

**HASTINGS-ON-HUDSON**  
**REVISED BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING REVISED**  
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**MONDAY, JUNE 15, 2009**

<b>7:00 P.M.</b>	<b>Meeting Called to Order. The Board moves into 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>

**BOARD OF EDUCATION**

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**A G E N D A**

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

**II. REPORT FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT**

**III. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

June	15	Last Day of Hastings High School Classes		
June	15	Hillside BLT Meeting – Hillside Café		3:20 p.m.
<b>June</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>Board of Education Meeting – John J. Russell Lecture Room</b>	<b>Executive Session</b>	<b>7:00 p.m.</b>
			<b>Regular Meeting</b>	<b>8:00 p.m.</b>
June	15-19	Hillside Spirit Week		
June	16-25	Regents and Final Exams		
June	17	DSEL Meeting – John J. Russell Lecture Room		3:20 p.m.
June	18	Conclusion of Senior Alternatives Internships		
June	19	End of Fourth Quarter		
June	19	Senior Alternatives Presentation Day – Hastings High School Auditorium		8:15 a.m.
June	19	Hillside Field Day		9:00 a.m.
June	19	Grade 8 Recognition Night – Hastings High School Auditorium		7:00 p.m.
June	22	Grade 4 Celebration and Pool Party – Hillside Hotspot Chemka Pool (pool rain date June 23)		9:30 a.m.
June	22	Hastings High School Senior Prom Activities Picture-taking – Hastings High School Courtyard Prom buses depart		5:45-6:30 6:30 p.m.
		Hastings High School Senior Prom – Surf Club Prom buses return to front of Hastings High School		7:00 p.m. 12:00 a.m.
June	24	Farragut Middle School Sports Awards and Field Day Carnival		8:30 a.m.
June	22	Hasting High School Graduation Rehearsal – HHS Auditorium		11:30 a.m.
June	24	Senior Class Barbeque – Hastings High School Courtyard		1:00 p.m.
June	24	Grade 12 Awards Ceremony – Hastings High School Auditorium		7:00 p.m.
June	25	Last Day of School – early dismissal Kindergarten: 11:00 a.m. Grades 1-4: 11:45 a.m. Grades 5-12: 11:52 a.m.		
June	25	Hastings High School Graduation Rehearsal – Cochran Gym		10:00 a.m.
June	25	Hasting High School Commencement – Reynolds Field		6:45 a.m.
<b>July</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>Board of Education Meeting – John J. Russell Lecture Room</b>		<b>5:30 p.m.</b>

IV. PERSONNEL

P.1 WHEREAS, on February 26, 2007 it was determined that a vacancy exists for the Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum, Instruction and Personnel, which will be integral to Hastings-on-Hudson's operations; and (Bd. Enc.)

WHEREAS, the Board has identified **Rhonda B. Cohen** as a qualified candidate and wishes to appoint her to the Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum, Instruction and Personnel position, effective no sooner than March 8, 2007 and no later than April 1, 2007; and

WHEREAS, Rhonda B. Cohen 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 Rhonda B. Cohen as a qualified candidate and wishes to appoint her to the position of Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum, Instruction and Personnel for the 2009-2010 school year, effective July 1, 2009.

<b>TENURE AREA:</b>	<b>ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT OF CURRICULUM, INSTRUCTION AND PERSONNEL.</b>
Date of Commencement of Probationary Service:	June 15, 2009
Date of Expiration of Probationary Service:	*March 7, 2010 – March 31, 2007
Anticipated Tenure Date:	**March 8, 2010 – April 1, 2010
Certification Status	Permanent
	*on or before 4/1/07
	**on or before 4/1/10

P.2 WHEREAS, on June 15, 2009 it was determined that a vacancy exists for an High School Principal, for the 2009-2010 school year which will be integral to Hastings-on-Hudson's operations in the 2009-2010 school year; and (Bd. Enc.)

WHEREAS, the Board has identified **Louis A. Adipietro** as a qualified candidate and wishes to appoint him to a probationary position as High School Principal, effective July 1, 2009; and

WHEREAS, Louis A. Adipietro 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 Louis A. Adipietro as a qualified candidate and wishes to appoint him to the position of High School Principal for the 2009-2010 school year, effective July 1, 2009.

<b>TENURE AREA:</b>	<b>HIGH SCHOOL PRINCIPAL</b>
Salary Placement:	Step 15
Date of Commencement of Probationary Service:	January 27, 2009
Date of Expiration of Probationary Service:	January 27, 2012
Anticipated Tenure Date:	January 28, 2012
Certification Status	Permanent

P.3 WHEREAS, on June 15, 2009 it was determined that a vacancy exists for an Elementary School Assistant Principal, for the 2009-2010 school year which will be integral to Hastings-on-Hudson's operations in the 2009-2010 school year; and (Bd. Enc.)

WHEREAS, the Board has identified **Brent B. Harrington** as a qualified candidate and wishes to appoint him to a probationary position as Elementary School Assistant Principal, effective July 1, 2009; and

WHEREAS, Brent B. Harrington 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 Brent B. Harrington as a qualified candidate and wishes to appoint him to the position of Elementary School Assistant Principal for the 2009-2010 school year, effective July 1, 2009.

<b>TENURE AREA:</b>	<b>ELEMENTARY SCHOOL ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL</b>
Salary Placement:	Step 15
Date of Commencement of Probationary Service:	July 1, 2009
Date of Expiration of Probationary Service:	June 30, 2012
Anticipated Tenure Date:	July 1, 2012
Certification Status	Permanent

P.4 WHEREAS, on June 15, 2009 it was determined that a vacancy exists for a K-5 Science Specialist (Teacher on Assignment), for the 2009-2010 school year, which will be integral to Hastings-on-Hudson's operations in the 2009-2010 school year; and (Bd. Enc.)

WHEREAS, the Board has identified **Doron J. Markus** as a qualified candidate and wishes to appoint him to a 0.4 FTE position as a K-5 Science Specialist for the 2009-2010 school year, effective September 1, 2009.

P.5 Recommendation to rescind the .6 FTE Interdisciplinary Social Studies teacher of **Caitlin Smith** for the 2009-2010 school year.

P.6 WHEREAS, on June 15, 2009 it was determined that a vacancy exists for a .6 FTE Elementary Education teacher, for the 2009-2010 school year, which will be integral to Hastings-on-Hudson's operations in the 2009-2010 school year; and (Bd. Enc.)

WHEREAS, the Board has identified **Caitlin Smith** as a qualified candidate and wishes to appoint her to a probationary position as a .6 FTE Elementary Education teacher, for the 2009-2010 school year, effective September 1, 2009; and

WHEREAS, Caitlin Smith, 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 Caitlin Smith as a qualified candidate and wishes to appoint her to the position of .6 FTE Elementary Education teacher, for the 2009-2010 school year, effective September 1, 2009.

- P.7 WHEREAS, on June 15, 2009 it was determined that a vacancy exists for a 1.0 (Bd. Enc.) FTE Special Education teacher, K-2 Communications Class, for the 2009-2010 school year, which will be integral to Hastings-on-Hudson's operations in the 2009-2010 school year; and

WHEREAS, the Board has identified **Eryn Wagner** as a qualified candidate and wishes to appoint her to a probationary position as a 1.0 FTE Special Education teacher, K-2 Communications Class, for the 2009-2010 school year, effective September 1, 2009; and

WHEREAS, Eryn Wagner, 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 Eryn Wagner as a qualified candidate and wishes to appoint her to the position of Special Education teacher, K-2 Communications Class, for the 2009-2010 school year, effective September 1, 2009.

TENURE AREA:	SPECIAL EDUCATION
Salary Placement:	BA+30, Step 3
Date of Commencement of Probationary Service:	09/01/09
Date of Expiration of Probationary Service:	08/31/12
Anticipated Tenure Date:	09/01/12
Certification Status	Initial

- P.8 WHEREAS, on June 15, 2009, it was determined that a vacancy exists for a (Bd. Enc.) 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

WHEREAS, the Board has identified **Rachel Weinberg** as a qualified candidate and wishes to appoint her to a substitute teacher position for the 2008-2009 school year, effective May 5, 2009; and

WHEREAS, Rachel Weinberg, 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 Rachel Weinberg as a qualified candidate and wishes to appoint her to the position of substitute teacher for the 2008-2009 school year, effective June 15, 2009.

- P.9 Recommendation to appoint **Eryn Wagner** as Special Education Teacher, K-2 Communications Class, for the Hillside Elementary Summer Program, from July 6, 2009 through August 14, 2009.

- P.10 Recommendation to appoint **Lori Mackay** as Part-Time Speech Pathologist for the Hillside Elementary Summer Program, from July 6, 2009 through August 14, 2009.
- P.11 Recommendation to amend the Schedule B appointment of **Tim O'Brien** as JV Girls Basketball Coach for the 2009-2010 school year from Step 2 to Step 8.
- P.12 Recommendation to rescind the Schedule B appointment of **Laurie Walton** as Musical Director, HS Musical for the 2009-2010 school year.
- P.13 Recommendation to appoint the following individuals to Schedule B positions for the 2009-2010 school year:

NAME	POSITION	STEP	STIPEND
Ross Abrams	Peer Leadership Advisor	n/a	\$2762
Dan Brownstein	Ultimate Frisbee	8	\$1599
David Felberbaum	Grade 3 Coordinator	n/a	\$4000
Bob Galinski	Computer Lab Supervisor	n/a	\$24. hourly
Alysha Polite	HS Yearbook C0-Advison	1	\$1652
Michele Porter	Open Mike Advisor	n/a	Chaperone fee
Jane Quinn	MS Environmental Club Advisor	3	\$1700
Jeff Rosof	Grade 4 Coordinator	n/a	\$4000
Robyn Royal	HS Yearbook Co-Advisor	4	\$1814
Melissa Shandroff	Habitat for Humanity	3	\$1705

- P.14 Whereas, on May 31, 2009, it was determined that a vacancy exists for Secretary to School Principal, 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 had identified **Susan Day** as a qualified candidate and wishes to appoint her to a probationary position as Secretary to School Principal, Column VIA, Step 1, effective June 16,2009; and

Whereas, Susan Day, 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, Susan Day 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 Susan Day on an emergency basis to a probationary position as Secretary to School Principal, Column VIA, Step 1, for the 2008-2009 school year, subject to such limitations as are set forth in Board Policy #6170. The probationary period for this position shall be June 16, 2009 through June 15, 2010.

2. Upon receipt of notice from the State Education Department that Susan Day 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 has 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 Susan Day's continued employment by the Board.

- P.15 Recommendation to reduce the position of Public Relations Officer, held by **David Hayes**, from 1.0 FTE to .6 FTE, effective July 1, 2009.
- P.16 Recommendation to appoint **Mary Ellen Usher** to the position of Substitute Caller for the 2009-2010 school year.
- P.17 Recommendation to appoint **Robert Duffy** to the position of Watchperson for the 2009-2010 school year, at the hourly rate of \$14.00.
- P.18 Recommendation to appoint the following to the position of Temporary Summer Employees (Buildings & Grounds) at a pay rate of \$12.00 per hour, 40 hours per week, for 10 weeks, effective June 29, 2009: (Bd. Enc.)

**Michael Urban**  
**Mark Porter**  
**Kevin McCarthy**  
**Juan Rico**

## 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 Building Leadership Teams (Principals' Reports)
- C&I.2 Health & Safety / Wellness Committee

## VII. MINUTES

- M.1 Recommendation to accept the minutes of the May 5, 2009 Regular Board of Education meeting. (Bd. Enc.)

- M.2 Recommendation to accept the minutes of the May 18, 2009 Regular Board of Education meeting. (Bd. Enc.)

### VIII. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- C.1 Diversity/Social Emotional Learning (DSEL) (Jodie Meyer / Caryn Campbell / Lindsey Hicks)
- C.2 Facilities (Eileen Baecher / Gabrielle Lesser / Caryn Campbell)
- C.3 Student/Board of Education Liaison (Jodie Meyer / Donna Laing / Caryn Campbell)
- C.4 Superintendent's Arts Advisory (Donna Laing)
- C.5 Finance (Eileen Baecher / Donna Laing / Gabrielle Lesser)

### IX. BUSINESS

- B.1 Recommendation to appoint the following as members of the Committee for Preschool Special Education for the 2009-2010 school year:

John Hudak	Chairperson
Deborah Augarten	Alt. Chairperson
Nancy Horsey	Alt. Chairperson
Ann Singer	Parent Member
Dianne Penner	Parent Member
Sally Unruh	Parent Member
Yasmine Tetenbaum	Parent Member
Binny Tercek	Parent Member
Sheri Stanger	Parent Member
Joann Findel	Parent Member
Chris Kuhn	Parent Member
Patti Anker	Parent Member

- B.2 Recommendation to appoint the following as members of the Committee for Special Education for the 2009-2010 school year

Deborah Augarten	Chairperson
Nancy Horsey	Alt. Chairperson/School Psychologist
Gloria Szeszko	Alt. Chairperson/School Psychologist
Mitchell Samet	Alt. Chairperson/School Psychologist
Elizabeth Zuch	Alt. Chairperson/School Psychologist
Stephanie Gould	School Psychologist
Kathy Barnes	Special Education Teacher
Caren Cort	Special Education Teacher
Andrea Davarie	Special Education Teacher
Stefanie Denison	Special Education Teacher
Catherine Gigantino	Special Education Teacher
Joan Goodwin	Special Education Teacher
Susan Medonis	Special Education Teacher
Laura Stafford	Special Education Teacher
Seanna O'Donnell	Special Education Teacher
Marian Sommer	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
Janet Lyons	Special Education Teacher
Eryn Wagner	Special Education Teacher
Kristen Kumar	Special Education Teacher
Katrina Forbes	Special Education Teacher
Robyn Royal	Special Education Teacher
Sandy Lutzker	Speech Pathologist
Alison Mcardle	Speech Pathologist
Jane Quinn	Speech Pathologist
Lori Mackay	Speech Pathologist
Ann Singer	Parent Member
Dianne Penner	Parent Member
Sally Unruh	Parent Member
Yasmine Tetenbaum	Parent Member
Binny Tercek	Parent Member
Sheri Stanger	Parent Member
Joann Findel	Parent Member
Chris Kuhn	Parent Member
Patti Anker	Parent Member
Valerie Cursio	Parent Member

B.3 Recommendation to appoint the following as members to Building Subcommittees for Special Education for the 2009-2010 school year:

<b>HILLSIDE</b>	<b>MIDDLE SCHOOL</b>	<b>HIGH SCHOOL</b>
Deborah Augarten	Deborah Augarten	Deborah Augarten
Nancy Horsey	Nancy Horsey	Nancy Horsey
John Hudak	John Hudak	John Hudak
Elizabeth Zuch	Mitch Samet	Gloria Szeszko
Stephanie Gould	Catherine Higantino	Maryanne Heckhaus
Caren Cort	Joan Goodwin	Janet Lyons
Andrea Davarie	Deanna O’Fonnell	Robyn Royal
Stefanie Denison	Andy Lubitz	Janine Melillo
Susan Medonis	Martha Polstein	Ava Lambert
Laura Stafford	Caryn Hecht	Debora Difronzo
Eryn Wagner	Kathy Barnes	Kathy Barnes
Katrina Forbes	Katrina Forbes	Sandy Lutzker
kristen kumar	Sandy Lutzker	Alison Mcardle
Xandy Lutzker	Alison Mcardle	Jane Quinn
Alison Mcardle	Jane Quinn	
Jane Quinn		
Lori Mackay		
Marian Sommer		

B.4 Recommendation to appoint the following as 504 Chairpersons for the 2009-2010 School Year.

Nancy Horsey	504 Chairperson
Gloria Szeszkog	504 Chairperson
Mitchell Samit	504 Chairperson
John Hudak	504 Chairperson
Elizabeth Zuch	504 Chairperson
Stephanie Gould	504 Chairperson

- B.5 Recommendation to approve the following Committee on Special Education (Bd. Enc.)  
recommendations for the 2008-2009 school year:

# 6533	# 01-026	# 91-013	# 7551
# 7338	# 94-002	# 92-022	# 96-014

- B.6 Recommendation to approve the following Committee on Preschool Special (Bd. Enc.)  
Education recommendations for the 2009-2010 school year:

# 7406	# 7423	# 7421	# 7662
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- B.7 Recommendation to approve the following Committee on Special Education (Bd. Enc.)  
recommendations for the 2009-2010 school year:

# 92-001	# 94-031	# 01-015	# 96-017	# 93-032
# 93-002	# 96-007	# 7176	# 93-029	# 96-038
# 01-024	# 7197	# 96-010	# 7236	# 97-018
# 95-050	# 6697	# 6887	# 93-023	# 92-034
# 91-052	# 95-063	# 02-006	# 92-013	# 7638
# 6942	# 97-023	# 7419	# 6936	# 94-037
# 7521	# 02-003	# 96-031	# 7542	# 93-042
# 7501	# 01-018	# 6059	# 7498	# 5910
# 96-008	# 6907	# 95-060	# 7620	# 6207
# 7522	# 00-014	# 92-055	# 6784	# 95-029
# 7661	# 7535	# 95-044	# 6968	# 93-039
# 00-021	# 02-2005	# 93-000	# 6935	# 01-005
# 96-023	# 95-058	# 7157	# 6132	

- B.8 Recommendation to adjust the non-resident tuition rates for the 2009-2010  
school year as follows:

<b>GRADE</b>	<b>2008-2009</b>	<b>2009-2010</b>
K-6	\$14,310	\$14,651
7-12	\$15,971	\$16,351

These rates reflect the budget-to-budget tax rate increase of 2.38% that was approved by voters on May 19, 2009, at the 2009-2010 Annual Budget Vote and Trustees Election.

- B.9 Resolution to approve the transfer of any excess fund balance over 4% into the tax certiorari fund for the school year ending June 30, 2009.
- B.10 Recommendation to approve the Support Services Agreement with Axispoint, (Bd. Enc.)  
Inc. for the 2009-2010 school year, in the amount of \$4,602.00, and to  
authorize the President of the Board to execute the agreement.
- B.11 Recommendation to approve a contract with CBIZ Valuation Group LLC, to (Bd. Enc.)  
provide capital asset update services in June 2009 for the 2008-2009 fiscal  
year, in the amount of \$950.00, and to authorize the President of the Board to  
execute the contract.

- B.12 Recommendation to engage the services of Nellie Burla, as a piano accompanist, for High School performances, in the amount of \$350. (Bd. Enc.)
- B.13 Recommendation to approve a contract with Sleepy Hollow Physical Therapy for the 2009-2010 school year, in the amount of \$22,000, and to authorize the President of the Board to execute the contract. (Bd. Enc.)
- B.14 Recommendation to approve a Reimbursement Services Agreement with American Family Life Assurance Company (“AFLAC”) for the 2009-2010 school year, and to authorize the President of the Board to execute the contract. (Bd. Enc.)
- B.15 Recommendation to approve a contract with American Vending Machines, effective July 1, 2009 through August 31, 2010, and to authorize the President of the Board to execute the contract. (Bd. Enc.)
- B.16 Recommendation to accept the Hastings Education Foundation Grants for the 2009-2010 school year in the amount of \$68,033.00. (Bd. Enc.)
- B.17 Recommendation to dispose of outdated district-owned equipment. (Bd. Enc.)

**X. OTHER BUSINESS**

Old Business – Board of Education

O.B.1 Summer Board Retreat

Old Business – Audience to Board of Education

New Business – Board of Education

New Business – Audience to Board of Education

**XI. MEETING SUMMARY**

**ADJOURNMENT**