

HUDSON CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT  
REGULAR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING  
JANUARY 13, 2014 – 7:00 P.M.  
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Minutes Meeting #11

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The regular meeting of the Hudson City School District Board of Education was held on January 13, 2014 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 7:00 p.m. with the following Board Members in attendance:

PRESENT:

- Kelly Frank
- Jeri Chapman
- Tiffany Hamilton
- David Kisselburgh
- Carrie Otty
- Atia Begh, Student Representative Substitute

LATE ARRIVAL:

Joseph E. Carr (arrived at 7:02 p.m.)

ABSENT:

Peter A. Rice, Jr.

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. Hamilton made a motion, seconded by Ms. Chapman, that the Board of Education accepts the Board Agenda with a hand carry to be added to the personnel agenda, Item VII I, Create Support Staff Position and table Item XIV, New Business.

AGENDA ACCEPTED

Ayes 5                      Nays – 0

MOTION CARRIED

Student Representative Report – In the absence of Student Representative Billy Glasser, Atia Begh, Junior at HHS, was present at the meeting to update the Board on several items as follows:

STUDENT REP'S.  
REPORT

- Sweatshirt Sale by Sophomore Class
- January 8<sup>th</sup> Patroon Conference
- Job Fair at Columbia-Greene Community College
- Student profiles for college
- Cortlynn Jepsen, Channel 13 MVP Healthcare Athlete of the Week

Recognition/Presentations

RECOGNITION/  
PRESENTATIONS

The following resolution was read by Board President Kelly Frank:

Whereas, the Hudson High School Varsity Girls' Soccer Team, coached by Allison Blake, has achieved a composite grade of 90.099 and qualifies for the Scholar Athlete Team Award by the New York State Public High School Athletic Association, Inc.

SCHOLAR ATHLETE  
TEAM AWARD

Be It Hereby Resolved, that the Board of Education acknowledges and congratulates the coach and members of the team for their outstanding accomplishments both on and off the field.

Superintendent Maria Suttmeier, Coach Allison Blake, and Assistant Coach Kevin Bowes, presented certificates to the following athletes: Ali Bartolotta, Lauren Bowes, Melis Chavez, Charissa Gardner, Jessie Mausaulf, Alexis Peters, Racquel Rourke, Erica Scalera, Anya Stelcen, Brittany Varriale, Carrie Weaver, and Abby Weinman.

**SCHOLAR ATHLETE  
TEAM AWARD**

The following resolution was read by Board President Kelly Frank.

Whereas, the Hudson High School Varsity Golf Team, coached by Andrew Millar, has achieved a composite grade of 91.437 and qualified for the Scholar Athlete Team Award by the New York State Public High School Athletic Association, Inc.;

Be It Hereby Resolved, that the Board of Education acknowledges and congratulates the coach and members of the team for their outstanding accomplishments both on and off the course.

Superintendent Suttmeier and Coach Andrew Millar presented certificates to the following athletes: Michael Bowes, Tyler Dellavechia, SM Huq, Zachary Keeler, Caelan Kohut, Eric Thorton, and Noah Wurster.

**EXTERNAL FINANCIAL  
AUDIT**

Scott Preusser from Raymond G. Preusser auditing firm, the District's Independent Auditor, presented an overview of the District's Annual Financial Reports for year ended June 30, 2013.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

There was no need for an Executive Session at this time.

**PERSONNEL AGENDA  
ITEMS A-I**

On a motion by Ms. Hamilton, with a second by Ms. Otty, the Board of Education approves personnel agenda items A-I, as attached.

Ayes – 6

Nays – 0

**MOTION CARRIED**

**BOARD CONGRATULATES  
RETIREES**

The following was read by Board President Kelly Frank:

On behalf of The Board of Education and the Superintendent of Schools, we accept with regret the resignation for the purpose of retirement of Elizabeth Stippa, and thank her for her 30.3 years of service to the students of the Hudson City School District. We wish her good health and happiness in the years ahead. Congratulations.

On behalf of The Board of Education and the Superintendent of Schools, we accept with regret the resignation for the purpose of retirement of Jay Aronson, and thank her for her 19 years of service to the students of the Hudson City School District. We wish her good health and happiness in the years ahead. Congratulations.

On behalf of The Board of Education and the Superintendent of Schools, we accept with regret the resignation for the purpose of retirement of Diana Praus, and thank her for her 16.5 years of service to the students of the Hudson City School District. We wish her good health and happiness in the years ahead. Congratulations.

On behalf of The Board of Education and the Superintendent of Schools, we accept with regret the resignation for the purpose of retirement of Gordon Ringer, and thank him for his 25 years of service to the students of the Hudson City School District. We wish him good health and happiness in the years ahead. Congratulations.

On behalf of The Board of Education and the Superintendent of Schools, we accept with regret the resignation for the purpose of retirement of Harold Lonsdale, and thank him for his 16 years of service to the students of the Hudson City School District. We wish him good health and happiness in the years ahead. Congratulations.

**OLD BUSINESS**

Booster Club Donation for Modified Sports – Superintendent Suttmeier informed the Board of Education that the Booster Club has fulfilled their obligation for the 2012-2013 school year.

**PUBLIC FORUM**

There was no one signed up to speak.

On a motion by Ms. Hamilton, with a second by Ms. Otty, the Board of Education approves consensus agenda items A-I, as follows:

CONSENSUS AGENDA  
ITEMS A-I

Ayes – 6

Nays – 0

MOTION CARRIED

Be It Resolved, that the Board of Education approves Board Meeting Minutes #10, dated December 9, 2013, pages 3448-3450.

BOARD MINUTES #10  
APPROVED

Be It Resolved, that the Board of Education accepts a \$500.00 grant from Exxon Mobil Educational Alliance Program (Bells Pond X-Tra Mart) to be used for the maintenance and support of the Hudson City School District in the area of Math and/or Science, and direct the Board Clerk to send a thank you.

EXXON/MOBIL  
GRANT DONATION

Be It Resolved, that the Board of Education accepts the External Financial Auditor's Report of the District's Annual Financial Reports for the year ended June 30, 2013.

EXTERNAL FINANCIAL  
AUDITOR'S REPORT

Be It Resolved, that the Board of Education approves a transportation contract, as attached, with Coxsackie Transport – Wayne Parks as a result of a bid opening on December 9, 2013, to transport one CSE student directly to Catskill Academy at a total anticipated cost of \$27,370.00, beginning December 12, 2013 and ending June 30, 2014.

TRANSPORTATION  
CONTRACT –  
COXSACKIE TRANSPORT

Be It Resolved, that the Board of Education approves a refund of 2013-2014 taxes in the City of Hudson, as attached, due to small claims in the amount of \$823.77 to G. Bruce Porter or Sara Jane Roszak.

TAX REFUND –  
PORTER OR ROSZAK

Be It Resolved, that the Board of Education approves a field trip request for high school students to attend the Arcattack performance at Proctor's Theatre in Schenectady on February 28, 2014 as attached, at no cost to the district.

HHS FIELD TRIP -  
TO PROCTOR'S

Be It Resolved, that the Board of Education approves a field trip request for the high school life skills class to attend The Lion King Broadway show in NYC on March 5, 2014, at attached, at no cost to the district.

HHS FIELD TRIP –  
TO NYC

Be It Resolved, that the Board of Education approves the Hudson High School Robotics Team's participation in the FIRST Robotics Hudson Valley Regional competition at RPI in Troy from March 13-15, 2014.

HHS ROBOTIC'S  
COMPETITION –  
HUDSON VALLEY

Be It Resolved, that the Board of Education arranges for placement of students with disabilities (CSE and CPSE meetings held on November 13, December 2, 9, 10, 11, 12, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 2013, January 9, 2014)

CSE & CPSE  
PLACEMENTS

Business Executive Update

Greenport School Update – Mr. Yusko reported that the potential buyer for the Greenport School building informed him that they have hired an engineering firm to assist them with the purchasing process and that they must submit a plan and escrow check by January 15, 2014. The Greenport Planning Board will meet on January 28, 2014 at 7:30 p.m. at the Greenport Town Hall.

BUSINESS EXEC.  
UPDATE

Coordinator of School Improvement's Report -

CSI'S REPORT

PARCC Field Testing – Mrs. Prestipino informed the Board that the District has been approved by SED to participate in PARCC (Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College & Career). Four grade levels will participate: Grades 10 & 11 – ELA and Grades 3 & 6 – Math

Board Member Tiffany Hamilton exited the meeting at 7:26 p.m.

T. HAMILTON

Apex – Apex is an on-line credit recovery program monitored by a teacher - We have purchased spots for up to 25 district students to help them recover credits in Global or U.S. History for this school year.

CSI'S REPORT CONT'D.

STLE III - Mrs. Prestipino reported that the site visit by State Ed was cut short due to a weather related early dismissal on December 17<sup>th</sup> and therefore they were not able to speak with our teachers and coaches but, however, did meet with our administrators and Lead Evaluator Stephanie Forsyth.

"Double Testing" Waiver for Grade 8 Math – Mrs. Prestipino reported that New York State has been granted a waiver by the federal government in regard to “double testing” of 8<sup>th</sup> graders in math. A possibility had existed that our 8<sup>th</sup> grade students would be required to take 3 exams in math this year. However, with the waiver, they will take two exams, one the Common Core Integrated Algebra Regents exam and the old Integrated Algebra Regents exam.

T. HAMILTON

Board Member Tiffany Hamilton returned to the meeting at 7:35 p.m.

SUPERINTENDENT'S  
REPORT

The Bridge Update – Superintendent Suttmeier reported that the State Education Department has approved us to open the Columbia-Greene Partnership Academy beginning February 3, 2014 as a smaller program, the Alternative Transition Program, that does not need a public referendum because it's already a state-approved program. The program is only for 16 year old students who are at least four credits behind. We have 25 students who meet the qualifications and have been contacted by Principal Thomas Gavin. Berkshire Union Free School District will provide the Program Coordinator, four core teachers, and a guidance counselor, as well as other support staff. An informational meeting for students and their families will be held on January 16<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 p.m. in the Hudson High School cafeteria.

Our Town grant submission – Superintendent Suttmeier reported that the District has applied for a two-year grant in collaboration with the Thomas Cole National Historic Site, Olana State Historic Site, and the Clermont State Historic Site, as well as the Catskill CSD, and Germantown CSD. This is a 3 point program of arts and sharing which is focused primarily on the primary grades with curriculum designed to interpret and reflect the influences of local history and art in our local communities as well as the Hudson Valley region. Funds from the grant will be used for transportation and professional and curriculum development.

Columbia-Greene Superintendents meeting with C-GCC President – Superintendent Suttmeier and other area Superintendents met with James Baldwin and James Campion, President of the Columbia-Greene Community College, to discuss college preparedness of high school students.

Student Representative Atia Begh asked about the possibility of our school district offering a life skills class for our high school students to instruct them in the basics of money management, etc. to help them better prepare for life beyond high school.

Positive Notes – Our Superintendent highlighted the following notes:

- Congratulations to our student scholar athletes
- Congratulations to our girls' varsity basketball team who was undefeated until their game last week
- Congratulations to all six of our six sports teams who won their games last week
- Thank you to 80 students from Bard College who came to our MCSIS to mentor our students as they conducted hands-on science experiments

EXECUTIVE SESSION

On a motion by Ms. Hamilton, with a second by Mr. Carr, the Board of Education went into Executive Session at 7:55 p.m. to discuss negotiations and personnel.

Ayes – 6                      Nays – 0                      MOTION CARRIED

The Board of Education came out of Executive Session at 8:33 p.m. on a motion by Ms. Frank with a second by Ms. Hamilton.

Ayes – 6                      Nays – 0                      MOTION CARRIED

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**The Board of Education meeting was adjourned at 833 p.m. on a motion by Ms. Frank with a second by Ms. Hamilton.**

**ADJOURNED**

**Ayes – 6**

**Nays – 0**

**MOTION CARRIED**

#### VII.

##### A. INSTRUCTIONAL STAFF RESIGNATIONS FOR THE PURPOSE OF RETIREMENT\*

	Last Name	First Name	Position	Location	Years of Service	Effective Date
A.	Stippa	Elisabeth	Special Education Teacher	JLE	30.3	1/31/14
B.	Aronson	Jay	Guidance Counselor	HSHS	19	6/30/14
C.	Praus	Diana	ESL	HSHS	16.5	6/30/14
D.	Ringer	Gordon	Music	HJHS/HSHS	25	6/30/14

##### B. SUPPORT STAFF RESIGNATION FOR THE PURPOSE OF RETIREMENT\*

	Last Name	First Name	Position	Location	Years of Service	Effective Date
A.	Lonsdale	Harold	Head Custodian	HJSHS	16	1/31/14

##### C. ABOLISH SUPPORT STAFF SUPERVISION POSITION

	Last Name	First Name	Position	Location	Rate of Pay	Effective Date
A.	Hennigan-Masters	Erin	PM Detention Supervision	HSHS	\$12.50 per hour	Retro-active to beginning of the 2013-14 school year

##### D. TEACHING ASSISTANT APPOINTMENTS

	Last Name	First Name	Position	Location	Hours	Rate of Pay	Effective Date	Notes
A.	Anthony-Race	Amy	Teaching Assistant	HSHS	Not to exceed 40 hours per week	Contractual Rate	Retro-active to 10/15/13	Not to exceed number of hours per week added
B.	Hennigan-Masters	Erin	Teaching Assistant	HSHS	Not to exceed 40 hours per week	Contractual Rate	Retro-active to beginning of 2013-14 school year	Not to exceed number of hours per week added

# HUMAN RESOURCES

## Personnel Agenda

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### E. SUBSTITUTE STAFF APPOINTMENTS

	Last Name	First Name	Position	Certification	Rate of Pay	Effective Date
A.	Andrews	James	Substitute Teacher Aide	N/A	\$8.44 per hour	1/14/14
B.	diMonda	Morgan	Substitute Teacher Aide	N/A	\$8.44 per hour	1/14/14
C.	Hicks	Tracy	Substitute Teaching Assistant Substitute Teacher Aide	Non-Certified	\$10.83 per hour \$8.44 per hour	1/14/14
D.	Keeler	Caroline	Substitute Teacher Substitute Teaching Assistant	Non-Certified	\$65.00 per day \$10.83 per hour	1/14/14
E.	McSween	Brian	Substitute Teacher Aide	N/A	\$8.44 per hour	12/20/13

### F. REMOVE FROM SUBSTITUTE LISTS

	Last Name	First Name	Position	Effective Date
A.	Alessi	Lena	Substitute Teacher Home Instructor	1/14/14
B.	Gregory	Eric	Substitute Teaching Assistant	1/14/14
C.	Hallenbeck	Samantha	Substitute Teacher	1/14/14
D.	Peters	Carol	Substitute Teacher	1/14/14
E.	Shabazz	Sumayyah	Substitute Teacher Substitute Teaching Assistant	1/14/14
F.	White	Mary	Substitute Food Service Helper	12/16/13

### G. 21<sup>ST</sup> CENTURY PROGRAM STUDENT HELPER APPOINTMENT

	Last Name	First Name	Position	Rate of Pay (not to exceed 25 hrs. per wk.)	Effective Date	Notes
A.	Folds	Emanuel	Student Helper	\$10.00 per hour	1/14/14	Funding via Extended School Day Grant

### H. COORDINATOR OF SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT - CONTRACTUAL

	Last Name	First Name	Salary Increase	Salary Increase Effective Date	Current Health Plan/Drug Plan	New Health Plan/Drug Plan	New Health/Drug Plans Effective Date
A.	Prestipino	April	4.0%	Retroactive to July 1, 2013	PPO 812 \$2.00/\$5.00	PPO 815 \$10.00/\$30.00/\$50.00	January 14, 2014

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.**

# **HAND CARRY**

## **I. CREATE SUPPORT STAFF POSITION**

	<b>Position</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Hours</b>	<b>Effective Date</b>	<b>Notes</b>
A.	1:1 Teacher Assistant	JLE	6	1/14/14	To meet student's IEP requirements