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BOARD MINUTES

February 9, 2005

The regular meeting of the Board of Education held on February 9, 2005 commenced at 5:30 p.m. with the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

All Board Members were present, except Ms. Hanlon.

The Interim Superintendent was present.

President Johnson presided.

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Board Recognition

I.A. Teacher Aides – School #36

Interim Superintendent Hargrave read into the record the following:

The Board of Education recognizes Margaret Marchany and Josefina Gonzalez, teacher aides at Early Childhood Center School #36, for their heroic efforts at the school on January 27, 2005.

During lunch in the cafeteria, a piece of a pear lodged in the throat of 2nd grade student David Rivera while he was eating. Aide Margaret Marchany was the first to notice that David was experiencing some difficulty and she was the first to attempt the Heimlich maneuver. Aide Josefina Gonzalez then continued the Heimlich maneuver and was able to dislodge the food. Thanks to the quick response of the aides, a potential tragedy was averted.

Congratulations and deepest appreciation to Margaret Marchany and Josefina Gonzalez for assisting David Rivera and for achieving this recognition.

Mr. Hernandez, on behalf of the Board gave a token of appreciation to Ms. Marchany and Ms. Gonzalez.

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At this point, President Johnson recognized students from Seneca Vocational High School.

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APPROVED, a motion made by Mr. Hernandez, seconded by Mr. Jacobs, to excuse Ms. Hanlon from tonight's meeting.

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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. Interim Superintendent Hargrave read into the record the Resolution on McKinley High School's Conference on African American History and Diversity Day (Attachment A).

APPROVED, a motion made by Mr. Hernandez, seconded by Mr. Coyle, to approve the Resolution on McKinley High School's Conference on African American History and Diversity Day. The vote was unanimous.

2. The Buffalo Traditional High School's population will be moving to the new Emerson Middle School on February 22, 2005. There are situations with the bussing. The students moving from Traditional to Emerson will have a late schedule. Southside students in grades 5 and 6 will have an early schedule which will allow those busses to be used at Southside while allowing us to have more for the Emerson Middle School which will now have a late schedule.

3. Reported on the possibility of losing all of the County school nurses due to the County budget situation. Mrs. Diane Collier gave a brief update on this issue and had Ms. Lisa Inglid, a school nurse at School #28, give a presentation on services school nurses provide and how the needs of the students will go unmet should the County budget move forward.

Student Achievement Report

Ms. Barbara Carson Jones, Director of Social Studies, gave a Social Studies update. Dr. S.G. Grant from University of Buffalo, Dr. Michael Fish from University of Buffalo gave brief comments on the Teaching American History grant.

Board Minutes

APPROVED, Board Minutes of January 12, 2005 (Revised) and January 26, 2004 with the following correction on Page 3, Item IX.B.7., delete the clause “the vote was unanimous”. 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 the next Finance and Operations Committee meeting will be held February 16, 2005 at 7:00 p.m. in 801 City Hall and outlined the agenda.

2. Mrs. Grant announced that the Inclusion Committee will be meeting at Seneca High School on February 15, 2005 at 9:00 a.m.

3. Dr. Collins requested that Board Members submit their names for the Charter Schools Moratorium Task Force.

4. Mr. Hernandez announced that the Bilingual Advisory Council meeting will be held on February 15, 2005 at 5:00 p.m. in 801 City Hall.

The Board Approved the Agenda Items as follows:

REFERRED to Finance and Operations by Mr. Jacobs: Granting of Tenure

Dr. Collins for the record requested the following:

1. Presentation by the Instructional Department on Computers.
 2. Presentation by the Teacher Center on how staff development meets academic achievement goals.
 3. Presentation by the Corporation Counsel regarding the process of Lawyers/Firms hired to represent the School Board.
- Item IX.A.1. Consultant Contract – MUNIS Training as recommended by the Interim Superintendent; the vote was unanimous.
- Item IX.A.2. Emergency Conditional Appointment as recommended by the Interim Superintendent; the vote was unanimous.
- Item IX.A.3. Granting of Tenure as recommended by the Interim Superintendent; the vote was unanimous.
- Item IX.A.4.a. Instructional Personnel Changes as recommended by the Interim Superintendent; the vote was unanimous.
- Item IX.A.4.b. Civil Service Miscellaneous Personnel Changes as recommended by the Interim Superintendent; the vote was unanimous.
- Item IX.A.4.c. Administrative Personnel Changes as recommended by the Interim Superintendent; the vote was unanimous.
- Item IX.B.6. Comprehensive School Reform Initiative – Middle Level Model - #32 as recommended by the Interim Superintendent; the vote was unanimous.
- Item IX.B.7. Comprehensive School Reform Initiative – Middle Level Model - #38 as recommended by the Interim Superintendent; the vote was unanimous.
- Item IX.B.8. Comprehensive School Reform Initiative – Middle Level Model - #91 as recommended by the Interim Superintendent; the vote was unanimous.
- Item IX.B.9. Comprehensive School Reform Initiative – Professional Learning Communities - #187 as recommended by the Interim Superintendent; the vote was unanimous.
- Item IX.B.10. Comprehensive School Reform Initiative – Professional Learning Communities - #93 as recommended by the

Interim Superintendent; the vote was unanimous.

Item IX.B.11. Consultant Contract – CTS Associates – Proactive Gang Training Sessions as recommended by the Interim Superintendent; 5 – Ayes, 3 – Noes (Dr. Collins, Mrs. Curry, Mrs. Grant), 1 – Absent (Ms. Hanlon).

Item IX.B.12. Consultant Contract – Louis Merzacco - 4th Annual Entrepreneurship Conference as recommended by the Interim Superintendent; the vote was unanimous.

Item IX.B.13. Consultant Contract – Magi Educational Services as recommended by the Interim Superintendent; 6 – Ayes, 2 – Noes (Dr. Collins, Mrs. Grant), 1 – Absent (Ms. Hanlon).

Item IX.B.14. Consultant Contract – State University College at Buffalo as recommended by the Interim Superintendent; 6 – Ayes, 2 – Recuse (Mrs. Curry and President Johnson), 1 – Absent (Ms. Hanlon).

Item IX.B.15. Contract Services – Princeton Review as recommended by the Interim Superintendent; 7 – Ayes, 1 – No (Dr. Collins), 1 – Absent (Ms. Hanlon).

Item IX.B.16. District Credit Course – Children’s Authors on the Web as recommended by the Interim Superintendent; the vote was unanimous.

Item IX.B.17. District Credit Course – The Computer for Personal Productivity as recommended by the Interim Superintendent; the vote was unanimous.

Item IX.B.18. District Credit Course – Building Critical Thinking Skill as recommended by the Interim Superintendent; the vote was unanimous.

Item IX.B.19. District Credit Course – Connecting Math and Science for Grades 6-8 as recommended by the Interim Superintendent; the vote was unanimous.

Item IX.B.20. District Credit Course – Constructivism in the Classroom as recommended by the Interim Superintendent; the

vote was unanimous.

Item IX.B.21. District Credit Course – Curriculum Mapping I as recommended by the Interim Superintendent; the vote was unanimous.

Item IX.B.22. District Credit Course – Curriculum Mapping III as recommended by the Interim Superintendent; the vote was unanimous.

Item IX.B.23. District Credit Course – Fostering Cooperative Learning, Discussion and Critical Thinking as recommended by the Interim Superintendent; the vote was unanimous.

Item IX.B.24. District Credit Course – Grade Level/Content Area Support as recommended by the Interim Superintendent; the vote was unanimous.

Item IX.B.25. District Credit Course – Meeting Academic Standards with the Internet as recommended by the Interim Superintendent; the vote was unanimous.

Item IX.B.26. District Credit Course – The Online Learning Environment as recommended by the Interim Superintendent; the vote was unanimous.

Item IX.B.27. District Credit Course – Teaching Reading in the Content Area as recommended by the Interim Superintendent; the vote was unanimous.

Item IX.B.28. District Credit Course – Teaching Vocabulary as recommended by the Interim Superintendent; the vote was unanimous.

Item IX.B.29. District Credit Course – Teaching with Web Quests as recommended by the Interim Superintendent; the vote was unanimous.

Item IX.B.30. District Credit Course – Using Multimedia to Develop Understanding as recommended by the Interim

Superintendent; the vote was unanimous.

Item IX.B.31. District Credit Course – Utilizing Technology in Creating a Problem-Based Curriculum as recommended by the Interim Superintendent; the vote was unanimous.

Item IX.B.32. Inservice – Teaching Traditional American History Program as recommended by the Interim Superintendent; the vote was unanimous.

Item IX.B.33. Inservice – Textbook Curriculum Committee as recommended by the Interim Superintendent; the vote was unanimous.

Item IX.B.34. Professional Dev. – Title I Schools in Need of Improvement - #3, 6, 53, 69 as recommended by the Interim Superintendent; the vote was unanimous.

Item IX.B.35. Professional Dev. – Title I Schools in Need of Improvement - #61, 72, 74, 187, 192, 306 as recommended by the Interim Superintendent; the vote was unanimous.

Item IX.B.36. School Improvement Teams Planning Initiative – CSEP - #3, 17, 27, 32, 90 as recommended by the Interim Superintendent; the vote was unanimous.

Item IX.B.37. School Improvement Teams Planning Initiative – CSEP - #36, 54, 65, 71, 77, 78 as recommended by the Interim Superintendent; the vote was unanimous.

Item IX.B.38. School Improvement Teams Planning Initiative – CSEP - #80, 81, 82, 89, 187, 306 as recommended by the Interim Superintendent; the vote was unanimous.

Item IX.B.39. Supplemental Service Providers – Bethesda World Harvest International Church as recommended by the Interim Superintendent; 6 – Ayes, 2 – Noes (Dr. Collins and Mrs. Grant), 1 – Absent (Ms. Hanlon).

Item IX.C.40. Award of Purchase – Apple iBook Laptop Computers as recommended by the Interim Superintendent; 7 – Ayes,

1 – No (Dr. Collins), 1 – Absent (Ms. Hanlon).

Item IX.C.41. Award of Purchase – Lease to Own – Backhoe/Loader – All High Stadium as recommended by the Interim Superintendent; the vote was unanimous.

Item IX.C.42. Award of Purchase Order – Desktop Computers – Stanley Falk as recommended by the Interim Superintendent; 7 – Ayes, 1 – No (Dr. Collins), 1 – Absent (Ms. Hanlon).

Item IX.C.43. Award of Purchase Order – Xerographic Paper for Service Center as recommended by the Interim Superintendent; the vote was unanimous.

Item IX.C.44. Change Order 10 – Architects – E-Rate – Thomas Associates as recommended by the Interim Superintendent; the vote was unanimous.

Item IX.C.45. Change Order 14 – Architects – School 89 Addition – Kideney Architects/Laping, Jaeger as recommended by the Interim Superintendent; the vote was unanimous.

Item IX.C.46. Change Order 4 – District Wide Technology – Phase II – Various Schools – E & B as recommended by the Interim Superintendent; the vote was unanimous.

Item IX.C.47. Denial of Claim – Carol Cureo – upon the advice of the Corporation Counsel and as recommended by the Interim Superintendent; the vote was unanimous.

Item IX.C.48. Denial of Claim – Anthony Jones – upon the advice of the Corporation Counsel and as recommended by the Interim Superintendent; the vote was unanimous.

Item IX.C.49. Denial of Claim – Nicole Jordan – upon the advice of the Corporation Counsel and as recommended by the Interim Superintendent; the vote was unanimous.

Item IX.C.50. Payment for Legal Services – Connors & Vilardo – Battey – December 2004 as recommended by the Interim

Superintendent; the vote was unanimous.

Item IX.C.51. Payment for Legal Services – Damon & Morey – BTF Negotiations – December 2004 as recommended by the Interim Superintendent; the vote was unanimous.

Item IX.C.52. Payment for Legal Services – Damon & Morey – Impasse Local 409 – December 2004 as recommended by the Interim Superintendent; the vote was unanimous.

Item IX.C.53. Payment for Legal Services – Hiscock & Barclay – Environmental Matter – December 2004 as recommended by the Interim Superintendent; the vote was unanimous.

Item IX.C.54. Payment for Legal Services – Hodgson & Russ – November 2004 as recommended by the Interim Superintendent; the vote was unanimous.

Item IX.C.55. Release of Retention – John Danforth – District Wide Technology as recommended by the Interim Superintendent; the vote was unanimous.

Item IX.C.56. Settlement of Claim – Deborah Barton - upon the advice of the Corporation Counsel and as recommended by the Interim Superintendent; the vote was unanimous.

Item IX.C.57. Settlement of Claim – Diane Long – upon the advice of the Corporation Counsel and as recommended by the Interim Superintendent; 7 – Ayes, 1 – No (Mrs. Curry), 1 – Absent (Ms. Hanlon).

Item IX.C.57.a. Approval for Lobby Day Expenses – Revised as recommended by the Interim Superintendent; the vote was unanimous.

Item IX.C.57.b. Consultant Contracts – E-Rate 8 as recommended by the Interim Superintendent; the vote was unanimous.

Item IX.D.58. Transfers Between as recommended by the Interim Superintendent; 7 – Ayes, 1 – No – (Mrs. Evans - to second item), 1 – Absent (Ms. Hanlon).

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

Item IX.D.59. Report: Transfer of Funds – Within Accounts

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Open Session

REFERRED to Finance and Operations by Mr. Hernandez: Resolution to Rescind and Vacate Recommendation IX.C.61. Standardization of Certain Building System Components

REFERRED to Finance and Operations by President Johnson: Mr. Hernandez's Information Request on the Education Innovative Consortium

APPROVED, a motion made by Dr. Collins, seconded by Mrs. Evans, to approve Mr. Hernandez's travel to the New York State Association for Bilingual Education's 28th Annual Conference March 3-6, 2005 in Rye Brook, New York. The vote was unanimous.

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At this point, the Board went into Executive Session.

President Johnson announced for the record that the Board met in Executive Session from 9:00 p.m. to 9:47 p.m. to discuss personnel items and receive a negotiation update. Also, she would like to propose settlement of the Battey case. The vote was unanimous.

The meeting adjourned at 9:55 p.m. in memory of Ms. Gail Aubrey and Mr. Alfred Jarrett.

Respectfully submitted,

Emlyn Rivera
Senior Stenographer

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