

THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION, UNIONDALE UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT, UNIONDALE, Nassau County, New York, was held in the Uniondale High School of said District on Tuesday, February 14, 2017 at 7:00 PM.

PRESENT: Emerson Mott, President; Terri M. Mangum, Ph.D.; Vice President; Bruno Cubas, Trustee, Neville G. Georges, Trustee; James M. Sharpe III, Trustee; Giselle Rodriguez-Benitez, Student Member.

ALSO PRESENT: William K. Lloyd, Ph.D., Superintendent of Schools; Myrtle E. Dickson, Asst. Supt. for Human Resources; Bancroft Burke, Asst. Supt. for Business Affairs; Rhonda Taylor, Asst. Supt. for Curriculum and Instruction Edward McCarthy, Esq., Counsel; Selma Rubin, District Clerk. Clarence Little, Treasurer.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The JROTC posted colors and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Mr. Mott told the JROTC members that the Board has great joy in seeing them at the Board meetings. The Board members always feel protected when JROTC is around. He asked them to continue doing what they are doing which is excellent work.

ROUTINE MATTERS

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools motion was made by James Sharpe, seconded by Neville Georges, and carried unanimously, WHEREIN it was:

RESOLVED, that approval of the minutes of the meeting of January 31, 2017, as corrected.

RESOLVED, that The Village of Hempstead was approved to use the facilities at Lawrence Road Middle School.

Legal:

Motion was made by James Sharpe seconded by Bruno Cubas and carried unanimously to accept the Notice of the Annual District Election.

SUPERINTENDENT'S UPDATE:

Dr. Lloyd stated that Valencia Hopkins, a middle school student, was a 3rd Place Winner at the Long Island Regional Spelling Bee which took place at Hofstra University on February 12, 2017. There were 50 Districts represented and this was a very exciting win. Mr. Mott presented Ms. Hopkins with a plaque and she and her parents were congratulated and photos were taken.

Mr. Bancroft Burke provided a description of the proposed Capital component of the 2017-2018 budget.

Comments by the Board:

Ms. Rodriguez Benitez mentioned that they are planning to have all the schools participate in the Fashion Show usually held by the High School in an effort to unite the entire community. They are also working on

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summer activities. Ms. Rodriguez Benitez also mentioned the benefits and importance of keeping the 9th grade with the High School, whether it be in the High School proper or in the High School Campus.

Mr. Sharpe wished everyone a Happy Valentine's Day. He spoke of the meeting held on Saturday, February 11, 2017 and the importance of creating space. There is no decision yet but the Board members are working diligently in trying to do what is best for the community and foremost what is best for the students.

At 7:45 PM, motion was made by Dr. Mangum, seconded by Mr. Cubas and carried unanimously to recess for a few minutes. They reconvened at 7:50 PM.

Mr. Cubas wished everyone a Happy Valentine's Day and relinquished his time to Dr. Mangum who had meaningful information to share.

Dr. Mangum spoke of the meeting held on February 11, 2017 and the Board has many important decisions to make. The audience had many very good questions regarding the scenarios, the costs of the schools, the alternative school, what students will do while the work is being done, should we renovate or demolish, air conditioning, etc. Everything is being considered and studied in order to make the best decisions possible. Dr. Mangum also mentioned that this is Black History Month and there are programs in all the schools. They really are excellent and everyone should try to attend. She also stated that she had seen a new movie entitled "I Am Not A Negro" by James Baldwin and it is about Malcolm X, Dr. Martin Luther King and Medgar Evers.

Mr. Mott said that the capital projects are mainly about health and safety issues which is a priority. We are continuing to look at everything in order to arrive at an acceptable budget for the community. We are aware that we have many retirees and senior citizens and we also want to provide an excellent education for our scholars. He thanked the audience for having confidence in the Board.

Anyone wishing to address the Board for Public comments on any school related issue not listed elsewhere on the agenda is invited to do so at this time. In the interest of time, we ask three (3) minutes per person be taken in this area.

Comments by the Public:

Comments, questions and concerns regarding input from the New York State Department of Education regarding budget costs; the very informative meeting held regarding a proposed bond project; the strong sense of commitment; the manner in which the District is evaluated; student grades that are acceptable; how the District is ranked; how with good leadership and good educators the students will learn and we will have the best outcome for the children; Board members being able to express their individual suggestions and concerns; and since the Board is charged with the final decision, it is important that the public is engaged in the discussion to express their viewpoints were raised by Mr. Paul Incarnato, Mr. Paul Gibson and Ms. McMahan.

Old Business-Air-conditioning for all the schools.

BOARD OF EDUCATION ACTION:

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools motion was made by James Sharpe, seconded by Bruno Cubas and carried unanimously, **WHEREIN** it was:

RESOLVED, that approval is hereby granted as follows:

Curriculum:

Approval for 160 K – 2 California Ave., Grand Ave., Northern Parkway and Smith Street Elementary School students to participate in a Mr. Puppet Program to be held in March and April 2017 at the individual Elementary Schools. No cost to District: 21st Century Grant Funded- F2110-407-17-1234 and Extended School Day-F2110-400-17-3056-3057.

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Approval for 100 Northern Parkway Elementary School students to Participate in a “County Hip Hop Sock Hop Dance Party to be held on March 14, 2017 at Northern Parkway School. No cost to District: 21st Century Grant Funded – F2110-400-17-3056-3057.

Approval for 40 Grand Avenue Elementary School students and their families to attend a Family workshop on Power Brain-Mindfulness Training to be held at Grand Ave. Elementary School on Tuesday, April 25, and Tuesday, April 4, 2017 from 6pm -7:30pm. No cost to District-Grant Funded- 21st Century –F2110-407-17-1234.

Approval for 25 Uniondale High School students to participate in an “Escape the Room” experience for Critical Thinking, Problem Solving and Team Building to be held on march 20, 2017 at Uniondale High School. No cost to District-Grant Funded-21st Century-F2110-407-17-1234.

Approval for 72 Smith Street Elementary School students on Wednesday, March 22, 2017 to participate in Lee Knight’s Science Show to be held at Smith Street Elementary School. No cost to District: Grant Funded-21st Century –F2110-407-17-1234.

Approval for 180 students to participate in a trip to Baldwin Bowling Center on March 25, 2017. No cost to District – Grant Funded – 21st Century – F2110-407-17-1234.

Approval for 150 Grand Avenue and Smith Street Elementary Schools to participate in a Traveling pet Program to be held at the individual Schools in March and April 2017. No cost to District: 21st Century Grant F2110-400-17-1234 and Extended School Day – F2110-400-17-1234 and Extended School Day – F2110—400-17-3056-3057.

Approval for 10 Key Club members and 2 Chaperones to attend the NYS Leadership Training Conference to be held in Albany, NY on March 31-April 2, 2017. Cost to District: Approximately \$7,600. A2110-400.

Approval for 180 students and their families to attend a Family Fun Line Dancing workshop to be held at California Avenue (April 4, 2017) and Walnut Street (March 8, 2017) Elementary Schools. No cost to District. Grant Funded – 21st Century – F2110-407-17-1234.

Approval for 72 Smith Street Elementary School students to attend Lee Knight’s Earth Day Show to be held on April 20, 2017. No cost to District: 21st Century – F2110-407-17-1234.

Approval for 25 JROTC students to participate in a League Raider Competition to be held at Fort Dix, NJ on April 22, 2017. Cost to District : \$1900.00. (A 2110-400)

Approval for 80 Uniondale High School Physics and P-Tech students to participate in a Six Flags Great Adventure for Physics Day Trip on May 24, 2017. Cost to District: \$663.32 (Code F2110-407-17-4321) \$1,859.94 (Code A 2110-400-00-2800)

Approval for the Latinos Unidos Club to participate in an end of the year trip to Six Flags Great Adventure, NJ on May 28, 2017. No cost to District.

PERSONNEL:

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT:

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools motion was made by Bruno Cubas, seconded by James Sharpe, and carried unanimously WHEREIN it was:

RESOLVED, that approval is hereby granted for the following:

Adam Cirulnick, Yolanda Biggs, Colleen Martin and Sharyn Wanderman to attend the NYS Science Learning Standards seminar to be held in February 28, 2017 at Western Suffolk BOCES. No cost to District.

Lauren DiNapoli to attend a “ Learning to use the Ti-84 and Graphing Calculator Part 1” workshop to be held on March 6, 2017 at Suffolk BOCES. No cost to District.

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Christine Gallo to attend the Language Arts Council/Nassau Reading Council 2017 Spring Conference in Melville, NY on March 10, 2017. No cost to District. Staff Member pays.

Carolyn A. Caruso, Meghan O'Neill, Jessica Scheurer and Laura Vegas to attend the Long Island math Conference at SUNY Old Westbury on March 17, 2017. Cost to District \$ 60.00 registration fee/Person.

Mark Sippin to attend the LIASCD Brain Based Leadership Workshop to be held in Melville, NY on March 21, 2017. Cost to District: \$140.00 Registration fee.

Lisa Daube to attend the Nassau Zone conference at Adelphi University on March 31, 2017. No Cost to District-Staff Member pays.

Edward Rodriguez to attend the Annual NYS National Association for The Education of Young Children Conference to be held in Rye Brook NY on March 31-April 1, 2017. No Cost to District: Pre K Grant-F-2110-407-17-Pre-K.

John O'Sullivan to attend the NASTECH Leadership Institute to be held on May 3, 2017 at Nassau BOCES. No Cost to District.

Thomas Watson to attend the SUPA Economics Seminar to be held in NYC on May 12, 2017. No Cost to District. Staff member pays.

Valerie Desrouleaux to attend the "Tac-D 2017 Summer Institute: Dismantling and Eradicating Disproportionality: Interventions for All Children" seminar to be held on May 19, 2017 at New York University, New York City. No Cost to District.

ADMINISTRATIVE PERSONNEL:

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools motion was made by Bruno Cubas, seconded by James Sharpe and carried unanimously, **WHEREIN** it was:

RESOLVED, that approval is hereby granted as follows:

Approval of Tenure for a Principal, Bryan Bruno at California Avenue Elementary School, effective June 30, 2017.

Approval of Tenure of an Assistant Principal, Shantel Brooks at California Avenue Elementary School, effective August 5, 2017.

Approval to accept the Resignation for purposes of retirement of the Director of Library Media Services, Ms. Janice Friedman, effective June 30, 2017, with regrets.

Faculty Personnel

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools motion was made by Terri Mangum, seconded by Bruno Cubas and carried unanimously, **WHEREIN** it was:

RESOLVED, that approval is hereby granted as follows:

Appointment of a permanent substitute teacher, Gilbert Hernandez assigned to the Shubert School effective February 15, 2017 at a salary of \$125.00 per day. NYS Initial Certificate : (7/27/2016) Early Childhood Education (Birth – Grade 2); Initial Certificate (7/27/16) Bilingual Education Extension.

Appointment of a permanent substitute teacher Amy Ditkowsky assigned to Lawrence Road Middle School, effective February 15, 2017 at a salary of \$ 125.00 per day. NYS Initial Certificate: (11/25/2014) Early Childhood Education (Birth-Grade 2): Initial Certificate: (11/25/14) Childhood Education (Grades 1-6); Initial Certificate (9/1/12) General Science 7-12 Extension; Initial Certificate: (9/1/12) Biology 7-12 Time Extension.

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Request for a Family Medical Leave for a California Avenue Elementary School Teacher, Maria Brown, effective April 3 – June 30, 2017.

Request for a Family Medical Leave for a Turtle Hook Middle School Teacher, Douglas Modica, effective March 6, 2017 – March 24, 2017.

Approval to amend the return date to February 15, 2017, of a Uniondale High School Teacher, Ms. Adeola Tella-Williams.

Resignation of a permanent Substitute Teacher, Cassandra Wiggins at the Shubert School effective February 6, 2017.

NON FACULTY PERSONNEL:

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools motion was made by James Sharpe, seconded by Terri Mangum and carried unanimously, **WHEREIN** it was:

RESOLVED, that approval is hereby granted as follows:

Resignation of a California Avenue Elementary School Lunch Monitor, Jamar Daniels, effective February 14, 2017.

Supplementary Personnel:

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools motion was made by James Sharpe, seconded by Bruno Cubas and carried unanimously, **WHEREIN** it was:

RESOLVED, that approval is hereby granted as follows:

Appointment of a part-time Teaching Assistant, Jamar Daniels, assigned to the Shubert School effective February 15, 2017, at an annual salary of \$13,099.00 (pro-rated) Class I/Step I, not to exceed 3 ½ hrs. per day, five days per week.

Resignation of a part-time Teaching Assistant, Edwina Bien-Aime assigned to Walnut Street Elementary School, effective February 2, 2017.

SUBSTITUTE PERSONNEL:

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools motion was made by Terri Mangum, seconded by Bruno Cubas and carried unanimously, **WHEREIN** it was:

RESOLVED, that approval is hereby granted as follows, effective February 15, 2017

Appointment of Substitute Personnel:

Clerical P/T Sub	Rate of Pay
Patricia Heckstall	\$12.74 per hour

SUBSTITUTE TEACHER	CERTIFICATION	RATE OF PAY	WORK LIMIT
Nicole Salazar	Math 7-12 Cert.	\$ 115.00 per day	Unlimited
Jawara Dudley	Working toward Cert.	\$ 100.00 per day	Unlimited
Taylor D'Amico	Working toward Cert.	\$ 100.00 per day	Unlimited
L. Paulo Escuro	Chemistry 7-12 Cert.	\$ 115.00 per day	Unlimited
Bonnie Stephens-Murray	Not Certified	\$ 100.00 per day	Limited 40 days
Edith Vasquez	Working towards Cert.	\$ 100.00 per day	Unlimited
Dominique Johnson	Working towards Cert.	\$ 100.00 per day	Unlimited

MOTION TO ADJOURN

Motion to Adjourn to Executive Session for Personnel by James Sharpe, seconded by Terri Mangum
at 8pm

Selma Rubin, District Clerk