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BOARD MINUTES

January 12, 2005

The regular meeting of the Board of Education held on January 12, 2005 commenced at 5:30 p.m. with the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

All Board Members were present.

The Interim Superintendent was present.

President Johnson presided.

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At this point, President Johnson recognized students from Burgard Vocational High School, Seneca Vocational High School and Kenmore West School.

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Speakers made comments on various issues.

Interim Superintendent Hargrave responded to the speakers.

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Superintendent's Update

Mrs. Laura Dudley, Executive Director of Human Resources and Mrs. Allison Turley, Director of Federal Programs gave an update on the No Child Left Behind Teacher Aide Requirements.

Board Minutes

APPROVED, Board Minutes of December 15, 2004. The vote was unanimous.

APPROVED, a motion made by Mr. Coyle, seconded by Mrs. Curry, to move up Item IX.C.78a. "Charter Agreement" for District Chartered Charter Schools. The vote was unanimous.

APPROVED, a motion made by Mrs. Curry, seconded by Mr. Jacobs, to approve Item IX.C.78a. "Charter Agreement" for District Chartered Charter Schools. The roll call vote resulted as follows: 5 – Ayes (Mr. Coyle, Mrs. Curry, Ms. Hanlon, Mr. Jacobs, President Johnson), 4 – Noes (Dr. Collins, Mrs. Evans, Mrs. Grant, Mr. Hernandez). Motion carried.

Student Achievement Report

Ms. Kathy Heinle, Supervisor of Curriculum assigned to Career and Technical Education and Ms. Kathy Gielow, Coordinator of Career and Technical Education, gave a Career and Technical Education Report.

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APPROVED, a motion made by Mr. Hernandez, seconded by Mr. Coyle, to purchase a table for Board Members and staff to the NCCJ luncheon on January 27, 2005 at the Convention Center. The vote was unanimous.

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At this point, the Board went into Executive Session.

President Johnson stated for the record that the Board met in Executive Session from 7:20 p.m. to 9:10 p.m. to discuss personnel and contractual items.

APPROVED, a motion made by Mr. Hernandez, seconded by Mrs. Curry, to approve settlement of the Battey case. The vote was unanimous

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The Board received Committee Reports as follows:

1. The Finance and Operations Committee submitted an oral report through its Chairperson, Mr. Coyle, as follows:

Mr. Coyle announced that the next Finance and Operations Committee meeting will be held January 19, 2005 at 5:00 p.m. in Room 801 City Hall and outlined the agenda.

REFERRED to Executive Committee by Mrs. Grant: New Guidelines for Bidding Procedures

2. The Executive Affairs Committee submitted an oral report through its Chairperson, Ms. Hanlon, as follows:

Ms. Hanlon announced that the next Executive Affairs Committee meeting will be held January 19, 2005 at 7:00 p.m. in

Room 801 City Hall.

Ms. Hanlon reported that there would be a town meeting on the Superintendent Search on January 24, 2005 at 6:30 p.m. at Bennett High School.

APPROVED, a motion made by Mr. Hernandez, seconded by Dr. Collins, to request that the Search Firm have one representative present at the January 24, 2005 town meeting.

Mrs. Grant stated for the record the following: Dr. Howard did not participate in the consensus. Ms. Hanlon said that she felt Mr. Kring had to be here and one person voiced that consent. There were no five or six people saying we don't think he should be here. There was no informal vote or a consensus for him not to be here. For Dr. Collins not being there and Dr. Howard either, I don't think the wishes of that committee was expressed one way or another. I just voiced my concern. I told them because we have one chance to do this right. We have to let this committee know, if they are talking already that we have advocated our authority to a search committee with three non-school board members. A lot of people are still upset about that. I think what we need to do is if they could come have one person be here.

The vote resulted as follows: 5 – Ayes (Dr. Collins, Mrs. Curry, Mrs. Evans, Mrs. Grant, Mr. Hernandez), 4 – Noes (Mr. Coyle, Ms. Hanlon, Mr. Jacobs, President Johnson). Motion carried.

3. The Student Support Committee submitted an oral report through its Chairperson, Mrs. Evans, as follows:

Mrs. Evans announced that the next meeting on the building usage is January 13, 2005 at the Makowski School at 6:30 p.m. The following meeting will be January 18, 2005 also at Makowski at 6:30 p.m.

The Board Approved the Agenda Items as follows:

APPROVED, a motion made by Mr. Coyle, seconded by Mrs. Curry, to remove Item IX.A.10 from the agenda. The vote was unanimous.

APPROVED, a motion made by Ms. Hanlon, seconded by President Johnson, to remove Item IX.C.77. and Item IX.E.81 from the table. The vote was unanimous.

Item IX.A.1. Emergency Conditional Appointments as recommended by the Interim Superintendent; the vote was unanimous.

Item IX.A.2. Granting of Tenure as recommended by the Interim Superintendent; the vote was unanimous.

Item IX.A.3.a. Instructional Personnel Changes as recommended by the Interim Superintendent; the vote was unanimous.

Item IX.A.3.b. Civil Service Miscellaneous Personnel Changes as recommended by the Interim Superintendent; the vote was unanimous.

Item IX.A.3.c. Administrative Personnel Changes as recommended by the Interim Superintendent; 7 – Ayes, 1 – No (Mrs. Curry), 1 – Absent (Mr. Coyle).

Item IX.B.5. Consultant Contract - Bryant & Stratton College – Medical Terminology Course as recommended by the Interim Superintendent; the vote was unanimous.

Item IX.B.6. Ciurzak and Co., Inc. – Extended School Day Violence Prevention as recommended by the Interim Superintendent; the vote was unanimous.

Item IX.B.7. Consultant Contract – Erie Community College – Machine Tool Technology as recommended by the Interim Superintendent; the vote was unanimous.

Item IX.B.8. Item Deleted

Item IX.B.9. Consultant Contract – International Society for Technology in Education (ISTE) as recommended by the Interim Superintendent; the vote was unanimous.

Item IX.B.11. Consultant Contract – MAGI Educational Services as recommended by the Interim Superintendent; 7 – Ayes, 1 – No (Mrs. Curry), 1 – Absent (Mr. Coyle).

Item IX.B.12. Consultant Contract for New Teacher Induction – Donette Ruffin as recommended by the Interim Superintendent; 6 – Ayes, 2 – Recuse (Mrs. Curry and President Johnson), 1 – Absent (Mr. Coyle)

Item IX.B.13. Consultant Contract for New Teacher Induction – Elizabeth Waller as recommended by the Interim Superintendent; 6 – Ayes, 2 – Recuse (Mrs. Curry and President Johnson), 1 – Absent (Mr. Coyle).

Item IX.B.14. Consultant Contract – New York State Center for School Safety as recommended by the Interim Superintendent; the vote was unanimous.

Item IX.B.15. Consultant Contract – St. Augustine’s Ctr – Extended School Day Violence Prevention as recommended by the Interim Superintendent; 7 – Ayes, 1 – No (Mr. Jacobs), 1 – Absent (Mr. Coyle).

Item IX.B.16. Consultant Contract – Strother & Maxwell – Extended School Day Violence Prevention as recommended by the Interim Superintendent; the vote was unanimous.

Item IX.B.17. Consultant Contract – Travers Collins & Co. as recommended by the Interim Superintendent; 7 – Ayes, 1 – No (Mrs. Curry), 1 – Absent (Mr. Coyle).

Item IX.B.18. District Credit Course – Addressing Special Education Needs in General Ed Class as recommended by the Interim Superintendent; the vote was unanimous.

Item IX.B.19. District Credit Course – Architectural Styles and Buffalo History as recommended by the Interim Superintendent; the vote was unanimous.

Item IX.B.20. District Credit Course – Beyond Survival as recommended by the Interim Superintendent; the vote was unanimous.

Item IX.B.21. District Credit Course – Beginning InDesign CS as recommended by the Interim Superintendent; the vote was unanimous.

Item IX.B.22. District Credit Course – Erie Canal Integration as recommended by the Interim Superintendent; the vote was unanimous.

Item IX.B.23. District Credit Course – GrammarSmarts as recommended by the Interim Superintendent; the vote was unanimous.

Item IX.B.24. District Credit Course – Incorporating Thinking Skills into Daily Lessons as recommended by the Interim Superintendent; the vote was unanimous.

Item IX.B.25. District Credit Course – Intermediate Microsoft Office 2000 as recommended by the Interim Superintendent; the vote was unanimous.

Item IX.B.26. District Credit Course – Introduction to Grant Writing as recommended by the Interim Superintendent; the vote was unanimous.

Item IX.B.27. District Credit Course – Introduction to Montessori Philosophy and Materials as recommended by the Interim Superintendent; the vote was unanimous.

Item IX.B.28. District Credit Course – Introduction to Photoshop as recommended by the Interim Superintendent; the vote was unanimous.

Item IX.B.29. District Credit Course – Investigations Made Easy: Kindergarten as recommended by the Interim Superintendent; the vote was unanimous.

Item IX.B.30. District Credit Course – Investigations Made Easy: Grade 1 as recommended by the Interim Superintendent; the vote was unanimous.

Item IX.B.31. District Credit Course – Investigations Made Easy: Grade 2 as recommended by the Interim Superintendent; the vote was unanimous.

Item IX.B.32. District Credit Course – Life Science Kit Training as recommended by the Interim Superintendent; the vote was unanimous.

Item IX.B.33. District Credit Course – Making Your Computer Work for You as recommended by the Interim Superintendent; the vote was unanimous.

Item IX.B.34. District Credit Course – Multimedia in the Classroom as recommended by the Interim Superintendent; the vote was unanimous.

Item IX.B.35. District Credit Course – NY Learns – Setting the Standard as recommended by the Interim Superintendent; the vote was unanimous.

Item IX.B.36. District Credit Course – Overview of Grief and Loss as recommended by the Interim Superintendent; the vote was unanimous.

Item IX.B.37. District Credit Course – Plants are Essential for our Daily Living as recommended by the Interim Superintendent; the vote was unanimous.

Item IX.B.38. District Credit Course – Putting Reading First as recommended by the Interim Superintendent; the vote was unanimous.

Item IX.B.39. District Credit Course – Teaching the State Standards through Holiday Art as recommended by the Interim Superintendent; the vote was unanimous.

Item IX.B.40. Encumbrance of Funds to Clear Costs of Terra Nova/SUPERA Assessments as recommended by the Interim Superintendent; the vote was unanimous.

Item IX.B.41. Learning Focused Schools – Video Journal as recommended by the Interim Superintendent; the vote was unanimous.

Item IX.B.42. Non-Employee Travel – Judith Bondurant –Utz - Even Start Literacy Conference as recommended by the Interim Superintendent; 7 – Ayes, 1 – Recuse (Mrs. Curry), 1 – Absent (Mr. Coyle).

Item IX.B.43. Professional Development Authorization – Career Plan Management Team as recommended by the Interim Superintendent; the vote was unanimous.

Item IX.B.44. Program Authorization – ART – Buffalo Academy of Visual & Performing Arts #187 as recommended by the Interim Superintendent; the vote was unanimous.

Item IX.B.45. Special Education Placement & Services – CPSE – 7/1/04 – 1/03/05 as recommended by the Interim Superintendent; the vote was unanimous.

Item IX.B.46. Special Education Placement & Services – CSE – 7/01/04 – 1/03/05 as recommended by the Interim Superintendent; the vote was unanimous.

Item IX.B.47. Supplemental Service Providers – Beyond the Bell as recommended by the Interim Superintendent; the vote was unanimous.

Item IX.B.48. Supplemental Service Providers – First Hand Learning as recommended by the Interim Superintendent; the vote was unanimous.

Item IX.B.49. Supplemental Service Providers – St. Phillips Community Center, Inc. as recommended by the Interim Superintendent; the vote was unanimous.

Item IX.B.49.a. Consultant Contract – Donna Kester Phillips – Four Square Writing Strategies #1 as recommended by the Interim Superintendent; the vote was unanimous.

Item IX.B.49.b. Consultant Contract – Donna Kester Phillips – Four Square Writing Strategies #2 as recommended by the Interim Superintendent; the vote was unanimous.

Item IX.B.49.c. School Improvement Planning Initiative – CSEP - #6, 11, 18, 19 & 28 as recommended by the Interim Superintendent; the vote was unanimous.

Item IX.B.49.d. School Improvement Planning Initiative – CSEP - #31, 33, 37, 38 & 39 as recommended by the Interim Superintendent; the vote was unanimous.

Item IX.B.49.e. School Improvement Planning Initiative – CSEP - #43, 44, 45, 53 & 59 as recommended by the Interim Superintendent; the vote was unanimous.

Item IX.B.49.f. School Improvement Planning Initiative – CSEP - #61, 66, 69, 72 & 74 as recommended by the Interim Superintendent; the vote was unanimous.

Item IX.B.49.g. School Improvement Planning Initiative – CSEP - #76, 79, 91, 93, 94 & 95 as recommended by the Interim Superintendent; the vote was unanimous.

Item IX.B.49.h. School Improvement Planning Initiative – CSEP - #96, 99, 171, 192, 202 & 301 as recommended by the Interim Superintendent; the vote was unanimous.

Item IX.B.49.i. SURR School Support - #18 as recommended by the Interim Superintendent; the vote was unanimous.

Item IX.B.49.j. SURR School Support - #19 as recommended by the Interim Superintendent; the vote was unanimous.

Item IX.B.49.k. SURR School Support - #38 as recommended by the Interim Superintendent; the vote was unanimous.

Item IX.B.49.l. SURR School Support - #44 as recommended by the Interim Superintendent; the vote was unanimous.

Item IX.B.49.m. SURR School Support - #53 as recommended by the Interim Superintendent; the vote was unanimous.

Item IX.B.49.n. SURR School Support - #74 as recommended by the Interim Superintendent; the vote was unanimous.

Item IX.B.49.o. SURR School Support - #202 as recommended by the Interim Superintendent; the vote was unanimous.

Item IX.B.49.p. SURR School Support - #206 as recommended by the Interim Superintendent; the vote was unanimous.

Item IX.B.49.q. SURR School Support - #301 as recommended by the Interim Superintendent; the vote was unanimous.

Item IX.B.49.r. Approval of Contract – CTB/McGraw-Hill as recommended by the Interim Superintendent; the vote was unanimous.

Item IX.C.50. Item Deleted

Item IX.C.51. Award of Purchase – Furniture – School 78 Montessori as recommended by the Interim Superintendent; the vote was unanimous.

Item IX.C.52. Award of Purchase – McAfee Anti-Virus Software as recommended by the Interim Superintendent; the vote was unanimous.

Item IX.C.53. Award of Purchase Order – Software for Information Technology Dept. as recommended by the Interim Superintendent; the vote was unanimous.

Item IX.C.54. Award of Purchase Order – Software for Information Technology Dept. as recommended by the Interim Superintendent; the vote was unanimous.

Item IX.C.55. Change Order 6: Miller Enterprises – District Wide Technology – Network Cabling as recommended by the Interim Superintendent; the vote was unanimous.

Item IX.C.56. Consultant Contract – Field Inspector – Construction Projects as recommended by the Interim Superintendent; 5 – Ayes, 3 – Noes (Dr. Collins, Mrs. Evans and Mrs. Grant), 1 – Absent (Mr. Coyle).

Item IX.C.57. Denial of Claim – Anthony & Cheryl Bluhm – upon the advice of the Corporation Counsel and as recommended by the Interim Superintendent; the vote was unanimous.

Item IX.C.58. Denial of Claim – Deborah Epps – upon the advice of the Corporation Counsel and as recommended by the Interim Superintendent; 7 – Ayes, 1 – No (Mr. Hernandez), 1 – Absent (Mr. Coyle).

Item IX.C.59. Denial of Claim – Marcia E. Drennan – upon the advice of the Corporation Counsel and as recommended by the Interim Superintendent; 6 – Ayes, 2 – Noes (Mrs. Grant and Mr. Hernandez), 1 – Absent (Mr. Coyle).

Item IX.C.60. Denial of Claim – Gentlee Johnson – upon the advice of the Corporation Counsel and as recommended by the Interim Superintendent; 7 – Ayes, 1 – No (Mrs. Grant), 1 – Absent (Mr. Coyle).

Item IX.C.61. Denial of Claim – Marilyn S. Smith – upon the advice of the Corporation Counsel and as recommended by the Interim Superintendent; 6 – Ayes, 2 – No (Mrs. Curry and Mrs. Grant), 1 – Absent (Mr. Coyle).

Item IX.C.63. Granting of Reward – Ted Manney – upon the recommendation of the Corporation Counsel and as recommended by the Interim Superintendent; 7 – Ayes, 1 – No (Mrs. Curry), 1 – Absent (Mr. Coyle).

Item IX.C.64. Lease Payment Approval – 70 W. Chippewa Corp. Emerson School of Hospitality as recommended by the Interim Superintendent; the vote was unanimous.

Item IX.C.65. Payment for Legal Services – Bouvier Partnership, LLP – Jackson EP for Christopher as recommended by the Interim Superintendent; the vote was unanimous.

Item IX.C.66. Payment for Legal Services – Connors & Vilaro – Battey – November 2004 as recommended by the Interim Superintendent; the vote was unanimous.

Item IX.C.67. Payment for Legal Services – Damon & Morey – BTF Negotiations – November 2004 as recommended by the Interim Superintendent; the vote was unanimous.

Item IX.C.68. Payment for Legal Services – Damon & Morey – Impasse – Local 409 – November 2004 as recommended by the Interim Superintendent; the vote was unanimous.

Item IX.C.69. Payment for Legal Services – Hiscock & Barclay – Environmental – November 2004 as recommended by the Interim Superintendent; the vote was unanimous.

Item IX.C.70. Payment for Legal Services – Hodgson & Russ – September & October 2004 as recommended by the Interim Superintendent; 7 – Ayes, 1 – Recuse (Ms. Hanlon), 1 – Absent (Mr. Coyle).

Item IX.C.71. Payment for Legal Services – Jeffrey Marcus – Latasha Lacey as recommended by the Interim Superintendent; the vote was unanimous.

Item IX.C.72. Payment for Legal Services – Sean Ryan – Anthony Perry as recommended by the Interim Superintendent; the vote was unanimous.

Item IX.C.73. Payment for Legal Services – Sean Ryan – Reggie H., Parent – Michelle Goodman as recommended by the Interim Superintendent; the vote was unanimous.

Item IX.C.74. Payment for Legal Services – Sean Ryan – Rosario v. Buffalo Public School District as recommended by the Interim Superintendent; the vote was unanimous.

Item IX.C.75. Purchase of Locally Grown Apples as recommended by the Interim Superintendent; the vote was unanimous.

Item IX.C.76. Release of Retention – All State Development – District Wide Technology Phase 2 as recommended by the Interim Superintendent; the vote was unanimous.

Item IX.C.77. School Name Changes - #31 and #307 as recommended by the Interim Superintendent; the vote was unanimous.

Item IX.C.78. Settlement of Claim – Taisha Kirksey – upon the advice of the Corporation Counsel and as recommended by the Interim Superintendent; the vote was unanimous.

Item IX.C.78.a. Moved up

Item IX.D.79. Item Deleted

Item IX.D.80. Item Deleted

Items Failed

Item IX.C.62. Denial of Claim – Salvatore Todaro – upon the advice of the Corporation Counsel and as recommended by the Interim Superintendent; 4 – Ayes, 4 – Noes (Dr. Collins, Mrs. Evans, Mrs. Grant and Mr. Hernandez), 1 – Absent (Mr. Coyle).

Item IX.E.81. By-Law #1511: Agenda Format/Board Meeting Procedures as recommended by the Interim Superintendent; 4 – Ayes, 4 – Noes (Dr. Collins – Page 2, Mrs. Evans, Mrs. Grant and Mr. Hernandez), 1 – Absent (Mr. Coyle).

Item Pulled

Item IX.B.10. Consultant Contract – Louis M. Merzacco – 4th Annual Entrepreneurship Conference

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Unfinished Business

REFERRED to Finance and Operations Committee by Dr. Collins: Lease of 290 Main Street

Councilmember Antoine Thompson will be holding a meeting regarding the feasibility of School Uniforms on January 20, 2005 at 6:00 p.m. in the Common Council Chambers.

The next Board Retreat will be February 5, 2005.

The meeting adjourned at 11:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Senior Stenographer

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