

HUDSON CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
REGULAR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
FEBRUARY 12, 2015 – 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 12, 2015 at the Hudson High School Library, 215 Harry Howard Ave., Hudson, NY. (Tonight’s board meeting was originally scheduled for February 9th but due to inclement weather was cancelled and rescheduled for this evening).

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

PRESENT:

Peter A. Rice, Jr.
Tiffany Hamilton
Sage Carter
David Kisselburgh
Maria McLaughlin
Carrie Otty

ABSENT:

Derrick Smart
Atia Begh, Student Representative

ALSO PRESENT: Superintendent
Coordinator of School Improvement
Clerk of the Board

Maria J. Suttmeier
April Prestipino
Frieda A. Van Deusen

Ms. Hamilton made a motion, seconded by Ms. Otty, that the Board of Education accepts the Board Agenda with noted changes of rescheduled Curriculum Workshop and presentation by Dr. Gladys Cruz, Questar III COO and Deputy Superintendent.

AGENDA ACCEPTED

Ayes – 6 Nays – 0

MOTION CARRIED

Student Representative Report: There was no report this evening due to the absence of Student Representative Atia Begh.

STUDENT REP’S REPORT

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

PERSONNEL AGENDA
ITEMS A-N

Ayes – 6 Nays – 0

MOTION CARRIED

Recognition and Welcome of New Staff – There was no recognition/welcome of new staff this evening.

RECOGNITION/WELCOME

Old Business

OLD BUSINESS

Policy – The Policy Committee reviewed the following policies with the Board:

First Reading of Policy 2000, Board Operational Goals - Discussion took place and this policy will go to a second reading.

Second Reading of Policy 4520, Audio-Visual and Media Use and 4520-E, Audio-Visual and Media Use Exhibit – The Board opened discussion on these policies to the public as a public forum. Thomas Stinson, Rachel O’Connor, Liz Rice, Nicky Genito and Linda Hopkins all spoke in regard of this policy.

Second Reading of Policy 8400, Transportation – Revise to include who and when the routes are analyzed and bring back for a third reading at the February 23rd board meeting.

- OLD BUSINESS CONT'D.** Second Reading of Policy 8410.4, Transportation for Sporting Events – No additional changes noted. Take action.
- ADOPTS POLICY 8410.4** On a motion by Ms. Hamilton, with a second by Ms. McLaughlin, the Board of Education adopts Policy 8410.4, Transportation for Sporting Events.
Ayes – 6 Nays – 0 MOTION CARRIED
- Second Reading of Policy 8414.6, Child Safety Zones – No additional changes noted. Take action.
- ADOPTS POLICY 8414.6** On a motion by Ms. Hamilton, with a second by Ms. Otty, the Board of Education adopts Policy 8414.6, Child Safety Zones.
Ayes – 6 Nays – 0 MOTION CARRIED
- Second Reading of Policy 8414.7, Parent Responsibility at Bus Stops - No additional changes noted. Take action.
- ADOPTS POLICY 8414.7** On a motion by Ms. Hamilton, with a second by Ms. Otty, the Board of Education adopts Policy 8414.7, Parent Responsibility at Bus Stops.
Ayes – 6 Nays – 0 MOTION CARRIED
- First Reading of Policy 1500, Public Use of School Facilities – A draft of Policy 1500 was reviewed by the Board and it was suggested that the policy incorporate the capacity of each area in each of our buildings. This policy will go back to the Board for a second reading.
- PUBLIC FORUM** This public forum was a continuation of discussion on the Audio-Visual and Media Use Policy. Mr. Spicer read from a prepared response in regard to this policy and cited results of a recent JLE parent survey regarding this subject. Comments were made by parents Linda Hopkins, Diann Bauer, Julia Wilson. The possible use of Ameri-Corp volunteers at JLE, which has been a very well received program at MCSIS, was also discussed.
- BUSINESS EXEC. REPORT** Due to the absence of School Business Executive Robert Yusko, there was no report this evening on the 2015-16 Budget Development. Mr. Yusko will report at the February 23rd board meeting.
- CSI REPORT** Mrs. Prestipino, Coordinator of School Improvement, requested that her report be tabled until the February 23rd board meeting.
- SUPT.'S REPORT** Supt. Suttmeier presented our Board President, Peter Rice, with a NYSSBA School Board Level 2 Excellence Award and encouraged all board members to attend the next School Board Conference in the fall. Supt. Suttmeier pointed out that this certainly is a great example of Celebrating What's Right.
- CONSENSUS AGENDA ITEMS A-G** On a motion by Ms. Hamilton, with a second by Ms. Otty, the Board of Education approves consensus agenda items A-G, as follows:
Ayes – 6 Nays – 0 MOTION CARRIED
- BOARD MINUTES #13 APPROVED** Be It Resolved, that the Board of Education approves Board Meeting Minutes #13, dated January 29, 2015, pages 3550-3553.
- DONATION ACCEPTED - CRAIG BENDER** Be It Resolved, that the Board of Education accept a donation from Craig Bender, as attached, of two flutes, a trumpet and a clarinet valued at \$310.00, and direct the Board Clerk to send a thank you.
- HEALTH SERVICES CONTRACT APPROVED – GREENVILLE CSD** Be It Resolved, that the Board of Education approves a 2014-2015 Health and Welfare Service Contract, as attached, with Greenville Central School District for four (4) students who attend the Grapeville Christian School in the Greenville Central School District at a rate of \$548.55 per student, for a total of \$2,194.20.

Be It Resolved, that the Board of Education approves a 2014-2015 Health Services Contract, as attached, with North Greenbush Common School District for one (1) HCSD student who attends LaSalle Institute in the North Greenbush Common School District at a rate of \$250.44.

HEALTH SERVICES
CONTRACT – NORTH
GREENBUSH CSD

Be It Resolved, that the Board of Education approves the results of a transportation bid opening on January 23, 2015, as attached, for Warrant Dierkes, Dierkes Transportation, to transport a student to an out-of-district placement with an aide, beginning February 2, 2015 and ending June 30, 2015, at a total anticipated cost of \$22,659.00.

TRANSPORTATION BID
RESULTS APPROVED -
DIERKES

Be It Resolved, that the Board of Education approves a 30-day emergency transportation contract, as attached, with Pulcher Transportation, to transport a CSE student to an out-of-district placement with an aide, beginning February 9, 2015 and ending February 27, 2015, at a total anticipated cost of \$6750.00. (Scheduled to go out to bid on February 23.)

EMERGENCY TRANSPORT
CONTRACT APPROVED –
PULCHER

Be It Resolved, that the Board of Education adopts a full-year Foundations of Algebra course targeted to 9th grade students, beginning September, 2015.

FOUNDATIONS OF
ALGEBRA COURSE

Be It Resolved, on a motion by Ms. Hamilton, with a second by Ms. Otty, that the Board of Education approves a waiver of building use fees for the Hudson Fire Department, with the exception that the Fire Department covers the cost of the HCSD lifeguard for the use of the high school pool on February 23, March 17, and April 23, 2015, as attached.

WAIVER OF FEES –
HUDSON FIRE DEPT.

Ayes – 6

Nays – 0

MOTION CARRIED

Be It Resolved, on a motion by Ms. Hamilton, with a second by Ms. Otty, that the Board of Education arranges for placement of students with disabilities (CSE and CPSE meetings held on November 21, December 18, 2014, January 5, 21, 29, 30, 2015)

CSE AND CPSE
PLACEMENTS

Ayes – 6

Nays – 0

MOTION CARRIED

New Business – There was no new business to discuss at this time.

NEW BUSINESS

Public Forum -

PUBLIC FORUM

Linda Hopkins – Mrs. Hopkins provided the Board with research from the American Academy of Pediatrics pertaining to the AAP recommendation and reasons for children watching less than 2 hours of screen time a day. Mrs. Hopkins also commented on remarks made by Mr. Spicer in the earlier public forum.

Mr. Spicer addressed the comments of Mrs. Hopkins.

Diann Bauer spoke in regard to the possibility of Ameri-Corp volunteers at JLE.

Upcoming Meeting Dates

UPCOMING MTGS.

BOE Meetings/Training Dates:

Monday, February 23 – Public Hearing for the Veterans’ Alternative Exemption at 6 p.m. –HHS Lib.

Monday, February 23 – Regular Board Meeting at 7 p.m. – HHS Library

Monday, March 9 – Regular Board Meeting at 7 p.m. – HHS Library

Committee Meetings:

None scheduled

On a motion by Ms. Hamilton, with a second by Ms. Otty, the Board of Education went into Executive Session at 8:40 p.m. to discuss the history of a particular person(s) and to finalize the mid-year evaluation of the Superintendent.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Ayes – 6

Nays – 0

MOTION CARRIED

The Board of Education came out of Executive Session at 9:01 p.m. on a motion by Ms. Hamilton, with a second by Mr. Kisselburgh.

Ayes – 6

Nays – 0

MOTION CARRIED

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Ms. Hamilton, with a second by Ms. McLaughlin, the Board of Education meeting was adjourned at 9:03 p.m.

Ayes – 6

Nays – 0

MOTION CARRIED

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8.

A. SAT PREP CLASS TEACHER APPOINTMENTS

	Last Name	First Name	Position	Hours/Rate of Pay	Effective Dates	Notes
A.	Brust	Janet	SAT Prep Class English Teacher	\$47/hr. for Instruction (total 12 hrs.) \$42/hr. for Prep Time (total 6 hrs.)	3/19/15-4/30/15	Funding via Community Schools Grant
B.	Casazza	Michelle	SAT Prep Class Math Teacher	\$47/hr. for Instruction (total 12 hrs.) \$42/hr. for Prep Time (total 6 hrs.)	3/19/15-4/30/15	Funding via Community Schools Grant

B. LONG TERM SUBSTITUTE APPOINTMENT

	Last Name	First Name	Position	Location	Rate of Pay	Effective Dates	Notes
A.	Conte	Robert	Long Term Substitute Elementary Teacher	MCSIS	\$100.00 per day	1/20/15-2/27/15 (tentative end date)	To cover teacher's medical leave Posting #011615-27

C. SUPPORT STAFF TRANSFER

	Last Name	First Name	Position	Former Location	New Location	Effective Date	Notes
A.	McDonald	Courtney	Clerk/Typist	Central Administration	MCSIS	1/30/15	To replace A. Lasher No change in salary or hours Posting #N011215-28

D. ABOLISH CLERK/TYPIST POSITION

	Position	Location	Hours	Effective Date
A.	Clerk/Typist	Central Administration	7	2/09/15

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E. CREATE SECRETARY I POSITION

	Position	Location	Hours	Rate of Pay	Effective Date
A.	Secretary I	Central Administration	7	\$40,892 Pro-rated	2/10/15

F. SUPPORT STAFF TEMPORARY CHANGE OF HOURS

	Last Name	First Name	Position	Location	Current Hours	New Hours	Effective Dates	Notes
A.	Gofran	Feroza	Teacher Aide	JLE	6	5	2/09/15-3/28/15	Hourly change due to family matters

G. SUPPORT STAFF APPOINTMENTS

	Last Name	First Name	Position	Location	Type of Appointment	Hours	Rate of Pay	Effective Date	Notes
A.	Kane	Donna	Head Cook/Cafeteria Manager	JLE	1 - Year Probationary Period, 10 month position	6.25 hrs. per day (6:45 a.m.-1:00 p.m.)	\$17.04 per hour	2/10/15	To replace D. Klima Posting #N012215-29
B.	Tiano	Theresa	Food Service Helper	HJSJS	3- Month Probationary Period, 10 month position	5.75 hrs. per day (7:15 a.m.-1:00 p.m.)	\$9.55 per hour	2/10/15	To replace D. Demarest Posting #N121914-27

H. SUPPORT STAFF RESIGNATION DATE AMENDMENT

	Last Name	First Name	Position	Current Effective End Date	New Effective End Date	Notes
A.	Klima	Donna	Head Cook/Cafeteria Manager	End of business 2/20/15	End of business 3/09/15	Amended resignation date

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I. SUBSTITUTE STAFF APPOINTMENTS

	Last Name	First Name	Position	Certification	Rate of Pay	Effective Date
A.	Konderwich	Lindsey	Substitute Teacher	Certified	\$90.00 per day	2/10/15
B.	Seymour	Andrea	Substitute Teacher	Certified	\$90.00 per day	2/10/15
C.	Van Acker	Peter	Substitute Teacher	Certified	\$90.00 per day	2/10/15
D.	Hicks	Tracy	Substitute Teacher Substitute Teaching Assistant Substitute Teacher Aide	Non-Certified	\$70.00 per day \$10.83 per hour \$9.00 per hour	2/10/15
E.	Super	Mary Beth	Substitute Teacher Aide	Non-Certified	\$9.00 per hour	1/21/15
F.	Shelton	Sonna	Substitute Teacher	Non-Certified	\$70.00 per day	2/10/15
G.	Shader	Jessica	Substitute Teacher	Non-Certified	\$70.00 per day	2/10/15

J. EXTRA-CURRICULAR SPORTS RESIGNATION

	Last Name	First Name	Position	Effective Date
A.	Clarke	Michele	JV & Varsity Basketball Cheerleading Co-Coach	2/04/15

K. INCREASE HOURLY RATE FOR CHAIRPERSON AND BOARD OF REGISTRATION

	Position	Current Rate of Pay	New Rate of Pay	Effective Date
A.	Chairperson	\$8.50 per hour	\$9.50 per hour	2/10/15
B.	Pole Chairperson	\$8.50 per hour	\$9.50 per hour	2/10/15
C.	Inspectors	\$8.00 per hour	\$9.00 per hour	2/10/15

L. BOARD OF REGISTRATION APPOINTMENTS

	Last Name	First Name	Position	Effective Dates	Rate of Pay
A.	DeStefano	Claudia	Chairperson and Board of Registration for HCSD	2/15/15-2/14/16	\$9.50 per hour
B.	Reese	Margaret	Board of Registration for HCSD	2/15/15-2/14/16	\$9.00 per hour
C.	Schneider	Beverly	Board of Registration for HCSD	2/15/15-2/14/16	\$9.00 per hour

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M. 21ST CENTURY PROGRAM INSTRUCTOR APPOINTMENT

	Last Name	First Name	Position	Hours/Rate of Pay (not to exceed 10 hrs. per wk.)	Effective Date	Notes
A.	West	Carolyn	ASP Instructor	\$18.00 per hour	2/10/15	Funding via Community Schools Grant

N. 21ST CENTURY PROGRAM POSITION CHANGE

	Last Name	First Name	Current Position	New Position	Current Rate of Pay	New Rate of Pay	Effective Date
A.	Proper	Lori	ASP Instructor	ASP Student Helper	\$18.00 per hour	\$13.00 per hour	2/10/15

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.