

HUDSON CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT  
ANNUAL ORGANIZATIONAL BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING  
TUESDAY, JULY 1, 2014 – 7:00 P.M.  
HUDSON HIGH SCHOOL LIBRARY

Minutes Meeting #1

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The Annual Organizational Meeting of the Hudson City School District was held on July 1, 2014 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 Frieda Van Deusen, Clerk of the Board of Education.

PRESENT:

Kelly Frank  
Tiffany Hamilton  
David Kisselburgh  
Maria McLaughlin  
Carrie Otty  
Derrick Smart

LATE ARRIVAL:

Peter A. Rice, Jr. (arrived at 7:16 p.m.)

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

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

Mr. Kisselburgh made a motion, seconded by Ms. Hamilton, that the Board of Education accepts the agenda with the following changes or additions:

AGENDA ACCEPTED

- Table Agenda Item X. (Z) Annual Appointments – School Dentist
- Add (AA) School Physician Appointment hand carry to Agenda Item X
- Early Executive Session – for the purpose of proposed sale of real property

Ayes – 6

Nays – 0

MOTION CARRIED

Frieda Van Deusen, Clerk of the Board, administered the Loyalty Oath to new Board Member Maria McLaughlin.

LOYALTY OATH  
BOARD MEMBER

Nominations for President of the Board of Education were accepted by the Clerk of the Board. Kelly Frank was nominated for the Presidency on a motion Ms. Otty, with a second by Ms. Hamilton. There being no other nominations from the floor, nominations were closed and Ms. Frank was voted in as President.

NOMINATION &  
ELECTION-BOARD  
PRESIDENT, MS.  
FRANK

Ayes – 6

Nays – 0

MOTION CARRIED

Frieda Van Deusen, Clerk of the Board, administered the Loyalty Oath to Ms. Frank, President.

PRESIDENT’S OATH

Nominations for Vice President of the Board of Education were accepted by the Clerk of the Board. Tiffany Hamilton was nominated for the Vice Presidency on a motion by Mr. Kisselburgh, with a second by Ms. Frank. There being no other nominations from the floor, nominations were closed and Ms. Hamilton was voted in as Vice President.

NOMINATION &  
ELECTION-BOARD  
VICE PRESIDENT,  
MS. HAMILTON

Ayes – 6

Nays – 0

MOTION CARRIED

Frieda Van Deusen, Clerk of the Board, administered the Loyalty Oath to Ms. Hamilton, Vice Pres.

President Kelly Frank then presided over the meeting.

**OFFICERS APPOINTED**

Be It Resolved, that the Board of Education, on a motion by Ms. Frank, with a second by Ms. Otty, appoints the following Officers for the 2014-2015 school year:

- A. Clerk of the Board – Frieda A. Van Deusen
- B. Deputy Clerk of the Board – Robert D. Yusko, Jr.
- C. District Treasurer – Florence L. Stickles
- D. Deputy Treasurer – Mary Jane Ames
- E. Tax Collector – Florence L. Stickles

**LOYALTY OATH – CLERK  
& DEPUTY CLERK OF  
BOARD**

President Kelly Frank administered the Loyalty Oath to the Clerk of the Board and Deputy Clerk of the Board. The Board Clerk will administer the Oath to the Treasurer, Deputy Treasurer and Tax Collector at a later date.

**ANNUAL APPOINTMENTS**

Be It Resolved, that the Board of Education, on a motion by Ms. Hamilton, with a second by Ms. Otty, tables the appointment of School Dentist and appoints the following for the 2014-2015 school year:

School District Attorney – Rapport Meyers LLP - \$200/hr. (Attorneys)  
Bond Attorney – Rodenhausen Chale LLP - \$250/hr. (Partner), \$190-\$230/hr. (Associate & Counsel) and \$85-\$125/hr. (Legal Assistant/Clerk)  
Labor Relations Attorney – Thomas, Drohan, Waxman, Petigrow & Mayle, LLP - \$200/hr. (Attorneys) and \$90/hr. (Paralegal)  
Independent External Auditor – Raymond G. Preusser, CPA, PC  
Internal Auditor – Michael T. Wolff, CIA Advisory Services  
Claims Auditor – Heather Brown  
Purchasing Agent – Robert D. Yusko, Jr.  
Records Access Officer – Robert D. Yusko, Jr.  
Records Management Officer – Robert D. Yusko, Jr.  
Title IX Compliance Officer – Mark Brenneman  
Program Administrator of the Blood-borne Pathogens Exposure Control Plan - G. Keeler  
District Emergency Coordinator – George Keeler  
Safety and Health Designee – George Keeler  
Asbestos (LEA) Designee – George Keeler  
Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Coordinator – George Keeler  
Public Access Defibrillation (PAD) Coordinator – George Keeler  
EPA Lead-Based Paint Renovation, Repair, & Painting (RRP) Program Coord.- G. Keeler  
Integrated Pest Management (IPM) Coordinator – George Keeler  
Section 504 Compliance Officer – Kim Lybolt  
Liaison for the Education of Homeless Children & Youth – Kim Lybolt  
Medicaid Compliance Officer – Kim Lybolt  
HIPAA Officer – Kelly McDonald  
School District Insurance Consultant – First Niagara Risk Management, Inc.  
School District Architect – Rhinebeck Architecture & Planning  
Financial Consulting Services – Bernard P. Donegan, Inc.  
School Physician – Dr. Scott Pregont

Ayes – 6

Nays – 0

**MOTION CARRIED**

**OFFICIAL DEPOSITORIES**

“RESOLVED on a motion by Ms. Frank, with a second by Ms. Hamilton, that the Bank of Greene County, Hudson, New York and TD Bank, Hudson, New York be and they are hereby designated as the official depositories for school funds of this said District.”

**THE BANK OF GREENE COUNTY, Hudson, NY**

General Fund	School Lunch Fund
Payroll Account	Capital Renovation Money Market Account
Trust & Agency Fund	General Fund Money Market Account
Federal Fund	

**TD BANK, Hudson, NY**

Extra Classroom Activity Fund – Hudson High School  
Extra Classroom Activity Fund – Hudson Junior High School

TD BANK, NATIONAL UNION BANK OF KINDERHOOK, FIRST NIAGARA BANK, KEYBANK OF NEW YORK, BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON, U.S. BANK, and M & T BANK may be used from time to time for investment or borrowing purposes depending on rates.  
Ayes – 6                      Nays – 0                      MOTION CARRIED

OFFICIAL  
DEPOSITORIES  
CONT'D.

On a motion by Ms. Hamilton, with a second by Mr. Kisselburgh, the Board of Education went into Executive Session at 7:14 p.m. for the purpose of proposed sale of real property.  
Ayes - 6                      Nays – 0                      MOTION CARRIED

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Board Member Peter Rice joined the meeting at 7:16 p.m.

The Board of Education came out of Executive Session at 7:18 p.m. on a motion by Ms. Hamilton, with a second by Mr. Rice.  
Ayes – 7                      Nays – 0                      MOTION CARRIED

On a motion by Ms. Hamilton, with a second by Mr. Rice, the Board of Education approves personnel agenda items XIII A-K, as attached.  
Ayes – 7                      Nays – 0                      MOTION CARRIED

PERSONNEL AGENDA  
ITEMS XIII. A-K

Public Forum:

Joseph Carr – Mr. Carr commented that he had attended the Hudson High School Graduation for three members of his family who were graduating and he thought the ceremony was very nice and everything went very well.

PUBLIC FORUM

On a motion by Ms. Hamilton, with a second by Ms. Otty, the Board of Education approves action on consensus agenda items XV. A-K, as follows:  
Ayes – 7                      Nays – 0                      MOTION CARRIED

CONSENSUS AGENDA  
ITEMS XV. A-K

Be It Resolved, that the Board of Education sets the date and time of the regular Board of Education meetings to be at 7:00 p.m. on the second and fourth Monday of the month unless otherwise determined by the Board.

DATE & TIME OF  
BOARD MEETINGS

Be It Resolved, that the Board of Education authorizes the Projected Board of Education Meeting Schedule for the 2014-2015 school year, as attached.

BOARD MEETING  
SCHEDULE 2014-15

Be It Resolved, that the Board of Education designates the Register Star and the Columbia Paper as the official newspapers for the Hudson City School District.

OFFICIAL  
NEWSPAPERS

Be It Resolved, that the Board of Education authorizes the Superintendent to:

SUPERINTENDENT'S

- A. Certify payroll and per diem employees
- B. Approve attendance at professional conferences
- C. Approve budget transfers with Board approval
- D. Sign contracts with Board approval
- E. Apply for Grants in Aid (State and Federal)

“RESOLVED, That checks drawn on the Board of Education Account of the City School District at THE BANK OF GREENE COUNTY may be signed by the printed facsimile signature of the District Treasurer of the School District, with like force and effect as if said facsimile signature had been affixed by such officer manually, and that said bank is hereby authorized, empowered and directed to pay said checks so drawn and to charge the account of the School District, with like force and effect as if the said signature had been affixed by such officer, and be it RESOLVED, That said Bank shall not be liable for and that this School District does hereby waive any claim which it may have against said Bank, and does hereby agree to indemnify and save harmless said Bank from any liability, loss or damage incurred by it for paying or charging to the account of this School District any checks to which such facsimile signature is affixed, or by the use of any dies, devices, machinery or equipment used by the School District for that purpose.”

RESOLUTION FOR  
SINGLE SIGNATURE

**RESOLUTION FOR  
STANDARD  
REQUIREMENTS**

“RESOLVE, that this said District continues to use the following standard requirements set forth below which among others are outlined in the Regulations of the Commissioner of Education of the State of New York.

A. Approved system of Treasurer’s Receipts

B. An annual audit of the Treasurer’s records either by Certified Public Accountant, independent or outside accountant, or by a committee of three members of the Board of Education other than the Clerk and the Treasurer.

C. Approved system of borrowing to meet fiscal responsibilities by the District Clerk and Board of Education President.”

**PETTY CASH FUNDS**

Be It Resolved, that the Board of Education establishes the following Petty Cash funds for the 2014-2015 school year:

Senior High School – Antonio Abitabile, Principal	\$50.00
Junior High School – Derek Reardon, Principal	50.00
Intermediate School – Mark Brenneman, Principal	20.00
J. L. Edwards Primary School – Steven Spicer, Principal	20.00
Board of Education Office – Maria Suttmeier, Supt.	75.00
Coordinator of School Improvement – April Prestipino	25.00
School Business Executive Office – Robert D. Yusko, Jr.	50.00
Student Services Office – Kim Lybolt	50.00
Homeless Grant – Kim Lybolt	25.00

**NON-RESIDENT  
TUITION RATES**

Be It Resolved, that the Board of Education adopts the following non-resident tuition rates for the 2014-2015 school year, as recommended by the Superintendent.

Grades K-6	\$ 5,739
Grades 7-12	\$ 8,288
Special Ed Student K-6	\$ 25,995
Special Ed Student 7-12	\$ 28,544

**BOARD’S  
AUTHORIZATION**

Be It Resolved, that the Board of Education be authorized to attend conferences, conventions, workshops, etc., with designated expenses as approved on a per request basis by the Board.

**AUTHORIZATION  
TO INVEST FUNDS**

Be It Resolved, that the Board of Education authorizes the Treasurer to invest District funds.

**POLICY MANUAL &  
CODE OF ETHICS**

Be It Resolved, that the Board of Education adopts the Hudson City School District Policy Manual and Code of Ethics for 2014.

**BOARD  
COMMITTEES**

Be It Resolved, that the Board of Education, on a motion by Ms. Frank, with a second by Ms. Hamilton, establishes the following Board Committees and appoints board members to each committee as listed below:

- A. Audit (3 members required) - Kelly Frank, Tiffany Hamilton, Peter Rice
- B. Facilities - David Kisselburgh, Derrick Smart
- C. Policy – Carrie Otty, Maria McLaughlin, David Kisselburgh
- D. Budget – Tiffany Hamilton, Maria McLaughlin, Peter Rice

Ayes – 7

Nays – 0

**MOTION CARRIED**

**CONSENSUS AGENDA  
ITEMS XV. M-V**

On a motion by Ms. Hamilton, with a second by Mr. Rice, the Board of Education approves consensus agenda items XV. M-V, as follows:

Ayes – 7

Nays – 0

**MOTION CARRIED**

Be It Resolved, that the Board of Education adopts the U.S. General Services Administration Per Diem Rates for New York, as attached, for reimbursable lodging and meal charges, including gratuities, for persons traveling for district-related business.

U.S.G.S.A. PER DIEM  
TRAVEL RATES

Be It Resolved, that the Board of Education approves a Consulting Agreement, as attached, with Needham Risk Management Resource Group, LLC, at a monthly cost of \$2,470.00 (\$120.00 monthly increase), effective July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2015, to assist us in the maintenance of the health and safety program at the District.

NEEDHAM RISK  
CONSULTING  
AGREEMENT  
APPROVED

Be It Resolved, that the Board of Education approves the attached list of Impartial Hearing Officers for the 2014-2015 school year.

IMPARTIAL  
HEARING OFFICERS

Be It Resolved, that the Board of Education, pursuant to §200.5 of the Regulations of the Commissioner of Education, hereby delegates Kelly Frank as the representative of the Board who can appoint an Impartial Hearing Officer in the event such a hearing is requested by the parent of a student with a disability.

KELLY FRANK  
BOARD REP –  
HEARING OFFICER

Be It Resolved, that the Board of Education establishes the mileage reimbursement rate, in accordance with IRS, of 56 cents/per mile effective July 1, 2014 through December 31, 2014.

MILEAGE  
REIMBURSEMENT

Be It Resolved, that the Board of Education approves the 2014-2015 Tax Warrant, as attached.

TAX WARRANT

Be It Resolved, that the Board of Education approves a proposal with Weston & Sampson, as attached, for professional services in connection with the Hudson City School District Capital Improvement Projects for Hudson High School in the amount of \$2,000.00 and John L. Edwards Primary School in the amount of \$15,100.00.

WESTON & SAMPSON  
PROPOSAL  
APPROVED

Be It Resolved, that the Board of Education approves an emergency summer transportation contract, as attached, with Johnston & Pulcher Inc., for student transportation to Catskill Academy II/Aide due to the closure of the Stottville bridge, in the anticipated amount of \$4960.00, beginning July 7, 2014 and ending August 31, 2014.

EMERGENCY SUMMER  
TRANSPORTATION  
CONTRACT

Be It Resolved, that the Board of Education approves a 2013-2014 Health Services Contract, as attached, with Chatham CSD for 20 HCSD children attending Columbia Christian Academy in the Chatham CSD, at a cost of \$709.13 per student, for a total cost of \$14,182.60.

HEALTH SERVICES  
CONTRACT –  
CHATHAM CSD

Be It Resolved, that the Board of Education arranges for placement of students with disabilities (CSE and CPSE meetings held on February 3, 4, 6, March 4, 5, 19, 25, 27, April 7, 22, May 1, 6, 15, 16, 29, June 5, 18, 20, 23, 24, 25, 2014)

CSE & CPSE  
PLACEMENTS

New Business – Board Member Mr. Smart inquired about a particular bus route and a possible safety issue.

NEW BUSINESS

President Kelly Frank informed the new Board Members that she will be setting up a meeting with them to discuss responsibilities, etc. of being a Board Member and will distribute helpful information to them.

BOE Meetings:

Saturday, July 19 – Board Retreat from 8 a.m.-1 p.m. – Columbia County Chamber of Commerce

Monday, July 28 – Regular Board Meeting at 7 p.m. – JRHS Library

UPCOMING MEETING  
DATES

Committee Meetings:

None scheduled

Executive Session: Executive Session was not needed at this time.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

On a motion by Ms. Frank, with a second by Mr. Rice, the Board of Education meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Ayes – 7

Nays – 0

MOTION CARRIED



### XIII.

#### A. VACATION DAYS SELL BACK

	Last Name	First Name	Position	Location	# of Days	Rate	Total	Notes
A.	Suttmeier	Maria	Superintendent	District	10	\$583.34	\$5,833.40	As agreed for 2013-14 school year only
B.	Harcleroad	Terry	Network Systems Engineer	District	4	\$300.68	\$1,202.72	As agreed for 2013-14 school year only

#### B. INSTRUCTIONAL STAFF RESIGNATION

	Last Name	First Name	Position	Location	Effective Date
A.	West	Shelly	Speech/Language Pathologist	JLE/SHS	Close of business on 8/27/14

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

	Last Name	First Name	Position	Location	Years of Service	Effective Date
A.	Brackett	Rebecca	Food Service Helper	HJSHS	28+	Close of business on 6/27/14

#### D. CREATE SUMMER SCHOOL POSITIONS 2014

	Tenure Area	Location	Hours	Rate of Pay	Effective Date	Notes
A.	1 - Library Media Specialist	HJSHS	8:00 am – 12:35 pm; also Staff Orientation hours TBD (not to exceed 2 hrs.)	As per contract	7/02/14 - Staff Orientation 7/07/14-8/12/14	Funding via General Funds
B.	Substitute Teachers	HJSHS	8:00 am – 12:35 pm; also Staff Orientation hours TBD (not to exceed 2 hrs.)	As per contract	7/02/14 - Staff Orientation 7/07/14-8/12/14	As needed Funding via General Funds

# HUMAN RESOURCES

## Personnel Agenda

July 1, 2014

### E. CSE/CPSE SUMMER MEETING COVERAGE APPOINTMENTS

	Last Name	First Name	Position	Rate of Pay	Effective Dates	Notes
A.	Monsell	Wenday	General Education Teacher	Contractual Rate	7/1/14-8/31/14	Posting #052814-70
B.	Peduzzi	Marlena	General Education Teacher	Contractual Rate	7/1/14-8/31/14	Posting #052814-70
C.	Smith	Robyn	General Education Teacher	Contractual Rate	7/1/14-8/31/14	Posting #052814-70

### F. REMOVE FROM CSE/CPSE SUMMER MEETING LIST

	Last Name	First Name	Position	Effective Date
A.	Barrett	Cathy	Certified Occupational Therapy Assistant	7/2/14
B.	West	Shelly	Speech/Language Pathologist	7/2/14

### G. CSE/CPSE COMMITTEE/SUBCOMMITTEE CHAIRPERSON APPOINTMENTS FOR 2014-2015

	Last Name	First Name	Position	Location*	Effective Date	Notes
A.	Lybolt	Kim	Director of Student Services	Central Office	2014-2015 school year	To attend required CSE/CPSE meetings
B.	Muller	Tracy	Teacher	JLE	2014-2015 school year	To attend required CSE/CPSE meetings
C.	Sheedy	Denise	Teacher	JLE	2014-2015 school year	To attend required CSE/CPSE meetings
D.	Hungerford	Susan	Teacher	MCSIS	2014-2015 school year	To attend required CSE/CPSE meetings
E.	Voigt	Kathy	Teacher	HJSHS	2014-2015 school year	To attend required CSE/CPSE meetings
F.	Lanuto	Joanne	CPSE Chairperson/School Psychologist	JLE	2014-2015 school year	To attend required CSE/CPSE meetings
G.	Appelbaum	Kerri	School Psychologist	JLE	2014-2015 school year	To attend required CSE/CPSE meetings
H.	Hanley	Jason	School Psychologist	MCSIS	2014-2015 school year	To attend required CSE/CPSE meetings
I.	Plaia	Kristin	School Psychologist	MCSIS	2014-2015 school year	To attend required CSE/CPSE meetings
J.	Clark	Eric	School Psychologist	HJHS	2014-2015 school year	To attend required CSE/CPSE meetings
K.	Vera	Katherine	School Psychologist	SHS	2014-2015 school year	To attend required CSE/CPSE meetings
L.	Connor	Anne	Parent Member	District-Wide	2014-2015 school year	To attend required CSE/CPSE meetings
M.	DeForest	Andrew	Parent Member	District-Wide	2014-2015 school year	To attend required CSE/CPSE meetings
N.	Pagnani	Elaine	Parent Member	District-Wide	2014-2015 school year	To attend required CSE/CPSE meetings
O.	Roberts	Shawn	Parent Member	District-Wide	2014-2015 school year	To attend required CSE/CPSE meetings
P.	Ruggiero	Tracy	Parent Member	District-Wide	2014-2015 school year	To attend required CSE/CPSE meetings
Q.	Morrison	Jennifer	Parent Member	District-Wide	2014-2015 school year	To attend required CSE/CPSE meetings
R.	Taylor	Tara	Parent Member	District-Wide	2014-2015 school year	To attend required CSE/CPSE meetings
S.	Tranchita	Andrea	Parent Member	District-Wide	2014-2015 school year	To attend required CSE/CPSE meetings

\*Sub Chairpersons may sub in a different building if needed

#### H. LANGUAGE INTERPRETER APPOINTMENTS

	Last Name	First Name	Position	Rate of Pay	Effective Date	Notes
A.	Cruz	Violet	Translator	\$25.00 per hour	2014-2015 school year	As needed for required Special Education meetings
B.	Kader	Hosnera	Translator	\$25.00 per hour	2014-2015 school year	As needed for required Special Education meetings
C.	Khanan	Taslima	Translator	\$25.00 per hour	2014-2015 school year	As needed for required Special Education meetings
D.	Medina	Arlen	Translator	\$25.00 per hour	2014-2015 school year	As needed for required Special Education meetings
E.	Meus	Jean	Translator	\$25.00 per hour	2014-2015 school year	As needed for required Special Education meetings
F.	Pepper	Amanda	Translator	\$25.00 per hour	2014-2015 school year	As needed for required Special Education meetings
G.	Price	Ailian	Translator	\$25.00 per hour	2014-2015 school year	As needed for required Special Education meetings
H.	Rodriguez	Maria	Translator	\$25.00 per hour	2014-2015 school year	As needed for required Special Education meetings
I.	Ruiz	Ivette	Translator	\$25.00 per hour	2014-2015 school year	As needed for required Special Education meetings

#### I. INDEPENDENT EVALUATOR APPOINTMENTS

	Name	Services	Effective Date	Notes
A.	The Center for Spectrum Services	For Autism Spectrum Diagnoses and Services	2014-2015 school year	To comply with HCSD Policy #4321.3. To be used in the event a parent disagrees with a district completed evaluation.
B.	Albany Psychological Associates	Offering Educational Evaluations	2014-2015 school year	To comply with HCSD Policy #4321.3. To be used in the event a parent disagrees with a district completed evaluation.
C.	Campbell House Psychological Associates	Diagnostic and Educational Testing	2014-2015 school year	To comply with HCSD Policy #4321.3. To be used in the event a parent disagrees with a district completed evaluation.
D.	Capital Psychological Associates	Offering Independent Psychological Evaluations	2014-2015 school year	To comply with HCSD Policy #4321.3. To be used in the event a parent disagrees with a district completed evaluation.
E.	College of Saint Rose Assessment Clinic	Educational Assessments	2014-2015 school year	To comply with HCSD Policy #4321.3. To be used in the event a parent disagrees with a district completed evaluation.
F.	Regional Rehabilitation Services, Inc.	Speech/Language/Occupational Therapy Services	2014-2015 school year	To comply with HCSD Policy #4321.3. To be used in the event a parent disagrees with a district completed evaluation.
G.	Partnership for Education	Bi-Lingual Speech/Psychological Evaluation Services	2014-2015 school year	To comply with HCSD Policy #4321.3. To be used in the event a parent disagrees with a district completed evaluation.

### J. EXTRA-CURRICULAR ADVISOR/DIRECTOR CHANGE

	Last Name	First Name	New Position	Current Position	New Stipend	Current Stipend	Effective Date	Notes
A.	Nowak	Michelle	Junior Class Co-Advisor	Junior Class Advisor	\$486.50	\$973.00	2014-2015 school year	Changed from Advisor to Co-Advisor

### K. EXTRA-CURRICULAR ADVISOR/DIRECTOR APPOINTMENT

	Last Name	First Name	Position	Location	Stipend	Effective Date
A.	Keyser	Jodi	Junior Class Co-Advisor	HSHS	\$486.50	2014-2015 school year

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.**