

**HASTINGS-ON-HUDSON
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
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MONDAY, JANUARY 26, 2009

7:00 P.M.	Meeting Called to Order. Board Adjourns to Executive Session in District Conference Room to discuss specific personnel matters.
8:00 P.M.	Meeting Reconvenes in John J. Russell Lecture Room.

A G E N D A

BOARD OF EDUCATION

Eric Sweeting, President
Gabrielle Lesser, Vice President
Eileen Baecher
Caryn Campbell
Lindsey Hicks
Donna Laing
Jodie Meyer

ADMINISTRATION

Robert I. Shaps, Superintendent of Schools
Maureen Caraballo, Treasurer

DISTRICT CLERK

Franziska H. Goodman

STUDENT LIAISON REPRESENTATIVE

Lena Street

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. REPORT FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

III. ANNOUNCEMENTS

January	26	Farragut Middle School Parent Liaison Meeting – Lloyd Library	6:45 P.M.
January	26	Board of Education Meeting – John J. Russell Lecture Room	8:00 P.M.
January	27-30	Hastings High School Mid Terms, Regents and RCT Exams	
January	30	2 nd Quarter Ends	
January	30	Grades 7 & 8 Winter SnowFest Dance – Farragut Complex Cafeteria	7:00 P.M.
February	4	Early Release Day – All Students Dismissed	1:00 P.M.
February	6-7	Grades 7 & 8 Play <i>Bad Behavior</i> – Farragut Middle School Auditorium	7:00 P.M.
February	9	Hillside Parent Liaison Meeting – Hillside Café	6:45 P.M.
February	9	Board of Education Meeting – John J. Russell Lecture Room	8:00 P.M.
February	9-13	Kindergarten Registration for 2009-2010 School Year	9:00 A.M.
February	16-17	Mid Winter Recess – Schools & Offices Closed	

IV. PERSONNEL

P.1 Recommendation to accept the resignation of **Patricia M. Spana**, for retirement purposes, effective April 13, 2009. (Bd. Enc.)

P.2 Recommendation to accept the resignation of **Barbara M. Hilsenroth** Senior Office Assistant – Automated Systems, effective January 28, 2009. (Bd. Enc.)

P.3 Recommendation to rescind the **Sue Horowitz**'s Schedule B appointment as Middle School Lunch Supervisor for the 2008-2009 school year, effective January 30, 2009. (Bd. Enc.)

P.4 Recommendation to appoint the following individual(s) to Schedule B positions for the 2008-2009 school year:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>POSITION</u>	<u>STEP</u>	<u>STIPEND</u>
Gina Menendez	MS Lunch Supervisor	n/a	\$1,559.50*

*Prorated Amount

P.5 Recommendation to amend the Schedule B appointment of **Dennis Kiely** as Assistant Varsity Indoor Track Coach for the 2008-2009 school year to Step 8 at the Stipend amount of \$4,577.00.

P.6 Recommendation to amend the Schedule B appointment of **Tim O'Brien** as JV Girls Basketball Coach for the 2008-2009 school year from Step 1 to Step 8.

P.7 Recommendation to appoint **Annette Melillo** to the probationary 10-month position of Office Assistant – Automated Systems, Column VI, Step 5, effective January 27, 2009. The probationary period for this appointment will be January 27, 2009 through January 26, 2010. (Bd. Enc.)

P.8 WHEREAS, on January 26, 2009, it was determined that a vacancy exists for a substitute teacher for the 2008-2009 school year, which will be integral to Hastings-on-Hudson's operations in the 2008-2009 school year; and (Bd. Enc.)

WHEREAS, the Board has identified **Merrill Wheaton** as a qualified candidate and wishes to appoint her to a substitute teacher position for the 2008-2009 school year, effective January 26, 2009; and

WHEREAS, Merrill Wheaton, as a new hire, has already submitted to a background check and obtained clearance from the State Education Department.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the Board has identified Merrill Wheaton as a qualified candidate and wishes to appoint her to the position of substitute teacher for the 2008-2009 school year, effective January 26, 2009.

P.9 WHEREAS, on January 26, 2009, it was determined that a vacancy exists for a substitute teacher for the 2008-2009 school year, which will be integral to Hastings-on-Hudson's operations in the 2008-2009 school year; and (Bd. Enc.)

WHEREAS, the Board has identified **Melanie G. Whalen** as a qualified candidate and wishes to appoint her to a substitute teacher position for the 2008-2009 school year, effective January 26, 2009; and

WHEREAS, Melanie G. Whalen, as a new hire, has already submitted to a background check and obtained clearance from the State Education Department.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the Board has identified Melanie G. Whalen as a qualified candidate and wishes to appoint her to the position of substitute teacher for the 2008-2009 school year, effective January 26, 2009.

P.10 WHEREAS, on January 26, 2009 it was determined that a vacancy exists for a substitute teacher for the 2008-2009 school year, which will be integral to Hastings-on-Hudson's operations in the 2008-2009 school year; and (Bd.Enc.)

WHEREAS, the Board has identified **Jamie Winnick** as a qualified candidate and wishes to appoint her to a substitute teacher position for the 2008-2009 school year, effective January 26, 2009; and

WHEREAS, Jamie Winnick, as a new hire, is required by state law to submit to a background check and obtain clearance from the State Education Department before being eligible for employment; and

WHEREAS, Jamie Winnick has not yet obtained such clearance, but has attested to the fact that she has never been convicted of a crime.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. The Board hereby resolves to conditionally appoint Jamie Winnick on an emergency basis to the position of substitute teacher for the 2008-2009 school year, subject to such limitations as are set forth in Board Policy #6170.
2. Upon receipt of notice from the State Education Department that Jamie Winnick has obtained conditional clearance, her emergency status shall be changed to conditional status. Upon receipt of notice that she has obtained full clearance, her conditional status shall be removed, she shall no longer be subject to Board Policy #6170, and she shall be accorded the same status and seniority as if she had possessed such clearance as of the date of her conditional appointment.

- 3. In the event that clearance is denied, the Board shall reconvene to ascertain what steps, if any, shall be taken with regard to Jamie Winnick’s continued employment by the Board.

V. PUBLIC HEARING

When speaking at Board meetings, please state your name and address. Any persons wishing to address the Board should confine their remarks to three minutes. Each speaker is allowed one comment on an issue until all others have been heard.

VI. CURRICULUM & INSTRUCTION

C&I.1 Special Education (*Deborah Augarten*) (Bd. Enc.)

VII. MINUTES

VIII. COMMITTEE REPORTS

C.1 Health & Safety / Wellness Committee (Lindsey Hicks / Jodie Meyer)

C.2 Operations Committee (Gabrielle Lesser / Jodie Meyer)

C.3 Policy Committee (Donna Laing / Lindsey Hicks / Eric Sweeting)

C.4 Student/Board of Education Liaison Committee (Jodie Meyer / Donna Laing / Caryn Campbell)

IX. BUSINESS

B.1 Recommendation to approve the following Committee on Preschool Special Education recommendations for the 2008-2009 school year: (Bd. Enc.)

#7408 #7412

B.2 Recommendation to approve the following Committee on Special Education recommendations for the 2008-2009 school year: (Bd. Enc.)

#99-020	#6819	#6844
#99-015	#7341	
#5846	#93-001	
#6907	#6207	
#7176	#96-022	

- B.3 Recommendation to accept the health insurance settlement agreement dated January 21, 2009. (Bd. Enc.)
- B.4 Recommendation to add AIG as a new 403b Service Provider.
- B.5 Recommendation to accept the Revenue and Expenditure Reports for December 2008. (Bd. Enc.)
- B.6 Recommendation to approve a budget transfer for the 2008-2009 school year. (Bd. Enc.)
- B.7 Recommendation to accept the Treasurer’s Reports for October and November 2008. (Bd. Enc.)

X. OTHER BUSINESS

Old Business – Board of Education

- O.B.1 Recommendation to adopt Non-Instructional/Business Operations Policy #5711: Idling School Buses on School Grounds (second reading & adoption). (Bd. Enc.)

Old Business – Audience to Board of Education

New Business – Board of Education

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XI. MEETING SUMMARY

ADJOURNMENT