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## BOARD MINUTES

October 12, 2005

The regular meeting of the Board of Education held on October 12, 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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Speakers made comments on various issues.

Superintendent Williams responded to the speakers.

At this point, Superintendent Williams had David Greco, Principal of Hutch Tech, give an update on the JROTC issue.

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APPROVED, a motion made by Mr. Hernandez, seconded by Mrs. Evans, to move up the consent agenda. The vote was unanimous.

The Board Approved the Agenda Items as follows:

APPROVED, a motion made by Mr. Van Every, seconded by Mrs. Evans, to table Item IX.C.12.a. JSCB Phase II Obligations and Responsibilities. The vote was unanimous.

APPROVED, a motion made by Mr. Van Every, seconded by Mr. Coyle, to remove Item IX.E.15.a. from the table. 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 with the following corrections: On page 7, 8th through 13th names – effective date should be 9/6/05 – 6/30/06; the vote was unanimous.

Item IX.A.2.b. Held in abeyance.

Item IX.A.2.c. Held in abeyance.

Item IX.B.5.a. Consultant Service – Brenda Thomas – John Hopkins University – Action Teams for Partnership as recommended by the Superintendent; the vote was unanimous.

Item IX.B.5.b. Consultant Contract - Buffalo and Erie County Workforce Development Consortium – Adult Ed as recommended by the Superintendent; 7 – Ayes, 2 – Noes (Mrs. Curry and Mr. Van Every).

Item IX.B.5.c. Consultant Contract - MUSE – Montessori as recommended by the Superintendent; the vote was unanimous.

Item IX.B.5.d. Consultant Contract – Safe and Civil Schools – Middle and High Schools as recommended by the Superintendent; 8 – Ayes, 1 – No (Mr. Coyle).

Item IX.B.5.e. Consultant Contract – Sopris West – Commencement Academy as recommended by the Superintendent; the vote was unanimous.

Item IX.B.5.f. Consultant Contract – Young Audiences – Waterfront as recommended by the Superintendent; the vote was unanimous.

Item IX.B.6.a. Special Education Placement and Services – CPSE – 7/01/05 to 9/30/05 as recommended by the Superintendent; the vote was unanimous.

Item IX.B.6.b. Special Education Placement and Services – CSE – 7/01/05 to 9/30/05 as recommended by the Superintendent; the vote was unanimous.

Item IX.B.7.a. Supplemental Services Provider – Princeton Review – New as recommended by the Superintendent; the vote was unanimous.

Item IX.B.7.b. Supplemental Services Providers – Sylvan Learning Center – Renewal – Year 2 as recommended by the Superintendent; the vote was unanimous.

Item IX.B.7.c. Supplemental Service Providers – True Bethel – Renewal – Year 2 as recommended by the Superintendent; the vote was unanimous.

Item IX.B.8.a. Title I Parent Education/Involvement Programs as recommended by the Superintendent; 8 – Ayes, 1 – No (Mr. Coyle).

Item IX.B.8.b. Title I Parent Education/Involvement Programs as recommended by the Superintendent; 8 – Ayes, 1 – No (Mr.

Coyle).

Item IX.B.8.c. Registration Fees – SAT Exam as recommended by the Superintendent; the vote was unanimous.

Item IX.C.9.a. Item Deleted

Item IX.C.10.a. Final Payment - John W. Danforth – HVAC Contractor – District Wide Technology as recommended by the Superintendent; the vote was unanimous.

Item IX.C.11.a. Settlement of Claim – Barbara Washington (Barker) – upon the advice of the Corporation Counsel and as recommended by the Superintendent; the vote was unanimous.

Item IX.C.11.b. Settlement of Claim – Cynthia Wydysh – upon the advice of the Corporation Counsel and as recommended by the Superintendent; 8 – Ayes, 1 – No (Mrs. Curry).

Item IX.D.13.a. Transfer of Funds – Between Accounts as recommended by the Superintendent; the vote was unanimous.

Item IX.E.15.a. Board Policy – Graduation Standard of 65 on Required Regents Examinations as recommended by the Superintendent; the vote was unanimous.

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

Item IX.D.13.b. Report: Transfers of Funds – Within Accounts

Superintendent's Educational Update

Superintendent Williams had Jackie Mines, President/CEO from the St. Augustine's Center and Neil Dobbins, staff member, give an update on the St. Augustine's Center and its collaboration with the Buffalo Public Schools.

## Board Minutes

APPROVED, Board Minutes of September 28, 2005 with the following corrections: On page 7, Item IX.C.13.c. – Mr. Hernandez voted in the positive, on page 2 under Committee Reports – 2nd motion should have Mr. Jacobs seconding the motion, on page 2 under Committee Reports – 4th motion should have Mr. Jacobs as moving the motion, on page 3, Item IX.A.2.c. – 1st name on page 1 – effective date & remarks should read resigned to work at a charter school. The vote was unanimous.

REFERRED to the Executive Affairs Committee by President Johnson: Mr. Hernandez's Resolution regarding Guidance Counselors.

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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 8:35 p.m. to discuss negotiations and personnel items.

APPROVED, a motion made by Mr. Van Every, seconded by Mr. Coyle, to approve Item IX.A.2.b and Item IX.A.2.c. and add Special Item 16 to the agenda. The vote was unanimous.

At this point, Superintendent Williams introduced Dr. William Kresse as Principal of City Honors.

### The Board received Committee Reports as follows:

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

Mr. Coyle announced that the next Executive Affairs Committee meeting will be held on October 18, 2005 at 7:00 p.m. in

## 801 City Hall.

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

Mr. Van Every announced that the Audit Advisory Committee meeting will be held on Friday, October 14, 2005 at 3:30 p.m. in Room 801 City Hall.

APPROVED, a motion made by Mr. Jacobs, seconded by Mr. Coyle, to approve the resolution on the immediate rehiring of District employees based on the assurance of health care savings (Attachment A).

Dr. Collins stated for the record that she supports the Superintendent and his efforts to negotiate with all the unions.

Mrs. Evans stated for the record that we started the issue with the single health carrier in March of this year before the Superintendent came on board. We, as a Board, were in support of the Single Health Carrier. The issue started with us and unfortunately, Dr. Williams walked into this issue but at this time, this is an opportunity for us to bring the assistant principals back, the librarians back, attendance teachers back and also the guidance counselors. If I can do anything as a member to maximize the opportunity for bringing any staff member back, I going to try my best to do that. This issue started with the Board Members and I think it should end with the Board Members.

The vote resulted as follows: 6 – Ayes (Mr. Coyle, Mrs. Curry, Mrs. Evans, Mr. Jacobs, Mr. Van Every and President Johnson), 3 – Noes (Dr. Collins, Mrs. Grant and Mr. Hernandez). Motion carried.

3. Mrs. Evans submitted the following oral report for the Special Education Parent Advisory Committee:

APPROVED, a motion made by Mrs. Evans, seconded by Mr. Coyle, to appoint Cherie Chatman for the Ferry District and Mary O'Shei for the Park District to the Special Education Parent Advisory Committee. The vote was unanimous.

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

The next Student Achievement Committee and Student Support Committee meetings have been moved from November 9,

2005 to November 7, 2005.

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At this point, Superintendent Williams introduced the new Associate Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction, Dr. Folasade Oladele, and the new Community Superintendents, Ms. Frances Wilson and Dr. Catherine Battaglia.

### Unfinished Business/Open Session

Mrs. Evans requested that Policy 4211, Policy 2340 and Policy 1513 be revisited and updated.

APPROVED, a motion made by Mrs. Evans, seconded by Mr. Van Every, to approve travel for Board Members to the New York State Regulations “Oversight for District Finances” Conference on November 5, 2005 in Rochester, New York. The vote was unanimous.

Mr. Hernandez stated for the record that he is still waiting for information on the following items:

1. Full disclosure of EIC.
2. Update on the resolution passed concerning Johnson Controls and the Standardization.

Superintendent Williams shared with Board Members that Westminster Community Charter School has requested being on the District’s Neighborhood Choice List and he has granted them the request.

The meeting adjourned at 9:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Emlyn Rivera

## Senior Stenographer

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