

**HASTINGS-ON-HUDSON
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
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MONDAY, APRIL 9, 2007

7:15 P.M.	Executive Session in Hillside Conference Room to discuss specific personnel matters
8:00 P.M.	Meeting Reconvenes in Hillside Cafe

A G E N D A

BOARD OF EDUCATION

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Caryn Campbell
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DISTRICT CLERK

Nancy S. Caruso, District Clerk
David I. Hayes, Assistant District Clerk

STUDENT LIAISON REPRESENTATIVE

Rebecca Gourevitch

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. REPORT FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

III. ANNOUNCEMENTS

April	2-6	Spring Recess – Schools and Offices are closed	
April	9	High School PTSA Liaison Meeting – HHS Room 223	6:45 pm
April	9	HHS Parent Liaison Meeting – Room 225	6:45 pm
April	9	Board of Education Meeting – Hillside Café	8:00 pm
April	13	Amnesty International OxFam Hunger Banquet – HHS Cafeteria	6:30 pm
April	17	Joint Village Board/Board of Education Subcommittee Meeting – Russell Lecture Room	8:00 pm
April	20	Hillside Earth Day Assembly – All-Purpose Room	10:30 am
April	20-21	Grade 5/6 Musical – FMS Auditorium	7:00 pm
April	23-27	“Walk to School Week” sponsored by the High School Student Union	
April	24	Board of Education Meeting – Russell Lecture Room	8:00 pm

IV. PERSONNEL

P.1 Recommendation to accept the resignation of **Robert Tucker**, for retirement purposes, effective March 23, 2007. (Bd. Enc.)

P.2 Recommendation to accept the resignation of **Arlene Celli**, for retirement purposes, effective June 30, 2007. (Bd. Enc.)

P.3 WHEREAS, on April 9, 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 **Donna Nava** as a qualified candidate and wishes to appoint her to a substitute teacher position for the 2006-2007 school year, effective April 10, 2007; and

WHEREAS, Donna Nava, 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, Donna Nava 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 Donna Nava 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 Donna Nava 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 Donna Nava's continued employment by the Board.

P.4 WHEREAS, on April 9, 2007 it was determined that a vacancy exists for a substitute teacher aide/substitute clerical aide, 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 **Melissa Vigada** as a qualified candidate and wishes to appoint her to a substitute teacher aide/substitute clerical aide position for the 2006-2007 school year, effective April 10, 2007; and

WHEREAS, Melissa Vigada, 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, Melissa Vigada 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 Melissa Vigada on an emergency basis to the position of substitute teacher aide/substitute clerical aide, 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 Melissa Vigada 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 Melissa Vigada's continued employment by the Board.

P. 5 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 (Bd. Enc.)

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 May 7, 2007:

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| Janice Bochicchio | Judith Sanseverino |
| Mariana Cintron | Merle Sternberg |
| Jo-Ann Findel | Binny Tercek |
| Kristine Kesselman | Arlyne Tessler |
| Jeanette Kocur | Juan Villamar |
| Adina L. Ruskin | Eryn Wagner |

V. CURRICULUM & INSTRUCTION

- C&I.1 2007-2008 Budget Discussions (Bd. Enc.)
- C&I.2 Hillside Schedule

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. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- C.1 Student/Board of Education Liaison Committee (Lindsey Hicks/Patricia Anne Woods/Caryn Campbell)

VIII. BUSINESS

- B.1 Recommendation that the District Clerk place the following proposition on the voting machine for the Annual Meeting on May 15, 2007:

“Shall the Board of Education of the Hastings-on-Hudson Union Free School District, Town of Greenburgh, New York, be authorized to expend the sums set forth for the 2007-2008 Annual Budget in the total amount of \$39,936,564.00 and to levy the necessary tax therefore?”

- B.2 The Board of Education hereby ratifies and confirms the Information contained on the Property Tax Report Card. (Bd. Enc.)

B.3 WHEREAS, lawsuits have been commenced to challenge the assessments on the property currently owned by 15 Spring St. Realty, LLC, f/k/a Sinatra Funeral Home, Inc., having a street address of 15 Spring Street, Hastings-on-Hudson, New York and designated and described as Sheet 12, Block 0630, Lot 30 on the Tax Maps and Assessment Rolls of the Town of Greenburgh for assessment years of 2002 through 2006; and (Bd. Enc.)

WHEREAS, the Hastings-on-Hudson Union Free School District, through the Deputy Town Attorney, appeared in the pending litigation to protect the interests of the School District; and

WHEREAS, several meetings were held with the attorney for the petitioner and the Deputy Town Attorney for the Town of Greenburgh, and various settlement proposals were discussed at length prior to arriving at a tentative settlement; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that in the best interests of the School District to settle this law suit with the following reductions in assessed values:

<u>Year</u>	<u>Assessed Value</u>	<u>New Assessed Value</u>	<u>Reduction</u>
2002	\$38,000	\$32,500	\$ 5,500
2003	\$38,000	\$31,000	\$ 7,000
2004	\$38,000	\$28,400	\$ 9,600
2005	\$38,000	\$27,300	\$10,700
2006	\$38,000	\$25,700	\$12,300

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Deputy Town Attorney is authorized to execute a Stipulation, Consent Judgment and any other relevant settlement documents consistent with this Resolution on behalf of the respondent-intervener, the Hastings-on-Hudson Union Free School District

B.4 WHEREAS, lawsuits have been commenced to challenge the assessments on the property currently owned by Jack Saw, LLC, f/k/a One Jackson Ave., LLC, having a street address of 1 Jackson Avenue, Hastings-on-Hudson, New York and designated and described as Volumn 8, Sheet 53A, P64 on the Tax Maps and Assessment Rolls of the Town of Greenburgh for assessment years of 2005 and 2006; and (Bd. Enc.)

WHEREAS, the Hastings-on-Hudson Union Free School District, through the Deputy Town Attorney, appeared in the pending litigation to protect the interests of the School District; and WHEREAS, several meetings were held with the attorney for the petitioner and the Deputy Town Attorney for the Town of Greenburgh, and various settlement proposals were discussed at

length prior to arriving at a tentative settlement; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that in the best interests of the School District to settle this law suit with the following reductions in assessed values:

<u>Year</u>	<u>Assessed Value</u>	<u>New Assessed Value</u>	<u>Reduction</u>
2005	\$145,450	\$60,450	\$85,000
2006	\$145,450	\$58,000	\$87,450

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Deputy Town Attorney is authorized to execute a Stipulation, Consent Judgment and any other relevant settlement documents consistent with this Resolution on behalf of the respondent-intervener, the Hastings-on-Hudson Union Free School District.

IX. OTHER BUSINESS

Old Business – Board of Education

O.B.1 Q&A EXCEL Aid Projects

Old Business – Audience to Board of Education

New Business – Board of Education

New Business – Audience to Board of Education

ADJOURNMENT