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**CROTON-HARMON U.F.S.D.**  
*Regular Meeting of the Board of Education*

Tuesday, October 9, 2007

7:30 p.m.

*Croton-Harmon High School Community Room*

- I. Call to Order - Recording of Attendance.
- II. Approval of Agenda.
- III. Principal's Report/Presentation from Joel Adelberg.
- IV. President's Report.
  - A. What resolutions Board will support at NYSSBA Convention.
- V. Superintendent's Report.
  - A. The Croton Vision and Mission, An Activity.
  - B. Technology Facilitators.
  - C. Superintendent's Conference Day.
  - D. Shared Municipal Grant Proposal.
- VI. Director of Staff & Pupil Personnel Services Report.
  - A. Students and Program.
  - B. SEPTA Back-to-School, October 30, 2007.
  - C. Attendance Policy.
  - D. Special Education Consultant.
- VII. Director of Finance and Administration's Report.
  - A. First Days in Croton.
  - B. Audit Update.
  - C. State Aid Filing Update.
- VIII. Board Liaison Reports.
- IX. Polling of the Board.

X. Hearing of the Public.

XI. On-going Business.

A. Audit:

1. Audit Charter Amendment: Recommended Motion: that the Board of Education approve the amendment to the audit charter to have the audit committee be comprised of the full Board.

B. Finance:

1. October 22<sup>nd</sup> Work Session: Auditor, Excel Aid & Related Capital Projects.

XII. New Business.

- A. **Contract Amendment: Recommended Motion: that the Board of Education adopt the amendment to the current contract of Dr. Marjorie E. Castro to reflect an annualized salary increase to \$226,000 for the period of January 1, 2007 through June 30, 2007, and that the President of the Croton-Harmon Board of Education is authorized to sign such amendment.**

- B. Out-of-District Trip: Recommended Motion: that the Board of Education approve the application for approval of out-of-district trip to be taken by the French students to La Rochelle, France, March 11, 2008 to March 22, 2008.

- C. Anderson Center for Autism Contract: Recommended Motion: that the Board of Education approve the agreement between the Croton-Harmon School District and the Anderson Center for Autism for Student No. 10033, for the 2007-2008 school year.

- D. Lakeland School District Agreement: Recommended Motion: that the Board of Education approve the agreement between the Croton-Harmon School District and the Lakeland School District for Student No.10031, for the 2007-2008 school year.

- E. Donation: Recommended Motion: that the Board of Education graciously accept the donation from the Croton-Harmon Sports Booster Club for 2 score clocks that can be used for basketball, wrestling and volleyball, 2 shot clocks for basketball, and protective netting for the timer/clocks.

- F. Proposed Resolutions to the NYSSBA: Recommended Motion: that the Board of Education support the following Briarcliff School District resolutions to be presented to the New York State School Boards Association:

Resolution One

Be it Resolved that the New York State School Boards Association support the creation of continued financial incentives for public schools, such as EXCEL grants, to install energy conservation measures related to New York State Education Department approved capital projects including roofs, heating and air conditioning systems and other facilities' enhancements, such as window replacements and bathroom and kitchen fixtures and appliances.

Resolution Two

Be it Resolved that the New York State School Boards Association support the approval of modifications to the lower bid requirements to permit contractual arrangements that include “weighted” specifications to promote energy efficient construction and purchasing of “green” products and energy saving supplies and equipment.

- G. The Churchill School Agreement: Recommended Motion: that the Board of Education approve the agreement between the Croton-Harmon School District and the The Churchill School for Student No. 3908, for the 2007-2008 school year.
- H. Special Education Placements: Recommended Motion: that the Board of Education approve the following Special Education Placement of Student Nos. 1733, 11664, 072400000, 23005, 23007, 11074, 1897, 2007, 42693, 21010, 11825, 3841, 21002, 0455.
- I. Carol Fiorile Agreement: Recommended Motion: that the Board of Education approve the agreement between the Croton-Harmon School District and Carol Fiorile, a provider of Consulting Services to include Family training and Third Party Monitor at CSE Meetings, for the 2007-2008 school year.
- J. Michele McAuliffe Agreement: Recommended Motion: that the Board of Education approve the agreement between the Croton-Harmon School District and Michele McAuliffe, a provider of Nursing services, from October 10, 2007 to June 30, 2008.
- K. Laura Boyar Agreement: Recommended Motion: that the Board of Education approve the agreement between the Croton-Harmon School District and Laura Boyar, a provider of Nursing services, from October 10, 2007 to June 30, 2008.
- L. Westchester Exceptional children’s School Agreement: Recommended Motion: that the Board of Education approve the agreement between the Croton-Harmon School District and Westchester Exceptional Children’s School, for student No. 10095, for the 2007-2008 school year.
- M. Joy Brewster Agreement: Recommended Motion: that the Board of Education approve the agreement between the Croton-Harmon School District and Joy Brewster, Board Certified Behavior Analyst, for the 2007-2008 school year.

XIII.

Consent Agenda: Recommended Motion: that the Board of Education approve the following: Resolved that the Board of Education hereby approves all items contained on the Consent Agenda:

A. Instructional Personnel:

1. Rescind Appointments: Recommended Motion: that the Board of Education rescind the following appointments, made at the meeting of September 10, 2007:

- a. Gerald Ardito, Yearbook Advisor, PVC;
- b. Carol Hoffman, Social Action Club, PVC.

2. Recommendations for Appointment:

a. Leave Replacement: Recommended Motion: that the Board of Education approve the emergency conditional leave replacement appointment of Linda Meo, Art Teacher, at a pro-rated salary of \$57,201.55 (Step 5MA), effective October 10, 2007.

b. Co-Curricular Appointments: Recommended Motion: that the Board of Education approve the following Co-Curricular Appointments, Pierre Van Cortlandt Middle School, for the 2007-2008 school year:

- (1) Gerald Ardito, .5 Yearbook, \$1,547.50 (Step 3);
- (2) Jocelyn Fontana, Student Council, \$3,640 (Step 2);
- (3) Carol Hoffman, .5 Social Action Club, \$709.50 (Step 3);
- (4) Michael Katzman, Spring Musical Accompanist, \$1,171 (Step 3);
- (5) Michael Katzman, Chorus, \$1,419 (Step 3);
- (6) Michael Katzman, Select Chorus, \$921 (Step 3);
- (7) Dan Large, Drama Club, \$1,577 (Step 2);
- (8) Dan Large, Spring Musical Director, \$1,740 (Step 1);
- (9) Karen Leitner, .5 Social Action Club, \$621.50 (Step 1);
- (10) Ben Martucci, Intramurals (Fall), \$3,728 (Step 1);
- (11) Mary Sweeney, .5 Yearbook, \$1,544.50 (Step 1);
- (12) Lisa Sable, Band, \$1,667 (Step 3);
- (13) Lisa Sable, Jazz Band, \$921 (Step 3);
- (14) Mary Watson, Literary Club, \$1,667 (Step 3).

c. Mentor Appointment: Recommended Motion: that the Board of Education approve the following Mentor Appointments, for the 2007-2008 school year:

- (1) Mary Chesser as Mentor for Meg Flood, CHHS, at a stipend of \$1,000;
- (2) Annemarie Powers as Mentor for Megan Kissin, PVC (at a stipend of \$1,500 for mentoring Megan Kissin and Elizabeth O'Shea.

d. Technology Facilitators: Recommended Motion: that the Board of Education approve the following Technology Facilitators, at a stipend of \$1,200, for the 2007-2008 school year:

- (1) Gerald Ardito, Blogs, Wikis & Podcasts;
  - (2) Dawn Huston, Technology 101, Technology Tools for the Classroom;
  - (3) Zhanna Glazenburg, Advanced Smart Technology;
  - (4) Jen Moore, Learning Adobe Photoshop;
  - (5) Tom Rhindress, Introduction to Smart Boards.
- e. Substitute Lists: Recommended Motion: that the Board of Education approve the addition of Lois Trask to the following Substitute lists:
- (1) Lois Trask, Substitute Teacher, Teacher Aide.
  - (2) Angela Esposito, Substitute Teacher, Teacher Aide;
  - (3) Frank Mule, Substitute Teacher.**
- f. CET Afterschool Program: Recommended Motion: that the Board of Education approve the following persons to work in the CET Afterschool Program, 2007-2008 school year:
- (1) Shannon Varekamp, Science Academy for Jrs.;
  - (2) Claire Hilbert, French;
  - (3) Donna Braca, Supervision;
  - (4) Alana DeLuca, Intro to Music;
  - (5) Tomas Cataldo, Guitar.
- g. PVC Afterschool Program: Recommended Motion: that the Board of Education approve the following persons to work in the PVC Afterschool Program, 2007-2008 school year (fee schedules attached):
- (1) Gloria Papelian, Are You Ready to Bake;
  - (2) Cinemania at Jacob Burns Film Center;
  - (3) Gerald Ardito, Get Ready To Launch Your Rocket;
  - (4) Gwen Sargeant, Creative Fashion Design;
  - (5) Brienne Johannes, For The Love Of Mud;
  - (6) Theo Philips, Pop N Lock (Dance);
  - (7) Michael Katzman, School Of Rock-Garage Band;
  - (8) Renee Ivanoff, Ceramic Glaze;
  - (9) Chris Barlow, UMAC Martial Arts.
- h. Mandarin Before School Enrichment: Recommended Motion: that the Board of Education approve the emergency conditional appointment of Zhigeng Yang, Mandarin Before School Enrichment Teacher, at a stipend of \$3,000, effective immediately.
3. Salary Adjustment: Recommended Motion: that the Board of Education increase the salary/stipend for the following personnel:

- a. Margaret Flood, .6 Social Studies Teacher, from Step 1 (as erroneously appointed) to Step 2, \$33,030.36.
- b. Steven Bell, Modified Head Football Coach, from Step 1 to Step 2, \$3,878.

B. Non-Instructional Personnel:

1. Resignation: Recommended Motion: that the Board of Education accept, with regret, the verbal notice of resignation received from Mary Rose Saccamanno, Teacher Aide, Carrie E. Tompkins Elementary School, effective June 30, 2007.
2. Recommendation for Appointment: Recommended Motion: that the Board of Education approve the emergency conditional probationary appointment of Cassandra Gioio, Teacher Aide (IEP), Carrie E. Tompkins Elementary School, at a salary of \$13.40 per hour, effective September 10, 2007 (eligible for permanent appointment November 3, 2008).
3. Salary Adjustments: Recommended Motion: that the Board of Education approve the following salary increases:
  - a. Dan Cassidy, Messenger Replacement, from \$12.00 per hour to \$14.65 per hour, effective immediately.
  - b. Lunch Aides, from \$12.15 per hour to \$12.54 per hour, effective September 1, 2007.
  - c. Milk Monitors, from \$11.40 per hour to \$11.77 per hour, effective September 1, 2007.
4. Benefits Agreement Revision: Recommended Motion: that the Board of Education approve the revised Benefits Agreement for the Business Office Administrative Assistant.
5. Benefits Agreement Revision: Recommended Motion: that the Board of Education approve the revised Benefits Agreement for the district's Occupational Therapist.
6. Benefits Agreement Revision: Recommended Motion: that the Board of Education approve the revised Benefits Agreement for the Technical Support Specialist.
7. Benefits Agreement Revision: Recommended Motion: that the Board of Education approve the revised Benefits Agreement for the Secretary to the Superintendent of Schools.
8. Benefits Agreement Revision: Recommended Motion: that the Board of Education approve the revised Benefits Agreement for the Secretary to the Director of Finance and Administration.
9. Benefits Agreement Revision: Recommended Motion: that the Board of Education approve the revised Benefits Agreement for the School District Treasurer.

10. Benefits Agreement Revision: Recommended Motion: that the Board of Education approve the revised Benefits Agreement for the Assistant Supervisor of Transportation.

11. Benefits Agreement Revision: Recommended Motion: that the Board of Education approve the revised Benefits Agreement for the Director of Enrichment Center (PVC Afterschool Program).

C. Acknowledgement of Receipt of Financial Reports.

D. Acknowledgment of Receipt of Board of Education Minutes:

1. Special Meeting of June 27, 2007;
2. Reorganizational Meeting of July 3, 2007;
3. Regular Meeting of July 3, 2007;
4. Regular Meeting of August 13, 2007;
5. Special Meeting of August 23, 2007;
6. Regular Meeting of September 10, 2007;
7. Special Meeting of September 24, 2007.

E. Acknowledgement of Receipt of Treasurer's Report for the period ending August 31, 2007.

F. Acknowledgement of Receipt of Student Activities Fund Reports:

1. July 31, 2007;
2. August 31, 2007.

XIV. Hearing of the Public.

XV. Adjournment to Executive Session for the purpose of discussing legal matters and negotiations.

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