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BOARD MINUTES

August 24, 2005

The regular meeting of the Board of Education held on August 24, 2005 commenced at 5:00 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, the Board went into Executive Session.

President Johnson announced for the record that the Board met in Executive Session from 5:05 p.m. to 5:45 p.m. to discuss negotiations and personnel items.

### Board Recognition

#### I.B. New York Best Practices Study

Superintendent Williams read into the record the following:

During the 2004-2005 school year, the State University of New York at Albany School of Education initiated a study on Best Practices in New York. Professor Arthur Applebee led the group, *Just for the Kids*. They met with the staff of School 43, subject area Directors and Supervisors, and several Instructional Division staff members from Central Office. The results of the study and New York's success stories will be available to other educators on the website [www.just4kids.org](http://www.just4kids.org).

In recognition of the vital contributions made by the Buffalo Public School participants, the University presented a certificate of appreciation to the Board of Education for display in the Board Room.

Congratulations to the staff at School 43 and to the Instructional Division for participating in this worthwhile study and for achieving this recognition.

#### I.C. Kyle M. Colin – Leonardo daVinci Summer School Graduate

Superintendent Williams read into the record the following:

On Monday, August 22, 2005 we were at McKinley High School and I want to thank Mrs. Barton, the Principal of McKinley High School, we had our summer school graduation. We had 96 students graduate. All of the principals and assistant principals were represented at the graduation and it well very well. We made a mistake and one student was left out. I met with the

student's parents, grandparents and his family today at 4:45 p.m. and tonight he is getting a special graduation.

We recognize Kyle M. Colin as a Summer School Graduate.

At this point, Mrs. Patricia Preston, Principal of Leonardo daVinci, presented Mr. Colin with his diploma.

#### I.A. Presentation of Artwork

Superintendent Williams read into the record the following:

The Art Department staff and students of the Buffalo Public Schools have been diligently working throughout the 2004-2005 school year on various projects. This year, for the first time, Buffalo Public School students participated in the Allentown Art Festival. This was also the first year that the BPS Art education department held a truly districtwide student art show – *Celebrating Art*.

As a way of showing their appreciation to the Board of Education and the Superintendent for their support, the students would like to present the following artwork for display in the Board Room and the Superintendent's office:

For the Superintendent:

Title: *Untitled*

Artist: Juan Torres, Grade 8, Waterfront Elementary #95

Teacher: Michael Coleman

For the Board of Education:

Title: *The Big Apple*

Artist: Destiny Bowden, Grade 5, MLK #39

Teacher: Charlotte Ross

In addition, Michele Agosto, Supervisor of Art, and Mary M. Myszkiewicz, President of the Allentown Village Society, would like to present to the Board the *Allentown Festival Montage*. This framed piece, celebrating the first BPS student art exhibit at

the Allentown Art Festival, displays photos of children and their art at the festival, plus the flyer and brochure of the event are also included in the montage.

Our students and their teachers are to be commended for admirably representing our district at the festival. Students gave the Superintendent and Board the artwork to be displayed in their offices.

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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. September 8, 2005 – Princeton Review SAT Prep classes will start at the following four high schools:
  - South Park
  - East High School
  - City Honors
  - McKinley

Two schools will be from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

The other two schools will be from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

2. Dr. Constance Moss and Ms. Debra Sykes will be presenting at the Council of Great City Schools Conference October 19-23, 2005 in Atlanta, Georgia.
3. Schools will be Opening September 6, 2005 and he will be giving the State of the School Address to the total teaching body

and total community at WNED at 9:30 a.m.

4. He will be requesting that the Board Meeting of September 14, 2005 be rescheduled to September 7, 2005.

5. Thanked Board Members for attending the Community Meeting dealing with the Commencement Academy.

### Board Minutes

APPROVED, Board Minutes of July 1, 2005 and July 13, 2005. The vote was unanimous.

### Educational Update

Ms. Susan Doyle, Principal of Middle College, gave a Middle College Update.

### The Board received Committee Reports as follows:

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

Mrs. Evans reported that she would have a timetable for the Student Achievement Committee for Board Members.

Mrs. Evans asked that a date be given for SEPAC to report to the Board.

APPROVED, a motion made by Mr. Jacobs, seconded by Mrs. Evans, to move the September 14, 2005 Board Meeting to September 7, 2005 and Committee Meetings (Student Achievement and Student Support) to September 14, 2005. The vote was unanimous.

2. The Executive Affairs submitted an oral report through its Chairperson, Mr. Coyle as follows:

Mr. Coyle reported that the Executive Affairs Committee meeting will be held September 21, 2005 at 7:00 p.m. in 801 City Hall and discussed the agenda.

Mr. Coyle distributed policies that will be presented at the September 7, 2005 Board Meeting.

REFERRED to the Executive Committee by Mrs. Evans: Policy on seat belts when students are on a school bus

REFERRED to the Executive Committee by Dr. Collins: Proof of residency for City Honors

3. Dr. Collins announced that the Charter School Moratorium Committee Meeting would be held on Thursday, August 25, 2005 at 5:30 p.m. in 801 City Hall.

4. The Finance and Operations Committee submitted an oral report through its Chairperson, Mr. Van Every as follows:

Mr. Van Every shared that the Finance and Operations Committee's agenda will be in Board Members boxes by the end of the week.

Mr. Van Every reported that the Finance and Operations Committee Meeting would be held on September 21, 2005 at 5:00 p.m. in 801 City Hall.

At this time, our Financial Officer, Mr. Gary Crosby, gave a budget update.

5. Mrs. Grant announced that the Inclusion Committee Meeting will be held August 29, 2005 at 6:00 p.m. the Delavan-Grider Community Center.

6. The Student Support Committee submitted an oral report through its Chairperson, Mrs. Curry, as follows:

Mrs. Curry reported the Student Support Committee meeting will be held September 14, 2005 at 7:00 pm. in Room 801 City Hall and discussed the agenda.

REFERRED TO THE STUDENT SUPPORT COMMITTEE by President Johnson: Attendance Policy

7. Mr. Hernandez announced that the Bilingual Advisory Committee Meeting would be held on September 13, 2005 at 5:30 p.m. in 801 City Hall.

### Unfinished Business

Dr. Collins reminded Board Members of the invitation they received for Dr. Williams' reception that Dr. Muriel Howard is hosting on September 20, 2005.

APPROVED, a motion made by Mr. Coyle, seconded by Mr. Hernandez, to approve Board Member travel to the New York State School Boards Association's 2005 Academy for Public School Governance September 16-18, 2005 in Albany, New York and the New York State School Boards Association's 86th Annual Convention on October 27-30, 2005 in Rochester, New York. The vote was unanimous

APPROVED, a motion made by Mrs. Curry, seconded by Mrs. Grant, to purchase a table for Board Members to attend the Annual Augustin "Pucho" Olivencia Memorial Scholarship Dinner on September 10, 2005. The vote was unanimous

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

REFERRED TO FINANCE: The Commissary

Item IX.A.1. Consultant Contract – Doyle – Medicare Part D as recommended by the Superintendent; the vote was unanimous.

Item IX.A.2. Consultant Contract – Marsh – Worker's Compensation as recommended by the Superintendent; the vote was unanimous.

Item IX.A.3. Emergency Conditional Appointments as recommended by the Superintendent; the vote was unanimous.

Item IX.A.4.a. Instructional Personnel Changes as recommended by the Superintendent; 8 – Ayes, 1 – No (Mrs. Grant).

Item IX.A.4.b. Civil Service Miscellaneous Personnel Changes as recommended by the Superintendent; the vote was unanimous.

Item IX.A.4.c. Administrative Personnel Changes as recommended by the Superintendent; 8 – Ayes, 1 – No (Mrs. Grant).

Item IX.B.6. Item Deleted

Item IX.B.7. Comprehensive School Reform Initiative – LCI #171 as recommended by the Superintendent; the vote was unanimous.

Item IX.B.8. Consultant Contract – Alternative to Violence Niagara Frontier Council as recommended by the Superintendent; the vote was unanimous.

Item IX.B.9. Consultant Contract – Athletic Trainers as recommended by the Superintendent; the vote was unanimous.

Item IX.B.10. Consultant Contract – Buffalo State College – Employee Tuition Expense as recommended by the Superintendent; 7 – Ayes, 2 – Recuse (Mrs. Curry and President Johnson).

Item IX.B.11. Consultant Contract – Buffalo State College – Faculty Payment as recommended by the Superintendent; 7 – Ayes, 2 – Recuse (Mrs. Curry and President Johnson).

Item IX.B.12. Consultant Contract – MAGI Educational Services as recommended by the Superintendent; the vote was unanimous.

Item IX.B.13. Consultant Contract – Marilyn Burns – Math Solutions – Administrators as recommended by the Superintendent; the vote was unanimous.

Item IX.B.14. Consultant Contract – Mayerson Academy as recommended by the Superintendent; the vote was unanimous.

Item IX.B.15. Consultant Contract – Thomsand as recommended by the Superintendent; 7 – Ayes, 2 – Noes (Mrs. Curry and Mrs. Grant).

Item IX.B.16. Consultant Contract/District Credit – TERC, Inc. – Investigations in the Classroom as recommended by the



Superintendent; the vote was unanimous.

Item IX.B.17. Consultant Contract/District Credit Course – PBS TeacherLine (WNED) as recommended by the Superintendent; the vote was unanimous.

Item IX.B.18. Continuation of Program at the Buffalo Museum of Science as recommended by the Superintendent; the vote was unanimous.

Item IX.B.19. Continuation of Program at the Buffalo Zoological Gardens as recommended by the Superintendent; the vote was unanimous.

Item IX.B.20. District Credit – Grade Level Content Area Support as recommended by the Superintendent; the vote was unanimous.

Item IX.B.21. District Credit – Second Year New Teacher Course – Reflective Practitioner as recommended by the Superintendent; the vote was unanimous.

Item IX.B.22. Fees – NYS Public High School Athlete Association Section VI as recommended by the Superintendent; the vote was unanimous.

Item IX.B.23. Special Education Placement and Services – CPSE – 7/1/04 – 6/30/05 as recommended by the Superintendent; the vote was unanimous.

Item IX.B.24. Special Education Placement and Service – CSE – 7/1/04 – 6/30/05 as recommended by the Superintendent; the vote was unanimous.

Item IX.B.25. Supplemental Service Providers – 2005-06 District Contracts as recommended by the Superintendent; 7 – Ayes, 2 – Noes (Mrs. Curry and Mrs. Grant).

Item IX.B.26. Supplemental Service Providers – Newton Learning – Renewal Year 2 as recommended by the Superintendent; 7

– Ayes, 2 – Noes (Mrs. Curry and Mrs. Grant).

Item IX.B.27. Textbook Adoption – AP Biology as recommended by the Superintendent; the vote was unanimous.

Item IX.B.28. Textbook Adoption – Language! 3rd Edition as recommended by the Superintendent; the vote was unanimous.

Item IX.B.29. Textbook Adoption – Life Science – Science and Life Issues as recommended by the Superintendent; the vote was unanimous.

Item IX.B.30. Textbook Adoption – Life Science – Science and Sustainability as recommended by the Superintendent; the vote was unanimous.

Item IX.B.31. Textbook Adoption – New York Glencoe Algebra & New York Glencoe Geometry as recommended by the Superintendent; the vote was unanimous.

Item IX.B.32. Textbook Adoption – Physical Setting/Earth Science as recommended by the Superintendent; the vote was unanimous.

Item IX.B.32.a. Textbook Adoption – AP Psychology, AP US History, AP World History as recommended by the Superintendent; the vote was unanimous.

Item IX.B.33. Universal Prekindergarten Program as recommended by the Superintendent; the vote was unanimous.

Item IX.B.33.a. Inservice – Prekindergarten Literacy Development as recommended by the Superintendent; the vote was unanimous.

Item IX.B.33.b. Supplemental Service Providers – African American Cultural Center as recommended by the Superintendent; 6 – Ayes, 3 – Noes (Dr. Collins, Mrs. Curry and Mrs. Grant).

Item IX.B.33.c. Supplemental Service Providers – Bethesda World Harvest International as recommended by the

Superintendent; 6 – Ayes, 3 – Noes (Dr. Collins, Mrs. Curry and Mrs. Grant).

Item IX.B.33.d. Supplemental Service Providers – Bob Lanier Center as recommended by the Superintendent; 6 – Ayes, 3 – Noes (Dr. Collins, Mrs. Curry and Mrs. Grant).

Item IX.B.33.e. Supplemental Service Providers – Boys and Girls Clubs of Buffalo as recommended by the Superintendent; 6 – Ayes, 3 – Noes (Dr. Collins, Mrs. Curry and Mrs. Grant).

Item IX.B.33.f. Supplemental Service Providers – Brooks Learning Center as recommended by the Superintendent; 6 – Ayes, 3 – Noes (Dr. Collins, Mrs. Curry and Mrs. Grant).

Item IX.B.33.g. Supplemental Service Providers – Buffalo Hearing and Speech Center as recommended by the Superintendent; 6 – Ayes, 3 – Noes (Dr. Collins, Mrs. Curry and Mrs. Grant).

Item IX.B.33.h. Supplemental Service Providers – Buffalo Urban League as recommended by the Superintendent; 6 – Ayes, 3 – Noes (Dr. Collins, Mrs. Curry and Mrs. Grant).

Item IX.B.33.i. Supplemental Service Providers – Comprehensive Tutoring/The Homework Club as recommended by the Superintendent; 6 – Ayes, 3 – Noes (Dr. Collins, Mrs. Curry and Mrs. Grant).

Item IX.B.33.j. Supplemental Service Providers – Concerned Ecumenical Ministries as recommended by the Superintendent; 6 – Ayes, 3 – Noes (Dr. Collins, Mrs. Curry and Mrs. Grant).

Item IX.B.33.k. Supplemental Service Providers – Friend of the Elderly, Youth and Family Services as recommended by the Superintendent; 6 – Ayes, 3 – Noes (Dr. Collins, Mrs. Curry and Mrs. Grant).

Item IX.B.33.l. Supplemental Service Providers – Huntington Learning Centers as recommended by the Superintendent; 6 – Ayes, 3 – Noes (Dr. Collins, Mrs. Curry and Mrs. Grant).

Item IX.B.33.m. Supplemental Service Providers – Literacy Volunteers as recommended by the Superintendent; 6 – Ayes, 3 –

Noes (Dr. Collins, Mrs. Curry and Mrs. Grant).

Item IX.B.33.n. Supplemental Service Providers – St. Phillips Community Center as recommended by the Superintendent; 6 – Ayes, 3 – Noes (Dr. Collins, Mrs. Curry and Mrs. Grant).

Item IX.B.33.o. Supplemental Service Providers – Truway Community Center as recommended by the Superintendent; 6 – Ayes, 3 – Noes (Dr. Collins, Mrs. Curry and Mrs. Grant).

Item IX.B.33.p. Supplemental Service Providers – University of Buffalo, EOC as recommended by the Superintendent; 6 – Ayes, 3 – Noes (Dr. Collins, Mrs. Curry and Mrs. Grant).

Item IX.B.33.q. Annual Subscriptions – Reading First as recommended by the Superintendent; the vote was unanimous.

Item IX.C.34. Award of Purchase – Chemicals for Swimming Pools – Amrex/Bison Laboratories as recommended by the Superintendent; the vote was unanimous.

Item IX.C.35. Award of Purchase – Classroom Math Material – Scott Foresman Addison Wesley as recommended by the Superintendent; the vote was unanimous.

Item IX.C.36. Award of Purchase – Classroom Reading Material – Scholastic Books – Riverside H.S. as recommended by the Superintendent; the vote was unanimous.

Item IX.C.37. Award of Purchase – Classroom Reading Material – Scholastic Books – School #26 as recommended by the Superintendent; the vote was unanimous.

Item IX.C.38. Award of Purchase – Classroom Reading Material – Steck-Vaughn – School #26 as recommended by the Superintendent; the vote was unanimous.

Item IX.C.39. Award of Purchase – Computers – School 71 Reading Trust as recommended by the Superintendent; the vote was unanimous.

Item IX.C.40. Award of Purchase – Computer Equipment – Phase I – Apple Computer as recommended by the Superintendent; the vote was unanimous.

Item IX.C.41. Award of Purchase – Computer Equipment – Phase I – Alternative Information Systems as recommended by the Superintendent; the vote was unanimous.

Item IX.C.42. Award of Purchase – Continuation of NYS School Computer System Participation as recommended by the Superintendent; the vote was unanimous.

Item IX.C.43. Award of Purchase – Extension of Agreement – Informix Database Management Systems as recommended by the Superintendent; the vote was unanimous.

Item IX.C.44. Award of Purchase – Filled Dough Pockets – L& S Enterprises as recommended by the Superintendent; the vote was unanimous.

Item IX.C.45. Award of Purchase – Football Equipment – Riddell All American as recommended by the Superintendent; the vote was unanimous.

Item IX.C.46. Award of Purchase – Integrated Pest Management – Ashland Pest Control as recommended by the Superintendent; the vote was unanimous.

Item IX.C.47. Award of Purchase – Lockers – School #44 as recommended by the Superintendent; the vote was unanimous.

Item IX.C.48. Award of Purchase – Maintenance Contract – A.B. Dick as recommended by the Superintendent; the vote was unanimous.

Item IX.C.49. Award of Purchase – Produce Commodities – Boulevard Produce as recommended by the Superintendent; the vote was unanimous.

Item IX.C.50. Change Order #1 – All State – General Reconstruction – Bennett Park Montessori as recommended by the Superintendent; the vote was unanimous.

Item IX.C.51. Change Order #2 – All State – General Reconstruction – City Honors as recommended by the Superintendent; the vote was unanimous.

Item IX.C.52. Change Order #1 – Morris Masonry – General Reconstruction – Burgard as recommended by the Superintendent; the vote was unanimous.

Item IX.C.53. Denial of Claim – Samirah Al-Saidi – upon the advice of the Corporation Counsel and as recommended by the Superintendent; the vote was unanimous.

Item IX.C.54. Denial of Claim - Caryn Knop – upon the advice of the Corporation Counsel and as recommended by the Superintendent; the vote was unanimous.

Item IX.C.55. Denial of Claim – Kimberly Salter – upon the advice of the Corporation Counsel and as recommended by the Superintendent; the vote was unanimous.

Item IX.C.56. Denial of Claim – John Smith – upon the advice of the Corporation Counsel and as recommended by the Superintendent; the vote was unanimous.

Item IX.C.57. Lease Agreement – Northwest Buffalo Community Center as recommended by the Superintendent; the vote was unanimous.

Item IX.C.58. Non-Employee Travel – Denise Malican – Assistant Corporation Counsel as recommended by the Superintendent; the vote was unanimous.

Item IX.C.59. Payment for Legal Services – Bouvier Partnership – Sallyann Andres as recommended by the Superintendent; the vote was unanimous.

Item IX.C.60. Payment for Legal Services – Bouvier Partnership – John Bushey as recommended by the Superintendent; the

vote was unanimous.

Item IX.C.61. Payment for Legal Services – Damon & Morey – BTF Negotiations – June 2005 as recommended by the Superintendent; the vote was unanimous.

Item IX.C.62. Payment for Legal Services – Damon & Morey – Single Health Provider – June 2005 as recommended by the Superintendent; the vote was unanimous.

Item IX.C.63. Payment for Legal Services – Hiscock & Barclay – Enviromental as recommended by the Superintendent; the vote was unanimous.

Item IX.C.64. Payment for Legal Services – Hodgson Russ – April 2005 as recommended by the Superintendent; the vote was unanimous.

Item IX.C.65. Payment for Legal Services – Hodgson Russ – May 2005 as recommended by the Superintendent; the vote was unanimous.

Item IX.C.66. Settlement of Claim – George Davis – upon the advice of the Corporation Counsel and as recommended by the Superintendent; the vote was unanimous.

Item IX.C.67. Settlement of Claim – Kathy Gamblin – upon the advice of the Corporation Counsel and as recommended by the Superintendent; the vote was unanimous.

Item IX.C.68. Settlement of Claim – Lynda Nero – upon the advice of the Corporation Counsel and as recommended by the Superintendent; the vote was unanimous.

Item IX.C.68.a. Payment for Legal Services – Connors & Vilaro – Battey – July 2005 as recommended by the Superintendent; the vote was unanimous.

Item IX.C.69. Transfer of Funds – Between Accounts as recommended by the Superintendent; the vote was unanimous.

Special Item 71 Consultant Contract – Eileen Buermann – Buffalo Montessori Teacher Education Program as recommended by the Superintendent; the vote was unanimous.

Special Item 72 Consultant Contract – Josephine Cross – Mediation Techniques as recommended by the Superintendent; the vote was unanimous.

Special Item 73 Consultant Contract – Gary Davidson – Seacoast Montessori – Multiaged Groupings as recommended by the Superintendent; the vote was unanimous.

Special Item 74 Consultant Contract – Janet Dombkowski – Montessori Secondary Overview as recommended by the Superintendent; the vote was unanimous.

Special Item 75 Consultant Contract – Rachel Fix – Research Proposal Workshop as recommended by the Superintendent; the vote was unanimous.

Special Item 76 Consultant Contract – Mayerson Academy – Part II as recommended by the Superintendent; the vote was unanimous.

Special Item 77 Adoption of Board Resolution – Algebra for All by Grade 9 as recommended by the Superintendent; the vote was unanimous.

Special Item 78 Adoption of Board Resolution – Regents Exams Score as recommended by the Superintendent; the vote was unanimous.

Special Item 79 Settlement of Claim – Yamila Diaz – upon the advice of the Corporation Counsel and as recommended by the Superintendent; the vote was unanimous.

Special Item 80 Supplemental Personnel Changes – Instructional as recommended by the Superintendent; 7 – Ayes, 2 – Noes (Mrs. Grant and Mr. Hernandez).



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

Item IX.D.70. Report: Transfer of Funds – Within Accounts

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The meeting adjourned at 10:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Emlyn Rivera  
Senior Stenographer

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