

**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 January 16, 2008 at 7:30 p.m.

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

Present: Bennett, Carey, Dunne, Flynn, Greco, Martinez, Perito, Sudick, Wiggins

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

Absent: None

**Communications
from the
Community:**

The following speakers addressed the Board on Non-Agenda Items: Thomas Courtney: Education; Bingjing Roberts: Alteration of bus route; Pat Puleo: Refrigerators for teachers; Tracy Ronnermann: Assorted; Anthony Merante: Books, buses and YPIE; Marla Hurban, Norma Grohowski: Education

The following speakers addressed the Board on Agenda Items: None

**Public
Hearing:**

The following speakers addressed the Board on Charter School Revision Increasing Enrollment from 325 to 327: None

Call to Order: The Stated Meeting was called to order by President Dunne at 7:40 p.m.

**Prayer and
Pledge of**

Allegiance: Led by Dr. Carey

Approval of

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

Presentations:

- Employee of the Month – Robin Arvelo, Building Custodian II at Saunders Technical and Trades
- Mr. Pierorazio presented a plaque to Dr. Economos and for a \$40,000.00 donation to Roosevelt and Saunders High Schools for their participation in the FIRST Robotics Regional Competition.

Communications:

Committee Reports:

- Rev. Sudick, Chairperson of the Audit, Budget and Finance Committee, reported that the committee met on January 15, 2008 to review and discuss the resolutions.

Communications from Board Members:

- Mrs. Dunne congratulated Mr. Pierorazio for being recognized as a Drum Major for Education by the Nepperhan Community Center at their upcoming annual Rev. Martin Luther King Breakfast.

Communications from the Superintendent:

Mr. Pierorazio made the following comments:

- Yonkers Partners in Education sponsored an Education Summit on January 15, 2008. He thanked the administrators who participated in the Community Input sessions, and Ms. Fierstein and her staff for their support.
- The Scholarship Handbook listing scholarships was distributed to all seniors, and it is available on the website.
- The Yonkers Martin Luther King, Jr. Commission for Nonviolence will present awards to 9 students from Yonkers Public Schools on Sunday, January 20, 2008, at 3:00 p.m. at the Riverfront Library.
- The Nepperhan Community Center will hold its annual Rev. Martin Luther King, JR. Breakfast on Monday, January 21, 2008 at 8:30 a.m. at the center. A student from Roosevelt and Gorton High Schools will receive awards.

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Other Items:

None

**Board Member
Resolutions:**

08-1-273 Appointment of Library Trustee
APPROVED: 9-0-0

08-1-274 Appointment of Library Trustee
APPROVED: 9-0-0

08-1-274A In Memory of Michael Kowaleski, a Building Custodian I at the Yonkers Educational and Cultural Arts Center
APPROVED: 9-0-0

08-1-274B In Memory of Linda M. Saragiotis, a School Clerk at Kahlil Gibran Elementary School
APPROVED: 9-0-0

08-1-274C In Memory of Frank Capozzelli, a Teacher at School 13
APPROVED: 9-0-0

**Superintendent's
Board Reports:**

- Dr. Flynn requested separate action on Board Report No. 08-1-294 Westchester Community College.

08-1-275 School Attendance Zones
APPROVED: 9-0-0

08-1-276 Donation to Roosevelt High School and Saunders Trades and Technical High School for the 2008 FIRST Robotics Competition
APPROVED: 9-0-0

08-1-277 Certified Personnel
APPROVED: 9-0-0

08-1-278 Non-Certified Personnel
APPROVED: 9-0-0

08-1-279 Recommendation of Tenure Upon Completion of Probationary Period
APPROVED: 9-0-0

08-1-280 CSE Recommendation for Placement of Disabled Children
APPROVED: 9-0-0

08-1-281 Placement of Preschool Disabled Children
APPROVED: 9-0-0

08-1-282 Out-of-District Placement of Disabled Children 2007-2008
APPROVED: 9-0-0

08-1-283 Agreement with Boniface Emumwen for Vocational Specialist Consulting Services for Gorton High School and Roosevelt High School Model Transition Program Grant January 2008 through November 2008
APPROVED: 9-0-0

08-1-284 Home Instruction Program for Preschool Youngsters (HIPPY) for Parent Training Program
APPROVED: 9-0-0

- 08-1-285 Agreement with Michele Weiss to Provide Continued Coordination of Academic Intervention Services Through the Title I No Child Left Behind (NCLB) Pass Through Funds January 17, 2008 – August 31, 2008
APPROVED: 9-0-0
- 08-1-286 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 January 2008-June 2008
APPROVED: 9-0-0
- 08-1-287 Amendment to Board Report No. 07-12-255 Learner First
APPROVED: 9-0-0
- 08-1-288 Amendment to Board Report No. 07-7-15 Bank Street College of Education
APPROVED: 9-0-0
- 08-1-289 Renewal of Agreement with Manhattanville College to Provide Academic and Enrichment Activities for Students at Six High Schools for the 2007-08 School Year
APPROVED: 9-0-0
- 08-1- 290 Renewal of Agreement with 2 Hands 2 Learn for Puppetry and Story Writing Program at Commerce Middle School for the 2007-2008 School Year
APPROVED: 9-0-0
- 08-1-291 Renewal of Agreement with Westchester Mediation Center of CLUSTER, Inc. for Services for a Mediation Program at Cedar Place, Martin Luther King, Jr., Museum School 25, and Emerson Middle School for the 2007-2008 School Year
APPROVED: 9-0-0
- 08-1-292 Agreement with Martin Sternstein for Professional Development in Advanced Placement Statistics and Calculus Curriculum, Instruction, and Assessment for the 2007-2008 School Year
APPROVED: 9-0-0
- 08-1-293 Renewal of Evaluation Services for American Evaluation Services, Inc., to Provide Evaluation Services for the 21st Century Community Learning Centers, Two Way Bilingual Education, Magnet School Assistance Program, and Smaller Learning Communities Program for the 2007-2008 School Year
APPROVED: 9-0-0
- 08-1-294 Westchester Community College
APPROVED: 8-0-1

- 08-1-295 Agreement with Joseph White Associates to Provide Student Assignment Software
APPROVED: 9-0-0
- 08-1-296 Interactive Video System for Secondary Schools
APPROVED: 9-0-0
- 08-1-297 Amendment to Board Report 07-12-259 Online Courses for Teachers
APPROVED: 9-0-0
- 08-1-298 Budget Transfers
APPROVED: 9-0-0
- 08-1-299 Acceptance of the Corrective Action Plan for the Annual Independent Audit for July 1, 2006 – June 30, 2007
APPROVED: 9-0-0
- 08-1-300 Capital Improvement Projects “Type II Action”
APPROVED: 9-0-0
- 08-1-301 Amendment to Board Report No. 07-11-228 for Carpentry Supplies
APPROVED: 9-0-0
- 08-1-302 Revised Authorization for Capital Projects
APPROVED: 9-0-0
- 08-1-303 Professional Consulting Services for Hazardous Materials Testing, Identification Project Monitoring for Capital Improvement Projects
APPROVED: 9-0-0
- 08-1-304 Rehabilitation of the HVAC Systems at the Yonkers Middle High School (Project #OB00) and Saunders Trades & Technical High School (Project #OA99) Contract No. 1: General Construction
APPROVED: 9-0-0
- 08-1-305 Rehabilitation of the HVAC Systems at the Yonkers Middle High School (Project #OB00) and Saunders Trades & Technical High School (Project #OA99) Contract No. 2: Mechanical & Plumbing
APPROVED: 9-0-0
- 08-1-306 Rehabilitation of the HVAC Systems at the Yonkers Middle High School (Project #OB00) and Saunders Trades & Technical High School (Project #OA99) Contract No. 3: Electrical
APPROVED: 9-0-0

- 08-1-307 Exterior Envelope Renovation and Restoration Project Lincoln High School –
General Construction Contract No. LHS-GC-1
APPROVED: 9-0-0
- 08-1-308 Exterior Envelope Renovation and Restoration Project Roosevelt High School –
General Construction Contract No. RHS-GC-1
APPROVED: 9-0-0
- 08-1-309 Exterior Envelope Renovation and Restoration Project Lincoln and Roosevelt
High Schools Athletic Field Rehabilitation Contract No. AFR-1
APPROVED: 9-0-0

ADDENDUM

- 08-1-310 Agreement with American Trainco, Inc. to Provide the Custodial Staff with
Training in Boiler Operation Maintenance & Safety for Building, Plant & Facility
APPROVED: 9-0-0
- 08-1-311 Technology Consultant
APPROVED: 9-0-0
- 08-1-312 Appointment of Impartial Hearing Officer for Civil Service Disciplinary Hearing
APPROVED: 9-0-0
- 08-1-313 Appointment of Impartial Hearing Officer for Civil Service Disciplinary Hearing
APPROVED: 9-0-0

A motion was made by Miss Martinez at 8:22, and seconded by Dr. Flynn, to go into Executive Session for discussion on matters regarding an appeal from a Superintendent's Hearing.

The meeting reconvened at 8:40 p.m.

Mrs. Dunne stated that the Board considered the appeals in the students disciplinary hearings, and agreed with the actions taken at the hearings.

ROLL CALL VOTE
APPROVED: 8-0-1

Adjournment: A motion was made by Miss Martinez at 8:41 p.m., and seconded by Dr. Flynn, to adjourn the meeting.

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

Jean Worley-McCord
Clerk to the Board of Education