grant runs from March of 2014 through June of 2015 and we hope to hear in January or February if we were successful.

STLE I SED Site Visit – State Ed will conduct a site visit on December 17th and will meet with Superintendent Suttmeier, Mrs. Prestipino, Mr. Brennehan, Mr. Reardon, and Mrs. Dolan. They will also meet with the CASDA representative who is training our Teacher Leader Coaches (TLC's) and with Beth Barnes, Marlena Peduzzi, Laurie Cordato and Lisa Dodig to do individual interviews based on TLC components and grant activities.

Apex On-Line Credit Recovery – Ms. Prestipino discussed what kind of credit recovery courses we can offer our students the second half of the school year. Questar offers a variety of on-line credit courses. Apex On-Line Credit Recovery is a web based program that is teacher monitored. We have purchased spots for up to 25 students from January through June. On January 2nd April and Kim Lybolt will visit a school using Apex. The goal is to provide opportunities for students to recover credits not accrued within the traditional classroom setting.

Ongoing PD in the District – There is a lot going on in the district every month with different teachers working with Questar to help them implement Common Core into their teaching. There is professional development going on in the district every day to give teachers support.

Superintendent's Report

SUPT.'S REPORT

The Superintendent's report was embedded within the Old Business section. The Superintendent's positive note was that it is evident there is a difference in the way our students are being instructed using the Common Core Learning Standards as our guide. All of this is leading to positive experiences and outcomes for our students.

New Business - No new business to report

NEW BUSINESS

On a motion by Ms. Hamilton, with a second by Mr. Carr, the Board of Education went into Executive Session at 8:07 p.m. to discuss negotiations; evaluation of the Superintendent; student discipline.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Ayes – 6

Nays – 0

MOTION CARRIED

Mr. Yusko left Executive Session at 8:30 p.m.

MR. YUSKO

Supt. Suttmeier left Executive Session at 8:45 p.m.

SUPT. SUTTMEIER

The Board of Education came out of Executive Session at 10:11 p.m. on a motion by Ms. Hamilton with a second by Mr. Rice.

Ayes – 6

Nays – 0

MOTION CARRIED

ADJOURNED

On a motion by Ms. Hamilton, with a second by Mr. Carr, the meeting was adjourned at 10:12 p.m.

Ayes – 6

Nays – 0

MOTION CARRIED

HUMAN RESOURCES

PERSONNEL AGENDA

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VIII.

A. SUPPORT STAFF RECALLED FROM RECALL LIST

	Last Name	First Name	Position	Location	Salary	Effective Date
A.	McDonald	Courtney	Clerk/Typist	Central Administration	\$38,609 (pro-rated)	12/26/13

B. SUPPORT STAFF APPOINTMENTS

	Last Name	First Name	Position	Location	Hours	Rate of Pay	Effective Date	Notes
A.	Alessi	Lena	1:1 Teacher Aide	JLE	5	\$8.44 per hour	12/10/13	Posting #N111913-21
B.	Shabazz	Sumayyah	Teacher Aide	HSHS	7	\$8.44 per hour	12/10/13	Posting #N111913-20

C. CREATE SUPPORT STAFF POSITION

	Position	Location	Hours	Effective Date	Notes
A.	1:1 Teacher Aide	JLE	6.25	12/10/13	To meet student's IEP requirements

D. SUBSTITUTE STAFF APPOINTMENTS

	Last Name	First Name	Position	Certification	Rate of Pay	Effective Date
A.	Akter	Mahfuza	Substitute Teaching Assistant	Non-Certified	\$10.83 per hour	12/10/13
B.	Andrews	James	Substitute Teacher	Non-Certified	\$65.00 per day	12/10/13
C.	King	Kristy	Substitute Teacher	Non-Certified	\$65.00 per day	12/10/13
D.	Kraft	Jill	Substitute Teacher Substitute Teaching Assistant Substitute Teacher Aide	Non-Certified	\$65.00 per day \$10.83 per hour \$8.44 per hour	12/10/13
E.	Osterhoudt	Katharine	Substitute Teacher Substitute Nurse	Non-Certified Certified-RN	\$65.00 per day \$20.00 per hour	12/10/13
F.	Pizza	Harry (Michael)	Substitute Teacher	Non-Certified	\$65.00 per day	12/10/13
G.	Reardon	Matthew	Substitute Teacher	Non-Certified	\$65.00 per day	12/10/13
H.	Burch	Kelly	Substitute Teacher Aide	N/A	\$8.44 per hour	12/10/13
I.	Childers	Lauren	Substitute Teacher Aide	N/A	\$8.44 per hour	12/10/13
J.	Hotaling	Hannah	Substitute Teacher Aide	N/A	\$8.44 per hour	12/10/13
K.	Fatema	Kaniz	Substitute Teacher Aide	N/A	\$8.44 per hour	12/10/13

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E. CREATE 21ST CENTURY PROGRAM LIAISON POSITION

	Position	Hours/Rate of Pay	Effective Dates	Notes
A.	Afterschool Program Educational Liaison	Up to 6 hrs. per week @ \$42.00 per hr.	12/10/13-6/30/14	To work directly with ASP Director and Site Coordinators in JLE, MCSIS, HJHS to align Afterschool Club curriculum with Common Core Standards while incorporating the Habits of Mind as recommended by the National Afterschool Alliance.

F. 21ST CENTURY PROGRAM EDUCATIONAL LIAISON APPOINTMENT

	Last Name	First Name	Position	Hours/Rate of Pay	Effective Dates	Notes
A.	Clark	Lynn	Educational Liaison for Afterschool Program	Up to 6 hrs. per week @ \$42.00 per hr.	12/10/13-6/30/14	Funding via 21 st Century Grant Posting #110813-43

G. 21ST CENTURY PROGRAM STUDENT HELPER APPOINTMENT

	Last Name	First Name	Position	Rate of Pay (not to exceed 15 hrs. per wk.)	Effective Date	Notes
A.	Hallenbeck	Samantha	Student Helper	\$12.50 per hour	12/10/13	Funding via 21 st Century Grant

H. 21ST CENTURY PROGRAM SUPPORT STAFF RATE CHANGE

	Last Name	First Name	Position	Current Rate of Pay	New Rate of Pay	Effective Date
A.	Genito	Tammy	1:1 Aide for Afterschool Program	Contractual Rate	\$12.50 per hour	11/26/13
B.	McGee	Helen	1:1 Aide for Afterschool Program	Contractual Rate	\$12.50 per hour	11/26/13

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.