

HASTINGS-ON-HUDSON BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING
Monday, June 19, 2006

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of the Hastings-on-Hudson Union Free School District, Town of Greenburgh, County of Westchester, N.Y., held in the John J. Russell Lecture Room at the Farragut Complex on Monday evening, June 19, 2006. Present were Trustees Mary Wirth, Eric Sweeting, Patricia Anne Woods, Iris Hiskey Arno, Gabrielle Lesser, Lindsey Hicks and Caryn Campbell. Also present were Dr. John J. Russell, Superintendent of Schools, John L. Chow, Assistant Superintendent of Business Operations & Finance, Rebecca Gourevitch, Student Liaison, Nancy S. Caruso, District Clerk, and guests.

CALL TO ORDER:

Board of Education President Mary Wirth called the meeting to order at 7:15 PM. Iris Hiskey Arno moved to adjourn the meeting into Executive Session to discuss specific personnel issues, especially but not limited to the setting of salaries for non-represented employees for the 2006-2007 school year. Lindsey Hicks seconded and the motion carried by unanimous vote. Following discussion, Patricia Anne Woods moved to reconvene the Regular Meeting. Gabrielle Lesser seconded and the motion carried by unanimous vote.

At 8:25 PM Board President Mary Wirth welcomed all to the Regular Meeting of June 19, 2006. She announced that there were a few items to be taken out of order.

“This has certainly been an exciting year” Ms. Wirth began. She went on to congratulate Iris Hiskey Arno who was attending her final meeting following her nine (9) years of service on the Board of Education. “Her wisdom, wit and charm” had been so appreciated and her dedication to the arts had certainly influenced some major decisions. She was described as “warm and open but tough as nails” and was presented with a certificate and a lovely bouquet.

Ms. Arno thanked the Board saying her tenure had been “very satisfying if not always painless”. She said she felt her years as President had helped her to grow personally and that the process of the superintendent search had been “well done”. She indicated she is happy to turn over her roles both as “rebellious newcomer” and “crusty curmudgeon” to those who follow.

Each member of the Board spoke in turn and Ms. Arno thanked all for their kind words.

Ms. Jody Heyward of the Hastings Education Foundation came forward to express its thanks to Dr. Russell. She spoke saying the Foundation was only an idea before Jay came to the District; that he had been the first to encourage them and had helped in every way possible to establish the strong Foundation it is today.

Dr. Russell thanked the Foundation saying their contributions to the District had been truly amazing.

Addendum B.19: Members of the Hastings Teachers’ Association then came forward to announce the following:

The Hastings-on-Hudson PTSA would like to honor Dr. John J. Russell, Superintendent of Schools, for his support of the education and development of the whole student – the academic, artistic and physical – by offering an annual teacher grant for an interdisciplinary project.

Iris Hiskey Arno moved to adopt the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby accepts the “Dr. John J. Russell Renaissance Grant” to be presented annually by the Hastings-on-Hudson PTSA in the amount of \$1,000, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the name of the grant recipient and project will be recorded annually on a perpetual plaque.

Patricia Anne Woods seconded and the motion carried by unanimous vote.

Dr. Russell responded saying he was very flattered; that he was amazed at the staff, PTSA and Board members (past and present) who turned out for the dinner in his honor. He added that he knew “this was the right place for me since year 4.”

Addendum B.20: Ms. Wirth then said accolades were not over. Lindsey Hicks moved to approve the following resolution:

RESOLVED, that the “Blue Lecture Room” located in the Farragut Complex, shall hereafter be known as “The John J. Russell Lecture Room” in recognition of Dr. Russell’s 11 years of distinguished service as Superintendent of Schools and in appreciation for creating a warm and caring environment where all children can learn and flourish socially, emotionally and academically.”

Patricia Anne Woods seconded and the motion carried by unanimous vote.

Dr. Russell was then shown the plaque that will be placed strategically on the wall to this effect.

Ms. Wirth said it was a way to make him part of the District forever. Dr. Russell said he was very honored; that he felt he had had a good relationship with the Board always.

REPORT FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT:

Dr. Russell reminded all that this was his last meeting; that he had had some of his best moments – and some of his most difficult moments-in the District but that he would save his perceptions for the graduation exercises.

He thanked all in the Village for the outpouring of warmth given the returning Varsity Baseball Team; the police escort; the fire department’s participation and the Village Proclamation declaring the week of June 11-17 2006 Varsity Baseball Team Week.

Not to be outdone, the Academic Challenge Team had shone at the 2006 National Challenge in Chicago: the A Team placing 3rd in the nation out of 110 teams with the B Team placing as well. Our District was one of only six to qualify two teams and one of five to place an all-girl team.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Ms. Wirth reminded all that the following announcements appear on the website and on WHOH.

- June 19-21 Grade 4 Visit to Farragut Middle School
- June 20 Senior Class Pool Party/Barbecue – Chemka Pool
- June 21 Senior Class Banquet – HS Courtyard – 5:30 PM
- June 21 Grade 12 Awards Night – HS Auditorium – 7:00 PM
- June 22 Modified Sports Awards – HS Auditoriu, - 8:30 AM
- June 22 Farragut Middle School Field Day – Burke Field – 10:00 AM
- June 22 Community Reception for Ft. Russell – Reynolds Field – 6:00 PM
- June 22 HS Graduation – Reynolds Field (Rain-Cochran Gym) – 7:00 PM
- June 23 Last Day of School for all students: Half Day Dismissal- 11:45 at Hillside;
11:52 at FMS & HS
- July 4 Holiday – Offices Closed
- July 10 Re-Organization Meeting – John J. Russell Lecture Room – 7:00 PM
- July 10 Board of Education Meeting – John J. Russell Lecture Room – 7:00 PM

PERSONNEL:

P.1. Discussion was held re: responsibilities and obligations of the District Treasurer, **Maureen Carabello**, and the Claims Auditor, **Eleanor Richardson**. The Board expressed their appreciation for the demanding work of these responsibilities and said they wanted these employees to feel secure in coming to them with any issues.

P.2. Gabrielle Lesser moved to approve the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Board of Education of the Hastings-on-Hudson Union Free School District has previously appointed **John L. Chow** to tenure as Director of Business Operations and Finance effective August 25, 2004; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education seeks to promote Mr. Chow to the title of Assistant Superintendent of Business Operations and Finance without change in his tenure status.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of the Hastings-on-Hudson Union Free School District hereby appoints John L. Chow to tenure as Assistant Superintendent of Business Operations and Finance effective July 1, 2006; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Superintendent of Schools is hereby authorized to execute a letter of terms and conditions of employment dated June 19, 2006.

Patricia Anne Woods seconded and the motion carried by unanimous vote.

Board President, Mary Wirth, expressed the appreciation of the Board saying they were very happy with this change; that they felt comfortable and confident with his performance; that he was always open to questions and had great insights and new ideas. Superintendent Russell added that he felt the Board had made a wise decision; that Mr. Chow’s dedication and knowledge were seldom found.

P.3. Patricia Anne Woods moved to approve the following resolution:

WHEREAS, on June 19, 2006 it was determined that a vacancy exists for a .8 FTE leave replacement High School Science teacher for the 2006-2007 school year which will be integral to Hastings-on-Hudson’s operations in the 2006-2007 school year; and

WHEREAS, the Board has identified **Joseph Morante** as a qualified candidate and wishes to appoint him to a .8 FTE leave replacement position as a High School Science teacher, effective from September 1, 2006 through December 8, 2006; and

WHEREAS, Joseph Morante, 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, Joseph Morante 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 Joseph Morante on an emergency basis to the .8 FTE leave replacement position of High School Science teacher from September 1, 2006 through December 8, 2006, subject to such limitations as are set forth in Board Policy #6170..
- 2 Upon receipt of notice from the State Education Department that Joseph Morante 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 Joseph Morante’s continued employment by the Board.

Tenure Area: n/a
 Salary Placement: MS+60, Step 15
 Date of Commencement of Probationary Service: n/a
 Date of Expiration of Probationary Service: n/a
 Anticipated Tenure Date: n/a
 Certification Status: Permanent

Lindsey Hicks seconded and the motion carried by unanimous vote..

P.4. Lindsey Hicks moved to approve the following resolution:

WHEREAS, on June 19, 2006 it was determined that a vacancy exists for a 1.0 FTE leave replacement Elementary School teacher for the 2006-2007 school year which will be integral to Hastings-on-Hudson’s operations in the 2006-2007 school year; and

WHEREAS, the Board has identified **Krista S. Lifrieri** as a qualified candidate and wishes to appoint her to a 1.0 FTE leave replacement position as an Elementary School teacher, effective September 1, 2006; and

WHEREAS, Krista S. Lifrieri, 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, Krista S. Lifrieri 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 Krista S. Lifrieri to on an emergency basis to the .2 FTE position of High School Social Studies teacher and a .2 FTE High School Collaborative Resource Room 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 Krista S. Lifrieri 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 Krista S. Lifrieri’s continued employment by the Board.

Tenure Area: n/a
 Salary Placement: MA, Step 4
 Date of Commencement of Probationary Service: n/a
 Date of Expiration of Probationary Service: n/a
 Anticipated Tenure Date: n/a
 Certification Status: Provisional

Gail Osterman, Hillside Principal, spoke of Ms. Lifrieri’s qualifications.

Patricia Anne Woods seconded and the motion carried by unanimous vote.

P.5. Eric Sweeting moved to approve the following recommendation:

To accept the resignation of **John J. Russell, Ed.D.**, as Superintendent of Schools, for retirement purposes, effective July 3, 2006.

Patricia Anne Woods seconded saying he had brought the District to a strong place, hence the many applicants for his job. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

P.6. Patricia Anne Woods moved to approve the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Board of Education of the Hastings-on-Hudson Union Free School District has appointed Mr. Robert I. Shaps as Superintendent of Schools commencing October 1, 2006 or sooner if he is available; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education seeks to employ **Thomas Fazio, Ed.D.**, as interim Superintendent of Schools until Mr. Shaps is able to commence employment; and

WHEREAS, the Board and Dr. Fazio have agreed to terms under which he would act in the dual roles of High School Principal and interim Superintendent of Schools.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Hastings-on-Hudson Union Free School District hereby appoints Dr. Thomas Fazio as interim Superintendent of Schools for the period commencing July 2, 2006 and ending upon commencement of Mr. Shaps’ employment as Superintendent of Schools and hereby approves the employment contract

with Dr. Fazio dated June 19, 2006 and further authorizes the President of the Board to execute same.

Iris Hiskey Arno seconded and the motion carried by unanimous vote.

Board President, Mary Wirth, remarked that benefits to the District are obvious.

P.7.-P.15. Iris Hiskey Arno moved to approve the following recommendations:

To accept the resignation of **Alexander Davis** as teacher aide, effective June 30, 2006

AND

To rescind the appointment of **Nerina Milio** as substitute teacher, effective June 2, 2006

AND

To rescind the appointment of **Brent Harrington** as Modified Winter Track coach for the 2006-2007 school year

AND

To appoint **Melissa Webster** to a .8 FTE position as a High School Science teacher for the 2006-2007 school year, effective December 11, 2006

AND

To appoint **Jeanne Harrington** to a .6 FTE position as School Psychologist, for the 2006-2007 school year, effective September 1, 2006, as follows:

Tenure Area: n/a

Salary Placement: MA+60, Step 8

Date of Commencement of Probationary Service: n/a

Date of Expiration of Probationary Service: n/a

Anticipated Tenure Date: n/a

Certification Status: Permanent

AND

WHEREAS, on June 19, 2006 it was determined that a vacancy exists for a permanent 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

WHEREAS, the Board has identified **Robert D. Matos** as a qualified candidate and wishes to appoint him to a position as a permanent substitute teacher, effective September 1, 2006; and

WHEREAS, Robert D. Matos, 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, Robert D. Matos 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 Robert D. Matos on an emergency basis to the position of permanent 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 Robert D. Matos 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 Robert D. Matos’ continued employment by the Board.

AND

WHEREAS, on June 19, 2006 it was determined that a vacancy exists for an annual 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

WHEREAS, the Board has identified **Shira Cahn Lipman** as a qualified candidate and wishes to appoint her to a position as an annual substitute teacher, effective September 1, 2006; and WHEREAS, Shira Cahn Lipman, 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, Shira Cahn Lipman 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 Shira Cahn Lipman on an emergency basis to the position of annual 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 Shira Cahn Lipman 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 Shira Cahn Lipman’s continued employment by the Board.

AND

To appoint the following individuals to Schedule B positions for the 2005-2006 school year:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>POSITION</u>	<u>STEP</u>	<u>STIPEND</u>
Robert Lindner	Musical Director Grades 5/6	4	\$2,716
Adam Hart	TV Journalism Advisor	n/a	\$43/hour
Michael Tina	Intramural Wrestling	n/a	\$43/hour

AND

To appoint the following individuals to Schedule B positions for the 2006-2007 school year:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>POSITION</u>	<u>STEP</u>	<u>STIPEND</u>
Abbe Fischman	Knitting Club Advisor	1	\$ 559
Brent Harrington	Modified Spring Track Coach	2	\$2,205
Adam Hart	Stage Manager-HS Play-Winter	6	\$1,114
Adam Hart	Stage Manager-HS Musical-Spring	6	\$1,114
Adam Hart	Thespian Honor Society Advisor	7	\$ 742
Adam Hart	WHHS Advisor	n/a	\$2,782
Gerard Marciano	Performance Director	n/a	\$8,724
Jesse Waters	Varsity Baseball Coach	4	\$5,078

Patricia Anne Woods seconded and items P.7-P.15 were approved by unanimous vote.

P.16. Patricia Anne Woods moved to appoint the following individuals to the position of Temporary Summer Employee (Building & Grounds) at a pay rate of \$12.00 per hour for 40 hours per week for 10 weeks, effective July 3, 2006:

Derrick Bennett Kevin Barry Luis Palacio Michael Urban

Lindsey Hicks seconded and the motion carried by unanimous vote.

P.17. Gabrielle Lesser moved the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the emergency appointments of the following employees are extended and renewed until September 26, 2006:

Majid Benarafa	Myra Brent	Lauren Dwyer	David Freedman
Jacqueline Geller	George Golden	Kristine Kessekman	Nicole La Vista
Jody Lyn	Merle J. Sternberg	Victoria Sullivan	Travis Thornton
Laurie Walton			

Lindsey Hicks seconded and the motion carried by unanimous vote.

P. 18. & P.19. Patricia Anne Woods moved to approve the following:

To rescind **Marilyn DeRubeis'** Schedule B appointment as Chair, Foreign Language, 5-12 , and appoint her to the Schedule B position of Chair, Foreign Language, K-12 for the 2006-2007 school year, in accordance to the contractual agreement

AND

To rescind **Greg Stephens'** Schedule B appointment as HASP Director and appoint **Greg Smith** to the Schedule B position of HASP Director for the 2006-2007 school year.

Lindsey Hicks seconded and these two items were carried by unanimous vote.

CURRICULUM & INSTRUCTION:

C&I.1. Building Leadership Team (“BLT”) Reports: Gail Kipper, FMS Principal, and four team members reported on their workshop on bullying. They stated that they had established a school-wide “Anti-Bullying Campaign” and would assess the results with a before and after survey. Gail Osterman, Hillside Principal, and three of her team members reported. They indicated discussions had revolved around technology in the library, traffic in the “circle”, heightened awareness of parent/ administration communication, a Hillside Collaborative Arts Committee and changes in the schedule.

Dr. Tom Fazio, HS Principal, three team members indicated they had worked on homework guidelines, the weight of the Regents, physical education exemptions, homeroom, and especially senior alternatives. In this regard, they indicated they had studied Irvington as a model; that a coordinator would be needed; that seniors would be released into the program following AP exams and their internships would be graded and required for graduation. They said it was exciting from the standpoints of teachers and students alike.

PUBLIC HEARING: No comments were made at this time

MINUTES:

Patricia Anne Woods moved to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of June 5 and the Special Meeting of June 8, 2006. Eric Sweeting seconded and the motion carried by unanimous vote.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

C.1. Audit/Finance Committee: Gabrielle Lesser indicated an Internal Auditor was to be hired and requirements were discussed and tax certioraris were examined.

C.2. Student/Board Liaison Committee: Eric Sweeting said they had thanked those leaving and met the new members.

C.3. Facilities Committee: Mary Wirth reported that various sidewalks and restriping had been discussed with the Village Safety Council.

C.4. Policy Committee: Iris Hiskey Arno said no meeting had been scheduled and that they would not be able to complete their review this year.

C.5. Strategic Planning Committee: Patricia Anne Woods reported to say that plan had been turned over to Administration and asked if accountability measures should be instituted; should committee be continued?

BUSINESS:

B.1. Patricia Anne Woods moved to adopt the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of the Hastings-on-Hudson Union Free School District makes July 3, 2006 a district holiday for any employee scheduled to work. This assignation of a holiday is a one-time event, without precedent, so declared at the request of the union.

Eric Sweeting seconded and the motion carried by unanimous vote

B.2. Lindsey Hicks moved to approve the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of the Hastings-on-Hudson Union Free School District hereby determines that for the 2006-2007 school year, the reorganization meeting shall be held on Monday, July 10, 2006 at 7:00 PM in the John J. Russell Lecture Room.

Patricia Anne Woods seconded and the motion carried by unanimous vote.

B.3. Iris Hiskey Arno moved to appoint the following individuals as Hastings-on-Hudson representatives to the Inter-Village Continuing Education Program Advisory Board for the 2006-2007 school year:

Michael Mande

Jeffrey B. Fuerst

Patricia Anne Woods seconded and the motion carried by unanimous vote.

The thanks of the Board was expressed to those who serve in this capacity to keep the program moving forward.

B.4. George Foster, Superintendent of Buildings and Grounds, presented a review of the School Facility Report Card for Hillside School and the Farragut Complex as required by law. He noted especially that energy costs are up but not as high as expected due to energy saving mechanisms put in by the District.

B.5.-B.18. Iris Hiskey Arno moved to approve the following recommendations:

To authorize the Superintendent of Schools to execute the proposal submitted by EduChange, Inc. for K-12 Science and Foreign Language Assessments for the district, effective July 1, 2006
AND

To authorize the Superintendent of Schools to execute the proposal submitted by Gary L. Bates, Visual Arts Education Consultant, for services provided to the K-12 Visual Arts Assessment Committee for the district, effective July 1, 2006
AND

To approve the following Committee on Preschool Special Education recommendation for the 2005-2006 school year:

#7036

AND

To approve the following Committee on Special Education recommendations for the 2005-2006 school year:

#6942

#6763

#4057

AND

To approve the following Committee on Preschool Special Education recommendations for the 2006-2007 school year:

#7116

#7115

AND

To approve the following Committee on Special Education recommendations for the 2006-2007 school year:

#7004

#93-002

#6942

#90-042

#99-107

#97-002

#91-053

#93-003

#91-006

#96-017

#97-006

#95-003

#93-023

#95-016

#92-004

AND

To approve the following members be appointed to the Committee on Preschool Special Education for the 2006-2007 school year:

John J. Hudak

Chairperson

Heidi McCarthy	Alternate Chairperson
Ann Singer	Parent Member
Laura Sesito	Parent Member
Diane Penner	Parent Member
Dawn Bottiglieri	Parent Member
Binny Tercek	Parent Member
Joann Findel	Parent Member
Chris Kuhn	Parent Member
Stefanie Flynn	Parent Member

In addition:

- The parent of the child
- A professional who participates in the evaluation of the child
- A certified or licensed professional appointed by the County at its discretion
- The child’s teacher if she/he has one; if not, an appropriately certified teacher
- A certified or licensed professional designated by the agency charged with the responsibility for the child in the birth to two system, if any
- At the discretion of the parent or the school district, other individuals who have knowledge or special expertise regarding the child, including related services personnel, as appropriate.
- Whenever appropriate, the student with the disability.

AND

To appoint the following members to the Committee on Special Education for the 2006-2007 school year:

Heidi McCarthy	Chairperson
Mitch Samet, Ph.D.	School Psychologist/Alternate Chairperson
Stephanie Gould	School Psychologist/Alternate Chairperson
Jeanne Harrington	School Psychologist/Alternate Chairperson
Gloria Szeszko	School Psychologist/Alternate Chairperson
Kathy Barnes	Special Education Teacher
Caren Cort	Special Education Teacher
Katrina Forbes	Special Education Teacher
Susan Medonis	Special Education Teacher
Seanna O’Donnell	Special Education Teacher
Elana Brownstein	Special Education Teacher
Marian Sommer	Special Education Teacher
Laura Stafford	Special Education Teacher
Janet Lyons	Special Education Teacher
Janice Bochicchio	Special Education Teacher
Kerry Tighe	Special Education Teacher
Catherine Gigantino	Special Education Teacher
Joan Goodwin	Special Education Teacher
Andy Lubitz	Special Education Teacher
Martha Polstein	Special Education Teacher
Janine Melillo	Special Education Teacher
Ava Lambert	Special Education Teacher
Debora DiFronzo	Special Education Teacher
Caryn Hecht	Special Education Teacher
Maryanne Heckhaus	Special Education Teacher
Gina Gerdes	Special Education Teacher
Robin Royal	Special Education Teacher
Sandy Lutzker	Speech Pathologist
Jane Quinn	Speech Pathologist

Alison McArdle	Speech Pathologist
Lauren Dwyer	Educational Evaluator
Mary Palmieri	Occupational Therapist
Cathy Keskin	COTA
Elizabeth Feigelson	Consultant Psychiatrist
Dorian Tergis	School Physician
Dawn Bottiglieri	Parent Member
Karen Fradkin	Parent Member
Eva Neubauer	Parent Member
Yasmine Tentenbaum	Parent Member
Laura Sestito	Parent Member
Ann Singer	Parent Member
Diane Penner	Parent Member
Joann Findel	Parent Member
Stefanie Flynn	Parent Member
Binny Tercek	Parent Member
Paula Scheiber	Parent Member

In addition:

- The parents or persons in parental relationship to the student;
- At least one regular education teacher of the student whenever the student is or may be participating in the regular education environment.
- The student, if appropriate

AND

To appoint the following persons as surrogate parents for the Committee on Special Education for the 2006-2007 school year:

Elsa DeVita	Nancy Gagliardi
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AND

To appoint the following members to building subcommittees on special education for the 2006-2007 school year:

<u>Hillside</u>	<u>Middle School</u>	<u>High School</u>
H. McCarthy, Chairperson	H. McCarthy, Chairperson	H. McCarthy, Chairperson
S. Gould, Psychologist/ Alt. Chairperson	M. Samet, Psychologist/ Alt. Chairperson	G. Szeszko, Alt. Chairperson
J. Harrington, Psychologist/ Alt. Chairperson	G. Szeszko, Psychologist	M. Samet, Psychologist
L. Dwyer	L. Dwyer	L. Dwyer
M. Sommer	M. Palmieri	M. Palmieri
K. Barnes	J. Goodwin	J. Melillo
J. Quinn	M. Polestein	D. DiFronzo
K. Forbes	A. Lubitz	M. Heckhaus
S. Medonis	C. Gigantino	A. Lambert
L. Stafford	J. Quinn	J. Quinn
A. McArdle	S. O'Donnell	J. Lyons
C. Cort	K. Tighe	G. Gerdes
S. Lutzker	C. Hecht	R. Royal
M. Palmieri		
C. Keskin		

In addition:

- The parents of the student;
- At least one regular education teacher of the student whenever the student is or may be participating in the regular education environment.
- The student, if appropriate

AND

To award the Hastings-on-Hudson portion of the New York State Cooperative Bid for:

ATHLETIC SUPPLIES:

Vendor:

Levy's Inc.	\$ 403.40
Metuchen Center, Inc	738.09
Passion's Sports/Sports Supply	334.39
Pyramid School Products	39.95
Sportsman's	2,317.63
Longstretch Sporting Goods	286.80
Cannon Sports	289.90
ARC Sports	<u>2,363.00</u>
TOTAL	\$ 6,673.16

AUDIO VISUAL SUPPLIES:

Vendor:

National A/V Supply	\$ 12.54
Valiant IMC	6,916.41
B&H Photo-Video, Inc.	160.00
Scott Electric Co.	969.50
Ray Supply, Inc.	<u>257.11</u>
TOTAL	\$ 8315.56

COPY CUPLICATOR SUPPLIES:

Vendor:

RICOH Co.	<u>\$ 5,804.00</u>
TOTAL	\$ 5,804.00

FINE ART SUOPPLIES:

Vendor:

Dick Blick Co.	\$ 1,154.06
Sax Arts & Crafts	8,661.73
NASCO	<u>2,427.89</u>
TOTAL	\$12,243.68

GENERAL CLASSROOM SUPPLIES:

Vendor:

Cascade School Supplies	<u>\$19,248.65</u>
TOTAL	\$19,248.65

HEALTH SUPPLIES:

Vendor:

Henry Schein, Inc.	<u>\$ 1,283.14</u>
TOTAL	\$ 1,283.14

OFFICE/COMPUTER SUPPLIES:

Vendor:

Corporate Express	<u>\$ 2,951.27</u>
TOTAL	\$ 2,951.27

SCIENCE SUPPLIES:

Vendor:

RNJ Electronics	\$ 17.15
Nasco	150.03
ETA/Cuisenaire	2.70
Fisher Science Education Co.	23.68
Frey Scientific Co.	24.17
Para Scientific Co.	8.19
VWR/Sargent Welch	99.99
Science Kit, Inc.	60.56
Benz Microscope Optics Center	<u>.60</u>
TOTAL	387,82

AND

To award bids at the hourly rates for trades as listed:

Electrical Work:

T&A Electric, Inc.	Foreman	\$70/hour
	Journeyman	\$65/hour
	Apprentice	\$45/hour
	Materials Markup	10%

Plumbing & Heating:

C&B Plumbing	Foreman	\$80/hour
	Journeyman	\$73/hour
	Apprentice	\$53/hour
	Materials Markup	10%

General Construction:

Mohican Park Construction	Foreman	\$75/hour
	Journeyman	\$65/hour
	Apprentice	\$35/hour
	Laborer	\$50/hour
	Materials Markup	15%

Tree Removal & Pruning:

Community Tree Surgery	Laborer	\$60/hour
	Climber	\$70/hour
	Tractor & Operator	\$100/hour
	Stump Grinder & Operator	\$100/hour
	Log Truck & Operator	\$110/hour
	Bucket Truck	\$ 50/hour
	Chipper	\$ 30/hour
	30 Yard Dumpster Fee	\$550

AND

To approve budget transfers

AND

To accept with thanks a donation of photographic equipment from Mike Holstein valued at \$5,350.00

Lindsey Hicks seconded and items B.5 – B.18 carried by unanimous vote.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Old Business – Board of Education:

O.B.1 & O.B.2 Having been moved and seconded at a previous meeting, the recommendation to adopt Policy #4221: Administrative Organization & Operation-Organizational Chart and Policy #5661: District Wellness Policy was voted upon and carried by unanimous vote.

Old Business – Audience to Board: No comments or questions were raised at this time.

New Business – Board of Education:

Patricia Anne Woods moved to adopt Policy # 5410: Purchasing with Iris Hiskey Arno seconding. Discussion was held and this motion will be voted upon at an ensuing meeting.

New Business – Audience to Board: No comments or questions were raised at this time.

ADJOURNMENT:

Patricia Anne Woods moved to adjourn the meeting into Executive Session to discuss specific personnel matters. Lindsey Hick seconded and the motion carried by unanimous vote. Following this discussion, there being no further business, Board President, Mary Wirth, adjourned the meeting at 11:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy S. Caruso
District Clerk