

**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 November 15, 2006 at 7:30 p.m.

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

Present: Bennett, Carey, Dunne, Flynn, Martinez, Pagliaroli, Perito, Sudick

Others: Superintendent Bernard Pierorazio, Counsel Lawrence Thomas, and various citizens and staff

Absent: Wiggins

**Communications from
the Community:**

The following speakers addressed the Board on Non-Agenda Items: Thomas Courtney: Education; Karen Edmunson: Increasing amount of complaints about suspensions and arrests; Deborah Baker: Son is being harassed by school staff; Leona Perrault: There is a lack of use of the Internet by teachers; Kelly Chiarelle: District should partner with district groups to improve image; Miriam Foley: The new Mark Twain School PTA/Family Center; Pat Puleo: Invited the Trustees to lunch; Eugene Zilempe: The conversion of Museum Middle School to a high school

The following speakers addressed the Board on Agenda Items: None

Call to Order: The Stated Meeting was called to order by President Dunne at 7:50 p.m.

**Prayer and
Pledge of**

Allegiance: Led by Dr. Michael Carey

Approval of

Minutes: The minutes of the October, 2006 meeting was approved as written.

Presentations:

- CSEA Employee of the Month: Vincent L. Savarese, a Plumber in the Maintenance Department

Communications:

Committee Reports:

- Mr. Pagliaroli, along with Mr. John Carr, met with the State Education Department on October 31, 2006 to discuss the district's capital project.
- Rev. Sudick, Chair of the Audit, Budget and Finance Committee, reported that the committee met on November 7, 2006 to discuss the resolutions. The Internal Auditor will start December 1, 2006, and the Claims Auditor should be in place by the end of December, 2006. He invited the community to attend the Audit, Budget and Finance Committee meetings.
- Ms. Martinez, Chair of the Policy Committee, thanked parents for responding to the Dress Code survey and advised that the results will be published shortly.

Communications from Board Members:

- Mrs. Dunne toured the Parent Center at de Hostos School today, and reported that they offer a variety of programs to the parents and the community.

Communications from the Superintendent:

Mr. Pierorazio made the following comments in response to Communications from the Community:

- He will work closely with the NAACP to ensure that policies are implemented fairly.
- E-Chalk is a wonderful system in the District and he will encourage the teaching staff to use it.
- Press releases information is published monthly; he will encourage the local press to print the information.
- Mark Twain PTA Center is a wonderful site for parents to meet with school staff
- He does not negotiate contracts in public.
- Parents are embracing the Pk-8 schools.

Mr. Pierorazio made the following announcements:

- Community Forums have been well received. There are 2 more scheduled for:
 - Thursday, November 30, 2006 at Dodson School
 - Wednesday, December 6, 2006 at Cedar Place School
- Schools and Central Office will be closed November 22 – 26, 2006 for Thanksgiving Holidays.
- Congratulations to Vincent Savarese, Employee of the Month

Other Items:

- Ms. Martinez reminded the parents that the Trustees do not respond to comments made during the Communications from the Community. She stated that prior to the meeting, she spoke with Mr. Thomas Courtney regarding his remarks and advised him that the microphone would be turned off if he makes any inappropriate comments.

Board Member

Resolutions:

- 06-11-138 Code of Ethics for Employees of the Yonkers Public Schools
APPROVED: 8-0-0
- 06-11-138A Retaining a Law Firm
APPROVED: 8-0-0

**Superintendent's
Board Reports:**

- 06-11-139 Appointment of Impartial Hearing Officer to the Impartial Hearing Requested by the Attorney on behalf of the Parents
APPROVED: 8-0-0
- 06-11-140 Appointment of Impartial Hearing Officer to the Impartial Hearing Requested by the Attorney on behalf of the Parents
APPROVED: 8-0-0
- 06-11-141 Certified Personnel
APPROVED: 8-0-0
- 06-11-142 Non-Certified Personnel
APPROVED: 8-0-0
- 06-11-143 Recommendation of Tenure Upon Completion of Probationary Period
APPROVED: 8-0-0
- 06-11-144 Recommendation of Tenure Upon Completion of Probationary Period
APPROVED: 8-0-0
- 06-11-145 CSEA Life Insurance
APPROVED: 8-0-0
- 06-11-146 CSE Recommendations for Placement of Disabled Children
APPROVED: 8-0-0

- 06-11-147 Placement of Preschool Disabled Children
APPROVED: 8-0-0
- 06-11-148 Out-of-District Placement of Disabled Children 2006-2007
APPROVED: 8-0-0
- 06-11-149 Agreement to Continue with American Red Cross for Learn and Serve America Service Learning at Gorton High School November 2006 – March 2007
APPROVED: 8-0-0
- 06-11-150 Renewal of Agreement with LifeSupport USA, Inc. to Provide Parent Services and Training at Emerson, Museum and Yonkers Middle Schools for the 2006-2007 School Year
APPROVED: 8-0-0
- 06-11-151 Renewal of Agreement with Mahattanville College to Provide Academic and Enrichment Activities for Students at Three District Middle and Five High Schools for the 2006-07 School Year
APPROVED: 8-0-0
- 06-11-152 Renewal of Agreement with Westchester Mediation Center of CLUSTER, Inc. for Services for a Student Leadership Program at Emerson Middle School for the 2006-2007 School Year
APPROVED: 8-0-0
- 06-11-153 Renewal of Agreement with 2 Hands 2 Learn for Puppetry and Drama Program at Commerce Middle School for the 2006-2007 School Year
APPROVED: 8-0-0
- 06-11-154 Agreement with the Museum of Television & Radio to Provide Staff Development on 20th Century American History for Grades 7, 8, 11, and 12 Teachers for the 2006-2007 School Year
APPROVED: 8-0-0
- 06-11-155 Agreement with Teachers' Curriculum Institute to Provide Staff Development in American History for the 2006-2007 School Year
APPROVED: 8-0-0
- 06-11-156 Agreement with Michele Weiss to Provide Continued Coordination of Academic Intervention Services Through the Title I No Child Left Behind (NCLB) Pass Through Funds November 2006-August 2007
APPROVED: 8-0-0
- 06-11-157 Agreement with Sirius Thinking, Ltd. to Enhance and Improve Six Yonkers Public Schools Libraries and Provide Staff Development in PBS' Educational Literacy Series, *Between the Lions*, During the 2006-2007 School Year
APPROVED: 8-0-0
- 06-11-158 Renewal of Agreement with Westchester Arts Council to Provide The Artists-Residency Program at Mark Twain Middle School, School 23, Scholastic Academy, Gorton High School, and Other Selected Schools for the 2006-2007 School Year
APPROVED: 8-0-0
- 06-11-159 Agreement with Fordham University to Provide Staff Development that Focuses on Early Literacy Instructional Strategies for Grades K-3 at School 5, School 13, Cedar Place, Paideia 24, Pulaski, and Scholastic Academy During the 2006-2007 School Year
APPROVED: 8-0-0
- 06-11-160 Amendment to Amended Board Report No. 05-9-115 and Board Report No. 04-6-371, Program Design Development, LLC with Yonkers Public Schools through June 2007
APPROVED: 8-0-0
- 06-11-161 External Diploma Program Development Fee
APPROVED: 8-0-0
- 06-11-162 Capital Improvement Projects "Type II Action"
APPROVED: 8-0-0

- 06-11-163 Revised Authorization for Capital Projects
APPROVED: 8-0-0
- 06-11-164 Inspection and Testing of Fuel Oil Tanks
APPROVED: 8-0-0
- 06-11-165 Award on Furnishing and Installation of Lockers at the Robert C. Dodson School
APPROVED: 8-0-0
- 06-11-166 Amendment of Sonitrol Corporation Contract (2003 thru 2006) for Security & Fire Alarm Monitoring and Camera Maintenance for Video Systems of All Yonkers Public Schools
APPROVED: 8-0-0
- 06-11-167 Masonry Parapet Restoration Work at Paideia School 24
APPROVED: 8-0-0
- 06-11-168 Second Amendment to Kayer, Garment and Davidson, Architects, PC Contract for Professional Architectural/Engineering Services Under a Requirements Contract
APPROVED: 8-0-0
- 06-11-168A The Rehabilitation of the HVAC Systems at Yonkers Middle/High School and Saunders Trades and Technical High School, RFP-420-02
APPROVED: 8-0-0
- 06-11-168B Appointment of Energy conserving Performance Contracting Services for AMERESCO
APPROVED: 8-0-0
- 06-11-168C District Wide Triennial Re-Inspection of Asbestos Containing Materials
APPROVED: 8-0-0
- 06-11-169 Budget Transfers
APPROVED: 8-0-0

Adjournment: A motion was made by Miss Martinez at 8:15, and seconded by Mr. Bennett, to go into Executive Session for the purpose of discussion on 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