

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

Date of Meeting: August 25, 2008  
Kind of Meeting: Special  
Place & Time: District Office, 7:36 p.m.  
Board Present: Karen Zevin, Eugene Perl, Teri Lukin, Neal Haber, Lynda Jones  
Board Absent: Katherine Brechner, Beth Roth  
Staff Present: Marjorie Castro, Diane L. Chaissan

Call to Order Karen Zevin called the meeting to order at 7:36 p.m.

Appointment:  
Acting District Clerk A motion to appoint Diane Chaissan as Acting District Clerk was made by Neal Haber and seconded by Teri Lukin.

Ayes 5 Motion Carried

Approval of Agenda A motion to approve the agenda was made by Eugene Perl and seconded by Lynda Jones.

On the question: Two items are being added.

Ayes 5 Motion Carried

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

- A. Approve the following budget transfers:
1. To allocate funds to pay technology Staff Development position from PVC code to CHHS code, in the amount of \$60,000.
  2. To reallocate funds from Non-Instructional code to Instructional code, in the amount of \$14,000.
  3. To reallocate funds for additional section, in the amount of \$72,200.
- B. Accept, with regret, the notice of resignation submitted by Lauren Broadbelt, .4 AIS Mathematics Teacher, effective immediately.

- C. Approve the probationary appointment of Jessica Valentino, Special Education Teacher, Carrie E. Tompkins Elementary School, at a salary of \$68,547 (Step 5MA), effective September 1, 2008 (eligible for tenure 9/1/10; if proof of tenure is not submitted, the eligible date for tenure would be 9/1/11).
- D. Approve the appointment of Dorothy McMahon, .4 Elementary AIS Teacher for Grade 3 Reading, .4 Elementary AIS Teacher for Grades 3 & 4 Math, and .2 Elementary Enrichment Teacher, Carrie E. Tompkins Elementary School, at an annual salary of \$57,662 (Step 1MA), effective September 1, 2008.
- E. Approve the appointment of Michael Doehring, Mathematics Leave Replacement, Croton-Harmon High School, at a pro-rated salary of \$8,986.68 (Step 2MA+30), effective September 2 through October 16, 2008.
- F. Approve the following Mentor appointments, Carrie E. Tompkins Elementary School, at a stipend of \$1,000, for the 2008-2009 school year:

	<u>Mentor</u>	<u>Mentee</u>
1.	Rochelle Honig	Stefanie Levine-Liss
2.	Cathy Higgins	Jessica Valentino

- G. Approve the following Mentor appointments, Croton-Harmon High School, at a stipend of \$1,000, for the 2008-2009 school year:

	<u>Mentor</u>	<u>Mentee</u>
1.	Mary Chesser	Jill Clateman
2.	Jen Moore	Nicole Snider
3.	Erica Jackson	Susan Ardolino
4.	Tom Naughton	Janelle Kraus
5.	Nora Jordan	Sharon Abrams
6.	Alison Rhoades (.5)	Sophie Wang- Paolicelli
7.	Shelly Frisch	Mae Issac

- H. Approve the following volunteer coaching appointments, for the 2008-2009 school year:

- 1. Christopher Dillon, Varsity & JV Girls' Soccer;
- 2. Severino Sangro, Varsity Football.

- I. Approve the appointment of the following Afterschool Program Instructors (a Not To Exceed Amount is listed below):

- 1. Danielle Dushock, Scrapbooking, \$500;
- 2. Nicole Snider, Exploring Fine Arts, \$500;
- 3. Kazuko DiCroce, Japanese Culture & Art, \$650;

4. Judith Singerman, Basic Spanish, \$500;
  5. Renee Ivanoff, Ceramic Designs, \$900;
  6. Elizabeth Carlson, Intro to Mod. Ballet I, \$2,000;
  7. Denise Bessette, Acting, \$1,000;
  8. Joseph Davis, Drawing Cartoons, \$500;
  9. Renee Ivanoff, Clay Works for Jrs., \$900;
  10. Jon Khoury, Soccer II, \$1,000;
  11. Chris Berlow, Taekwondo, \$4,500;
  12. Patrice Davidson, Intro to Tennis, \$500;
  13. Runhong Chen, Beginning Chinese, \$1,000;
  14. Jon Khoury, Beginning Soccer, \$1,000;
  15. Denise Bessette, Intro to Acting, \$1,000;
  16. Renee Ivanoff, Clay for Kids & More, \$900;
  17. Nicole Snider, Exploring Fine Arts, \$500;
  18. Kazuko DiCroce, Japanese Culture & Art, \$650;
  19. Dawn Huston, Animation 3D, \$500;
  20. Shannon Varekamp, Science Academy, \$800;
  21. Dawne Clark, Gymnastics, \$2,500;
  22. Kazuko DiCroce, Paper Toys & Art, \$650;
  23. Ketti North, Crafty Creations, \$650;
  24. Claire Hilbert, Intro to French, \$650;
  25. Peter Barkman, Chess for Players, \$500;
  26. Patrice Davidson, Intro to Tennis II, \$500.
- J. Approve the appointment of the following Adult Education Program Instructors (a Not To Exceed Amount is listed below):
1. Bonnie Hanson, Quilting, \$500;
  2. Allison Stewart, Watercolor Workshop, \$500;
  3. Andy Smith, Landscape Renovation, \$250;
  4. Andy Smith, Fall Gardening, \$250;
  5. Carl Oeschner, Hist. Croton Aqueduct, \$500;
  6. Serita Nath, Intro to Indian Cooking, \$500;
  7. Serita Nath, Adv. Indian Cooking, \$500;
  8. Zhigeng Yang, Chinese Brush Painting, \$500;
  9. Renee Ligay, Knitting, \$500;
  10. Beatrice diMartino, Sketching the Figure, \$500;
  11. Iris Stevens, Stained Glass Studio, No Salary;
  12. Kazuko DiCroce, Japanese thru Manga, \$500;
  13. BOCES, English as Second Language, No Fee;
  14. Frank Maddalena, Italian, \$1,000;
  15. Runhong Chen, Elementary Chinese, \$1,000;
  16. Maria Mordan, Conversational Spanish, \$750;
  17. Maria Mordan, Conv. Spanish II, \$750;
  18. Frank Maddalena, Intermediate Italian, \$1,000;
  19. Jennifer Moore, Digital Photography, \$500;
  20. Jennifer Moore, Adobe Workshop, \$500;
  21. Jennifer Moore, Powerpoint, \$500;
  22. Lou Nardone, Intro to Excel, \$500;
  23. Lou Nardone, e-Bay, \$300;
  24. Bonnie Rogers, Herbs in the Kitchen, \$250;

25. Bonnie Rogers, Herbal Stress Relief, \$250;
  26. Bonnie Rogers, Herbal Spa Workshop, \$250;
  27. Debbie Martin, Fitness Plus, \$1,000;
  28. Debbie Martin, Abs, Guts & Butts, \$1,000;
  29. Paul Cordero, Beginner Ballroom, \$1,000;
  30. Susan Eisenstein, Sr. Cit. karate/Self Def., \$500;
  31. Paul Cordero, Line Dancing, \$1,000;
  32. Robert Chuckrow, T'ai Chi, \$500;
  33. Sarah Martinez, Pilates, \$1,000;
  34. Martinez/Saccurato, Powersculpt/Aerobics, \$1,000;
  35. Andrea Naitove, Yoga, \$1,000;
  36. J. Wolosnyzek, Belly Dancing, \$1,000.
- K. Approve the appointment of Luise Riley, Long-term Substitute/Leave Replacement, Elementary Teacher (Kindergarten) (replacing Dafna Stouber, who is on child care leave), Carrie E. Tompkins Elementary School, effective September 2, 2008. (Ms. Riley served in this position during May and June 2008.)
- L. Approve the appointment of Jane Parkhouse, Long-term Substitute Music Teacher (replacing Matt Byrd who recently resigned), Carrie E. Tompkins Elementary School, effective September 2, 2008 (sub pay for 20 days consecutive). (Ms. Parkhouse currently works for the district as a Part-time Music Teacher.)
- M. Adjust the coaching step for Ben Martucci, JV Field Hockey Coach, from Step 1 (\$3,344) to Step 2 (\$3,444), for the 2008-2009 school year (appointed at the July 8, 2008 meeting to an incorrect step).
- N. Approve the following salary adjustments for teachers who are eligible to make a lateral move due to an increase in teaching credits, effective September 1, 2008:
1. Ben Martucci, Physical Education Teacher, PVC, from Step Masters (\$74,597) to Step M+15 (\$76,798).
  2. Catherine Brennan, Elementary Teacher, PVC, from Step M+30 (\$106,307) to Step M+45 (\$108,744).
  3. Nicole Snider, .8 Art Teacher, CHHS, from Step Masters (pro-rated to \$46,129.60) to Step M+15 (pro-rated to \$47,652.80).
- O. Accept, with regret, the notice of resignation submitted by Margaret Davies, Teacher Aide, Carrie E. Tompkins Elementary School, effective June 30, 2008.
- P. Accept, with regret, the notice of resignation submitted by Heidi Kummer, Lunch Aide, Carrie E. Tompkins Elementary School, effective June 30, 2008. (Ms. Kummer will still be working for the district in her position of Bus Attendant.)

- Q. Accept the amended retirement letter submitted by Susan Shepler, Purchase Clerk, District Office, effective September 30, 2008.
- R. Approve the increase in the rate of pay for Teacher Aide in the Welcome Center, working over 5 years, to \$14.76, effective September 1, 2008.
- S. Approve the emergency conditional probationary appointment of Rasheida Laing, Lunch Monitor, Carrie E. Tompkins Elementary, at a salary of \$12.97 per hour, effective September 2, 2008 (eligible for permanent appointment October 27, 2009).
- T. Approve the Annual Appointments of the following Teacher Aides and Lunch Monitors, for the 2008-2009 school year:
  - 1. Barbara Hasko, Teacher Aide, CET, \$13.74 per hour;
  - 2. Joe Causa, Teacher Aide, CHHS, \$13.74 per hour;
  - 3. Rose Ann Frey, Teacher Aide, CHHS, \$14.40 per hour;
  - 4. Kay Kohlman, Teacher Aide, CHHS, \$13.74 per hour;
  - 5. Lou Nardone, Teacher Aide, CHHS, \$13.74 per hour;
  - 6. Christine Murray, Teacher Aide, CHHS, \$13.74 per hour;
  - 7. Doreen Pettit, Teacher Aide (Library), CHHS, \$14.40 per hour;
  - 8. Joyce Zern, Teacher Aide, CHHS, \$13.74 per hour;
  - 9. Nick Lapadula, Teacher Aide (Security Monitor), CHHS, \$16.09 per hour;
  - 10. Lou Villani, Teacher Aide (Security Monitor), CHHS, \$16.09 per hour;
  - 11. Carol Tozzi, Milk Monitor, \$12.16 per hour.
- U. Approve the salary for Donna Braca, Teacher Aide in the Welcome Center (working over 5 years), CET, \$14.76 per hour, effective September 1, 2008.
- V. Approve the creation of a position entitled Office Assistant (Automated Systems) in the District Office, effective immediately.

Ayes 5 Motion Carried

Benefits Agreement: D. Girardi

A motion to approve the Benefits Agreement between Debra Girardi and the Croton-Harmon UFSD, for the 2008-2009 school year, was made by Eugene Perl and seconded by Karen Zevin.

Ayes 4 Nays 1 (Lynda Jones) Motion Carried

Tax Levy

A motion to authorize Kathy Geradi to sign STAR paperwork and the statement of tax levy as District Clerk of the Board of Education was made by Neal Haber and seconded by Eugene Perl.

Ayes 5 Motion Carried

Work Session

The following topics were discussed:

- A. The internal audit was discussed by the Audit Committee.
- B. The Board discussed its position on the tax cap proposal.

Adjournment

A motion to adjourn at 8:03 p.m. was made by Neal Haber and seconded by Eugene Perl.

Ayes 5 Motion Carried

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Diane L. Chaissan  
Acting District Clerk/Director of Finance & Administration

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