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BOARD MINUTES

October 26, 2005

The regular meeting of the Board of Education held on October 26, 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 recognized students from Seneca, Burgard and St. Francis.

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## Board Recognitions

### IA. Michael Cropp – Contribution to Highgate Heights School #80

Will be presented at the School.

### IB. School Board Member Recognition

Superintendent Williams read into the record the following:

George E. Pataki, Governor of the State of New York, has proclaimed October 24 through 28, 2005 as School Board Recognition Week. This annual event is celebrated in school districts throughout New York.

The Superintendent, administrative staff, teachers, students, and community take this opportunity to recognize the Buffalo Board of Education Members for their dedication to the Buffalo Public School System:

Florence Johnson, President, At-Large Member  
Jack Coyle, Vice President, Park District Member  
Vivian Evans, Vice President, East District Member  
Janique Curry, Central District Member  
Dr. Catherine Collins, At-Large Member  
Betty Jean Grant, Ferry District Member  
Ralph Hernandez, West District Member  
Christopher Jacobs, At-Large Member  
Donald Van Every, North District Member

You are to be commended for your interest in the school system and your willingness to give of you time and talents to the community. We look forward to a continuation of mutual efforts to improve our community and our educational system.

Our thanks and appreciation to you, our Board Members, who have contributed your time and resources to enrich the lives of

the staff and students in the City of Buffalo.

Superintendent Williams distributed tokens of appreciation to the Board Members.

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Speakers made comments on various issues.

Superintendent Williams responded to the speakers.

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APPROVED, a motion made by Mr. Van Every, seconded by Dr. Collins, to bring out of the Finance and Operations Committee, the Audited Financial Statement for 2004-05. The vote was unanimous.

At this time, Jo Delia, from Deloitte and Touche stated that they have reviewed the audited statements of the Board, the management letter of the Board for the past year, the single audit, the extra classroom activity fund and the SAS61 letter and have issued the report as of today.

APPROVED, a motion made by Mr. Van Every, seconded by Mr. Coyle, to approve the Audited Financial Statement for 2004-05. The vote was unanimous.

#### Superintendent's Update

1. Crystal Boling, Principal at McKinley High School and various staff members, gave an update on the programs at McKinley.
2. Mr. Fortune from Johnson Controls gave an update on their work with the School District in conjunction with the Joint Schools Construction Project.
3. David Thomas, Director of Physical Education, and Michael Bobiebki, subcontractor to Ciminelli, gave an update on the Athletic Program.
4. Assunta Ventresca, Director of Health Related Services, gave an update on the Nursing Contract.

## Board Minutes

APPROVED, Board Minutes of October 12, 2005. The vote was unanimous.

### The Board received Committee Reports as follows:

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

APPROVED, a motion made by Mr. Coyle, seconded by Mrs. Curry to remove Item IX.C.19.a. and Item IX.C.19.b. from the table. The vote was unanimous.

2. Mrs. Grant shared that the next Joint Schools Construction Board Meeting will be held on November 7, 2005 at 3:00 p.m. in 209 City Hall.

4. Dr. Collins shared that the Charter School Moratorium Task Group will have the final report available by December 31, 2005.

5. APPROVED, a motion made by Mr. Hernandez, seconded by Mr. Van Every, to support Cheektowaga Central School District's amendment and approve the reversal of the Board's negative position to a positive position as it pertains to the resolution to increase the penalty for the criminal sale of marijuana on school grounds. The vote was unanimous.

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

REFERRED to Executive Affairs by President Johnson: Procedure for Agenda

REFERRED to Executive Affairs by President Johnson: Residency Policy

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;

7 – Ayes, 2 – Noes on page 5, third name (Dr. Collins and Mrs. Grant).

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

Item IX.A.2.c. Administrative Personnel Changes as recommended by the Superintendent; the vote was unanimous.

Item IX.A.4.a. Granting of Tenure as recommended by the Superintendent; the vote was unanimous.

Item IX.A.4.b. Resignation – Ellen Stewart as recommended by the Superintendent; the vote was unanimous.

Item IX.A.4.c. BOCES – State Certification Officer as recommended by the Superintendent; the vote was unanimous.

Item IX.B.5.a. Consultant Service – Buffalo and Erie Co. Workforce Development Consortium – Case Management as recommended by the Superintendent; the vote was unanimous.

Item IX.B.5.b. Consultant Service – Robert Hassinger – Adult Education as recommended by the Superintendent; the vote was unanimous.

Item IX.B.5.c. Consultant Service – Just Buffalo Literacy – “Writers in Education” as recommended by the Superintendent; the vote was unanimous.

Item IX.B.5.d. Consultant Service – Princeton Review – SAT Course as recommended by the Superintendent; the vote was unanimous.

Item IX.B.5.f. Western New York United Against Drugs and Alcohol as recommended by the Superintendent; the vote was unanimous.

Item IX.B.5.g. Young Audiences – Various Schools as recommended by the Superintendent; the vote was unanimous.

Item IX.B.6.a. District Credit – The Six Traits of Writing as recommended by the Superintendent; the vote was unanimous.

Item IX.B.7.a. Professional Development – CTE – MOUS as recommended by the Superintendent; the vote was unanimous.

Item IX.B.7.b. Professional Development - CTE – Family and Consumer Science Teachers – Food Safety as recommended by the Superintendent; the vote was unanimous.

Item IX.B.7.c. Professional Development – Reading First – NYS Reading Academy Course 1 & 2 - #27 as recommended by the Superintendent; the vote was unanimous.

Item IX.B.7.d. Professional Development – Reading First – NYS Reading Academy Course 1 & 2 - #31 as recommended by the Superintendent; the vote was unanimous.

Item IX.B.7.e. Professional Development – Reading First – NYS Reading Academy Course 1 & 2 - #53 as recommended by the Superintendent; the vote was unanimous.

Item IX.B.7.f. Professional Development – Reading First – NYS Reading Academy Course 1 & 2 - #54 as recommended by the Superintendent; the vote was unanimous.

Item IX.B.7.g. Professional Development – Reading First – NYS Reading Academy Course 1 & 2 - #65 as recommended by the Superintendent; the vote was unanimous.

Item IX.B.7.h. Professional Development – Reading First – NYS Reading Academy Course 1 & 2 - #72 as recommended by the Superintendent; the vote was unanimous.

Item IX.B.7.i. Professional Development – Reading First – NYS Reading Academy Course 1 & 2 - #80 as recommended by the Superintendent; the vote was unanimous.

Item IX.B.7.j. Professional Development – Reading First – NYS Reading Academy Course 1 & 2 - #82 as recommended by the Superintendent; the vote was unanimous.

Item IX.B.7.k. Professional Development – Reading First – NYS Reading Academy Course 1 & 2 – Coaches as recommended by the Superintendent; the vote was unanimous.

Item IX.B.8.a. Special Education Placement and Services – CPSE – 7/1/05 to 10/14/05 as recommended by the Superintendent; the vote was unanimous.

Item IX.B.8.b. Special Education Placement and Services – CSE – 7/1/05 to 10/14/05 as recommended by the Superintendent; the vote was unanimous.

Item IX.B.9.a. Supplemental Services Provider – Blanket Approved Providers as recommended by the Superintendent; 8 – Ayes, 1 – No (Mrs. Curry).

Item IX.B.9.b. Compass Learning – Odyssey Hosting Support Fee as recommended by the Superintendent; 8 – Ayes, 1 – No (Mrs. Curry).

Item IX.C.11.a. Award of Purchase – ABD International/Upstate Graphic Repairs – Maintenance Contracts as recommended by the Superintendent; the vote was unanimous.

Item IX.C.11.b. Award of Purchase - Alternative Information Systems – Hardware – Adult Education as recommended by the Superintendent; the vote was unanimous.

Item IX.C.11.c. Award of Purchase – Apple Computer – Software Licensing – Instructional Digital Initiative as recommended by the Superintendent; the vote was unanimous.

Item IX.C.11.d. Award of Purchase – Atomic Learning – On-Line Resource Software as recommended by the Superintendent; the vote was unanimous.

Item IX.C.11.e. Award of Purchase - Carnegie Learning – Integrated Math – Tech Support as recommended by the Superintendent; the vote was unanimous.

Item IX.C.11.f. Award of Purchase - Circus Ponies – Software as recommended by the Superintendent; the vote was unanimous.

Item IX.C.11.g. Award of Purchase - Hewlett Packard – Microsoft Office Licensing Software as recommended by the Superintendent; the vote was unanimous.

Item IX.C.11.h. Award of Purchase - Houghton Mifflin – Pre-K Complete Kits as recommended by the Superintendent; the vote was unanimous.

Item IX.C.11.i. Award of Purchase – Jim Ludtka/Laux Sporting Goods – Athletic Apparel as recommended by the Superintendent; the vote was unanimous.

Item IX.C.12.a. Change Order - URS Corporation Electrical & Acoustic Reconstruction #5A – School #32 as recommended by the Superintendent; the vote was unanimous.

Item IX.C.12.b. Change Order - URS Corporation Electrical & Acoustic Reconstruction #5B – School #43 as recommended by the Superintendent; the vote was unanimous.

Item IX.C.13.a. Final Payment – Ronco Communications – Network Cabling – District Wide Technology – Phase I as recommended by the Superintendent; the vote was unanimous.

Item IX.C.14.a. Payment for Legal Services - Goldstein, Ackerhalt & Pletcher – Special Education Due Process – Jesus Vasquez as recommended by the Superintendent; the vote was unanimous.



Item IX.C.14.b. Payment for Legal Services – Gayle Towne Murphy – Special Education Due Process – Paul Kurdziel as recommended by the Superintendent; the vote was unanimous.

Item IX.C.14.c. Jaekle Fleischmann & Mugel, LLP – General Labor as recommended by the Superintendent; the vote was unanimous.

Item IX.C.15.a. Settlement of Claim – Mia Kirkendoll – upon the advice of the Corporation Counsel and as recommended by the Superintendent; 8 – Ayes, 1 – No (Mrs. Curry).

Item IX.C.16.a. Budget Amendment – Food Service – Computer Upgrades – JSCB Phase I as recommended by the Superintendent; the vote was unanimous.

Item IX.D.17.a. Transfer of Funds Between Accounts as recommended by the Superintendent; the vote was unanimous.

Item IX.E.19.a. Amended Policy 3280 – Community Use of Facilities as recommended by the Superintendent; the vote was unanimous.

Item IX.E.19.b. Amended Policy 8340 – Textbooks/Workbooks as recommended by the Superintendent; the vote was unanimous.

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

Item IX.D.17.b. Report: Transfers of Funds – Within Accounts

Item Pulled and Referred Back to the Student Support Committee:

Item IX.B.5.e. Consultant Service – University of Buffalo – Behavior Management

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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 9:30 p.m. to 9:40 p.m. to discuss personnel matters.

APPROVED, a motion made by Mr. Van Every, seconded by Mr. Coyle, to approve Item IX.A.2.b. – Civil Service Miscellaneous Personnel Changes with the following correction: On page 1, delete 1st, 2nd and 4th names. The vote was unanimous.

Unfinished Business/Open Session

The meeting adjourned at 9:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Emlyn Rivera  
Senior Stenographer

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