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BOARD MINUTES

May 25, 2005

The regular meeting of the Board of Education held on May 25, 2005 commenced at 5:30 p.m. with the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

All Board Members were present except Mrs. Evans.

The Interim Superintendent was present.

President Johnson presided.

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APPROVED, a motion made by Mr. Hernandez, seconded by Mr. Jacobs to excuse Mrs. Evans from tonight's meeting. The vote was unanimous.

## Board Recognitions

### I.A. Winners of the Word Olympics

Interim Superintendent Hargrave read into the record the following:

The Board of Education recognizes the students who were winners in the 18th Annual Word Olympics.

The Word Olympics was started to refine students' thinking skills and to teach them to work as members of a team. The competition, held aboard the USS Little Rock on May 18, 2005, involved teams of 5th and 6th graders in the Buffalo Public Schools. Five events were held: spelling, synonyms, antonyms, analogies and editing.

The winners were:

#### Award Students School Coach

Gold Medal Katherine Henderson Frederick Law Olmsted #56 Linda Manley  
Anthony Fino

Silver Medal James Maslek City Honors Marjorie Janowsky  
Derik Wagner

Bronze Medal Alexis Sykes School 81 John Logel  
Chelsea Bishop

Congratulations to the student and their coaches for achieving this recognition.

Mrs. Curry and Ms. Hanlon gave tokens of appreciation on behalf of the Board to the coaches and students.

### I.B. Thomas Raymond Ott – Eagle Scout

Interim Superintendent Hargrave read into the record the following:

The Board of Education recognizes Thomas Raymond Ott, a senior at City Honors School, for attaining the rank of Eagle Scout. Boy Scout Troop 555 will convene an Eagle Court of Honor on May 31, 2005 to honor Thomas.

Of all of the boys who join Boy Scouts, fewer than 2% attain the rank of Eagle Scout. Thomas is to be commended for his dedication and hard work on this extraordinary accomplishment.

Congratulations to Thomas Raymond Ott for achieving this recognition.

Mrs. Curry gave a token of appreciation on behalf of the Board to Mr. Ott.

I.C. Senior High School Speaking Contest Award Winner

Interim Superintendent Hargrave read into the record the following:

The Board of Education recognizes Clintonia Ceasor, a 12th grade student at Buffalo Academy for Visual & Performing Arts, as the winner of the Senior High School Speaking Contest.

The competition was held at the Buffalo Academy for Visual & Performing Arts School on April 26, 2005. Clintonia's speech, entitled "Only God Can Carry Me Now", is autobiographical. English teacher Margo Davis is Clintonia's coach.

Congratulations to Clintonia Ceasor and Margo Davis for achieving this recognition.

Mrs. Curry gave a token of appreciation on behalf of the Board to Miss Ceasor and Ms. Davis.

I.D. Buffalo Academy for Visual and Performing Arts Debate Champions

Interim Superintendent Hargrave read into the record the following:

The Board of Education recognizes the debate squad from Buffalo Academy for Visual and Performing Arts (BAVPA) School,

winner of the New York University Alumni Cup for being the best in the city.

The cup was presented at a luncheon sponsored by the Bar Association of Erie County. Ten debate teams competed this year. The first resolution was that the United States has the right to employ pre-emptive military force to safeguard national security. The second resolution was that compulsory military service should be enacted in the United States for all able-bodied citizens aged 18-26.

Members of the Buffalo Academy for Visual and Performing Arts debate team are:

§ Jill Greenberg

§ Suzi Pullen

§ Shannon Gostomski

§ Nikita Williams

§ Stephanie Ubaldini

Teacher James Healey coached the team.

Congratulations to team members Jill Greenberg, Suzi Pullen, Shannon Gostomski, Nikita Williams, Stephanie Ubaldini, and to coach James Healey for achieving this recognition.

Mrs. Curry gave tokens of appreciation on behalf of the Board to the students and their coach.

Interim Superintendent Hargrave made the announcement that City Honors and Buffalo Academy for Visual and Performing Arts were co-winners.

I.E. Richmond Speaking Contest Award Winners

Interim Superintendent Hargrave read into the record the following:

The Board of Education recognizes the winners of the 101st Annual Richmond Speaking Contest.

The contest was held on March 22nd at the Buffalo & Erie County Public Library. It began earlier this year with pupils from the city's middle schools competing to make the semifinal round. Twenty-five students made the cut, and eight made it to the final round. In all rounds of the competition, participants were given three to six minutes recite original or published pieces. The following students are the winners:

AWARD STUDENT SCHOOL

First Place John Szablewski Dr. Lydia T. Wright School

Second Place Sylvester James Dubenion Dr. Lydia T. Wright School

Third Place Julie Register City Honors School

Fourth Place Nicole Stroud Frederick Law Olmsted School

For his first-place finish, John received a \$100 savings bond and a thesaurus/dictionary reference set. Sylvester, Julie and Nicole each received a dictionary.

Congratulations to John Szablewski, Sylvester James Dubenion, Julie Register, and Nicole Stroud for achieving this recognition.

Mrs. Curry and Mrs. Grant gave tokens of appreciation on behalf of the Board to the students.

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At this point, President Johnson welcomed Dr. James A. Williams, our new Superintendent.

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Speakers made comments on various issues.

Interim Superintendent Hargrave responded to the speakers.

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### Student Achievement Report

Dr. Elizabeth J. Capella and Dr. Geraldine E. Bard, Co-directors of Project Flight, gave an update on Project Flight.

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### Board Minutes

APPROVED, Board Minutes of May 11, 2005. The vote was unanimous.

At this point, President Johnson recognized Mr. Will Keresztes, Principal of School #80.

### The Board received Committee Reports as follows:

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

Mrs. Curry announced that the next Student Achievement Committee meeting will be held on June 1, 2005 at 7:00 p.m.

2. Mrs. Grant announced that the Joint Schools Construction Board meeting will be held on June 6, 2005 at 4:00 p.m. in Room 209. The Inclusion Committee meeting will be held on June 1, 2005 at 11:00 a.m. in Room 801 City Hall.

3. Dr. Collins announced that the Charter School Moratorium Committee meeting will be held on June 23, 2005 at 5:30 p.m. in 801 City Hall.

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

APPROVED, a motion made by Mr. Jacobs, seconded by Mr. Hernandez, to keep the Board Meetings/Committee

Meetings on Wednesdays. The vote resulted as follows: 7 – Ayes, 1 – Abstention (Dr. Collins), 1 – Absent (Mrs. Evan).  
Motion carried.

5. The Legislative Committee submitted an oral report through its Chairperson, Mr. Hernandez:

Ms. Collier distributed the Agreement regarding the Transfer of the Health Records, which will be discussed at the Student Support Committee meeting on June 1, 2005.

Mr. Kane distributed the Resolution concerning School Health Services Proposed State Legislation to allow any funding possibilities for Buffalo and Rochester regarding the nursing situation. This item will be held in abeyance until Assembly Bill 06425 is available for Board Member perusal.

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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. Consultant Contract – Cecelia Martin – John Hopkins University as recommended by the Interim Superintendent; the vote was unanimous.

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

Item IX.B.7. Reading First Summer Program – School #72 as recommended by the Interim Superintendent; the vote was unanimous.

Item IX.B.8. Special Education Placement and Services – CPSE – 7/1/04 to 5/13/05 as recommended by the Interim Superintendent; the vote was unanimous.

Item IX.B.9. Special Education Placement and Services – CSE – 7/1/04 to 5/13/05 as recommended by the Interim Superintendent; the vote was unanimous.

Item IX.B.10. Supplemental Service Providers – Literacy Volunteers as recommended by the Interim Superintendent; the vote was unanimous.

Item IX.B.11. Textbook Adoption for Life Science and Physical Science as recommended by the Interim Superintendent; the vote was unanimous.

APPROVED, a motion made by Mr. Hernandez, seconded by Mr. Jacobs, that it include added language in regards to staff development. The vote was unanimous.

Item IX.C.12. Award of Contract – All State Development – General – Bennett Park Montessori as recommended by the Interim Superintendent; the vote was unanimous.

Item IX.C.13. Award of Contract – Mechanical Systems Modifications – Electrical – Burgard as recommended by the Interim Superintendent; the vote was unanimous.

Item IX.C.14. Award of Contract – Mechanical Systems Modifications – Mechanical – Burgard as recommended by the Interim Superintendent; the vote was unanimous.

Item IX.C.15. Award of Contract – Occupational and Physical Therapy Services as recommended by the Interim Superintendent; the vote was unanimous.



Item IX.C.16. Award of Purchase Order – Digital Dialer & Fire Alarm Inspection as recommended by the Interim Superintendent; the vote was unanimous.

Item IX.C.17. Award of Purchase Order – Art Supplies – Service Center Stock as recommended by the Interim Superintendent; the vote was unanimous.

Item IX.C.18. Award of Purchase Order – Commissary Equipment Relocation & New Equipment as recommended by the Interim Superintendent; the vote was unanimous.

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

Item IX.C.20. Award of Purchase Order – Erie I BOCES – Upgrade All Data Circuits as recommended by the Interim Superintendent; the vote was unanimous.

Item IX.C.21. Award of Purchase Order – Milk & Juices – Summer Meal Program as recommended by the Interim Superintendent; the vote was unanimous.

Item IX.C.22. Award of Purchase Order – Reading First Program Software as recommended by the Interim Superintendent; the vote was unanimous.

Item IX.C.23. Award of Purchase Order – MUNIS – Software & GI Support, Disaster Recovery as recommended by the Interim Superintendent; the vote was unanimous.

Item IX.C.24. Correction – Contract Services – Summer in the City – Increase Canisius and Buffalo State as recommended by the Interim Superintendent; the vote was unanimous.

Item IX.C.25. Denial of Claim – Yvonne Childs – 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 – Barbara Sullivan – upon the advice of the Corporation Counsel and as recommended by the

Interim Superintendent; the vote was unanimous.

Item IX.C.27. Lease Agreement – Delavan Leasing Comp. – Food Service – Relocation from Kensington as recommended by the Interim Superintendent; the vote was unanimous.

Item IX.C.28. Lease Approval – 70 West Chippewa – Emerson School of Hospitality as recommended by the Interim Superintendent; the vote was unanimous.

Item IX.C.29. Lease Approval – Buffalo Access Center – Middle College as recommended by the Interim Superintendent; the vote was unanimous.

Item IX.C.30. Lease Approval – Buffalo State College Learning Lab – Campus West as recommended by the Interim Superintendent; 7 – Ayes, 1 – Recuse (Mrs. Curry), 1 – Absent (Mrs. Evans).

Item IX.C.31. Lease Approval – D’Youville College – Leonardo DaVinci High School as recommended by the Interim Superintendent; the vote was unanimous.

Item IX.C.32. Lease Approval – Tri Main Development – Occupational Training Center as recommended by the Interim Superintendent; the vote was unanimous.

Item IX.C.33. Payment for Legal Services – Bouvier – Jacobs: EP for Ronetta Gilliam as recommended by the Interim Superintendent; the vote was unanimous.

Item IX.C.34. Payment for Legal Services – Bouvier – Jordon: EP for Patrick Jordon as recommended by the Interim Superintendent; the vote was unanimous.

Item IX.C.35. Payment for Legal Services – Damon & Morey – BTF Negotiations – April 2005 as recommended by the Interim Superintendent; the vote was unanimous.

Item IX.C.36. Payment for Legal Services – Damon & Morey – Impasse Local 409 – April 2005 as recommended by the

Interim Superintendent; the vote was unanimous.

Item IX.C.37. Payment for Legal Services – Hodgson Russ – February 2005 as recommended by the Interim Superintendent; 7 – Ayes, 1 – Recuse (Ms. Hanlon), 1 – Absent (Mrs. Evans).

Item IX.C.38. Settlement of Claim – Tracy Amin as M/N/G of Antonio Amin – 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 – Shavonne Southern – upon the advice of the Corporation Counsel and as recommended by the Interim Superintendent; the vote was unanimous.

Item IX.C.39.a. Award of Bid – Alarm Monitoring and Service as recommended by the Interim Superintendent; the vote was unanimous.

Item IX.C.39.b. Award of Purchase Orders – Sysco – Food and Non-Food Items – Summer Meal Program as recommended by the Interim Superintendent; the vote was unanimous.

Item IX.D.40. Transfer of Funds – Between Accounts as recommended by the Interim Superintendent; the vote was unanimous.

Item IX.D.42. Approval of Application and Claim – Advance State Aid – Pension Accrual 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.D.41. Report: Transfers – Within Accounts

Item Tabled

Item IX.E.43. Amendment to Policy #6310 – Appointment – Support Staff

### Item Pulled

#### Item IX.B.4. Consultant Contract – Erie Community College – Superintendent’s Conference Day

APPROVED, a motion made by Mr. Hernandez, seconded by Mr. Jacobs and Mr. Coyle, to approve the School Health Services Proposed State Legislation Resolution. The vote resulted as follows: 6 – Ayes (Mr. Coyle, Mrs. Curry, Mrs. Evans, Ms. Hanlon, Mr. Hernandez, President Johnson), 2 – Noes (Dr. Collins, Mrs. Grant), 1 – Absent (Mrs. Evans). Motion carried.

APPROVED, a motion made by Dr. Collins, seconded by Mrs. Curry, to approve President Johnson’s attendance to the Boy Scout’s Annual Luncheon on Friday, May 27, 2005. 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 8:45 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. to discuss personnel matters.

President Johnson stated that there is an announcement by one of our Board Colleagues, Ms. Hanlon.

Ms. Hanlon stated that after a lengthy and thoughtful deliberation with her family, she has decided to resign from the Buffalo Board of Education effective June 30, 2005. She has personal concerns which need to be addressed and cannot wait for two years until her term ends.

APPROVED, a motion made by Mr. Hernandez, seconded by Mr. Jacobs, to accept Ms. Hanlon’s resignation. The vote was unanimous.

At this point, Board Members gave comments in regards to Ms. Hanlon’s resignation.

### Unfinished Business/Open Session

Mrs. Curry stated she wanted to go on record about us spending \$4,152,568.54 outside of the City of Buffalo. We need to make it our priority to spend that kind of money inside the City of Buffalo.

The meeting adjourned in memory of Mary J. Moriarity at 9:17 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Emlyn Rivera  
Senior Stenographer

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