

**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 April 18, 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; Pat Puleo: Future advertisements and the budget; Shawn Miley & Mark Simmons: Object to smoking advertisements in school magazines; Norma Grohowski, Kelly Chiarella: Thanked Mr. Pagliaroli and Mr. Pierorazio for attending PTA meeting;; Restore arts, school plays and after school programs; Miriam Foley: PTA Fundraiser Dinner and security in the schools; Miriam Foley: Security in the schools

The following speakers addressed the Board on Agenda Items: None

Call to Order: The Stated Meeting was called to order by President Dunne at 8:10 p.m.

**Prayer and
Pledge of**

Allegiance: Led by Ms. Martinez

Approval of

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

Presentations:

- CSEA Employee of the Month: Barbara J. Callihan, a School Aide at School 23

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 prior to the meeting tonight to discuss the claims auditor, the CFO and the resolutions. He also reported that the committee has recommended two revisions to the Corrective Action Plan to make clear that the plan is to be implemented by the Board of Education without resort to other entities. He recommended that the Resolution No. 07-3-341 Acceptance of the Corrective Action Plan for the Annual Independent Audit for July 1, 2005 – June 30, 2006 be adopted with the understanding that the Corrective Action Plan be amended before submission to the State in accordance with the suggestions of the Audit, Budget and Finance Committee. Ms. Martinez made a motion, seconded by Mr. Pagliaroli, to accept the recommendations from the Audit, Budget and Finance Committee.

Communications from Board Members:

- Mr. Pagliaroli thanked Mr. Carr and his staff for building maintenance.
- Mrs. Dunne thanked Mr. Pagliaroli for three years of service as a Trustee. Ms. Martinez added comments of appreciation. Everyone stood and applauded.

Communications from the Superintendent:

Mr. Pierorazio presented a plaque to Ms. Jade Sharpe, Principal of Roosevelt High School and the Assistant Principal, Mr. Edward DeChent, for the removal of Roosevelt High School from the SURR list.

Mr. Pierorazio made the following announcements:

- In light of the Va. Tech University incident, Mr. Pierorazio asked all Building Principals to review the District's Emergency Management Plan and make sure all procedures are followed, especially the following procedures:
 - Intruder Procedure
 - Lockdown Procedure
 - Bomb Threat Procedure
- Schools will be open on Friday, May 25, due to schools being closed on March 16, 2007 because of inclement weather
- The Flagship Academic Competition Qualifying Round will be held Wednesday, April 25, 2007, 9:30 a.m. at Y.E.C.A.C. and the Flagship Academic Superbowl is scheduled for Monday, April 30, 2007, 7:00 p.m. at Saunders High School.
- The Annual Yonkers Public Schools Spelling Bee for 5th graders will be held on Monday, May 7 at 6:45 p.m. at Saunders High School.
- Tuskegee Airman Roscoe Brown will speak at Mark Twain Middle School on Friday, April 20, 2007, at 9:00 a.m.
- Paideia School 24 will celebrate 10 Year Anniversary on Friday, April 27, 2007 at 9:30 a.m. A *Memory Quilt* will be unveiled.
- Saunders Trades and Technical High School's annual Architecture Open House was held on Thursday, April 12, 2007. A list of the winners is on the Yonkers Public Schools website
- The Michele Sobel Learning Center at the DiChiaro School will open with a ribbon cutting ceremony on April 19, 2007 at 10:00 a.m.

Other Items:

- Mrs. Dunne requested an update on the Commerce Middle School SURR status. Mr. Pierorazio reported that he will update the Board monthly. He had a discussion with the building administrators and he will meet with the building administrators, the State representatives and the district officials on April 26, 2007. He has the option to close the school and restructure or to remediate. He will make a recommendation at the end of the school year.
- Ms. Martinez mentioned that the Trustees had received several letters from parents in support of creating a Montessori Middle High School at the Mark Twain building. Mr. Pierorazio advised that the Montessori model is under discussion and he will begin a study of restructure, including a College Board High School. He will look at the next phase after research and recommendations have been made.

**Board Member
Resolutions:**

- 07-4-301 In Memory of Sylvia Oliver, a School Aide at Scholastic Academy
APPROVED: 9-0-0
- 07-4-302 Leadership in Education Award Jerilynne Fierstein
APPROVED: 9-0-0

**Superintendent's
Board Reports:**

- 07-4-303 Agreement of Impartial Hearing Officer to the Impartial Hearing Requested by the Attorney on behalf of the Parents
APPROVED: 9-0-0
- 07-4-304 Certified Personnel
APPROVED: 9-0-0
- 07-4-305 Non-Certified Personnel
APPROVED: 9-0-0
- 07-4-307 School Calendar for 2007-2008 for the Yonkers Public Schools
PULLED
- 07-4-308 CSE Recommendations for Placement of Disabled Children
APPROVED: 9-0-0
- 07-4-309 Placement of Preschool Disabled Children
APPROVED: 9-0-0
- 07-4-310 Out-of-District Placement of Disabled Children 2006-2007
APPROVED: 9-0-0

- 07-3-311 Annual Review of Preschool Disabled Children
APPROVED: 9-0-0
- 07-3-312 Annual Review of Disabled Children
APPROVED: 9-0-0
- 07-4-313 Agreement with Dell Computer Corporation for Purchase of Computer Hardware for Commerce Middle School
APPROVED: 9-0-0
- 07-4-314 Amendment to Board Report No. 06-6-373 Agreement with St. Joseph's Hospital for Related Services for Disabled Children July 1, 2006 through June 30, 2007
APPROVED: 9-0-0
- 07-4-315 Agreement with Teachers College, Columbia University for Professional Development/Consulting Services for Commerce Middle School April through June 2007
APPROVED: 9-0-0
- 07-4-316 Amendment to Board Report No. 06-5-341 Agreement with Home Therapists of New York, Inc., Related Services for Disabled Homebound Students July 1, 2006 through June 30, 2007
APPROVED: 9-0-0
- 07-4-317 Agreement with the Conover Company for Assessment Technology Services for School-to-Work
APPROVED: 9-0-0
- 07-4-318 No Child Left Behind (NCLB) Independent Contractor Agreement with Club Z! Tutoring Services, to Provide Supplemental Educational Services in Reading and Mathematics April 23, 2007 – June 30, 2007
APPROVED: 9-0-0
- 07-4-319 Cooperative Sponsorship of Interscholastic Teams
APPROVED: 9-0-0
- 07-4-320 Cooperative Sponsorship of Interscholastic Teams
APPROVED: 9-0-0
- 07-4-321 Agreement Renewal with DB Square Publications, Ltd.
PULLED
- 07-4-322 Audio-Video Rack and equipment Board Room
APPROVED: 9-0-0

- 07-4-323 Printer Supplies
APPROVED: 9-0-0
- 07-4-324 Agreement with Riverside Publishing to Provide Materials, Score and Report Tonyss (Tests of New York State Standards)
APPROVED: 9-0-0
- 07-4-325 Agreement with CTB McGraw-Hill to Provide Materials, Score and Report TerraNova and SUPERA Tests
APPROVED: 9-0-0
- 07-4-326 Agreement with Steven Barkley for Professional Development for the Administrators
APPROVED: 9-0-0
- 07-4-327 Revised Authorization for Capital Projects
APPROVED: 9-0-0
- 07-4-328 Amendment to Ballina Design Group Contract for Roofing and Exterior Wall Rehabilitation at the Scholastic Academy
APPROVED: 9-0-0
- 07-4-330 Appointment of Ronald E. Bielinski, P.E., PC and Gary Spilatro Architect for Bidding, Negotiating and Construction Administration for the Replacement of Windows and Doors at Montessori 27
APPROVED: 9-0-0
- 07-4-331 Roof Replacement Work at Commerce Middle School
APPROVED: 9-0-0
- 07-4-332 Emergency Electrical Repair Work at Museum School 25
APPROVED: 9-0-0
- 07-4-336 Second Change Order to Pan-American Enterprises, Inc., for the Interior Painting and Wall Repair Project at the Museum Middle School
APPROVED: 9-0-0
- 07-4-337 Award on Fresh Pizza
APPROVED: 9-0-0
- 07-4-338 Amendment to Snapple Distributors Contract XM-140-06
APPROVED: 9-0-0
- 07-4-339 Award on Vehicles
PULLED

07-4-340 Budget Transfers
APPROVED: 9-0-0

07-4-341 Acceptance of the Corrective Action Plan for the Annual Independent Audit for
July 1, 2005 – June 30, 2006
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