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BOARD MINUTES

June 8, 2005

The regular meeting of the Board of Education held on June 8, 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. Steven Price - BAVPA

Award will be given at a later meeting, due to Steven Price not being able to attend.

I.B. Music Winner

Interim Superintendent Hargrave read into the record the following:

The Board of Education recognizes the students who were involved in the various music competitions this school year. The students in All-County or All-State groups were chosen by audition. The students who were involved in the Poetry, Music and Dance Celebration submitted their original compositions, based on a poem, to a panel of judges. The winners are:

Buffalo Academy of Visual and Performing Arts:

Griffith Kazmierczak All-County Musician
Laura Sheperd All-County Musician
Victoria Carden All-County Musician

City Honors:

Albert Chen All-County Musician
Christopher Johnson-Roberson All-County Musician; Poetry, Music and Dance
Celebration Composers
Emily Lodick Area All-State Chorus Member
Emily Sullivan Poetry, Music and Dance Celebration Composers
Heeseung Kim All-County Musician
Jacob Cohen All-County Musician
Jenna Colazzi All-County Musician
Jonah Richmond Poetry, Music and Dance Celebration Composers
Katherine Evans Poetry, Music and Dance Celebration Composers
Kristina Jackson Area All-State Chorus Member; All-State Chorus

Alternate

Laura Levin Gleba All-County Musician

Lauren McCarthy Poetry, Music and Dance Celebration Composers

Mary Pilarz All-County Musician

Stephen Saviola All-County Musician

Teddy Gartner All-County Musician

Thomas Brown All-County Musician

Hutchinson Technical High School:

Mason Cruz All-County Musician

Hope Banks All-County Musician

Joyous Harris All-County Alternate Musician

Daniel Shapiro All-County Musician

John Trimper All-County Musician

Andrew Backlas All-County Alternate Musician

Waterfront School:

Madeline Daily All-County Alternate Musician

Stephanie Glick All-County Musician

Congratulations to our talented students for achieving this recognition.

Dr. Collins and Mr. Coyle gave tokens of appreciation on behalf of the Board to the students.

I.C. Scholarship Winners

Interim Superintendent Hargrave read into the record the following:

The Board of Education recognizes the four recipients of the Buffalo Council of Supervisors and Administrators (BCSA) College Scholarship program, the four recipients of the Central Office Educators Association (COEA) College Scholarship

program and the Barbara Carson-Jones Scholarship recipient. The students were chosen for their school and community leadership skills and each will receive a \$1000 towards their tuition.

The BCSA Scholarship winners are:

Name High School College

Shawnte A. Wilson City Honors University of North Carolina at Charlotte

Kati A. Schmidt Hutchinson Technical University of Buffalo

Candace S. Fryer McKinley Alabama State University

Saleh Sayad Grover Cleveland University of Buffalo

The COEA Scholarship winners are:

Name High School College

Adrianna Viverette McKinley Alabama State University

James Moffitt Performing Arts Pratt Institute

Constance Howard City Honors Howard University

Christopher Faltisco Burgard Vocational Buffalo State College

The Barbara Carson-Jones Scholarship winner is:

Name High School College

Rebecca W.L. Hayes Bennett High School Edinboro University

Congratulations to all our scholarship winners for achieving this recognition.

Mr. Palano (BCSA), Mrs. Taylor (COEA), and Interim Superintendent Hargrave awarded scholarships to the students.

I.D. 1490 Jefferson Enterprises – Contributions to Buffalo Public Schools

Interim Superintendent Hargrave read into the record the following:

The Board of Education recognizes Herbert Bellamy, Jr. from 1490 Enterprises, along with the sponsors, Belmont Management and Malcolm Pirnie for providing Educational Incentive Award to students of the Buffalo Public Schools for over ten years.

Students are recognized during the Black Achievers in Industry Awards. Our students are exposed to a black tie affair, celebrating and acknowledging outstanding African Americans, which in essence is a mentoring process and provides role models for the students to emulate. Giving them the opportunity to speak during a formal affair provides them with an experience of a lifetime. The students return to their schools with confidence and determination to excel. This creates a desire for them to succeed among the other students. Our students will become the leaders of tomorrow and become a positive force in the Buffalo community.

Congratulations to Herbert Bellamy, Jr., Belmont Management and Malcolm Pirnie for contributing their time and resources to the students of the Buffalo Public Schools and for achieving this recognition.

Dr. Collins gave tokens of appreciation on behalf of the Board to Mr. Bellamy, Jr. and Mr. Pirnie.

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At this point, President Johnson recognized students from Canisius.

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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 with the Board Members:

1. The Day Care Center services at Grover Cleveland High School are under consideration for closure.
2. Mrs. Rita Eisenbeis and Ms. Catherine Chamberlin will be giving a charter school review tonight after the African/African American Program update.
3. For the RFP for Bilingual Education, staff will ask if the RFP can be included with the English Language Arts audit.

Student Achievement Report

Ms. Dolores L. Bolden-Milan, Coordinator of the African/African American Program and Theresa Harris-Tiggs gave an update on the African/African American Program.

Mrs. Rita Eisenbeis and Catherine Chamberlin gave a charter school review for Enterprise Charter School and Westminster Community Charter School.

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Board Minutes

APPROVED, Board Minutes of May 25, 2005. The vote was unanimous.

The Board received Committee Reports as follows:

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

Ms. Hanlon announced that the next Executive Affairs Committee Meeting will be held on June 15, 2005 at 5 p.m. in Room 801 City Hall.

There will also be an Executive Affairs Committee Meeting on Monday, June 20, 2005 starting at 5:00 p.m. to conduct interviews for the North District Vacancy.

2. The Student Support Services Committee submitted an oral report through its Chairperson, Mrs. Evans, as follows:

APPROVED, a motion made by Mrs. Evans, seconded by Mr. Hernandez, to approve the agreement on transfer of student health records from Erie County to Buffalo City School District. The vote was unanimous.

3. Dr. Collins reminded Board Members that the Charter School Moratorium Meeting will be held on June 23, 2005 at 5:30 p.m. in Room 801 City Hall.

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

APPROVED, a motion made by Mr. Hernandez, seconded by Dr. Collins, to suspend the 48-hour rule to allow consideration of the resolution requesting the State Legislature to Adopt Changes to the Corrections Law and Criminal Procedure Law to Allow for Mandatory Electronic Monitoring of Registered Sex Offenders. The vote was unanimous.

APPROVED, a motion made by Mr. Hernandez, seconded by Dr. Collins, to approve the resolution requesting the State Legislature to Adopt Changes to the Corrections Law and Criminal Procedure Law to Allow for Mandatory Electronic Monitoring Of Registered Sex Offenders (Attachment A). The vote was unanimous.

APPROVED, a motion made by Mrs. Grant, seconded by Mrs. Evans, to approve the School Health Services Proposed State Legislation resolution (Attachment B). The vote was unanimous.

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The Board Approved the Agenda Items as follows:

APPROVED, a motion made by Ms. Hanlon, seconded by Mrs. Curry to remove Item IX.E.29. from the table. The vote was unanimous.

Item IX.A.1. Amended MOU – Summer Food Program as recommended by the Interim Superintendent; the vote was unanimous.

Item IX.A.2. Consultant Contract – Niagara University – Prepare and Certify Highly Qualified Teachers as recommended by the Interim Superintendent; the vote was unanimous.

Item IX.A.3. Emergency Conditional Appointments 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. Miscellaneous Civil Service 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. Consultant Contract – Buffalo State College – CEURE as recommended by the Interim Superintendent; 8 – Ayes, 1 – Recuse (Mrs. Curry).

Item IX.B.7. District Credit Course – Beginning Multimedia in the Classroom as recommended by the Interim Superintendent; the vote was unanimous.

Item IX.B.8. District Credit Course – Building Better Readers and Writers Using the 4 Blocks as recommended by the Interim Superintendent; the vote was unanimous.

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

Item IX.B.10. District Credit Course – Learning Standards for Spanish Native Language Arts as recommended by the Interim

Superintendent; the vote was unanimous.

Item IX.B.11. District Credit Course – Literacy Across the Curriculum as recommended by the Interim Superintendent; the vote was unanimous.

Item IX.B.12. District Credit Course – Touring Buffalo History Through Architecture – Part II as recommended by the Interim Superintendent; the vote was unanimous.

Item IX.B.13. District Credit Course – You’ve Been Cloned as recommended by the Interim Superintendent; the vote was unanimous.

Item IX.B.14. Non-Employee Travel – Claire Noonan – Westminster Charter School as recommended by the Interim Superintendent; the vote was unanimous.

Item IX.B.15. Non-Employee Travel – PTA Officers as recommended by the Interim Superintendent; the vote was unanimous.

Item IX.B.16. Textbook Adoption of Interactive Mathematics Program as recommended by the Interim Superintendent; the vote was unanimous.

Item IX.B.16.a. Consultant Contract – Erie Community College – Interim Superintendent’s Conference Day as recommended by the Interim Superintendent; 8 – Ayes, 1 – No (Dr. Collins).

Item IX.B.16.b. Contract – Leonard daVinci H.S. and D’Youville College as recommended by the Interim Superintendent; the vote was unanimous.

Item IX.B.16.c. Agreement – RIT Academy of Science and Math and Buffalo State College as recommended by the Interim Superintendent; 8 – Ayes, 1 – Recuse (Mrs. Curry).

Item IX.C.17. Award of Purchase Order – Leap Frog Reading Materials – Lorraine Elementary as recommended by the Interim Superintendent; the vote was unanimous.

Item IX.C.18. Change Order 1 – District Wide Technology – Wendel Duchscherer Architects as recommended by the Interim Superintendent; the vote was unanimous.

Item IX.C.19. Change Order 5 – District Wide Technology – E & B Equipment as recommended by the Interim Superintendent; the vote was unanimous.

Item IX.C.20. Denial of Claim – Mr. & Mrs. Christopher Schwenk – 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 – Sonya Sealy – upon the advice of the Corporation Counsel and as recommended by the Interim Superintendent; the vote was unanimous.

Item IX.C.23. Final Payment – Ferguson Electric – District Wide Technology as recommended by the Interim Superintendent; the vote was unanimous.

Item IX.C.24. Settlement of Claim – Yvonne Bratton – upon the advice of the Corporation Counsel and as recommended by the Interim Superintendent; 8 – Ayes, 1 – No (Mrs. Curry)

Item IX.C.25. Settlement of Claim – Silvia Lloyd – upon the advice of the Corporation Counsel and as recommended by the Interim Superintendent; 8 – Ayes, 1 – No (Mrs. Curry).

Item IX.C.26. Settlement of Claim – Debra Tufts – upon the advice of the Corporation Counsel and as recommended by the Interim Superintendent; the vote was unanimous.

Item IX.C.26.a. Payment for Legal Services – Wanda Arce – upon the advice of the Corporation Counsel and as recommended by the Interim Superintendent; the vote was unanimous.

Item IX.C.26.b. Payment for Legal Services – Paul Kurdziel – upon the advice of the Corporation Counsel and as recommended by the Interim Superintendent; the vote was unanimous.

Item IX.C.26.c. Acceptance of Contribution – Community Foundation of Greater Buffalo – Dr. Williams as recommended by the Interim Superintendent; 8 – Ayes, 1 – No (Mrs. Grant).

Item IX.D.27. Transfer of Funds – Between Accounts as recommended by the Interim Superintendent; 8 – Ayes, 1 – No (Mrs. Evans).

Item IX.E.29. Amendment to Policy #6310 – Appointment – Support Staff 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.28. Report: Transfers – Within Accounts

Item Tabled

Item IX.C.22. District-Wide Safety Plan

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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 8:25 p.m. to 9:55 p.m. to discuss three personnel matters and contract items.

Unfinished Business/Open Session

Mr. Hernandez stated for the record that he is again requesting the information on the Education Innovation Consortium on the 119th day since his first request.

Interim Superintendent Hargrave shared the following with the Board:

1. On Monday, June 13, 2005 there will be a press conference with Senators Hillary Clinton and Byron Brown, and our Superintendent, Dr. James A. Williams on the Princeton Review at East High.
2. On June 14, 2005 at 10:00 a.m. there will be a press conference regarding All-High Stadium at All-High Stadium.

President Johnson stated for the record that she would like to extend our thanks to the Community Foundation for Greater Buffalo for their support in paying for the nearly \$100,000 in expenses associated with the Superintendent Search.

Also, she would like to thank the Board for their support of this contribution last year.

The meeting adjourned in memory of Mayor Masiello's Father, Daniel Masiello at 9:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Emlyn Rivera
Senior Stenographer

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