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BOARD MINUTES

January 26, 2005

The regular meeting of the Board of Education held on January 26, 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 Seneca Vocational High School.

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Speakers made comments on various issues.

Interim Superintendent Hargrave responded to the speakers.

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Interim Superintendent's Update

Interim Superintendent Hargrave shared the following:

1. Schools #37 and #31 have been placed on the Schools Under Registration Review list. School #74 has been taken off the list.
2. McKinley High School and Principal Mrs. Barton will be having the third African and African American History and American Diversity Conference, February 21-27, 2005 at McKinley High School.

Student Achievement Report

Ms. Esther Whalen, Supervisor of Reading, gave a Reading First Report.

Board Minutes

APPROVED, Board Minutes of January 12, 2004 with the following correction on Page 3, Item IX.A.3.c. Administrative Personnel Changes - vote should read 7 – Ayes not 1 – Ayes. The vote was unanimous.

Student Achievement Report

Mr. William Russo, Supervisor of Instructional Technology and Telecommunications, gave an Instructional Technology update.

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The Board received Committee Reports as follows:

1. The Student Achievement Committee submitted an oral report through its Chairperson, Mrs. Curry as follows:

Mrs. Curry announced that the next Student Achievement Committee meeting will be held February 2, 2005 at 7:00 p.m. at WNED and outlined the agenda. The Student Support Services Committee meeting will also be held at 5:00 p.m. at WNED.

2. Mrs. Grant announced that the next Inclusion Committee meeting will be held on January 31, 2005 at 4:00 p.m. in Room 801 City Hall.

3. Dr. Collins announced that the Erie County Association of School Boards is holding their Legislative Summit meeting on February 3, 2005. On January 27, 2005, there will be a preliminary report on the Cornell Study.

4. 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 February 16, 2005 at 5:00 p.m. in Room 801 City Hall.

Dr. Collins expressed that she gave her agenda items to Ms. Hanlon for the Friday meeting. She believes the search firm owes us a visit.

Ms. Hanlon reminded Board Members that there is meeting on February 8, 2005 at 6:30 p.m. to have a discussion about the 500 Day Plan.

The Board Approved the Agenda Items as follows:

Item IX.A.1. Contract Services – BOCES – State Certification Officer as recommended by the Interim Superintendent; the vote was unanimous.

Item IX.A.2. Emergency Conditional Appointments 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 as recommended by the Interim Superintendent; the vote was unanimous.

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

Item IX.B.5. Consultant Contract – Mary Pachla – Implementation of Evidence-Based Reading Practices as recommended by the Interim Superintendent; the vote was unanimous.

Item IX.B.6. Consultant Contract – Mary Pachla – Implementation of Vocabulary Detective Notebook as recommended by the Interim Superintendent; the vote was unanimous.

Item IX.B.7. Consultant Contract – TERC Inc. – Course Presentation as recommended by the Interim Superintendent; 5 – Ayes, 4 – Noes (Dr. Collins, Mr. Coyle, Mrs. Grant, Mr. Hernandez).

Item IX.B.8. Contract Services – America’s Choice – Continuation as recommended by the Interim Superintendent; the vote was unanimous.

Item IX.B.9. Contract Services – CATE – Buffalo Teacher Center Website as recommended by the Interim Superintendent; the vote was unanimous.

Item IX.B.11. Non-Employee Travel – PTA and District Advisory Council – National PTA Convention as recommended by the Interim Superintendent; the vote was unanimous.

Item IX.B.12. SURR Schools Support – WEB Middle School #171 as recommended by the Interim Superintendent; the vote was unanimous.

Item IX.B.12.a. Consultant Contract – Generation Yes as recommended by the Interim Superintendent; the vote was unanimous.

Item IX.B.12.b. Building Usage Changes - #28 Triangle Academy as recommended by the Interim Superintendent; the vote was unanimous.

Item IX.B.12.d. Building Usage Changes - #71 WEB ECC as recommended by the Interim Superintendent; 8 – Ayes, 1 – No (Mrs. Evans).

Item IX.B.12.e. Building Usage Changes - #171 as recommended by the Interim Superintendent; the vote was unanimous.

Item IX.B.12.f. Building Usage Changes ##301 Burgard Comprehensive Vocational H.S. as recommended by the Interim Superintendent; the vote was unanimous.

Item IX.B.12.h. Building Usage Changes – School Closings - #12, #51, #60 as recommended by the Interim Superintendent; the vote was unanimous.

Item IX.C.13. Approval for Lobby Day Expenses as recommended by the Interim Superintendent; the vote was unanimous.

Item IX.C.14. Award of Bid – Repair Services – Food Service Equipment as recommended by the Interim Superintendent; the vote was unanimous.

Item IX.C.15. Award of Annual Bid – Football Equipment Reconditioning as recommended by the Interim Superintendent; the vote was unanimous.

Item IX.C.16. Denial of Claim – Verneda Day – upon the advice of the Corporation Counsel and as recommended by the Interim Superintendent; 8 – Ayes, 1 – Recuse (Mrs. Grant).

Item IX.C.17. Denial of Claim – Diane Hall – upon the advice of the Corporation Counsel and as recommended by the Interim Superintendent; the vote was unanimous.

Item IX.C.18. Denial of Claim – Tammy Jackson – upon the advice of the Corporation Counsel and as recommended by the Interim Superintendent; the vote was unanimous.

Item IX.C.19. Settlement of Claim – Rose Marie Popper – upon the advice of the Corporation Counsel and as recommended by the Interim Superintendent; 8 – Ayes, 1 – No (Mrs. Curry),

Item IX.C.20. Settlement of Claim – Michael Villar – upon the advice of the Corporation Counsel and as recommended by the Interim Superintendent; 8 – Ayes, 1 – No (Mrs. Curry).

Item IX.C.20.a. Approval of Purchase Orders – USDA Government Food Commodities as recommended by the Interim Superintendent; the vote was unanimous.

Item IX.C.20.b. Amendment to Charter Agreement (Enterprise Charter School) as recommended by the Interim Superintendent; 8 – Ayes, 1 – No (Mr. Hernandez).

Item IX.D.21. Transfer of Funds – Between Accounts as recommended by the Interim Superintendent; the vote was unanimous.

Special Item 23. Building Usage Changes – Swing Schools as recommended by the Interim Superintendent; the vote was unanimous.

The Board received Reports on the Agenda from the Superintendent as follows:

Item IX.D.22. Report: Transfer of Funds – Within Accounts as recommended by the Interim Superintendent; the vote was unanimous.

Item Pulled

Item IX.B.12g. Building Usage Changes - #306 Seneca H.S.

Items Failed

Item IX.B.10. Contract Services – MAGI – Teaching Traditional American History Program as recommended by the Superintendent; 4 – Ayes, 5 – Noes (Dr. Collins, Mr. Coyle, Mrs. Curry, Mrs. Grant, Mr. Hernandez).

Item IX.B.12.c. Building Usage Changes - #44 Lincoln Academy as recommended by the Superintendent; 4 – Ayes, 5 – Noes (Dr. Collins, Mrs. Curry, Mrs. Evans, Mrs. Grant, Mr. Hernandez).

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Open Session

APPROVED, a motion made by Dr. Collins, seconded by Mr. Coyle, to approve the following recommendation:

Buffalo Board of Education
Charter School Moratorium Task Force

Mission: To conduct a study on the impact of Charter Schools on the Buffalo Public Schools. The report will focus on the financial impact charter schools have on the District, including funding formulas and funding sources. The Task Force will also study and report on the budgetary impact and feasibility of designated charter school tuition as a separate line item in the state budget.

The Task Force will explore a mechanism for collaboration and information sharing with current charter schools.

The Task Force will submit its findings to the Board of Education no later than December 1, 2005.

The Task Force will be selected by the Board of Education. The Task Force will consist of nine (9) members (Board Member or designee). Participation shall include Board of Education, Administration and Community.

The vote was unanimous.

APPROVED, a motion made by Mr. Coyle, seconded by Mrs. Evans, to approve Ms. Hanlon's travel to a Big Five meeting in Yonkers, New York on February 17, 2005. The vote was unanimous.

APPROVED, a motion made by Mr. Coyle, seconded by Mrs. Evans, to approve Mr. Hernandez's travel to a Legislative meeting in Albany, New York, March 6 - 8, 2005. The vote was unanimous.

President Johnson announced that the March 9, 2005 Board meeting has been changed to March 2, 2005. Committee meetings will be held March 9th and March 16th.

The meeting adjourned at 9:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Emlyn Rivera
Senior Stenographer

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