

**HASTINGS-ON-HUDSON  
REGULAR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING**

**MONDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2009**

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**STUDENT LIAISON REPRESENTATIVE**

Lena Street

<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>

**A G E N D A**

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

**II. REPORT FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT**

**III. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

October	19	Farragut Middle School Liaison Meeting – Lloyd Library	6:45 p.m.
October	19	Technology Committee Meeting – District Conference Room	3:30 p.m.
<b>October</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>Board of Education Meeting – John J. Russell Lecture Room Regular Meeting</b>	<b>8:00 p.m.</b>
<b>October</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>Early Release Day</b>	
October	21	Hastings High School Academic Field Day	
October	23	Student / Board of Education Liaison Committee Meeting – Lloyd Library	7:30 a.m.
October	24	ACT Exam – at students’ schools of choice	
October	24	PTSA Fundraiser – The Harlem Wizards vs. Hastings Hotshots – Cochran Gym	7:00 p.m.
October	26	BLT Meetings	3:15 p.m.
October	26	Everyday Mathematics Parent Night, Grades 3-5 – Hillside Cafe	7:00 p.m.
October	27	SEPTA-sponsored presentation by Deb Augarten, Director of Special Education – Hillside Cafe	7:30 p.m.
October	28	Deadline for students to submit an Athletic Packet to play a Winter sport	
October	28-29	PTSA New Book Fair – Hillside School – Hillside Cafe	
October	28	Diversity/Social Emotional Learning (DSEL) Meeting – John J. Russell Lecture Room	3:30 p.m.
October	28	Author Event at the Book Fair – Hillside School	7:00 p.m.
October	30	Halloween Parade – Hillside School	9:30 a.m.
October	30	SAT Registration Deadline for December Exam	
November	2	Hastings High School Liaison Meeting – Room 225	6:45 p.m.
<b>November</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>Board of Education Community Forum – Farragut Complex Cafeteria</b>	<b>8:00 p.m.</b>

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#### IV. PUBLIC COMMENT

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.

#### V. MINUTES

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

#### VI. BUSINESS

- B.1 Recommendation to approve the following Committee on Preschool Special Education recommendation for the 2009-2010 school year: (Bd. Enc.)

# 7617

- B.2 Recommendation to approve the following Committee on Special Education recommendations for the 2009-2010 school year: (Bd. Enc.)

# 97-004      # 00-011      # 5844      # 7522      # 00-021      # 5424  
# 7326      # 00-016

- B.3 Recommendation to approve the contract with Nassau Suffolk Services for an Assistive Technology Evaluation and to authorize the President of the Board to execute the contract. (Bd. Enc.)

- B.4 Recommendation to accept the following Claims Auditor Warrant Reports: (Bd. Enc.)

Warrant #6	Fund TE	Computer Checks for 9/1/09-9/30/09
Warrant #7	Fund A	Computer Checks for 9/25/09-9/30/09
Warrant #4	Fund H	Computer Checks for 9/1/09-9/30/09
Warrant #5	Fund TE	Computer Checks for 9/1/09-9/30/09
Warrant #13	Fund F	Computer Checks for 9/1/09-9/30/09
Warrant #6	Fund F	Computer Checks for 9/1/09-9/30/09
Warrant #7	Fund F	Computer Checks for 9/1/09-9/30/09
Warrant #8	Fund F	Computer Checks for 9/1/09-9/30/09
Warrant #5	Fund A	Computer Checks for 9/1/09-9/16/09
Warrant #2	Fund C	Computer Checks for 9/1/09-9/30/09
Warrant #9	Fund F	Computer Checks for 9/1/09-9/30/09
Warrant #10	Fund F	Computer Checks for 9/1/09-9/30/09
Warrant #12	Fund F	Computer Checks for 8/31/09-8/31/09
Warrant #3	Fund H	Computer Checks for 9/1/09-9/30/09

**VII. PERSONNEL**

P.1 Recommendation to accept the resignation of **Jacqueline M. Laracuenta**, (Bd. Enc.)  
effective October 6, 2009.

P.2 Recommendation to rescind the substitute teacher position of **Merrill** (Bd. Enc.)  
**Wheaton**, effective October 20, 2009.

P.3 Recommendation to rescind the Schedule B appointment of **Andrew Wendol** (Bd. Enc.)  
for High School Intramurals Miscellaneous Sports: Dodgeball, effective  
October 20, 2009.

P.4 WHEREAS, on October 19, 2009 it was determined that a vacancy exists for (Bd. Enc.)  
a leave replacement Special 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

WHEREAS, the Board has identified **Jaime Restivo-Baken** as a qualified  
candidate and wishes to appoint her to a leave replacement Special Education  
teacher position for the 2009-2010 school year; and

WHEREAS, Jaime Restivo-Baken 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  
Jaime Restivo-Baken as a qualified candidate and wishes to appoint her to the  
position of leave replacement Special Education teacher for the 2009-2010  
school year, effective October 5, 2009.

Tenure Area:	n/a
Salary Placement:	MA Step 5
Date of Commencement of Probationary Service:	n/a
Date of Expiration of Probationary Service:	n/a
Anticipated Tenure Date:	n/a
Certification Status:	Permanent

P.5 WHEREAS, on October 19, 2009 it was determined that a vacancy exists for (Bd. Enc.)  
a substitute teacher 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 **Nicole D. D'Ancona** as a qualified  
candidate and wishes to appoint her to a substitute teacher position for the  
2009-2010 school year; and

WHEREAS, Nicole D. D'Ancona 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  
Nicole D. D'Ancona as a qualified candidate and wishes to appoint her to the  
position of substitute teacher for the 2009-2010 school year, effective October  
20, 2009.

- P.6 WHEREAS, on October 19, 2009 it was determined that a vacancy exists for a substitute 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 **Melissa Henning** as a qualified candidate and wishes to appoint her to a substitute teacher position for the 2009-2010 school year; and
- WHEREAS, Melissa Henning 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 Melissa Henning as a qualified candidate and wishes to appoint her to the position of substitute teacher for the 2009-2010 school year, effective October 20, 2009.
- P.7 WHEREAS, on October 19, 2009 it was determined that a vacancy exists for a substitute 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 **Li (Mike) Li** as a qualified candidate and wishes to appoint him to a substitute teacher position for the 2009-2010 school year; and
- WHEREAS, Li Li 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 Li Li as a qualified candidate and wishes to appoint him to the position of substitute teacher for the 2009-2010 school year, effective October 20, 2009.
- P.8 WHEREAS, on October 19, 2009 it was determined that a vacancy exists for a substitute 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 **Marie E. Lynch** as a qualified candidate and wishes to appoint her to a substitute teacher position for the 2009-2010 school year; and
- WHEREAS, Marie E. Lynch 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 Marie E. Lynch as a qualified candidate and wishes to appoint her to the position of substitute teacher for the 2009-2010 school year, effective October 20, 2009.
- P.9 WHEREAS, on October 19, 2009 it was determined that a vacancy exists for a substitute 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 **Lori P. Schwartz** as a qualified candidate and wishes to appoint her to a substitute teacher position for the 2009-2010 school year; and

WHEREAS, Lori P. Schwartz 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 Lori P. Schwartz as a qualified candidate and wishes to appoint her to the position of substitute teacher for the 2009-2010 school year, effective October 20, 2009.

- P.10 WHEREAS, on October 19, 2009 it was determined that a vacancy exists for a substitute 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 **Benjamin S. Vizoskie** as a qualified candidate and wishes to appoint him to a substitute teacher position for the 2009-2010 school year; and

WHEREAS, Benjamin S. Vizoskie 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 Benjamin S. Vizoskie as a qualified candidate and wishes to appoint him to the position of substitute teacher for the 2009-2010 school year, effective October 20, 2009.

- P.11 Recommendation to appoint the following individuals to Schedule B positions for the 2009-2010 school year: (Bd. Enc.)

NAME	POSITION	STEP	STIPEND
Dasha Cherkasov	Modified Girls Tennis Coach	1	\$1,304
Dennis Hurlie	Boys Varsity Basketball Coach	9	\$7,093
Robin Anne Joseph	Elementary Play Director	n/a	\$2,333
Robin Anne Joseph	Elementary Dance	n/a	\$1,600
Jennifer S. Lee	Technical Director, 7/8 Musical	1	\$989
Christopher Lembo	Girls Junior Varsity Soccer Co-Coach	1	\$1,685
Timon Munting	Girls Junior Varsity Soccer Co-Coach	1	\$1,685
William Otivich	Boys Modified Basketball Coach	6	\$3,425
Andrew Wendol	Middle School Miscellaneous Sports	n/a	\$47/hour
Rachel Wineberg	Director, 5/6 Musical	n/a	\$2,747
Rachel Wineberg	Director, 7/8 Play	n/a	\$2,747

- P.12 WHEREAS, on October 19, 2009, it was determined that a vacancy exists for a clerical substitute 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 **Jessica Greco** as a qualified candidate and wishes to appoint her to a clerical substitute position for the 2009-2010 school year; and

WHEREAS, Jessica Greco 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 Jessica Greco as a qualified candidate and wishes to appoint her to the position of clerical substitute for the 2009-2010 school year, effective October 20, 2009.

- P.13 WHEREAS, on October 19, 2009, it was determined that a vacancy exists for (Bd. Enc.) a teacher aide substitute 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 **Jessica Greco** as a qualified candidate and wishes to appoint her to a teacher aide substitute position for the 2009-2010 school year; and

WHEREAS, Jessica Greco 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 **Jessica Greco** as a qualified candidate and wishes to appoint her to the position of teacher aide substitute for the 2009-2010 school year, effective October 20, 2009.

- P.14 WHEREAS, on October 19, 2009, it was determined that a vacancy exists for (Bd. Enc.) a teacher aide substitute 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 **Lori Bannon** as a qualified candidate and wishes to appoint her to a teacher aide substitute position for the 2009-2010 school year; and

WHEREAS, **Lori Bannon** 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 **Lori Bannon** as a qualified candidate and wishes to appoint her to the position of teacher aide substitute for the 2009-2010 school year, effective October 20, 2009.

- P.15 WHEREAS, on October 19, 2009, it was determined that a vacancy exists for (Bd. Enc.) a clerical substitute 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 **Lori Bannon** as a qualified candidate and wishes to appoint her to a clerical substitute position for the 2009-2010 school year; and

WHEREAS, Lori Bannon 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 Lori Bannon as a qualified candidate and wishes to appoint her to the position of clerical substitute for the 2009-2010 school year, effective October 20, 2009.

**VIII. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

C.1 Policy Committee (Eileen Baecher / Donna Laing / Gabrielle Lesser)

**IX. CURRICULUM, INSTRUCTION AND/OR SPECIAL DEPARTMENTS**

- C&I.1 High School Curricular Programs
- Advanced Placement (AP) Art
  - Syracuse University Project Advance (SUPA)

**X. OTHER BUSINESS**

**Old Business – Board of Education**

O.B.1 November 2nd Community Forum

O.B.2 Board of Education 2009-2010 Meeting Topics (Bd. Enc.)

**Old Business – Audience to Board of Education**

**New Business – Board of Education**

N.B.1 2009-2010 Superintendent Goals (Bd. Enc.)

**New Business – Audience to Board of Education**

**XI. MEETING SUMMARY**

**ADJOURNMENT**