

HUDSON CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT  
REGULAR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING  
FEBRUARY 24, 2014 – 7:00 P.M.  
HUDSON HIGH SCHOOL LIBRARY

Minutes Meeting #14

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The regular meeting of the Hudson City School District Board of Education was held on February 24, 2014 at the Hudson High School Library, 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
- Joseph E. Carr
- Jeri Chapman
- Tiffany Hamilton
- David Kisselburgh
- Carrie Otty
- William Glasser, Student Representative

LATE ARRIVAL:

Peter A. Rice, Jr. (arrived at 8:29 pm)

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 Mr. Carr, that the Board of Education accepts the Board Agenda with the addition of negotiation discussion under agenda item XVI. Executive Session.

AGENDA ACCEPTED

Ayes – 6

Nays – 0

MOTION CARRIED

Student Representative Report – William Glasser, Student Representative to the Board, reported on several student activities coming up such as:

STUDENT REP.'S REPORT

- Power of Peace Workshops – HHS Feb. 25-28
- Rashad Barksdale Basketball Charity Event, sponsored by the Booster Club, Feb. 28<sup>th</sup> 7 P.M. – HHS gym and March 1<sup>st</sup> in the JRHS gym starting at 10 A.M.
- Romeo and Juliet performance – March 13<sup>th</sup>
- Parent-Teacher Conference – March 20<sup>th</sup> 5-7 P.M. and Freshman Orientation
- Hypnotist Show – March 21<sup>st</sup> HHS 10 A.M. - HHS students only, 7 P.M. Magic & Hypnotist Show for the public
- Beauty and the Beast – March 28-30 HHS auditorium

Recognition/Presentation

RECOGNITION/  
PRESENTATION

- A. Sheriff David Bartlett – School Resource Officer (SRO) Program – Sheriff Bartlett spoke to the Board about the possibility of part-time floater sheriff deputies in our school buildings for 20 hours per week free of charge. The SRO Program would work to forge positive relationships with our students and also assist the district with security of our premises. These officers could start immediately once the District decides to implement the services.
- B. Robert Yusko, School Business Executive – presented the first in a series of 2014-2015 Preliminary Budget Forecast and Proposed Budget Assumptions to the Board indicating that 2.26% is the maximum allowable tax levy increase that the district can impose. Mr. Yusko indicated that the figures presented were estimates using likely projections but stated that many of these numbers can change as we go deeper into the budget development process.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

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

**PERSONNEL AGENDA  
ITEMS A-G**

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

Ayes – 6                      Nays – 0

**MOTION CARRIED**

**OLD BUSINESS**

**Committee Reports:**

1. Audit - Ms. Hamilton indicated that the Audit Committee meeting scheduled for February 13<sup>th</sup> was canceled due to the weather and the meeting will be rescheduled as soon as possible.

2. Facilities – Mr. Kisselburgh informed the Board that the Facilities Committee will be meeting in the next couple of weeks.

3. Board Policy – The second reading of Policy 4311.1 Display of the Flag and 4311.1-R Display of the Flag Regulation was held with one change noted: 4311.1 third paragraph, last line, should read *“present employee, student, law enforcement or elected official as directed by the Superintendent of Schools.”*

**POLICY 4311.1 & 4311.1-R  
ADOPTED**

Ms. Chapman made a motion, seconded by Ms. Otty, that the Board of Education adopts Policy 4311.1 Display of the Flag and 4311.1-R Display of the Flag Regulation with change.

Ayes – 6                      Nays – 0

**MOTION CARRIED**

4. Budget – Ms. Hamilton reported that the Board of Education will host a Community Conversation on February 26<sup>th</sup> from 6-7 p.m. in the John L. Edwards Primary School cafeteria.

**Mid-Year Discipline Reports** Superintendent Maria Suttmeier reviewed the discipline reports with the Board and responded to their questions.

**BOE Highlights Update:** Mr. Rice was asked about this update when he arrived at the Board Meeting later in the evening and responded that he would like each board member to send him their information regarding BOE highlights.

**PUBLIC FORUM**

Jack Beyer – Invited everyone to the Robotics Competition which will be held this year at RPI in Troy from March 13-15 (9am-5pm) with free admission.

Mike Clark - Concerns regarding the morning safety situation at John L. Edwards and an increase in teacher aide presence earlier in the morning for drop off. The district will look into the possibility of increasing the hours of one or two teacher aides by 15 minutes each day to help correct this situation. Mr. Clark also asked about parent enrichment curriculum.

**BUSINESS EXECUTIVE’S  
REPORT**

Mr. Yusko mentioned that the district has received \$165,000 to date in regard to Medicaid reimbursement for 2013-2014.

**CSI REPORT**

Mrs. Prestipino, Coordinator of School Improvement, summarized the recent SED memos addressing CCLS and Assessments.

**P. RICE ARRIVED AT MTG.**

Board Member Peter Rice arrived at the meeting at 8:29 p.m.

**SUPT.’S REPORT**

**Positive Notes:**

- Supt. Suttmeier participated on an educational panel this past Sunday at the Hudson Opera House to highlight the educational opportunities in Hudson. Several of our programs had displays in the exhibit hall.

- The Superintendent met with the Columbia County Dept. of Human Resources to discuss a Restorative Justice grant that they are writing for the Hudson City and Taconic Hills School Districts. They will be meeting again Wednesday with a group of interested parties from both school districts to establish a starting point.

- Meeting with Dr. Kazi of SUNY Albany who is a data specialist that works with districts free of charge under the NYS Success System of Care Expansion grant. Dr. Kazi looks at data across the K-12 system to provide insights to trends that will help focus our attention on the right work toward improvement. This will be introduced to our administrators at their meeting on March 11<sup>th</sup>.

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

Ayes – 7

Nays – 0

MOTION CARRIED

CONSENSUS AGENDA  
ITEMS A-E

Be It Resolved, that the Board of Education approves Board Meeting Minutes #13, dated February 10, 2014, pages 3460-3464.

BOARD MINUTES #13  
APPROVED

Be It Resolved, that the Board of Education approves the Corrective Action Plan, as attached, for the Extra-Classroom Activity Funds for the school year ending June 30, 2013.

CORRECTIVE ACTION  
EXTRA-CLASSROOM  
PLAN APPROVED

Be It Resolved, that the Board of Education approves a partial year transportation contract, as attached, with Pulcher Transportation for a bus run to St. Catherine's for one district student beginning February 24, 2014 and ending June 30, 2014, at an anticipated cost of \$5330.00.

PARTIAL YEAR  
TRANSPORT CONTRACT-  
PULCHER'S

Be It Resolved, that the Board of Education approves a partial year transportation contract, as attached, with Coxsackie Transport – Wayne Parks, for a former Berkshire student having difficulty/safety issues transitioning into day treatment at The Bridge Program, beginning February 24, 2014 and ending June 30, 2014, at an anticipated cost of \$5330.00.

PARTIAL YEAR  
TRANSPORT CONTRACT-  
COXSACKIE TRANSPORT

Be It Resolved, that the Board of Education arranges for placement of students with disabilities (CSE and CPSE meetings held on January 19, February 3, 4, 6, 10, 12, 2014).

CSE & CPSE  
PLACEMENTS

New Business – There was no new business to discuss.

NEW BUSINESS

Regular Meetings:

February 24 – Regular Board Meeting – High School Library – 7 p.m.

March 10 – Budget Workshop – High School Library – 6-7 p.m. followed by  
Regular Board Meeting – 7 p.m.

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UPCOMING MEETING  
DATES

Committee Meetings:

February 13 – Audit Committee – District Office – 5:15 p.m. *To be rescheduled due to snow*

February 26 – Budget Comm. Community Conversation – JLE Cafeteria – 6-7 p.m.

March 12 – Budget Comm. Community Conversation – JLE Library – 6-7 p.m. *(since the Board meeting, the location of this meeting was changed to HHS Library)*

March 26 – Budget Comm. Community Conversation – JLE Cafeteria – 6-7 p.m.

On a motion by Ms. Hamilton, with a second by Mr. Rice, the Board of Education went into Executive Session at 8:45 p.m. to discuss the Superintendent's Mid-Year Evaluation – rescheduled from February 10) and negotiations.

Ayes – 7

Nays – 0

MOTION CARRIED

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. Yusko was excused from Executive Session at 9:15 p.m.

On a motion by Ms. Frank, with a second by Ms. Chapman, the Board of Education came out of Executive Session at 9:40 p.m.

Ayes – 7

Nays – 0

MOTION CARRIED

The Board of Education meeting was adjourned at 9:40 p.m. on a motion by Ms. Hamilton with a second by Mr. Rice.

Ayes – 7

Nays – 0

MOTION CARRIED

ADJOURNED



# HUMAN RESOURCES

## Personnel Agenda

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### VII.

#### A. SUPPORT STAFF LEAVE REPLACEMENT APPOINTMENT

	Last Name	First Name	Position	Location	Effective Dates	Notes
A.	Joy	Carissa	Teaching Assistant	HSHS	3/11/14- 4/22/14 (tentative )	To fill vacancy due to E. Hennigan-Master's LOA

#### B. SUPPORT STAFF RESIGNATION

	Last Name	First Name	Position	Location	Effective Date
A.	Shabazz	Sumayyah	Teacher Aide	HSHS	2/10/14

#### C. EXTEND MILITARY LEAVE OF ABSENCE

	Last Name	First Name	Position	Location	Former End Date	Extended End Date	Notes
A.	Fuller	Bryan	Teacher Aide	MCSIS	2/24/14	3/10/14	Extend Military LOA

#### D. SUBSTITUTE STAFF APPOINTMENTS

	Last Name	First Name	Position	Certification	Rate of Pay	Effective Date
A.	Carr	Megan	Substitute Teacher Aide	N/A	\$8.44 per hour	2/25/14
B.	Shabazz	Sumayyah	Substitute Teacher Substitute Teaching Assistant Substitute Teacher Aide	Non-Certified	\$65.00 per day \$10.83 per hour \$8.44 per hour	2/11/14

#### E. REMOVE FROM SUBSTITUTE LISTS

	Last Name	First Name	Position	Effective Date
A.	Farrell	Margaret	Substitute Teacher Substitute Teaching Assistant	2/25/14

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### F. EXTRA-CURRICULAR SPORTS APPOINTMENT\*

	Last Name	First Name	Position	Season	Stipend	Effective Date
A.	Jefferson	Dicel	Boys' Modified Track Coach	Spring	\$2623.	2/25/14

### G. LANGUAGE INTERPRETER APPOINTMENT

	Last Name	First Name	Position	Rate of Pay	Effective Date	Notes
A.	Rodriguez	Maria	Translator	\$25.00 per hour	2013-2014 school year	As needed for required Special Education meetings

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.**