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## BOARD MINUTES

April 27, 2005

The regular meeting of the Board of Education held on April 27, 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 Recognitions

### I.A. STAR Certification Award

Interim Superintendent Hargrave read into the record the following:

The Integrated Pest Management (IPM) STAR Certification Award is presented to the Board of Education for the favorable results of an extensive audit and survey conducted by Integrated Pest Management. The certification is based on a culmination of years of IPM methods instituted by the Division of Plant Services personnel to be used in the schools.

Integrated Pest Management involves using the least toxic and/or physical means to eliminate pests thereby providing the lowest chemical exposure to building occupants. This method ensures a healthy environment for our students and staff.

Tom A. Green of the IPM Institute of North America and Lynn Braband of the New York State Community IPM Program at Cornell University are here to present the award.

Congratulations to the Board of Education and Division of Plant Services staff members for achieving this recognition.

Tom A. Green presented the award to Mrs. Johnson, who accepted the award on behalf of the Board.

### I.B. High School Level Science Olympiad Teams

Interim Superintendent Hargrave read into the record the following:

The Board of Education recognizes students from City Honors and South Park High School who participated in the all day New York State High School Level Science Olympiad held on Saturday, February 12, 2005 at Clarence Senior High School.

Carolyn Pilgrom and Rebeca Shackleford won medals in the Designer Genes and Environmental Science events. Carolyn Pilgrom and Eric Kawczynski won medals in the Geocaching event. City Honors Team Members include:

- Carolyn Pilgrom - Rebeca Shackleford
- Eric Kawczynski - Courtney Peterson

- Edmund Clay - Bradley Orego
- Jordan Plaschke - Sanel Sadibasic
- Michael Poveramo - Jack Kavanaugh
- Emily Lodick - Pepy Ettinger, teacher coach
- Gregory Prysbylak - Anthony Scarozza, teacher coach
- Rhiannon Filer - Valerie Davis, teacher coach

South Park High School Team Members include:

- Amanda Duncan - Courtney Hyde
- Robert Johnson - Laura Mitchell
- Christina Mitchell - Daniel Hildreth, teacher coach
- Robyn Scritchfield - Adam Hovey, teacher coach

City Honors School physics students also participated in the Physics Olympiad competition that took place at Buffalo State College on Saturday, November 20, 2004. Team Members include:

- Adrienne Collopy - Tiffany Kiblin
- Bradley Orego - Jordan Plaschke

Congratulations to all of these students and their coaches for admirably representing our district and for achieving this recognition.

Dr. Collins and Mrs. Curry gave tokens of appreciation on behalf of the Board to the students and teachers.

#### I.C. Middle Level Science Olympiad Teams

Interim Superintendent Hargrave read into the record the following:

The Board of Education recognizes students from Dr. Antonia Pantoja Community School #18, Frank A. Sedita #38, Bilingual

Center #33, and Campus West #96 who participated in the Middle Level Science Olympiad competition held at McKinley High on Saturday, March 5, 2005. The students who participated with 14 other middle teams from around the Western New York region.

School 18 received the Team Spirit Award and won medals in the “Naked Egg Drop” event. School 38 also won medals in the “Naked Egg Drop” event and in the “Forestry” event. School 33 medaled in the “Experimental Design” event. Mr. Jason Mayle, BPS Science teacher, is the WNY Science Olympiad Coordinator. Team Members include:

**Dr. Antonia Pantoja Community School #18**

- Eduardo Arroyo - Ryan Molina
- Michael Castro - Onix Morales
- Cindy Chamnichanh - Valerie Wigmore
- Jonathan Chamnichanh - Caitline Dones
- Brittany Danler - Dario Gray
- Tyquan Glenn - Norberto Ramos
- Keyra Medina - Jean Pagan
- Kristian Medina - Lucyleen Medina, teacher coach
- Leeroy Mercado

**Frank A. Sedita Academy School #38**

- Bianca Colon - Tevin Carpenter
- Rafael Solar - Ayana Maddox
- Sherri Mobley - Maria Scioli
- Chiquita Redrick - Darlisa Francois
- Ronella Joyner - Reva Smith Gilbert, teacher coach
- Rasheena Hamilton - Keith Russo, teacher coach
- Lameshae Scott - Jorge Koury, teacher coach
- Kevin Henry - Jim Rejewski, teacher coach
- Katherin Hughes - William Hamilton, mentor, American Axle, retired

**Bilingual Center #33**

- Dylan Bartlemus - David Militello
- Jacquelyn Reiller - Kayla Hardy
- Amber Zielinski - Stephanie Sarnowski
- Reinaldo Serrano - Tom Cullen, teacher coach
- Amanda Bush - Kelly Baudo, teacher coach

**Campus West School #96**

- Chelsea Kilgo - Thomas Howell
- Dolores Periera - Kyle Kaufman
- Damien Whoover-King - Jessica Kufel
- Dane Ettiopio - Eloy Pacheco
- Haley Petko - Antonio Rockwell
- Nico Walker - William Krupp
- Kevin Pham - Robert Tyrrell, teacher coach
- Bridgette Perrington - Delores Anderson, teacher coach
- Tyanna Smith - Nathan Kahler, teacher coach
- Kelvin Rodolph - Eileen Breen, teacher coach

Congratulations to all of these students and their coaches for admirably representing our district and for achieving this recognition.

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Speakers made comments on various issues.

Interim Superintendent Hargrave responded to the speakers.

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At this point, President Johnson recognized Senator Byron Brown and Councilmember Brian Davis.

President Johnson also recognized students from Performing Arts.

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#### Interim Superintendent's Update

1. The America-I-Can program will be in place.

#### Student Achievement Update

Ms. Eva Doyle, a consultant for the Board, gave a report on the African American Curriculum Program.

#### Board Minutes

APPROVED, Board Minutes of April 13, 2005. The vote was unanimous.

#### Educational Update

Ms. Wanda Knight, Supervisor of Library Services, gave a Library Services update.

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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 7:10 p.m. to 8:35 p.m. to discuss negotiation items and negotiations relating to the leading candidate for the Superintendent position, Dr. James A. Williams. Dr.

Williams remains the leading candidate, and discussions with his representatives are ongoing. On the advice of the Board's counsel, President Johnson can only say that talks are ongoing at this time and he is still the leading candidate.

The Board Approved the Agenda Items as follows:

APPROVED, a motion made by Mr. Coyle, seconded by Mr. Jacobs, to remove Item IX.C.16. 2005-06 District Calendars 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 with correction on Page 1, 13th name, salary should be \$43,596.00; 8 – Ayes, 1 – No (Dr. Collins).

Item IX.A.3.b. Miscellaneous Civil Service 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; the vote was unanimous.

Item IX.B.5. After School Program – Reading First – Schools #27 & #54 as recommended by the Interim Superintendent; the vote was unanimous.

Item IX.B.6. Consultant Contract – ETS Pathwise as recommended by the Interim Superintendent; the vote was unanimous.

Item IX.B.7. Consultant Contract – Young Audiences – Drew Science #90 as recommended by the Interim Superintendent; the vote was unanimous.

Item IX.B.8. District Credit – Connected Mathematics as recommended by the Interim Superintendent; the vote was unanimous.

Item IX.B.9. Employee Travel – Reading First Program – National Conference – New Orleans as recommended by the Interim Superintendent; the vote was unanimous.

Item IX.B.10. Special Education Placement and Services – CPSE – 7/1/04 and 4/15/05 as recommended by the Interim Superintendent; the vote was unanimous.

Item IX.B.11. Special Education Placement and Services – CSE – 7/1/04 and 4/15/05 as recommended by the Interim Superintendent; the vote was unanimous.

Item IX.B.12. Contract Services – Day Spring Christian – Carl Pope as recommended by the Interim Superintendent; the vote was unanimous.

Item IX.B.13. Contract Services – Day Spring Christian – Charles Thomas as recommended by the Interim Superintendent; the vote was unanimous.

Item IX.B.14. Contract Services – Holy Spirit & Mount Mercy – Monsignor Carr Program as recommended by the Interim Superintendent; the vote was unanimous.

Item IX.B.15. Non-Employee Expense – Nichols – Teacher Stipends as recommended by the Interim Superintendent; the vote was unanimous.

Item IX.C.16. 2005-06 District Calendars as recommended by the Interim Superintendent; the vote was unanimous.

Item IX.C.17. Amendment to Phase I and Phase II Bond Documents as recommended by the Interim Superintendent; the vote was unanimous.

Item IX.C.18. Award of contract – CIR Electric – New Public Address and Clock Systems as recommended by the Interim Superintendent; the vote was unanimous.

Item IX.C.19. Award of Purchase – Cardboard Boxes – Summer Meal Program as recommended by the Interim Superintendent; the vote was unanimous.



Superintendent; the vote was unanimous.

Item IX.C.20. Award of Purchase – Janitorial Supplies as recommended by the Interim Superintendent; the vote was unanimous.

Item IX.C.21. Award of Purchase – Plastic Meal Trays – Summer Meal Program as recommended by the Interim Superintendent; the vote was unanimous.

Item IX.C.22. Item Deleted

Item IX.C.23. Award of Purchase – Various Sandwiches as recommended by the Interim Superintendent; 8 – Ayes, 1 – No (Mrs. Grant).

Item IX.C.24. Payment for Legal Services – Connors & Vilardo – Battey – March 2005 as recommended by the Interim Superintendent; the vote was unanimous.

Item IX.C.25. Payment for Legal Services – Hodgson Russ – January 2005 as recommended by the Interim Superintendent; 8 – Ayes, 1 – Recuse (Ms. Hanlon).

Item IX.C.26. Settlement of Claim – Brian Murrett – upon the advice of the Corporation Counsel and as recommended by the Interim Superintendent; 7 – Ayes; 2 – Noes (Mrs. Curry and Mrs. Grant).

Item IX.C.27. Settlement of Claim – Nathan Tulowitzki – upon the advice of the Corporation Counsel and as recommended by the Interim Superintendent; 7 – Ayes, 2 – Noes (Mrs. Curry and Mrs. Grant).

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

Item IX.D.28 Report: Transfers – Within Accounts

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### Unfinished Business/Open Session

APPROVED, a motion made by Mrs. Evans, seconded by Mr. Hernandez, to approve payment for Board Members to attend the Women's For Human Rights and Dignity Program on Saturday, April 30, 2005 at the Statler Towers. The vote was unanimous.

APPROVED, a motion made by Mr. Coyle, seconded by Mrs. Curry, to reimburse Mrs. Grant for tickets purchased for the Harriett Tubman Celebration held on Sunday, April 24, 2005 for the two visitors. The vote was unanimous.

APPROVED, a motion made by Mr. Coyle, seconded by Mrs. Grant, to approve payment for Board Members to attend United Way's meeting on Closing the Gap Event on May 11, 2005.  
The vote was unanimous.

Dr. Collins stated for the record that the Board and the City picked up the cost for nurses for the District; she is appalled at the fact that now the County is finding money to open parks but could not find money for nurses.

Mrs. Grant stated for the record that all schools should have adequate security. The community should know that the Board has not approved the extra security, camera and monitoring equipment that was said to be supported by the newspapers.

The meeting adjourned at 9:41 p.m. in memory of Michael Mulvaney and John Robinson.

Respectfully submitted,

Emlyn Rivera  
Senior Stenographer

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