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BOARD MINUTES

February 23, 2005

The regular meeting of the Board of Education held on February 23, 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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Board Recognition

I.A. 2004 Poster Contest Winners

Interim Superintendent Hargrave read into the record the following:

The Board of Education students from the Buffalo Public Schools who were winners in the Buffalo Federation of Neighborhood Centers/Buffalo Adolescent Pregnancy Prevention Services BFNC/(BAPPS) poster contest. The 2004 contest theme was "First Things First: Avoid Teen Pregnancy." Students were asked to visually depict one reason to avoid early parenthood. This is the eighth year of the program, funded through the NYS Office of Child & Family Services. A panel of judges chose the winners. The students' designs will be placed on billboards, t-shirts and on Metrobus cards. A billboard with Connor's winning poster will be unveiled in the early spring.

The students are:

First Place: \$500 Connor Lesniak Grade 10
City Honors School

Second Place: \$400 Katie Schmidt Grade 12
Hutchinson Technical High School

Third Place: \$300 Hannah Malinowski Grade 10
Hutchinson Technical High School

Fourth Place: \$100 Jessica McNally Grade 9
Hutchinson Technical High School

Fifth Place: \$100 Nick Moskaluk Grade 12
Hutchinson Technical High School

Congratulations to the students for participating in this project and for achieving this recognition.

President Johnson, on behalf of the Board, gave a token of appreciation to the students.

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At this point, President Johnson recognized students from Buffalo Academy for Visual and Performing Arts.

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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 asked Chief Financial Officer, Mr. Gary Crosby, to give an overview of the budget for 2005-06. Dr. Collins stated for the record that postings for administrators need to stop and more teachers are needed, not administrators.

Educational Update

Ms. Susan Mann Dolce, President of Foundation for Arts and Athletics, gave an update on the Foundation for Arts and Athletics.

Board Minutes

APPROVED, Board Minutes of February 9, 2005 and February 15, 2005 with the following correction on Page 1, 5th paragraph – replace seconded by Mrs. Grant with seconded by Mrs. Curry. 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 March 16, 2005 at 5:00 p.m. in 801 City Hall and outlined the agenda.

2. Mrs. Grant announced that the Joint School Construction Meeting will be March 7, 2005 at in 209 City Hall and the Inclusion Committee meeting will be Monday, February 28 at 4:00 p.m. in 801 City Hall.

3. Dr. Collins announced that the Erie County Association of School Board's meeting will be March 10, 2005.

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

1. Items IX.C.24, IX.E.27, IX.E.28, IX.E.29 are on the agenda to be tabled tonight.

2. Distributed survey results completed by Board Members for the Superintendent Search District Priorities.

5. Mr. Kane, on behalf of the Legislative Liaison, Mr. Hernandez announced there would be an informational meeting for Lobby Day on March 2, 2005 at 4:45 p.m.

The Board Approved the Agenda Items as follows:

APPROVED, a motion made by Mr. Coyle, seconded by Mrs. Curry to table Items IX.C.24, Item IX.E. 27, Item IX.E.28, and Item IX.E.29. The vote was unanimous.

There was a discussion regarding Item IX.B.4. Building Usage Changes - #44 Lincoln Academy and it being placed on the agenda. Dr. Collins stated that according to Robert's Rule of Order it had to be brought back by someone on the prevailing side

to be placed back on the agenda. Mr. Kane stated his interpretation of Robert's Rules of Order is if it was that night and the vote is reconsidered, it would have to be brought back by someone on the prevailing side. At a subsequent meeting, that is not the case.

Item IX.A.2.a. Instructional Personnel Changes as recommended by the Interim Superintendent with the following correction: Remove on page 1 – 11th, 12th and 16th name; the vote was unanimous.

Item IX.A.2.b. Civil Service Miscellaneous Personnel Changes as recommended by the Interim Superintendent; the vote was unanimous.

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

Item IX.B.5. Comprehensive School Reform Initiative – Middle Level Model as recommended by the Interim Superintendent; the vote was unanimous.

Item IX.B.6. Consultant Contract – Crisis Prevention Institute, Inc. as recommended by the Interim Superintendent; the vote was unanimous.

Item IX.B.7. Consultant Contract – Dr. H. Jeanette Willert & Dr. Barbara Burns – Reciprocal Teaching as recommended by the Interim Superintendent; the vote was unanimous.

Item IX.B.8. Consultant Contract – MAGI Educational Services, Inc. – Reading First as recommended by the Interim Superintendent; the vote was unanimous.

Item IX.B.9. Consultant Contract – Math 9 In Services as recommended by the Interim Superintendent; the vote was unanimous.

Item IX.B.11. Consultant Contract – Wireless Generation as recommended by the Interim Superintendent; the vote was unanimous.

Item IX.B.12. Contract – Tech Prep Regional Conference – Holiday Inn of Batavia as recommended by the Interim Superintendent; the vote was unanimous.

Item IX.B.13. Purchased Services – Erie I Boces – Title IV Safe & Drug Free Schools as recommended by the Interim Superintendent; the vote was unanimous.

Item IX.B.14. Special Education Placement & Services – CSE – 7/1/04 – 2/11/05 as recommended by the Interim Superintendent; the vote was unanimous.

Item IX.B.15. Special Education Placement & Services – CPSE – 7/01/04 – 2/11/05 as recommended by the Interim Superintendent; the vote was unanimous.

Item IX.C.16. Award of Purchase – Food & Non-Food Items – Emerson School of Hospitality as recommended by the Interim Superintendent; the vote was unanimous.

Item IX.C.17. Change Order 2 – Electrical & Acoustic Reconstruction – Schools 32, 43 & 74 as recommended by the Interim Superintendent; the vote was unanimous.

Item IX.C.18. Final Payment – Ferguson Electric Construction – Project #01-06 as recommended by the Interim Superintendent; the vote was unanimous.

Item IX.C.19. Denial of Claim – Shirley (Thomas) Lewis – upon the advice of the Corporation Counsel and as recommended by the Interim Superintendent; the vote was unanimous.

Item IX.C.20. Denial of Claim – Mary A. Santiago – upon the advice of the Corporation Counsel and as recommended by the Interim Superintendent; the vote was unanimous.

Item IX.C.21. Denial of Claim – Lillyette Trotter – upon the advice of the Corporation Counsel and as recommended by the Interim Superintendent; the vote was unanimous.

Item IX.C.22. Payment for Legal Services – Steven Fox P.C. – Kelder v. Golkin #2004-50 as recommended by the Interim Superintendent; the vote was unanimous.

Item IX.C.23. Settlement of Claim – Barbara Thurston – upon the advice of the Corporation Counsel and as recommended by the Interim Superintendent; the vote was unanimous.

Item IX.D.25. Transfer of Funds – Between Accounts 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.26. Report: Transfer of Funds – Within Accounts

Items Tabled

Item IX.C.24. School Naming – Emerson High School

Item IX.E.27. Policy #5631 – Naming Facilities

Item IX.E.28. Policy #5741 – School Bus Idling

Item IX.E.29. Policy #7317 – Hazing of Students

Item Deleted

Item IX.A.1. Emergency Conditional Appointments

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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 8:05 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. to discuss personnel items and negotiations.

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At this point, Mrs. Evans left the meeting.

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Open Session

APPROVED, a motion made by Mrs. Curry, seconded by Mr. Jacobs, to approve the Health Care Resolution (Attachment A). The vote resulted as follows: 8 – Ayes, 1 – Absent (Mrs. Evans). Motion carried.

President Johnson read into the record the withdrawal of charter applications for Bison Academy (Attachment B), People Inc. (Attachment C) and Aspire (Attachment D).

APPROVED, a motion made by Mr. Jacobs, seconded by Mr. Hernandez, to approve the withdrawal of charter applications for Bison Academy, People Inc. and Aspire. The vote resulted as follows: 8 – Ayes, 1 – Absent (Mrs. Evans). Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 8:52 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Emlyn Rivera
Senior Stenographer

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