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## BOARD MINUTES

April 13, 2005

The regular meeting of the Board of Education held on March 13, 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.

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Speakers made comments on various issues.

Interim Superintendent Hargrave responded to the speakers.

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### Board Recognition

#### I.A. Public Speaking Contest Winners – Theodore Roosevelt Inaugural Historic Site

Interim Superintendent Hargrave read into the record the following:

The Board of Education recognizes Shardai Adger, a student at Emerson School of Hospitality and Andrew Charleton, a student at Hutchinson Technical High School as winners of the Theodore Roosevelt Inaugural National Historic Site 3rd Biennial Public Speaking Contest.

The contest commemorates the life and legacy of America's 26th president, Theodore Roosevelt and is open to high school students. The development of public speaking skills enables students to expand academic potential, to promote scholarship, and to build confidence, self-reliance, social awareness and leadership ability, which will help them achieve success in the business and professional world.

On Sunday, March 13, 2005 finalist representing Canisius High, Christian Central Academy, Clarence High, Emerson School of Hospitality, Hutchinson Technical, Newfane High, Niagara Catholic, and Orchard Park High competed at the Montante Cultural Center at Canisius College. The contestants made excellent presentations and all received a book and commemorative medal. In addition to the book and medal, Shardai Adger received an engraved plaque and \$500 as the 2nd place winner. Andrew Charleton also received an engraved plaque and \$250 as the 3rd place winner.

Congratulations to Shardai Adger and Andrew Charleton for admirably representing our district and for achieving this recognition.

Mrs. Curry gave a token of appreciation on behalf of the Board to Miss Adger. Mr. Charleton was not able to attend.

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### Interim Superintendent's Update

1. Buffalo Public School students have been asked to display their art at the Allentown Festival for the first time.

### Student Achievement Update

Dr. Kathleen Kreis, Director of English, gave a SAT Preparation Update

### Board Minutes

APPROVED, Board Minutes of March 18, 2005 (Special Meeting) and March 23, 2005. 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:

The next Finance and Operations Committee meeting will be held on April 20, 2005 at 7:00 p.m. in 801 City Hall.

REFERRED to Finance and Operations Committee by Mr. Coyle: Charter School Payment Resolution.

REFERRED to Finance and Operations Committee by Mrs. Johnson: Recognition to Firms meeting or exceeding diversity goals in regards to the Joint School Construction Board.

2. Dr. Collins reported that the Charter School Moratorium Task Force meeting will be held on April 26, 2005 at 5:30 p.m. in 801 City Hall.

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

The next Executive Affairs Committee meeting will be held on April 20, 2005 at 5:00 p.m. in 801 City Hall.

The Board Members will have a Retreat on April 23, 2005 at 8:00 a.m. at the Hyatt Regency Hotel.

Mr. Maddigan discussed a plan to bring Dr. Williams to the community in a more open format.

4. Mr. Hernandez announced that the Bilingual Advisory Committee meeting scheduled for April 14, 2005 was cancelled.

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The Board Approved the Agenda Items as follows:

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

Item IX.A.2.a. Instructional Personnel Changes as recommended by the Interim Superintendent; the vote was unanimous.

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

Item IX.B.5. Building Usage Recommendation #159 School Closing & 12 Removal from Closing as recommended by the Interim Superintendent; the vote was unanimous.

Item IX.B.6. Comprehensive School Reform Initiative as recommended by the Interim Superintendent; the vote was unanimous.

Item IX.B.7. Consultant Contract – Roberta Howard – Native American School as recommended by the Interim

Superintendent; the vote was unanimous.

Item IX.B.8. Contract Services – Erie 1 BOCES as recommended by the Interim Superintendent; the vote was unanimous.

REFERRED to the Executive Affairs Committee by Dr. Collins: Look at how the Board is going to work with BOCES in the future if they are going to be our contract agency in terms of giving city residents some consideration for the nurses jobs.

Item IX.B.9. District Credit Course – Meeting Diversity Through Differentiated Instruction as recommended by the Interim Superintendent; the vote was unanimous.

Item IX.B.10. Middle Level Conference – Making the Connection as recommended by the Interim Superintendent; the vote was unanimous.

Item IX.B.11. Non-employee Travel – Marleen O’Connor – NYSED Panel – South Park High School as recommended by the Interim Superintendent; the vote was unanimous.

Item IX.B.12. Non-employee Travel – Thomas Roma – NYSED Panel – School #18 as recommended by the Interim Superintendent; the vote was unanimous.

Item IX.B.13. Contract Services – Catholic Central – Literacy Volunteers as recommended by the Interim Superintendent; the vote was unanimous.

Item IX.B.14. Contract Services – Day Spring Christian Academy – Linda Martin as recommended by the Interim Superintendent; the vote was unanimous.

Item IX.B.15. Contract Services – Holy Spirit – Young Audiences as recommended by the Interim Superintendent; the vote was unanimous.

Item IX.B.16. Contract Services – St. Joseph – Glenn Colton as recommended by the Interim Superintendent; the vote was

unanimous.

Item IX.B.17. Contract Services – St. Joseph – Don Leslie – Information Solutions as recommended by the Interim Superintendent; the vote was unanimous.

Item IX.B.18. Contract Services – St. Margaret – Karen Bradfield as recommended by the Interim Superintendent; the vote was unanimous.

Item IX.B.19. Non-employee Travel – Catholic Academy – Lisa Ehlers as recommended by the Interim Superintendent; the vote was unanimous.

Item IX.B.20. Non-employee Travel – Charles Finney – Susan Thorington as recommended by the Interim Superintendent; the vote was unanimous.

Item IX.C.21. 2004-05 Nonresident Tuition Rates as recommended by the Interim Superintendent; the vote was unanimous.

Item IX.C.23. Award of Contract – All State Development – City Honors – General Construction as recommended by the Interim Superintendent; the vote was unanimous.

Item IX.C.24. Consultant Contract – Ciminelli Construction – JSCB Phase III as recommended by the Interim Superintendent; the vote was unanimous.

Item IX.C.25. Denial of Claim – Aurelia Cawthon – upon the advice of the Corporation Counsel and as recommended by the Interim Superintendent; the vote was unanimous.

Item IX.C.26. Denial of Claim – Mildred Gonzalez – upon the advice of the Corporation Counsel and as recommended by the Interim Superintendent; the vote was unanimous.

Item IX.C.27. Denial of Claim – Diane Dunningham-Matthews – upon the advice of the Corporation Counsel and as recommended by the Interim Superintendent; 8 – Ayes, 1 – No (Mrs. Curry).

Item IX.C.28. Denial of Claim – Beverly and Kevin Neely – upon the advice of the Corporation Counsel and as recommended by the Interim Superintendent; the vote was unanimous.

Item IX.C.29. Consultant Contract – Erie I BOCES – Technology Infrastructure – E-Rate Year 8 as recommended by the Interim Superintendent; the vote was unanimous.

Item IX.C.30. Non-Employee Travel – Denise Malican – Corporation Council – BPS Legal Representative as recommended by the Interim Superintendent; 8 – Ayes, 1 – No (Mrs. Grant).

Item IX.C.31. Payment for Legal Services – Connors & Vilardo – Battey – February 2005 as recommended by the Interim Superintendent; the vote was unanimous.

Item IX.C.32. Payment for Legal Services – Damon & Morey – BTF Negotiations – February 2005 as recommended by the Interim Superintendent; the vote was unanimous.

Item IX.C.33. Payment for Legal Services – Damon & Morey – Buffalo BOE vs. Savory Snacks as recommended by the Interim Superintendent; the vote was unanimous.

Item IX.C.34. Payment for Legal Services – Hiscock & - Barclay – Environmental – February 2005 as recommended by the Interim Superintendent; the vote was unanimous.

Item IX.C.36. Settlement of Claim – Colleen Carota – upon the advice of the Corporation Counsel and as recommended by the Interim Superintendent; 8 – Ayes, 1 – No (Mrs. Curry).

Item IX.C.37. Settlement of Claim – Ruth Elmore – upon the advice of the Corporation Counsel and as recommended by the Interim Superintendent; the vote was unanimous.

Item IX.C.38. Settlement of Claim – Nathaniel Hargrove – upon the advice of the Corporation Counsel and as recommended by the Interim Superintendent; the vote was unanimous.

Item IX.C.39. Settlement of Claim – Margarita Lagares – upon the advice of the Corporation Counsel and as recommended by the Interim Superintendent; 8 – Ayes, 1 – No (Mrs. Curry).

Item IX.C.40. Settlement of Claim – Barbara Sullivan – upon the advice of the Corporation Counsel and as recommended by the Interim Superintendent; 8 – Ayes, 1 – No (Mrs. Curry).

Item IX.C.40.a. Award of Purchase Order – Xerographic Paper – Service Center Stock as recommended by the Interim Superintendent; the vote was unanimous.

Item IX.D.41. Transfer – Between Accounts as recommended by the Interim Superintendent; the vote was unanimous.

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

Item IX.C.35. Report: Proceeds of Surplus Vehicles and Equipment Auction

Item IX.D.42 Report: Transfers – Within Accounts

Item Removed

Item IX.B.4 Building Usage Changes - #90 Charles R. Drew Science

Item Tabled

Item IX.C.22. 2005-06 Calendar

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Unfinished Business/Open Session

Mr. Kane reminded Board Members that the Campaign for Fiscal Equity Meeting would be held on April 14, 2005 at 6:00 p.m. in the Common Council Chambers.

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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 7:45 p.m. to 8:59 p.m. to discuss negotiations as well as personnel items.

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Emlyn Rivera  
Senior Stenographer

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