

**HASTINGS-ON-HUDSON
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
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MONDAY, JANUARY 22, 2007

7:00 P.M.	Executive Session in the District Conference Room to discuss specific personnel matters
8:00 P.M.	Meeting Reconvenes in John J. Russell Lecture Room

A G E N D A

BOARD OF EDUCATION

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DISTRICT CLERK

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STUDENT LIAISON REPRESENTATIVE

Rebecca Gourevitch

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. REPORT FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

III. ANNOUNCEMENTS

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
January	22	Hillside Parent Liaison Meeting – Hillside Café	6:45 pm
January	22	Board of Education Meeting – Russell Lecture Room	8:00 pm
January	24	Community Leaders Group Meeting – Russell Lecture Room	3:30 pm
January	24-25	FMS Mini-Model U.N. Conference	
January	25	Winter Concert: Grades 5&6 – HHS Auditorium	7:00 pm
January	27	SAT I & SAT II	8:00 am
January	30	“Every High School Student’s ‘Technology Toolbox’” Discussion with Dr. Susan Guiney – HHS Auditorium	7:00 pm
February	1	Hillside Winter Concert – HHS Auditorium	7:00 pm
February	3	Snowball Dance – Cochran Gym	6:30 pm
February	6	“Broadway Cabaret” – HHS Auditorium	7:00 pm
February	9	Hillside Dance Night – All Purpose Room	6:30 pm
February	9&10	HHS “One-Acts” – HHS Auditorium	7:30 pm
February	12-16	Sept. 2007 Kindergarten Registration – Hillside Elem. School	9–12:00 pm
February	12	FMS Liaison Meeting – Lloyd Library	6:45 pm
February	12	Board of Education Meeting – Russell Lecture Room	8:00 pm

IV. PERSONNEL

P.1 Recommendation to grant a 12 week FMLA leave of absence, (Bd. Enc.)
without pay, to **Joan Felipe**, for the 2006-2007 school year, effective
May 21, 2007.

P.2 Recommendation to grant a parental leave of absence, without pay, (Bd. Enc.)
to **Joan Felipe**, for the 2007-2008 school year.

P.3 Recommendation to appoint **Tanya Bobson** to a 1.0 FTE leave (Bd. Enc.)
replacement position as an Elementary School teacher for the 2006-
2007 school year, effective January 23, 2007 as follows:

Tenure Area:	n/a
Salary Placement:	MA, 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	Initial

P.4 Recommendation to amend the Schedule B appointment of **Adam**
Fennel from MS Lunch Supervisor to Open Gym Supervisor (HS
Lunch) for the 2006-2007 school year at a stipend of \$2,903.

P.5 Recommendation to amend the Schedule B appointment of **Kim** (Bd. Enc.)
Smith as MS Lunch Supervisor for the 2006-2007 school year, to be
effective September 1, 2006 through January 26, 2007.

P.6 Recommendation 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>
Susan Horowitz	MS Lunch Supervisor – second semester only	n/a	\$1,452
Kristen Morgan	Modified Softball Coach	1	\$2,283
Frederick Sandhop	MS Lunch Supervisor – second semester only	n/a	\$1,452

P.7 WHEREAS, on January 22, 2007, it was determined that a vacancy exists for an Elementary School After School Art Open Studio Advisor during 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 **Binny Tercek** as a qualified candidate and wishes to appoint her to a Schedule B position as After School Art Open Studio Advisor, Step 1, effective January 23, 2007; and

WHEREAS, Binny Tercek, 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, Binny Tercek 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 Binny Tercek on an emergency basis to the Schedule B position of After School Art Open Studio Advisor 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 Binny Tercek 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 Binny Tercek's continued employment by the Board.

P.8 Recommendation to appoint **Liisa Elsner** to the permanent 12 month position of Office Assistant – Automated Systems, Column VI, Step 6, effective February 2, 2007. (Bd. Enc.)

P.9 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 26, 2007:

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| Rosinna Aviles | Jody Lyn |
| Majid Benarafa | 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 | Rosss Polansky |
| David Freedman | Barbara Prisament |
| Gina Gerdes | Sandra Ruscitto |
| Lesley Gold | Randy Shaw |
| Michael Ingram | Holly Silvestri |
| Bernard Keating | Merle Sternberg |
| Kristine Kesselman | Travis Thornton |
| Jeanette Kocur | Juan Villamar |
| Krista Lifrieri | Eryn Wagner |
| Nicole LaVista | Laurie Walton |

V. CURRICULUM & INSTRUCTION

- C&I.1 Expanding Our Children’s Education and Learning (“EXCEL”) Aid
- C&I.2 Strategic Planning Quarterly Update: Facilities

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. MINUTES

- M.1 Recommendation to accept the minutes of the December 11, 2006 regular meeting. (Bd. Enc.)
- M.2 Recommendation to accept the minutes of the January 8, 2007 regular meeting (Bd. Enc.)

VIII. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- C.1 Board Operations Committee – Patricia Anne Woods/Eric Sweeting/Caryn Campbell
- C.2 Student/Board Liaison Committee – Lindsey Hicks/Patricia Anne Woods/Caryn Campbell
- C.3 Audit/Finance Committee – Gabrielle Lesser/Patricia Anne Woods/Eileen Baecher
- C.4 Facilities Committee – Eric Sweeting/Eileen Baecher/Mary Wirth

IX. BUSINESS

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

7223	7220
7106	7036
- B.2 Recommendation to approve the following Committee on Special Education recommendations for the 2006-2007 school year: (Bd. Enc.)

94-012	7003
01-002	94-029
90-047	
- B.3 Recommendation to appoint the following member to the Committee on Special Education for the 2006-2007 school year:

Patti Anker Parent Member

- B.4 BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Hastings-on-Hudson Union Free School District hereby grants a partial tax bill exemption on Real Property to senior citizens as set forth in Section 467-b and Section 467(3)(a) and to persons with disabilities and limited incomes as set forth in Section 459-c of the Real Property Tax Law of the State of New York. The partial exemption shall be as follows: (Bd. Enc.)

<u>Maximum Income Exemption Eligibility</u>	<u>Percentage Assessed Valuation Exempt from Taxation</u>
Up to \$26,000.00	50%
\$26,000 - \$26,999.99	45%
\$27,000 - \$27,999.99	40%
\$28,000 - \$28,999.99	35%
\$29,000 - \$29,899.99	30%
\$29,900 - \$30,799.99	25%
\$30,800 - \$31,699.99	20%
\$31,700 - \$32,599.99	15%
\$32,600 - \$33,499.99	10%
\$33,500 - \$34,399.99	5%

- B.5 Recommendation to approve the Xerox Purchase Option Plan Agreement to remove two existing copiers and replace them with one new one, and to authorize the Superintendent of Schools to execute the agreement. (Bd. Enc.)

- B.6 Recommendation to approve Medicaid Loss Prevention and Billing Services Agreement provided by Cost Management Services, Inc. and to authorize the President of the Board of Education and the Superintendent of Schools to execute the agreement. (Bd. Enc.)

- B.7 WHEREAS, the exhaust fan in the Farragut Complex has been suddenly rendered inoperational; and (Bd. Enc.)

WHEREAS, the air quality in the Farragut Complex has been negatively affected thereby.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby determines, pursuant to General Municipal Law Section 103(4), that a public emergency arising out of an accident or other unforeseen occurrence affecting the Farragut Complex and the health, safety and property of the School District exists, requiring immediate action which cannot await competitive bidding; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Superintendent of Schools is authorized and empowered to execute contract for the repair or replacement of the exhaust fan together with necessary or appropriate ancillary work, without the necessity of competitive bidding.

- B.8 Recommendation to accept the Expenditure and Revenue Reports for December, 2006. (Bd. Enc.)
- B.9 Recommendation to accept a donation of \$5,000 from Lenny Levine's friends and former students to fund project(s) in his memory.

X. OTHER BUSINESS

Old Business – Board of Education

- O.B.1 Joint Village Board/School Board Committee
- O.B.2 2007-2008 School Calendar (Bd. Enc.)

New Business – Board of Education

- N.B.1 Special Education One Topic Meeting Format
- N.B.2 Mid-Year Board Retreat

ADJOURNMENT