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BOARD MINUTES

July 13, 2005

The regular meeting of the Board of Education held on July 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 Superintendent was present.

President Johnson presided.

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At this point, President Johnson stated that she would like to take the prerogative of the chair and clear up an item in the Executive Committee regarding the appointment of Mr. Van Every as the replacement for Ms. Denise Hanlon in the North

District. Upon the advice of Corporation Counsel regarding the appointment, we will be voting on the appointment again and according to Education Law 2553, Ms. Hanlon should not have participated in the final vote.

APPROVED, a motion made by Mr. Coyle, seconded by Mr. Jacobs, to move this Executive Affairs item out of order from our regular agenda. The vote was unanimous.

APPROVED, a motion made by Mrs. Evans, seconded by Mr. Coyle, to decide if we are going to fill the vacancy. The vote resulted as follows: 4 – Ayes (Mr. Coyle, Mrs. Evans, Mr. Jacobs, President Johnson), 4 – Noes (Dr. Collins, Mrs. Curry, Mrs. Grant, Mr. Hernandez). Motion failed.

APPROVED, a motion made Mr. Hernandez, seconded by Dr. Collins, to take a five-minute recess. The vote was unanimous.

For the record, Mrs. Grant stated that she objects to bringing this motion back before this Board when a duly vote was recorded 4- 4 to fill the vacancy. She objects to that vote being brought back before this Board at this particular meeting.

At this point, Superintendent Williams stated the he needs nine committed Board Members.

APPROVED, a motion made by Mr. Hernandez, seconded by Mr. Jacobs, to fill the vacancy of the North District as soon as possible. The vote was unanimous.

APPROVED, a motion, made by Mr. Coyle, seconded by Mr. Jacobs, to fill the vacancy with Mr. Donald Van Every. The roll call vote resulted as follows: 5 – Ayes (Mr. Coyle, Mrs. Evans, Mr. Hernandez, Mr. Jacobs, President Johnson), 3 – Noes (Dr. Collins, Mrs. Curry, Mrs. Grant). Motion carried.

At this point, Mr. Donald Van Every was sworn in by the District Clerk, Mr. James M. Kane.

### Board Recognition

#### I.A. CAO Debate Club

Superintendent Williams read into the record the following:

The Board of Education recognizes the students who were involved in the Community Action Organization (CAO) of Erie County, Inc. NUTURE Academy Spring 2005 Debate Club.

The 1st annual debate took place at the Pratt Willert Youth Center on May 19, 2005. Teams from each NUTURE youth center were required to participate. Four teams faced off, with two winning teams emerging. The topic was “Dress Code in Schools”, a timely subject since this issue is being considered or instituted in some of our Western New York Schools for the upcoming school year. Vicki Haas is the Coordinator of NUTURE Academy and Charley H. Fisher, III is the Manager. Team members who participated include:

**70 Harvard Place – Team #1 (Winners)**

Cayla Murphy West Hertel Academy  
Garmai Burroughs Campus West  
Vinetta Sanchez MLK #39  
Jasmine Murphy West Hertel Academy  
Shanisha Smith Frank Sedita #38

**Angola, NY – Youth Caf (Winners)**

Martin Chipman  
Sydney Doxtator  
Josh Thomas  
Krystal Olczak  
Richard Torres  
Cody Smith

**70 Harvard Place – Team #2**

Brian Bohannon West Hertel Academy

Ajay Williams Hamlin Park #74  
Tyree Hunter Community School #53  
John Morgan Harvey Austin #97  
Mickey Rohannon West Hertel Academy

### **Pratt Willert Center**

Darrin King Build Academy  
LeMoyne Hill Campus West  
Dwight Jackson Campus West  
Devontae Mercado MLK #39  
Dequan Mercado MLK #39

Congratulations to all the team members for achieving this recognition.

Mr. Hernandez gave token of appreciation on behalf of the Board to the students.

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Speakers made comments on various issues.

The Superintendent will no longer respond to speakers at the Board Meetings, instead he will address their concerns in a different protocol.

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### Superintendent's Update

Superintendent Williams shared the following:

1. Distributed a letter to Board Members dealing with a change in the exempt employee status.
2. Attended the Reading 1st Conference on July 12, 2005 at the Convention Center.
3. Attended the CORE Training at Emerson Commons. A letter was sent to all the principals thanking them for attending this training.
4. Attended an event at the University of Buffalo
5. Met with the Control Board – he is the point person with the Control Board.
6. Met with all six unions on the health care issue and negotiations.
7. Spoke at the Harlem Book Fair.
8. Attended a meeting with the Masten Community.
9. Attended the Taste of Buffalo.
10. Distributed the new Organization Chart.

### Board Minutes

APPROVED, Board Minutes of June 22, 2005. The vote was unanimous.

### Educational Update

Ms. Amber Dixon, Director of Programs and Accountability, gave an update on the New York State Mandated English Language Arts Curriculum Audit for the Buffalo Public Schools.

Ms. Cathy Chamberlin, Director of Curriculum, gave an update on the Commencement Academy.

### The Board Approved the Agenda Items as follows:

APPROVED, a motion made by Mr. Coyle, seconded by Dr. Collins, to hold in abeyance Items IX.A.3.A. and IX.A.3.C. for Executive Session.

REFERRED TO FINANCE AND OPERATIONS COMMITTEE by Mr. Van Every: Bidding Policy

Item IX.A.2. Emergency Conditional Appointments as recommended by the Superintendent; the vote was unanimous.

Item IX.A.3.a. Held in abeyance.

Item IX.A.3.b. Miscellaneous Civil Service Personnel Changes as recommended by the Superintendent; the vote was unanimous.

Item IX.A.3.c. Held in abeyance.

Item IX.B.5. Consultant Contract – 95% Group as recommended by the Superintendent; the vote was unanimous.

Item IX.B.6. Consultant Contract – Brookes Publishing Company as recommended by the Superintendent; the vote was unanimous.

Item IX.B.7. Consultant Contract – Gerald Hughes – Support District’s Local Area Network as recommended by the Superintendent; the vote was unanimous.

Item IX.B.8. Consultant Contract – Robert Sirekis – Security and Network Analysis as recommended by the Superintendent; the vote was unanimous.

Item IX.B.9. Consultant Contract – Loulee Yen – Vanderbilt University as recommended by the Superintendent; the vote was unanimous.

Item IX.B.10. Item Deleted

Item IX.B.11. District Credit – AP Calculus Workshop as recommended by the Superintendent; the vote was unanimous.

Item IX.B.12. District Credit – Attendance and Academic Achievement as recommended by the Superintendent; the vote was unanimous.

Item IX.B.13. District Credit – Collaborative Planning – Grade 6 as recommended by the Superintendent; the vote was unanimous.

Item IX.B.14. District Credit – Grade 8 Social Studies – Post WW II Era as recommended by the Superintendent; the vote was unanimous.

Item IX.B.15. District Credit – Interactive Mathematics Program (IMP) Workshops as recommended by the Superintendent; the vote was unanimous.

Item IX.B.16. District Credit – Meeting Math Standards through UB’s “Building Blocks” Program as recommended by the Superintendent; the vote was unanimous.

Item IX.B.17. District Credit – New Technologies, New Literacies: Digital Resources as recommended by the Superintendent; the vote was unanimous.

Item IX.B.18. District Credit – Seminar and Inquiry for the Reflective Practitioner as recommended by the Superintendent; the vote was unanimous.

Item IX.B.19. Inservice – Mathematics Teachers Gr. 7-12 – Summer 2005 as recommended by the Superintendent; the vote was unanimous.

Item IX.B.19.a. Consultant Contract – Kalieda Health – Nurse Practitioner – CSE Physicals as recommended by the Superintendent; the vote was unanimous.

Item IX.B.19.b. Consultant Contract – Dr. Richard Judelson – New Prescriptions, CSE Physicals as recommended by the Superintendent; the vote was unanimous.

Item IX.C.20. Award of Contract – Morris Masonry – Burgard H.S. – General as recommended by the Superintendent; the vote was unanimous.

Item IX.C.21. Award of Contract – All State Development – New Libraries #43, 64, 93 & 301 – Furniture as recommended by the Superintendent; the vote was unanimous.

Item IX.C.22. Award of Contract – All State Development – New Libraries #43, 64, 93 & 301 – General as recommended by the Superintendent; the vote was unanimous.

Item IX.C.23. Award of Contract – John Danforth – New Libraries #43, 64, 93 & 301 – HVAC as recommended by the Superintendent; the vote was unanimous.

Item IX.C.24. Award of Contract – Weydman – New Libraries #43, 64, 93 & 301 – Electric as recommended by the Superintendent; the vote was unanimous.

Item IX.C.25. Item Deleted

Item IX.C.26. Award of Purchase Order – Follett Library Resources – Classroom Reading Material as recommended by the Superintendent; the vote was unanimous.

Item IX.C.27. Award of Purchase Order – Oracle – Software License and Support – New Student System as recommended by the Superintendent; 7 – Ayes, 1 – No (Mrs. Grant).

Item IX.C.28. Award of Purchase Order – C D & L – Transport and Delivery as recommended by the Superintendent; the vote was unanimous.

Item IX.C.29. Award of Purchase Order – Depew Mil/Upstate Farms/Wendt's Dairy as recommended by the Superintendent; the vote was unanimous.

Item IX.C.30. Award of Purchase Order – Maple Leaf Foods – Refrigeration & Trucking as recommended by the Superintendent; the vote was unanimous.



Item IX.C.31. Award of Purchase Order – Perry’s Ice Cream as recommended by the Superintendent; the vote was unanimous.

Item IX.C.32. Award of Purchase Order – Sysco/Preferred Packaging – Meal Trays and Film Wrap as recommended by the Superintendent; the vote was unanimous.

Item IX.C.33. Award of Purchase Order – Sysco – Food and Non-Food Items as recommended by the Superintendent; the vote was unanimous.

Item IX.C.34. Award of Purchase Order – Various – Processing of USDA Gov’t Food Commodities as recommended by the Superintendent; the vote was unanimous.

Item IX.C.35. Award of Purchase Order – Hooper Handling – Fork Lift as recommended by the Superintendent; the vote was unanimous.

Item IX.C.36. Award of Purchase Order – L & S Enterprises of Hamburg, Pizza Crust as recommended by the Superintendent; the vote was unanimous.

Item IX.C.37. Award of Purchase Order – South Shore Slush Puppie/Allen Associates as recommended by the Superintendent; the vote was unanimous.

Item IX.C.38. Change Order 1 – All State Development – City Honors – General Reconstruction as recommended by the Superintendent; the vote was unanimous.

Item IX.C.39. Denial of Claim – Carole Cureo – upon the advice of the Corporation Counsel and as recommended by the Superintendent; the vote was unanimous.

Item IX.C.40. Denial of Claim – Jeanette Early – upon the advice of the Corporation Counsel and as recommended by the Superintendent; the vote was unanimous.

Item IX.C.41. Denial of Claim – Raymonde Kernizan – upon the advice of the Corporation Counsel and as recommended by

the Superintendent; the vote was unanimous.

Item IX.C.42. Denial of Claim – Samuel Morales – upon the advice of the Corporation Counsel and as recommended by the Superintendent; the vote was unanimous.

Item IX.C.43. Denial of Claim – Eunice Roberson – upon the advice of the Corporation Counsel and as recommended by the Superintendent; the vote was unanimous.

Item IX.C.44. Final Payment – Ronco – District Wide Technology – Phase 2 as recommended by the Superintendent; the vote was unanimous.

Item IX.C.45. Participation in Cooperative Bid with Erie I BOCES – Bread Products as recommended by the Superintendent; the vote was unanimous.

Item IX.C.46. Payment for Legal Services – Hodgson Russ – March 2005 as recommended by the Superintendent; the vote was unanimous.

Item IX.C.47. Payment for Legal Services – Hodgson Russ – Special Education Invoice 12/04 – 6/05 as recommended by the Superintendent; the vote was unanimous.

Item IX.C.48. Settlement of Claim – Peter Brown – upon the advice of the Corporation Counsel and as recommended by the Superintendent; the vote was unanimous.

Item IX.C.49. Settlement of Claim – Eddie & Mary Cruz – upon the advice of the Corporation Counsel and as recommended by the Superintendent; the vote was unanimous.

Item IX.C.50. Settlement of Claim – Crystal Lincoln – upon the advice of the Corporation Counsel and as recommended by the Superintendent; the vote was unanimous.

Item IX.C.50.a. Award of Purchase Order – IBM – Equipment and Services – E-Rate as recommended by the Superintendent; the vote was unanimous.

Item IX.D.51. Transfer of Funds – Between Accounts as recommended by the Superintendent; the vote was unanimous.

Special Item 52 Additional Expenditures – Sysco Foods as recommended by the Superintendent; the vote was unanimous.

Special Item 54 Supplemental Personnel Changes – Instructional as recommended by the Superintendent; the vote was unanimous.

Special Item 55 Supplemental Personnel Changes – Administrative as recommended by the Superintendent; the vote was unanimous.

Special Item 56 2005-06 Budget Amendment as recommended by the Superintendent; the vote was unanimous.

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

Special Item 53. Report: Exempt Employee Appointment – Executive Director of Human Resources

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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 7:55 p.m. to 9:20 p.m. to discuss personnel items, several items of litigation and negotiations.

APPROVED, a motion made by Mrs. Evans, seconded by Mr. Coyle, to approve Item IXA.3.A. – Instructional Personnel Changes and Item IX.A.3.C. – Administrative Personnel Changes. The vote was unanimous.

Unfinished Business

REFERRED TO THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE by Mr. Van Every: Proposal on Public Participation by the Citizen Action Organization

APPROVED, a motion made by Mrs. Grant, seconded by Mrs. Evans, to purchase a table for Board Members to attend the Stop The Violence Coalition on July 31, 2005 at Shanghai Red's. The vote resulted as follows: 8 – Ayes, 1 – No (Mr. Van Every). Motion carried.

REFERRED TO FINANCE COMMITTEE by Mr. Coyle: Travel and Expenses for Board Members

Dr. Collins announced the following events:

1. Business community reception for Dr. Williams on August 9, 2005 at M&T Bank headed by Dan Boscarino.
2. Community reception for Dr. Williams on August 16, 2005 at WNED headed by Don Boswell.

APPROVED, a motion made by Mr. Coyle, seconded by Mr. Hernandez, to approve travel for Board Members to travel to the NSBA's Council of Urban Boards of Education 37th Annual Conference September 29 – October 2, 2005 in Las Vegas, Nevada; and the Council of the Great City Schools' 49th Annual Fall Conference October 19-23, 2005 in Atlanta, Georgia. The vote was unanimous.

Mr. Hernandez stated for the record the following.

1. Has received no response in regard to his request pertaining to the EIC situation.
2. Ciminelli receive a letter informing them of the resolution passed to suspend standardization for Johnson Control.

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE by Mrs. Evans: Bid Protest Procedure

The meeting adjourned at 9:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Emlyn Rivera  
Senior Stenographer

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