

**HASTINGS-ON-HUDSON
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
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MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 2007

7:15 P.M.	Executive Session in the 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

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STUDENT LIAISON REPRESENTATIVE

Rebecca Gourevitch

- I. CALL TO ORDER**
- II. REPORT FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT**
- III. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

		Grade 12 Parents/Guidance Breakfast Meeting – HHS Auditorium	7:30 am
September	21	Hillside Parent Liaison Meeting – Hillside Cafe	6:45 pm
September	24	Board of Education Meeting – Russell Lecture Room	
		- Executive Session	7:15 pm
		- Regular Meeting	8:00 pm
September	25	Grade 11 Parents/Guidance Breakfast Meeting – HHS Auditorium	7:30 am
September	26	Senior Alternatives Information Meeting for Grade 12 Parents – HHS Auditorium	7:00 pm
September	26-28	Grade 6 trip to Nature’s Classroom	
September	27	Grades K-2 Back-to-School Night – Hillside	7:00 pm
September	29	Harlem Wizards v. Hastings faculty & parents – Cochran Gym	5:00 & 8:00 pm
October	1	Board of Education Policy Committee Meeting	7:30 am
October	2	Grade 10 Parents/Guidance Breakfast Meeting – HHS Lobby	7:30 am
October	4	Peer Leadership Freshman Retreat	
October	5-7	HOME COMING 2007	
		Friday:	
		HHS Pep Rally – Cochran Gym	2:04 pm
		Boys Modified Soccer vs. Valhalla@Hastings – Burke Field	4:15 pm
		Modified Volleyball vs. Rye Neck@Hastings – Cochran Gym	4:15 pm
		Modified Field Hockey vs. Rye Neck@Rye Neck (Daniel Warren Elem)	4:15 pm
		Modified Cross Country Track vs. Harrison@Harrison	4:15 pm
		Varsity Field Hockey vs. Byram Hills@Hastings – Old Burke Field	4:30 pm
		JV Field Hockey vs. Byram Hills@Byram Hills	6:00 pm
		Saturday:	
		Alumni Association General Meeting – HHS Auditorium	11:00 am
		Boys Varsity Soccer vs. Dobbs Ferry@Hastings – Burke Field	2:00 pm
		Varsity Football vs. Irvington@Hastings – Reynolds Field	3:00 pm
		Homecoming Dance	7:00 pm

October	8	Columbus Day – Schools and Offices Closed	
October	11	HHS Back-to-School Night	7:00 pm
October	13	“Navigating the College Process” Workshop – HHS Auditorium	9:00 am
October	15	HHS Parent Liaison Meeting – Room 225	6:45 pm
October	15	Board of Education Meeting – Russell Lecture Room	
		- Executive Session	7:15 pm
		- Regular Meeting	8:00 pm

IV. PERSONNEL

P.1 WHEREAS, on September 24, it was determined that a vacancy exists (Bd. Enc.) for a 1.0 FTE probationary position as a Director of Special Education Services for the 2007-2008 school year which will be integral to Hastings-on-Hudson’s operations; and

WHEREAS, the Board has identified **Deborah Augarten** as a qualified candidate and wishes to appoint her to a Director of Special Education Services position for the 2007-2008 school year, effective October 15, 2007; and

WHEREAS, Deborah Augarten, 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, Deborah Augarten 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 Deborah Augarten on an emergency basis to the probationary position of Director of Special Education Services, for the 2007-2008 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 Deborah Augarten 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 Deborah Augarten’s continued employment by the Board.

Tenure Area:	Director of Special Education Services
Salary Placement:	Dir. Special Ed Svcs, Step 13
Date of Commencement of Probationary Service:	October 15, 2007
Date of Expiration of Probationary Service:	October 14, 2010
Anticipated Tenure Date:	October 15, 2010
Certification Status	Provisional

- P.2 Recommendation to accept the resignation of **Laurie Verdeschi**, effective September 24, 2007. (Bd. Enc.)

- P.3 Recommendation to rescind the Schedule B appointment of **Keith Abrams**, as Elementary Play Director for the 2007-2008 school year, effective September 1, 2007.

- P.4 Recommendation to rescind the Schedule B appointment of **Stefanie Denison**, as Hillside Student Government co-Advisor for the 2007-2008 school year, effective September 1, 2007.

- P.5 Recommendation to rescind the Schedule B appointment of **Laurie Verdeschi**, as MS Environmental Club Advisor for the 2007-2008 school year, effective September 24, 2007.

- P.6 Recommendation to rescind the Schedule B appointment of **Stephen Yurek**, as Middle School Chess Club Advisor for the 2007-2008 school year, effective September 7, 2007.

- P.7 Recommendation to amend the Schedule B appointment of **Wendy Naidich** as Senior Alternatives Advisor for the 2007-2008 school year to Senior Alternatives co-Advisor for the 2007-2008 school year, at a stipend of \$2,500.

- P.8 Recommendation to appoint the following individuals to Schedule B positions for the 2007-2008 school year:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>POSITION</u>	<u>STEP</u>	<u>STIPEND</u>
Caroline Atanacio	Senior Alternatives co-Advisor Second Semester only	n/a	Release time (.1 FTE)
Dennis Kiely	Modified Winter Track Coach	8	\$3,093
Krista Lifrieri	Hillside Student Gov't co-advisor	1	\$677
Andrew Lubitz	MS Lunchroom Supervisor	n/a	\$3,008
Jocelyn Perez	MS Lunchroom Supervisor	n/a	\$3,008
Jane Quinn	MS Environmental Club Advisor	1	\$1,448
Mary Trainor	MS After School Art Open Studio Advisor	1	\$1,543

P.9 WHEREAS, on September 24, 2007 it was determined that a (Bd. Enc.)
vacancy exists for a Schedule B Elementary School Musical Director
and a Schedule B Elementary School Play Director for the 2007-
2008 school year, which will be integral to Hastings-on-Hudson's
operations in the 2007-2008 school year; and

WHEREAS, the Board has identified **Tracy Allan** as a qualified
candidate and wishes to appoint him to Schedule B positions as an
Elementary School Musical Director and an Elementary School Play
Director for the 2007-2008 school year; and

WHEREAS, Tracy Allan, 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, Tracy Allan has not yet obtained such clearance, but
has attested to the fact that he has never been convicted of a crime.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. The Board hereby resolves to conditionally appoint Tracy
Allan on an emergency basis to the Schedule B positions of
Elementary School Musical Director and Elementary School
Play Director, for the 2007-2008 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 Tracy Allan has obtained conditional clearance, his
emergency status shall be changed to conditional status.
Upon receipt of notice that he has obtained full clearance, his
conditional status shall be removed, he shall no longer be
subject to Board Policy #6170, and he shall be accorded the
same status and seniority as if he had possessed such
clearance as of the date of his 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 Tracy Allan's continued employment by the Board.

P.10 WHEREAS, on September 24, 2007 it was determined that a (Bd. Enc.)
vacancy exists for a substitute teacher, for the 2007-2008 school
year, which will be integral to Hastings-on-Hudson's operations in
the 2007-2008 school year; and

WHEREAS, the Board has identified **Kellie Carlson** as a qualified
candidate and wishes to appoint her to a substitute teacher position
for the 2007-2008 school year, effective September 25, 2007; and

WHEREAS, Kellie Carlson, 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, Kellie Carlson 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 Kellie
Carlson on an emergency basis to the position of substitute
teacher, for the 2007-2008 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 Kellie Carlson 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 Kellie Carlson's continued employment by the
Board.

P.11 WHEREAS, at previous meetings, the Board of Education of the (Bd. Enc.)
Hastings-on-Hudson Union Free School District appointed the
following employees to various positions on an emergency basis,
consistent with Board Policy #6170; and

WHEREAS, by statute, such emergency appointments expire after
twenty (20) business days after such appointment or upon receipt of
conditional clearance by the State Education Department, whichever
occurs sooner; and

WHEREAS, the emergency appointment period is set to expire for these employees; and

WHEREAS, these employees are in positions that are integral to the proper functioning of the District;

BE IT RESOLVED, that the emergency appointments of the following employees are extended and renewed until October 23, 2007:

Kyle Falvey
Jeanette Kocur
Albana Krasniqi
Karen S. Pak

Binny Tercek
Arlyne Tessler
Haxhere "Sherry" Veseli
Melissa Vigada

V. CURRICULUM & INSTRUCTION

C&I.1 World Language C.I.A.C. Document (Bd. Enc.)

C&I.2 Curriculum & Assessment Report

VI. 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.

VII. MINUTES

M.1 Recommendation to accept the minutes of the September 10, 2007 Regular Meeting. (Bd. Enc.)

M.2 Recommendation to accept the amended minutes of the August 20, 2007 Regular Meeting. (Bd. Enc.)

VIII. COMMITTEE REPORTS

C.1 Finance Committee (Gabrielle Lesser/Eileen Baecher/Caryn Campbell)

C.2 Community Leaders Group (Eric Sweeting/Mary Wirth/Eileen Baecher)

C.3 Village Safety Council (Mary Wirth)

IX. BUSINESS

- B.1 Recommendation to authorize Vice President & Board Trustee Gabrielle Lesser to attend the New York State School Boards Association's 11th Annual Pre-Convention "School Law Seminar" being held on October 25, 2007 at the Sheraton New York Hotel & Towers in New York City. (Bd. Enc.)
- B.2 Recommendation to approve the following Committee on Special Education recommendation for the 2007-2008 school year:
#90-017 (Bd. Enc.)
- B.3 Recommendation to approve a financial advisory services agreement with Capital Markets Advisors, LLC for the 2007-2008 school year, and to authorize the Superintendent to execute the contract. (Bd. Enc.)
- B.4 Recommendation to accept the Treasurer's Report for July 2007. (Bd. Enc.)
- B.5 Recommendation to accept the Revenue & Expenditure Reports for July and August 2007. (Bd. Enc.)
- B.6 Recommendation to establish a Farragut Middle School/Hastings High School Performing Arts Booster Club in accordance with Board of Education Policy No.: 3260 for the 2007-2008 school year. (Bd. Enc.)
- B.7 Recommendation to approve a speech-language pathology services agreement with Northern Westchester Center for Speech Disorders for the 2007-2008 school year, and to authorize the Superintendent to execute the contract. (Bd. Enc.)
- B.8 Recommendation to amend the contract with Everyday Mathematics consultant Jennifer Ashe Quinn, to include a half-day teacher demonstration lesson at a fee not to exceed \$300.00. (Bd. Enc.)

X. OTHER BUSINESS

Old Business – Board of Education

O.B.1 NYSBBA Annual Business Meeting

Old Business – Audience to Board of Education

New Business – Board of Education

N.B.1 Westchester-Putnam School Boards Association's 2007 (Bd. Enc.)
NYSSBA Proposed Resolutions

New Business – Audience to Board of Education

XI. MEETING SUMMARY

ADJOURNMENT