

Croton-Harmon Union Free School District  
Special Meeting of the Board of Education

Date of Meeting: April 28, 2008

Kind of Meeting: Special

Place & Time: Croton-Harmon High School Community Room, 7:09 p.m.

Board Present: Katherine Brechner, Eugene Perl, Teri Lukin, Neal Haber, Lynda Jones, Karen Zevin, Beth Roth (arrived at 7:25 p.m.)

Staff Present: Marjorie Castro, Diane Chaissan, Keane & Beane (Ron Longo, Stephanie Roebuck, Judd Siebert)

Call to Order Katherine Brechner called the meeting to order at 7:09 p.m.

Appointment:  
Acting District Clerk A motion to appoint Diane L. Chaissan as Acting District Clerk was made by Lynda Jones and seconded by Eugene Perl.

Ayes 6 Motion Carried

Executive Session A motion to recess to Executive Session to discuss legal matters was made by Eugene Perl and seconded by Lynda Jones.

Ayes 6 Motion Carried

At this point Beth Roth arrived (7:25 p.m.).

Reconvene A motion to reconvene to the Regular session was made by Neal Haber and seconded by Eugene Perl (9:25 p.m.).

Ayes 7 Motion Carried

Approval of Agenda A motion to approve the agenda, amending it to "Add D (a brief discussion on the BOCES Vote) and Amend item B (remove last line) was made by Eugene Perl and seconded by Neal Haber.

Ayes 7 Motion Carried

Contract:  
SW BOCES A motion to approve the contract with Southern Westchester BOCES in order for the Lower Hudson Regional Information Center to furnish certain computer services to the District, as noted in Schedule A, in an amount not to exceed \$200,000 plus \$15,790 for applicable interest for a period of three years, was made by Eugene Perl and seconded by Beth Roth.

Ayes 5 Nays 1 (Lynda Jones) Abstentions 1 (Teri Lukin)  
Motion Carried

Impartial Hearing A motion to approve the following recommendation was made by Eugene Perl and seconded by Neal Haber:

Upon the recommendation of Kusum Sinha, Director of Staff and Pupil Personnel Services, RESOLVED that the Board of Education of the Croton-Harmon Union Free School District hereby directs the Director of Staff and Pupil Personnel Services to notify the District Clerk that the District is commencing an Impartial Hearing relating to Student No. 21018.

Ayes 5 Absent 1 (Beth Roth absent from room) Abstentions 1 (Teri Lukin)  
Motion Carried

Policy 6800,  
Payroll Procedures  
First Reading Policy 6800, Payroll Procedures was given to the Board for a first reading.

BOCES Vote The Board will meet on Tuesday, April 29, 2008, at 9:15 a.m., in the District Office, to vote on the BOCES budget for 2008-2009.

Consent Agenda A motion to approve the following was made by Eugene Perl and seconded by Neal Haber: Resolved that the Board of Education hereby approves all items contained on the Consent Agenda:

- A. Approve the following recommendations for Supervisors and Timekeepers for athletic events, at a salary of \$91.00 for Supervision per sporting event and \$139.00 for Timekeeper per sporting event:
  - 1. Michael Spalding;
  - 2. Erica Chanowsky;
  - 3. Ralph DeFino;
  - 4. Sam Occipinti;
  - 5. Tom Naughton;
  - 6. Susan Dudman;
  - 7. Robin Cooke;
  - 8. Kathy Windrum;
  - 9. Phyllis Cobb;
  - 10. Kim Gaynor;
  - 11. Susan Lewis;
  - 12. Joe Merriam;
  - 13. Bill Thom;
  - 14. Lou Villani;
  - 15. Alison Rhoades;
  - 16. Jen Moore;
  - 17. Frank Streany;
  - 18. Todd Schmidt.
  
- B. Approve the addition of Dorothy McMahon to the Substitute Teacher list and the Substitute Teacher Aide list.

- C. Rescind the appointments of the following Adult Education instructors, CET, made at a previous meeting:
1. Robert Chuckrow, PhD;
  2. Zhigeng Yang;
  3. Renee Ligay;
  4. Frank Maddalena;
  5. Kazuko DiCroce;
  6. Lou Nardone.
- D. Approve the appointment of the following vendors, CET:
1. United Martial Arts (Chris Berlow), \$4,000;
  2. Renee Curci Ivanoff, MudMade, \$700, \$800, \$800 respectively;
  3. Croton Cake Creations, Inc., Advanced Cake, \$1,750 and Cake Decorating for Kids, \$1,300;
  4. Jon Khoury, Soccer, \$1,000;
  5. Denise Bessette, Acting, \$1,800;
  6. Claire Hilbert, French, \$600;
  7. Dawne Clark, Gymnastics, \$2,200;
  8. Kazuko DiCroce, Japanese, \$700;
  9. Shannon Varekamp, Science Academy for Jrs., \$750;
  10. Ketti North, Sewing (Creative Crafts), \$500;
  11. Runhong Chen, Chinese, \$600;
  12. Serita Nath, Indian Cooking, \$300.
- E. Approve the payment to the following vendors:
1. John Burt, for a Croton-Harmon High School Personal Defense Seminar, in the amount of \$240.
  2. Suzanne Hanna, C.S.W., Child, Adolescent, & Adult Psychotherapy, for a presentation to the Senior Class, in the amount of \$150.
- F. Approve the emergency conditional probationary appointment of Betsaida Ramos, Afterschool Teacher Aide, Pierre Van Cortlandt Middle School, at a salary of \$11.00 per hour, effective immediately (eligible for permanent appointment June 30, 2009).
- G. Approve the appointment of Nona Murphy and Lisa Calandro as back-ups to the District Clerk regarding the canvassing of Impartial Hearing Officers in the absence of the District Clerk.

Ayes 7 Motion Carried

Work Session            Kusum Sinha facilitated a workshop for the Board of Education on Child Abuse.

Adjournment            A motion to adjourn at 10:30 p.m. was made by Beth Roth and seconded by Eugene Perl.

Ayes 7    Motion Carried

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Diane L. Chaissan  
Acting District Clerk

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