

**BOARD OF EDUCATION
One Larkin Center
Yonkers, New York 10701**

ACTION MINUTES

THE FOLLOWING ACTION IS HEREBY RECORDED OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION STATED MEETING HELD ON March 21, 2007 at 7:30 p.m.

Site: Saunders High School Auditorium
183 Palmer Road, Yonkers, NY 10701

Present: Bennett, Carey, Dunne, Flynn, Martinez, Pagliaroli, Perito, Rev. Sudick, Wiggins

Others: Superintendent Bernard Pierorazio, Chief Administrative Officer Joseph Bracchitta, and various citizens and staff

**Communications from
the Community:**

The following speakers addressed the Board on Non-Agenda Items: Thomas Courtney: Education; Virginia Young: Children and students; Marla Hurban: Summer Program; Fran Ruggiero: Gang Violence; Deborah Collier: Support Staff; Loretta Miraglia: Bus Idling; Kelly Chiarella: Montessori Middle School; Norma Grohowski: Restore arts, school plays and after school programs; Miriam Foley: Parental Involvement; Pat Puleo: Substitute Teachers; Raissa Fitzgerald: Montessori training for all teachers

The following speakers addressed the Board on Agenda Items: Gloria Krokos: Employee of the Month

Call to Order: The Stated Meeting was called to order by President Dunne at 8:05 p.m.

**Prayer and
Pledge of**

Allegiance: Led by Ms. Martinez

Approval of

Minutes: The minutes of the February, 2007 meeting was approved as written.

Presentations:

- CSEA Employee of the Month: Mary Hattar, Food Service Helper II at Yonkers Middle High School

Communications:

Committee Reports:

- Ms. Martinez, Chair of the Policy Committee, thanked everyone for participating in the Policy Manual update on March 13, 2007 at the Policy Committee meeting, and advised that another meeting will be scheduled soon.
- Rev Sudick, Chair of the Audit, Budget and Finance Committee, reported that the committee met on March 13, 2007 to review the strategic plan, budget presentation, and resolutions.

Communications from Board Members:

- Mr. Pagliaroli thanked Mr. Carr for building maintenance.
- Ms. Martinez visited Albany, NY with Mr. Pierorazio and the Big Five.
- Mrs. Dunne thanked the NYSSBA for the invitation to be State liaison at the State legislative Network conference.
- Dr. Flynn received a letter from Mr. Thomas Flynn requesting to rename the new Riverside High School in honor of Edward Howard Armstrong, the inventor of the radio. He will present the letter to Mrs. Dunne to pass on to the Facilities Committee for review.

Communications from the Superintendent:

Mr. Pierorazio presented the 2007-2008 Proposed Budget

Other Items:

- Mrs. Dunne received a public notice from the Commissioner of Education announcing that Commerce Middle School was listed as a School Under Registration Review (SURR) and led a discussion on how this happened. Mr. Pierorazio advised that all parents were notified in November, 2006 and were notified of the programs available to help students improve. He also discussed the process for change. Mrs. Dunne referred the information to the Instructional Affairs Committee to work with Mr. Pierorazio for improvements and to respond to the Commissioner within 30 days.

**Board Member
Resolutions:**

- 07-3-272 In Memory of Cesar Rodriguez, a Custodial Worker at Roosevelt High School
APPROVED: 9-0-0
- 07-3-272A In Memory of Elaine Hornbeck, a School Aide at Scholastic Academy
APPROVED: 9-0-0
- 07-3-272B Induction of Dr. Clarice Morris to the Teacher Hall of Fame 2006-2007
APPROVED: 9-0-0
- 07-3-272C Request for Defense and Indemnification by Teacher
APPROVED: 9-0-0

**Superintendent's
Board Reports:**

- 07-3-273 Agreement with Christine H. Rossell to Provide Enrollment Projection
APPROVED: 9-0-0
- 07-3-273A Appointment of Impartial Hearing Officer for Civil Service Disciplinary
Hearing
APPROVED: 9-0-0
- 07-3-274 Certified Personnel
APPROVED: 9-0-0
- 07-3-275 Non-Certified Personnel
APPROVED: 9-0-0
- 07-3-276 Recommendation of Tenure Upon Completion of Probationary Period
APPROVED: 9-0-0
- 07-3-277 Recommendation of Tenure Upon Completion of Probationary Period
APPROVED: 9-0-0
- 07-3-277A New York State Civil Service Law Section 72
APPROVED: 9-0-0
- 07-3-277B New York State Civil Service Law Section 72
APPROVED: 9-0-0
- 07-3-278 CSE Recommendations for Placement of Disabled Children
APPROVED: 9-0-0
- 07-3-279 Placement of Preschool Disabled Children
APPROVED: 9-0-0
- 07-3-280 Out-of-District Placement of Disabled Children 2006-2007
APPROVED: 9-0-0
- 07-3-281 Annual Review of Preschool Disabled Children
APPROVED: 9-0-0
- 07-3-282 Annual Review of Disabled Children
APPROVED: 9-0-0
- 07-3-283 Agreement with the Schomberg Center for Research in Black Culture to Provide
Professional Staff Development in American History for Grades 7, 8, 11, and 12
Teachers for the 2006-2007 School Year
APPROVED: 9-0-0

- 07-3-284 Pass Through Funds for Non-Public Schools from Title II Part A, Title II Part D, Title IV and Title V Services: Agreement to Continue with the Facilitator Center November 1, 2006 – June 2007
APPROVED: 9-0-0
- 07-3-285 Renewal of Agreement with Junior Achievement of the Hudson Valley, Inc., to Provide Curriculum Support to Students in Economics through “Enterprise in Action,” at Commerce and Mark Twain Middle School for the 2006-2007 School Year
APPROVED: 9-0-0
- 07-3-286 Amendment to Board Report No. 07-1-207 Westchester Mediation Center of CLUSTER, Inc.
APPROVED: 9-0-0
- 07-3-287 Contract with Greyston Family Inn of Yonkers, Inc., St. Peter’s Head Start Program, and Leake & Watts Services, Inc., Marion & George Ames Early Childhood Education Center for Universal Prekindergarten Services
APPROVED: 9-0-0
- 07-3-287A Agreement with Elayne Mauskopf for Professional Development/Consulting Services April – May 2007
APPROVED: 9-0-0
- 07-3-288 Literacy Volunteers of Westchester, Inc., English Language Civics
APPROVED: 9-0-0
- 07-3-289 Agreement with Culinart @ The Westchester Community County Center and The Yonkers Public Schools to Provide Refreshments at the Graduation Ceremonies for Gorton, Lincoln, Roosevelt, and Saunders High Schools on June 24, 2007
APPROVED: 9-0-0
- 07-3-290 Agreement with Westchester Community County Center and The Yonkers Public Schools to Conduct Graduation Ceremonies for Gorton, Lincoln, Roosevelt, and Saunders High Schools on June 24, 2007
APPROVED: 9-0-0
- 07-3-291 Amendment to Board Report 06-6-384 E-Chalk
APPROVED: 9-0-0
- 07-3-292 Online Courses for Teachers
APPROVED: 9-0-0
- 07-3-293 Agreement with CTB McGraw-Hill to Provide Materials, Score and Report TerraNova and SUPERA Tests
APPROVED: 9-0-0

- 07-3-294 Revised Authorizations for Capital Projects
APPROVED: 9-0-0
- 07-3-295 Capital Improvement Projects "Type II Action"
APPROVED: 9-0-0
- 07-3-296 Interior Renovation and Asbestos Abatement Work Enrico Fermi School for the
Performing Arts
APPROVED: 9-0-0
- 07-3-297 Revised Funding for Ameresco
APPROVED: 9-0-0
- 07-3-298 Award on Fall Sports Supplies
APPROVED: 9-0-0
- 07-3-299 Amendment to 2006-2007 Transportation Contracts
APPROVED: 9-0-0
- 07-3-300 Budget Transfers
APPROVED: 9-0-0

Adjournment: A motion was made by Miss Martinez at 9:05, and seconded by Mr. Bennett, to go into Executive Session for matters of personnel.

RESOLUTIONS REFERRED TO IN THESE MINUTES ARE ATTACHED
AND MADE A PART OF THESE MINUTES.

Jean Worley-McCord
Executive Assistant to the Board of Education