

**HASTINGS-ON-HUDSON  
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING  
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**MONDAY, JANUARY 8, 2007**

<b>6:00 P.M.</b>	<b>Executive Session in the District Conference Room to discuss specific personnel matters</b>
<b>8:00 P.M.</b>	<b>Meeting Reconvenes in John J. Russell Lecture Room</b>

***A G E N D A***

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**STUDENT LIAISON REPRESENTATIVE**

Rebecca Gourevitch

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

**II. CURRICULUM & INSTRUCTION**

C&I.1 Discussion: Guidance Department (Bd. Enc.)

C&I.2 Discussion: Superintendent's Entry Plan

**III. UPCOMING EVENTS**

January	8	Board of Education Meeting – Russell Lecture Room	8:00 pm
January	11	Grade 11 Parent's Meeting – HHS Auditorium	7:00 pm
January	11&13	HHS Play: "The Laramie Project" – HHS Auditorium	7:30 pm
January	15	Schools Closed – Martin Luther King, Jr. Birthday	
January	16	Superintendent's Arts Advisory Committee Meeting	3:30 pm
January	17	Board of Education Policy Committee Meeting	8:00 pm
January	18	Student/Board of Education Liaison Committee Meeting – Lloyd Library	7:30 am
January	19	Board of Education Facilities Committee Meeting – District Conference Room	7:45 am

#### IV. PERSONNEL

- P.1 Recommendation to appoint **Eszter Fejer-Kui** to a 1.0 FTE probationary position as an Elementary Teacher, effective January 9, 2007 as follows: (Bd. Enc.)

Tenure Area:	Elementary K-6
Salary Placement:	MA + 40, Step 5
Date of Commencement of Probationary Service:	September 1, 2006
Date of Expiration of Probationary Service:	June 30, 2009
Anticipated Tenure Date:	September 1, 2009*
Certification Status	Provisional

\*Leave Replacement service since September 1, 2006 applied toward tenure.

- P.2 WHEREAS, on January 8, 2007, it was determined that a vacancy exists for a leave replacement Elementary School Special Education teacher during the 2006-2007 school year, effective December 21, 2006 through February 16, 2007, which will be integral to Hastings-on-Hudson's operations in the 2006-2007 school year; and (Bd. Enc.)

WHEREAS, the Board has identified **Jeanette E. Moore** as a qualified candidate and wishes to appoint her to a 1.0 FTE leave replacement position as an Elementary School Special Education teacher, effective December 21, 2006 through February 16, 2006; and

WHEREAS, Jeanette E. Moore, 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, Jeanette E. Moore 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 Jeanette E. Moore on an emergency basis to the 1.0 FTE leave replacement position of Elementary School Special Education teacher for the 2006-2007 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 Jeanette E. Moore 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 Jeanette E. Moore's continued employment by the Board.

Tenure Area:	n/a
Salary Placement:	BA + 30, Step 1
Date of Commencement of Probationary Service:	n/a

Date of Expiration of Probationary Service:	n/a
Anticipated Tenure Date:	n/a
Certification Status	Provisional

P.3 Recommendation to appoint the following individual to a Schedule B position for the 2006-2007 school year:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>POSITION</u>	<u>STEP</u>	<u>STIPEND</u>
Marc Zelmanowicz	Dance Team	1	\$1,489

P.4 Recommendation to appoint **Alexis E. Malaszuk** as a permanent substitute teacher for the 2006-2007 school year, effective January 9, 2007. (Bd. Enc.)

P.5 WHEREAS, on January 8, 2007 it was determined that a vacancy exists for a substitute teacher, for the 2006-2007 school year, which will be integral to Hastings-on-Hudson’s operations in the 2006-2007 school year; and (Bd. Enc.)

WHEREAS, the Board has identified **Ross Polansky** as a qualified candidate and wishes to appoint him to a substitute teacher position for the 2006-2007 school year, effective January 9, 2007 and

WHEREAS, Ross Polansky, 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, Ross Polansky 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 Ross Polansky on an emergency basis to the position of substitute teacher, for the 2006-2007 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 Ross Polansky 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 Ross Polansky’s continued employment by the Board.

P.6 Recommendation to amend the probationary position of **Travis Thornton** as Teacher Aide, 10 month, Column III, Step 1 from 27.5 to 30.5 hours per week effective January 8, 2007. (Bd. Enc.)

P.7 WHEREAS, at previous meetings, the Board of Education of the 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 February 6, 2007:

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| Rosinna Aviles     | Nicole LaVista    |
| Majid Benarafa     | Jody Lyn          |
| Tanya Bobson       | Brendan Mannion   |
| Janice Bochicchio  | Charles Marion    |
| Kelly Clark        | Robert Matos      |
| Eileen Cruz        | Stephanie Mayer   |
| Matthew Dachik     | Gina Menendez     |
| Victoria DiSalvo   | Elana Militzok    |
| Lauren Dwyer       | Kristen Morgan    |
| Eszter Fejer-Kui   | Vicki Moss        |
| John Feinstein     | Barbara Prisament |
| David Freedman     | Sandra Ruscitto   |
| Gina Gerdes        | Randy Shaw        |
| Lesley Gold        | Holly Silvestri   |
| Michael Ingram     | Merle Sternberg   |
| Bernard Keating    | Travis Thornton   |
| Kristine Kesselman | Juan Villamar     |
| Jeanette Kocur     | Eryn Wagner       |
| Krista Lifrieri    | Laurie Walton     |

**V. BUSINESS**

B.1 Recommendation to approve the following Committee on (Bd. Enc.)  
Preschool Special Education recommendations for the 2006-2007  
school year: #7115 #7116 #6599 #02-006

B.2 Recommendation to approve the following Committee on (Bd. Enc.)  
Special Education recommendations for the 2006-2007 school  
year: #99-020 #7068 #6717 #99-007  
#97-023 #5400 #6818 #96-031  
#92-034 #5910 #00-020

- B.3 Recommendation to approve programs and fees for visiting artists as proposed by the Committee on Cultural Arts for the 2006-2007 school year. (Bd. Enc.)
- B.4 Recommendation to write off two outstanding receivables: (Bd. Enc.)
  - 1) Special Aid Fund - \$9,732 reimbursement for summer program for handicapped pupils from 2001-02 as recommended by the auditor in the management letter, and
  - 2) General Fund - \$4,873.58 for a portion of a student’s tuition for the period of 2005-06 when he did not attend school.
- B.5 BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Hastings School District hereby consents to the merger of the Hastings Girls Swimming Team with the Girls Swimming Team of the Ardsley School District for the 2007-2008 school year; and be it further (Bd. Enc.)
 

RESOLVED, that the President of the Board of Education and the Superintendent of Schools are hereby authorized to execute the Letter of Intent of such merger.
- B.6 BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Hastings School District hereby consents to the merger of the Hastings Boys Swimming Team with the Boys Swimming Team of the Ardsley School District for the 2007-2008 school year; and be it further (Bd. Enc.)
 

RESOLVED, that the President of the Board of Education and the Superintendent of Schools are hereby authorized to execute the Letter of Intent of such merger.
- B.7 Recommendation to accept the Treasurer’s Report for November 2006. (Bd. Enc.)
- B.8 Recommendation to accept a donation of \$1,000.00 from Joel Dean Jr. to fund the annual \$500.00 Professor Joel Dean Prize. (Bd. Enc.)

**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.

**ADJOURNMENT**