

HUDSON CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
REGULAR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
FEBRUARY 23, 2015 – 6:00 P.M.
HUDSON HIGH SCHOOL LIBRARY

Minutes Meeting #15

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The regular meeting of the Hudson City School District Board of Education was held on February 23, 2015 at the Hudson High School Library, 215 Harry Howard Ave., Hudson, NY.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

PRESENT: Peter A. Rice, Jr.
Tiffany Hamilton
Maria McLaughlin
Carrie Otty

LATE ARRIVALS: Sage Carter (arrived at 6:05 p.m.)
David Kisselburgh (arrived at 6:48 p.m.)
Atia Begh, Student Rep. (arrived prior to 7pm)

ALSO PRESENT: Superintendent Maria J. Suttmeier
Coordinator of School Improvement April Prestipino
School Business Executive Robert D. Yusko, Jr.
Clerk of the Board Frieda A. Van Deusen

Ms. Hamilton made a motion, seconded by Ms. Otty, that the Board of Education accepts the Board Agenda. AGENDA ACCEPTED

Ayes – 4 Nays – 0 MOTION CARRIED

A motion was made by Ms. Hamilton, with a second by Ms. Otty, that the Board of Education open the Public Hearing to discuss the Veterans’ Alternative Exemption. PUBLIC HEARING

Ayes – 4 Nays – 0 MOTION CARRIED

Robert Yusko, School Business Executive, reviewed Real Property Tax Law, §458-a, Veterans’ Alternative Exemption, with the Board and public and also informed them that the HCSD has 602 veterans eligible to receive the exemption. The total exemption amount is \$16,740,403 which represents 1.35% of all assessed properties in the district. The hearing was opened to the public for comments or questions. Mr. Arnold Van Deusen, a Korean War veteran, spoke on behalf of several other Korean War Veterans present and asked the Board of Education to adopt the Veterans’ Alternative Exemption. Mr. Gary Flaherty, Director of Columbia County Veterans’ Assoc. and Vietnam veteran also spoke encouraging the Board to adopt the exemption on behalf of all veterans.

Board President Peter Rice read the attached resolution pursuant to Real Property Tax Law Section 458-a to adopt the Alternative Veterans’ Exemption and on a motion by Ms. Hamilton, with a second by Ms. Otty, the Board of Education adopts the Veterans’ Alternative Exemption, as attached. BOARD ADOPTS
ALTERNATIVE VETERANS’
EXEMPTION RESOLUTION

Ayes – 5 Nays – 0 MOTION CARRIED

On a motion by Ms. Hamilton, with a second by Ms. Otty, the Board of Education went into Executive Session at 6:25 p.m. to discuss Step 3 of a grievance matter. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Ayes – 5 Nays – 0 MOTION CARRIED

Board Member David Kisselburgh entered the meeting during Executive Session at 6:48 p.m.

- EXECUTIVE SESSION** On a motion by Ms. Hamilton, with a second by Mr. Kisselburgh, the Board of Education came out of Executive Session at 7:00 p.m.
 Ayes – 6 Nays – 0 MOTION CARRIED
- STUDENT REP.'S REPORT** Atia Begh, Student Representative to the Board, spoke about many upcoming events taking place in the district such as the Hudson Booster Club Rashad Barksdale Basketball Fund Raiser, Power of Peace, Dollars for Scholars Bowling Event, Volleyball Tournament, and Class of 2017 Brooks Barbecue.
- PRESENTATION – GLADYS CRUZ – QUESTAR III** Dr. Gladys Cruz, Questar III COO & Deputy Superintendent (accompanied by Joseph Garland, Questar III Board Member) presented a power point presentation on Career Pathways and distributed the Update on the New York State Diploma Requirements and Pathways along with a list of Department-Approved Alternative Examinations Acceptable for Meeting Requirements for a Local or Regents Diploma to the Board.
- CLASS OF 2016 SENIOR TRIP** Class of 2016 students Mahmuda Alam and Jenifer Rosete presented a power point presentation on Frost Valley YMCA Camp and distributed information on the Frost Valley YMCA School Programs as their proposal for the Board to consider approval of the Class of 2016 Senior Trip tentatively scheduled for April of 2016.
- CLASS OF 2016 SENIOR TRIP APPROVED** On a motion by Ms. Kisselburgh, with a second by Ms. Hamilton, the Board of Education approves the Class of 2016 Senior Trip to Frost Valley YMCA Camp.
- PERSONNEL AGENDA ITEM A** On a motion by Ms. Hamilton, with a second by Ms. Otty, the Board of Education approves personnel agenda item A, as attached.
 Ayes – 6 Nays – 0 MOTION CARRIED
- PERSONNEL AGENDA ITEM B** On a motion by Ms. Hamilton, with a second by Ms. Otty, the Board of Education approves personnel agenda item B, as attached.
 Ayes – 6 Nays – 0 MOTION CARRIED
- PERSONNEL AGENDA ITEMS C-F** On a motion by Ms. Hamilton, with a second by Ms. Otty, the Board of Education approves personnel agenda items C-F, as attached.
 Ayes – 6 Nays – 0 MOTION CARRIED
- RECOGNITION/WELCOME** There was no new staff present to welcome or recognitions to acknowledge at the meeting this evening.
- OLD BUSINESS** Committee Reports:
- Policy:** Third Reading of Policy 8400, Transportation – Revisions to the policy were noted and action taken. The next meeting of the Policy Committee will be held on March 5th at 6:00 p.m. in Central Administration.
- BOARD ADOPTS POLICY 8400** On a motion by Ms. Otty, with a second by Ms. McLaughlin, the Board of Education adopts Policy 8400, Transportation.
 Ayes – 6 Nays – 0 MOTION CARRIED
- Budget:** No report given as Mr. Yusko will discuss this topic under his Business Executive's Report.
- Audit:** No report
- Facilities:** Mr. David Kisselburgh reported that there will be a Facilities Committee meeting on March 5th at 5:00 p.m. in Central Administration.

Mr. Spicer, JLE Principal, spoke to the Board in opposition of the Audio-Visual and Media Use Policy adoption and the effect approval of the policy would have on his building since he has seen no proposals offered or additional funding for staff or games, etc. by the Board.
Linda Hopkins, parent, spoke on behalf of herself and other parents encouraging the Board to adopt the Audio-Visual and Media Use Policy with perhaps a time-limited exemption for JLE noted on the policy.

PUBLIC FORUM

2015-2016 Budget Development Update – Mr. Yusko pointed out that this year is unlike any other budget year as the Governor to date is indicating that school districts would receive aid of 1.7% and to prepare their budgets for 2015-2016 accordingly.

BUSINESS EXEC. REPORT

April Prestipino, Coordinator of School Improvement, briefly updated the Board on RtI, the K-12 Insight Survey and DCIP/SCEP.

CSI REPORT

Superintendent Suttmeier spoke in regard to the Community Schools Grant and the hiring by Columbia County Mental Health Association of Melanie Miller as Director of Community Schools Program who will start on March 9th and the hiring of 3 Coordinators and 26 instructional positions at MCSIS all funded through the grant. Ms. Miller will meet with our Administrative Team on March 10th.

SUPT.'S REPORT

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

CONSENSUS AGENDA
ITEMS A-G

Ayes – 6

Nays – 0

MOTION CARRIED

Be It Resolved, that the Board of Education approves Anthony's Banquet Hall in Leeds as the location for the Class of 2016 Senior Prom on June 4, 2016.

ANTHONY'S BANQUET
HALL APPROVED

Be It Resolved, that the Board of Education accepts the attached Hudson Junior High School Extra-Curricular Account Monthly Financial Reports for the months of November and December 2014.

JRHS EXTRA-CURRICULAR
FINANCIAL REPORTS

Be It Resolved, that the Board of Education accepts the attached Hudson Senior High School Extra-Curricular Account Monthly Financial Reports for the months of November and December 2014.

SRHS EXTRA-CURRICULAR
FINANCIAL REPORTS

Be It Resolved, that the Board of Education accepts the attached Hudson Senior High School Extra-Curricular Clubs' Bi-Annual Reports.

HHS EXTRA-CURR.CLUBS'
BI-ANNUAL REPORTS

Be It Resolved, that the Board of Education approves the attached Affiliation Agreement with Bard College Dream to Achieve Program to promote higher education among Hudson students, effective for the 2014-2015 school year through June 30, 2015, at no cost to the district.

BARD COLLEGE
AFFILIATION AGREEMENT

Be It Resolved, that the Board of Education recognizes the Hudson Teaching Assistant Association as the exclusive bargaining representative for unit members employed by the District in the title of Teaching Assistant.

HUDSON TEACHING
ASSISTANT ASSOCIATION
RECOGNIZED

Be It Resolved, that the Board of Education arranges for placement of students with disabilities (CSE and CPSE meetings held on February 10, 11, 12, 2015)

CSE AND CPSE
PLACEMENTS

New Business – Sage Carter will be attending the NYSSBA Capital Conference in Albany on March 15 and 16.

NEW BUSINESS

Public Forum – Mr. Spicer invited Board Members to come to the JLE building to meet with him and tour the building.

PUBLIC FORUM

Upcoming Meeting Dates

UPCOMING MEETINGS

BOE Meetings/Training Dates:

Monday, March 9 – Budget Workshop at 6 p.m. – HHS Library

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

Monday, March 23 – Budget Workshop at 6-6:30 p.m. – HHS Library

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

Committee Meetings:

None scheduled

EXECUTIVE SESSION

On a motion by Ms. Hamilton, with a second by Mr. Kisselburgh, the Board of Education went into Executive Session at 8:10 p.m. to discuss the employment history of a particular person.

Ayes – 6

Nays – 0

MOTION CARRIED

The Board of Education came out of Executive Session at 8:24 p.m. on a motion by Mr. Rice with a second by Ms. Hamilton.

Ayes – 6

Nays – 0

MOTION CARRIED

ADJOURNMENT

The Board of Education meeting was adjourned at 8:24 p.m. on a motion by Mr. Rice with a second by Ms. Hamilton.

Ayes – 6

Nays – 0

MOTION CARRIED

HUMAN RESOURCES

Personnel Agenda

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8.

A. EXTEND UNPAID FMLA

	Last Name	First Name	Position	Location	Current End Date	Extended End Date	Notes
A.	Zucker	Mollie	Teaching Assistant	MCSIS	2/24/15	3/03/15	Extend Unpaid FMLA

B. CREATE AFTERSCHOOL INSTRUCTIONAL SUPPORT PROGRAM POSITIONS

	Positions	Location	Hours/Rate of Pay	Effective Dates	Notes
A.	26 Instructional Positions 2- Enrichment 2- 4 th Grade Science 11-ELA 11-Math	MCSIS	One hour per week for 15 weeks @ \$47/hr. and eight hours of professional development @ \$42/hr.	TBD	Funding via Community Schools Grant

C. SUPPORT STAFF HOURLY RATE CORRECTION

	Last Name	First Name	Position	Current Rate of Pay	Corrected Rate of Pay	Effective Date
A.	Howe	Kira	Teaching Assistant	\$11.24 per hr.	\$14.72 per hr.	1/23/15
B.	Keyser	Kayla	Teaching Assistant	\$11.24 per hr.	\$14.72 per hr.	1/08/15

D. SUBSTITUTE STAFF APPOINTMENTS

	Last Name	First Name	Position	Certification	Rate of Pay	Effective Date
A.	Getty	Sharon	Substitute Teacher	Certified/Retired	\$100.00 per day	2/24/15
B.	Risch	Karen	Substitute Teacher	Certified/Retired	\$100.00 per day	2/24/15

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C.	MacDonald	Nathaniel	Substitute Teacher Substitute Teaching Assistant	Non-Certified	\$70.00 per day \$10.83 per hour	2/24/15
D.	Rogers	Rebecca	Substitute Teacher Substitute Teaching Assistant	Non-Certified	\$70.00 per day \$10.83 per hour	2/24/15
E.	Reardon	Shannon	Substitute Teacher Aide	N/A	\$9.00 per hour	2/24/15
F.	Hamm	Kelsey	Substitute Teaching Assistant	Certified TA	\$10.83 per hour	2/24/15

E. EX-CURRICULAR SPORTS APPOINTMENTS*

	Last Name	First Name	Position	Season	Stipend	Effective Date
A.	Jefferson	Dicel	Modified Track	Spring	\$2623.	2/24/15
B.	Benson	Chelsea	Girls' Varsity Track Volunteer	Spring	\$-0-	2/24/15

F. 21ST CENTURY PROGRAM STUDENT HELPER APPOINTMENT

	Last Name	First Name	Position	Hours/Rate of Pay (not to exceed 25 hrs. per wk.)	Effective Date	Notes
A.	Elliott	Andrew	ASP Student Helper	\$9.00 per hour	2/24/15	Funding via 21 st Century Grant

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.**