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BOARD MINUTES

September 28, 2005

The regular meeting of the Board of Education held on September 28, 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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President Johnson recognized students from Bennett, Burgard, East and Seneca High Schools.

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Speakers made comments on various issues.

The Superintendent responded to speakers.

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### Superintendent's Update

Superintendent Williams shared the following:

1. His visit to Lafayette School.

Ms. Jacquelyn Baldwin, Principal of Lafayette High, give a brief update regarding the Commencement at Lafayette High School.

Mr. Mark Frazier, Assistant Superintendent for Leadership and Evaluation, gave a brief update on the SAT Prep Program.

Ms. Pam Lorber, Supervisor of Special Education, gave an update on the Special Education Extended School Year Program.

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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 8:15 to 9:15 p.m. to discuss personnel items and negotiations.

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### Board Minutes

APPROVED, Board Minutes of September 7, 2005 and September 14, 2005 (Special Meeting). The vote was unanimous.

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The Board received Committee Reports as follows:

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

Mr. Coyle distributed minutes of the September 21, 2005 meeting.

APPROVED, a motion made by Mr. Van Every, seconded by Dr. Collins, to change the Executive Affairs and Finance and Operations Committee meetings from October 19, 2005 to October 18, 2005. The vote was unanimous.

APPROVED, a motion made by Dr. Collins, seconded by Mr. Jacobs, to approve Board Members to attend the annual Commitment to Education Awards Luncheon on October 5, 2005 at the Hyatt Regency. The vote was unanimous.

APPROVED, a motion made by Dr. Collins, seconded by Mrs. Evans, to approve Board Members to attend the Erie County Association School Board's Dessert Forum "The Five Point Plan" on Thursday, October 6, 2005 and their 28th Annual Legislative Breakfast on Saturday, October 22, 2005 at the Holiday Inn/Airport. The vote was unanimous.

APPROVED, a motion made by Mr. Jacobs, seconded by Dr. Collins, to approve Board Members to attend Dr. Williams' lecture at the University at Buffalo, Amherst Campus on Thursday, September 29, 2005. The vote was unanimous.

APPROVED, a motion made by Mr. Van Every, seconded by Mrs. Evans, to approve travel for Mr. Van Every to attend a Big Five Executive Committee meeting which will be held the week of October 17th in Albany, New York. The vote was unanimous.

APPROVED, a motion made Mrs. Evans, seconded by Mr. Hernandez, to approve purchase of a ticket for Mrs. Curry to attend the Minority Bar Association Dinner on Thursday, September 29, 2005. The vote was unanimous.

A discussion ensued regarding travel. Mr. Van Every shared that he and Mr. Crosby will be reporting back to the Board four times a year on this issue.

2. Mrs. Grant announced that the Joint Schools Construction Board meeting would be held October 4, 2005 at 3 p.m. in Room 209 City Hall.
3. Dr. Collins announced that the Erie County Association of School Boards meeting would be held Thursday, September 29, 2005.
4. Mr. Hernandez announced that the Bilingual Advisory Committee would be held on October 3, 2005 at 5:15 p.m. at Kaleida located at 300 Niagara St.

The Board Approved the Agenda Items as follows:

APPROVED, a motion made by Mr. Coyle, seconded by Mr. Van Every, to remove from the table Items IX.E.21a., Items IX.E.21.c. – Items IX.E.21j., and Items IX.E.21m. – Items IX.E.21.z. The vote was unanimous.

APPROVED, a motion made by Mr. Coyle, seconded by Mr. Van Every, to table Item IX.E.22.a. The vote was unanimous.

Item IX.A.1. Emergency Conditional Appointments as recommended by the Superintendent; the vote was unanimous.

Item IX.A.2.a. Instructional Personnel Changes as recommended by the Superintendent; 6 – Ayes, 3 – Noes (Mrs. Grant, Mr. Hernandez and Mr. Van Every – 2nd thru 5th name on page 2).

Item IX.A.2.b. Civil Service Miscellaneous Personnel Changes as recommended by the Superintendent; the vote was unanimous.

Item IX.A.2.c. Administrative Personnel Changes as recommended by the Superintendent with the following correction: 1st name on page 1 – Effective Date & Remarks should read, Resigned, to work at a Charter School; the vote was unanimous.

Item IX.A.4.a. Implementing Resolution – 3020A Proceeding as recommended by the Superintendent; the vote was

unanimous.

Item IX.B.5.a. Consultant Service – Eileen Buermann – Montessori Method as recommended by the Superintendent; the vote was unanimous.

Item IX.B.5.b. Consultant Service - Buffalo and Erie County Historical Society – Traditional American History Program as recommended by the Superintendent; the vote was unanimous.

Item IX.B.5.c. Consultant Service – Scott Dewitt – Traditional American History Program as recommended by the Superintendent; the vote was unanimous.

Item IX.B.5.d. Consultant Service – Jill Gradwell – Traditional American History Program as recommended by the Superintendent; the vote was unanimous.

Item IX.B.5.e. Consultant Service - S.G. Grant – Traditional American History Program as recommended by the Superintendent; the vote was unanimous.

Item IX.B.5.f. Consultant Service - MAGI Educational Services – Traditional American History Program as recommended by the Superintendent; the vote was unanimous.

Item IX.B.5.g. Consultant Service – Randforce Associates – Databases – Traditional American History Program as recommended by the Superintendent; the vote was unanimous.

Item IX.B.5.h. Consultant Service – Research Foundation of State University College at Buffalo – Career Fairs as recommended by the Superintendent; the vote was unanimous.

Item IX.B.5.j. University of Buffalo – Jim Collins & Associates – CSR – BAVAPA #187 as recommended by the Superintendent; the vote was unanimous.

Item IX.B.6.a. Consultant/District Credit – Shirley Banko – NY Learns – Setting the Standard as recommended by the

Superintendent; the vote was unanimous.

Item IX.B.6.b. Consultant/District Credit – Therese Drew – Investigations Made Easy: Grade 2 as recommended by the Superintendent; the vote was unanimous.

Item IX.B.6.c. Consultant/District Credit – Norma Fletcher – Professional Book Club as recommended by the Superintendent; the vote was unanimous.

Item IX.B.6.d. Consultant/District Credit - James Kapsiak – Introduction to Microsoft Office 2000 for Teachers as recommended by the Superintendent; the vote was unanimous.

Item IX.B.6.e. Consultant/District Credit – Planned Parenthood – How to Be an Askable Teacher as recommended by the Superintendent; the vote was unanimous.

Item IX.B.6.f. Consultant/District Credit – Prevention Focus – Building Assets that Help Children Succeed as recommended by the Superintendent; the vote was unanimous.

Item IX.B.6.g. Consultant/District Credit – Sal Scrivo – Art Across the Curriculum as recommended by the Superintendent; the vote was unanimous.

Item IX.B.6.h. Consultant/District Credit - Nicole Sperrazza – Investigations Made Easy – Grade 3 as recommended by the Superintendent; the vote was unanimous.

Item IX.B.6.i. Consultant/District Credit - Cindy Sterner – Strategies to Support Middle Students as recommended by the Superintendent; the vote was unanimous.

Item IX.B.6.j. Consultant/District Credit – Mary Jean Syrec – REACT: New Programs in Science as recommended by the Superintendent; the vote was unanimous.

Item IX.B.6.k. Consultant/District Credit – Mark Walter – InDesign CS as recommended by the Superintendent; the vote was

unanimous.

Item IX.B.7.a. District Credit - Building Better Readers and Writers Using the 4 Blocks as recommended by the Superintendent; the vote was unanimous.

Item IX.B.7.b. District Credit - Collaboration + Support = Success: Grade 6 Connected Math as recommended by the Superintendent; the vote was unanimous.

Item IX.B.7.c. District Credit – Community Based Special Education as recommended by the Superintendent; the vote was unanimous.

Item IX.B.7.d. District Credit – Connect Math: Grades 7 & 8 as recommended by the Superintendent; the vote was unanimous.

Item IX.B.7.e. District Credit – Differentiated Instruction as recommended by the Superintendent; the vote was unanimous.

Item IX.B.7.f. District Credit – Early Literacy Foundations for Pre-K and Kindergarten as recommended by the Superintendent; the vote was unanimous.

Item IX.B.7.g. District Credit – The Impact of Grief and Loss on Student Learning as recommended by the Superintendent; the vote was unanimous.

Item IX.B.7.h. District Credit – Intermediate Photoshop as recommended by the Superintendent; the vote was unanimous.

Item IX.B.7.i. District Credit – Introduction to Basic Computer Skills on Macintosh as recommended by the Superintendent; the vote was unanimous.

Item IX.B.7.j. District Credit – Introduction to NYS Testing Grades 3-8 as recommended by the Superintendent; the vote was unanimous.

Item IX.B.7.k. District Credit – Investigations Made Easy: Grade 1 as recommended by the Superintendent; the vote was

unanimous.

Item IX.B.7.l. District Credit - Investigations Made Easy: Grade 4 as recommended by the Superintendent; the vote was unanimous.

Item IX.B.7.m. District Credit - Investigations Made Easy: Grade 5 as recommended by the Superintendent; the vote was unanimous.

Item IX.B.7.n. District Credit - Investigations Made Easy: Kindergarten as recommended by the Superintendent; the vote was unanimous.

Item IX.B.7.o. District Credit - Learning Made Fun Through the Use of Mathematics Learning Centers as recommended by the Superintendent; the vote was unanimous.

Item IX.B.7.p. District Credit - New Teacher Academy: Management as recommended by the Superintendent; the vote was unanimous.

Item IX.B.7.q. District Credit – Putting Reading First as recommended by the Superintendent; the vote was unanimous.

Item IX.B.7.r. District Credit – Teacher Toolbox – Tips, Tricks, Ideas for Using the Computer to Promote Learning as recommended by the Superintendent; the vote was unanimous.

Item IX.B.7.s. District Credit – Tools for Expressive Playing as recommended by the Superintendent; the vote was unanimous.

Item IX.B.7.t. District Credit – You’ve Been Cloned – Now What? as recommended by the Superintendent; the vote was unanimous.

Item IX.B.8.a. Professional Development – Career and Financial Management – CTE as recommended by the Superintendent; the vote was unanimous.



Item IX.B.8.b. Professional Development – Career Plan Training – CTE as recommended by the Superintendent; the vote was unanimous.

Item IX.B.8.c. Professional Development - OSHA Training – CTE as recommended by the Superintendent; the vote was unanimous.

Item IX.B.8.d. Professional Development – Portfolio Assessment – CTE as recommended by the Superintendent; the vote was unanimous.

Item IX.B.8.e. Professional Development – Tech Prep as recommended by the Superintendent; the vote was unanimous.

Item IX.B.9.a. CPSE – 7/01/05 to 9/16/05 as recommended by the Superintendent; the vote was unanimous.

Item IX.B.9.b. CSE – 7/0/05 to 9/16/05 as recommended by the Superintendent; the vote was unanimous.

Item IX.B.10.a. Supplemental Services Provider – Berkshire Farm Center and Services for Youth as recommended by the Superintendent; 8 – Ayes, 1 – No (Mrs. Curry).

Item IX.B.10.b. Supplemental Services Provider – Community Action Organization of Erie County as recommended by the Superintendent; the vote was unanimous.

Item IX.B.10.c. Supplemental Services Provider - Erie I BOCES as recommended by the Superintendent; 8 – Ayes, 1 – No (Mrs. Curry).

Item IX.C.12.a. Award of Contract – Morris Masonry Restoration – General Contract – BAVPA #187 as recommended by the Superintendent; the vote was unanimous.

Item IX.C.13.a. Award of Purchase – American Tone/AIS – Hewlett Packard Toner Cartridges – Service Center as recommended by the Superintendent; the vote was unanimous.

Item IX.C.13.b. Award of Purchase – BFI Waste – Collection & Disposal of Refuse as recommended by the Superintendent; the vote was unanimous.

Item IX.C.13.c. Award of Purchase - Harcourt School Publishers – Classroom Reading Material as recommended by the Superintendent; the vote was unanimous.

Item IX.C.13.d. Award of Purchase – Kurk Fuel Oil Company – Gasoline and Fuel as recommended by the Superintendent; the vote was unanimous.

Item IX.C.13.f. Item Deleted

Item IX.C.13.g. Award of Purchase – Sopris West – DIEBELS – Assessment Kits as recommended by the Superintendent; the vote was unanimous.

Item IX.C.13.h. Award of Purchase – Stockyards Meatpacking/Dodman – Meat and Seafood – Emerson Culinary as recommended by the Superintendent; the vote was unanimous.

Item IX.C.13.i. Award of Purchase – Wilson Language Training – Foundations Kits Grade 3 – Reading First as recommended by the Superintendent; the vote was unanimous.

Item IX.C.14.a. Change Order - Allstate Development #2 – General Reconstruction – Bennett Park Montessori as recommended by the Superintendent; the vote was unanimous.

Item IX.C.14.b. Change Order – Allstate Development #3 – General Reconstruction – City Honors as recommended by the Superintendent; the vote was unanimous.

Item IX.C.14.c. Change Order – Morris Masonry Restoration #2 – General Reconstruction – Burgard as recommended by the Superintendent; the vote was unanimous.

Item IX.C.15.a. Lease Agreement – International Institute as recommended by the Superintendent; 8 – Ayes, 1 – No (Mr.

Hernandez).

Item IX.C.15.b. Lease Agreement – Parent Center as recommended by the Superintendent; 6 – Ayes, 3 – Noes (Mrs. Curry, Mr. Hernandez and Mr. Van Every)

Item IX.C.16.a. Payment for Legal Services – Hodgson Russ – June as recommended by the Superintendent; the vote was unanimous.

Item IX.C.16.b. Payment for Legal Services – Hodgson Russ – July as recommended by the Superintendent; the vote was unanimous.

Item IX.C.16.c. Payment for Legal Services – Damon & Morey, LLP – BTF Negotiations as recommended by the Superintendent; the vote was unanimous.

Item IX.C.16.d. Payment for Legal Services – Damon & Morey, LLP – Single Health Insurance Provider as recommended by the Superintendent; the vote was unanimous.

Item IX.C.17.a. Settlement of Claim – Pamela Adams – upon the advice of Corporation Counsel and as recommended by the Superintendent; the vote was unanimous.

Item IX.C.17.b. Settlement of Claim – Lisa M. Bateau – upon the advice of Corporation Counsel and as recommended by the Superintendent; the vote was unanimous.

Item IX.C.17.c. Settlement of Claim – Deborah Dantzler – upon the advice of Corporation Counsel and as recommended by the Superintendent; the vote was unanimous.

Item IX.C.17.d. Settlement of Claim – Danielle Musilli – upon the advice of Corporation Counsel and as recommended by the Superintendent; the vote was unanimous.

Item IX.C.18.a. Acceptance of Credit Card Payments – Adult Education Division as recommended by the Superintendent; the

vote was unanimous.

Item IX.C.18.b. Non-Employee Travel – Dr. Joan P. Kowal as recommended by the Superintendent; the vote was unanimous.

Item IX.D.19.a. Transfer of Funds – Between Accounts as recommended by the Superintendent; 8 – Ayes, 1 – No (Mrs. Evans).

Item IX.E.21.a. Board Policy – 1230 – Reporting of Expenditures and Contributions as recommended by the Superintendent; the vote was unanimous.

Item IX.E.21.c. Board Policy – 3411 – Unlawful Possession of a Weapon Upon School Grounds as recommended by the Superintendent; the vote was unanimous.

Item IX.E.21.d. Board Policy – 3420 – Buffalo Public Schools Anti-Harassment Policy as recommended by the Superintendent; the vote was unanimous.

Item IX.E.21.e. Board Policy – 3430 – Uniform Violent Incident System as recommended by the Superintendent; the vote was unanimous.

Item IX.E.21.f. Board Policy – 5650 – Energy/Water Conservation as recommended by the Superintendent; the vote was unanimous.

Item IX.E.21.g. Board Policy – 6121 – Complaints and Grievances by Employees as recommended by the Superintendent; the vote was unanimous.

Item IX.E.21.h. Board Policy – 6180 – Fingerprinting as recommended by the Superintendent; the vote was unanimous.

Item IX.E.21.i. Board Policy – 6212 – Certification and Qualifications as recommended by the Superintendent; the vote was unanimous.

Item IX.E.21.j. Board Policy – 6552 – Military Leave of Absence as recommended by the Superintendent; the vote was unanimous.

Item IX.E.21.m. Board Policy – 7132 – Education of Homeless Children as recommended by the Superintendent; the vote was unanimous.

Item IX.E.21.n. Board Policy – 7222 – Credential Options for Students with Disabilities as recommended by the Superintendent; the vote was unanimous.

Item IX.E.21.o. Board Policy – 7240 – Students Records: Access and Challenge as recommended by the Superintendent; the vote was unanimous.

Item IX.E.21.p. Board Policy – 7242 – Student Directory Information as recommended by the Superintendent; the vote was unanimous.

Item IX.E.21.q. Board Policy – 7250 – Student Privacy, Parental Access to Information, and Administration of Certain Physical Examination to Minors

Item IX.E.21.r. Board Policy – 7313 – Suspension of Students as recommended by the Superintendent; the vote was unanimous.

Item IX.E.21.s. Board Policy – 7360/7361 – Weapons in Schools and Gun Free Schools Act (now combined) as recommended by the Superintendent; the vote was unanimous.

Item IX.E.21.t. Board Policy - 7631 – Appointment and Training of CSE/Subcommittee on Special Education as recommended by the Superintendent; the vote was unanimous.

Item IX.E.21.u. Board Policy – 7640 – Student IEP as recommended by the Superintendent; the vote was unanimous.

Item IX.E.21.v. Board Policy – 7642 – Twelve Month Special Services as recommended by the Superintendent; the vote was

unanimous.

Item IX.E.21.w. Board Policy – 7660 – Parent Involvement for Children with Disabilities as recommended by the Superintendent; the vote was unanimous.

Item IX.E.21.x. Board Policy – 8241 – Patriotism, Citizenship and Human Rights Education as recommended by the Superintendent; the vote was unanimous.

Item IX.E.21.y. Board Policy – 8280 – Instruction for English Language Learners as recommended by the Superintendent; the vote was unanimous.

Item IX.E.21.z. Board Policy – 8330 – Objection to Instructional Materials as recommended by the Superintendent; the vote was unanimous.

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

Item IX.D.19.b. Report: Transfer of Funds – Within Accounts

Items Tabled

Item IX.E.22.a. Board Policy – Graduation Standard of 65 on Required Regents Exams

Items Pulled

Item IX.B.5.i. UB Center for Children and Families – Behavior Management

Item IX.C.13.e. Metro Data Services – Alarm Monitoring and Service

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Unfinished Business

A motion was made by Mr. Hernandez, seconded by Mrs. Evans, to refer the Resolution regarding Guidance Counselors to Executive Committee.

A motion was made by Mr. Every, seconded by Mr. Jacobs, to receive and file the Resolution regarding Guidance Counselors to Committee. The vote resulted as follows: 4 – Ayes, 4 – Noes. Motion failed.

Due to the receive and file motion failing, this resolution remains on the table.

Mr. Hernandez stated for the record he has not received answers to the following inquiries:

1. Joint Schools Construction Board Legal Authority
2. A determination on the Johnson Control Standardization
3. Full disclosure on the EIC

The meeting adjourned at 11:17 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Emlyn Rivera  
Senior Stenographer

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