

**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 May 21, 2008 at 7:30 p.m.

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

Present: Greco, Martinez, Perito, Sudick, Wiggins

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

Absent: Bennett, Carey, Dunne,

**Communications
from the
Community:**

The following speakers addressed the Board on Non-Agenda Items: Karen Edmonson: Congratulated students and staff of Yonkers High School for ranking 80th in nationwide evaluation and Track and Field Athletic Merger; Marla Hurban: Need to increase Parental Involvement; Eugene Zilempe: Congratulated Saunders Robotics Team; Pat Puleo: City Budget; Miriam Foley: Lobbying for the District; Norma Grohowski: Advocate for the students; Kelly Chiarella: PTA involvement for many years, invited the Trustees to attend the PTA Dessert Reception; Tracy Ronnermann: Congratulated the new Board officers

The following speakers addressed the Board on Agenda Items: None

Call to Order: The Stated Meeting was called to order by President Sudick at 7:46 p.m.

Administration of Oath to New Member Ms. Worley-McCord administered the Oath of Office to Ms. Debra Martinez, who was reappointed as a Board Trustee to a five year term of office by Mayor Philip Amicone.

**Prayer and
Pledge of**

Allegiance: Led by Mr. Greco

Approval of

Minutes: The minutes of the April, 2008 meeting was approved as written.

Presentations:

- Employee of the Month – Miriam Forte, Principal Clerk at Lincoln High School

Communications:

Committee Reports:

- Mr. Wiggins, Chair of the Facilities Committee reported that the committee met on Thursday, May 8, 2008 to discuss a request to rename two schools. The Committee recommended that two schools be renamed as follows: 1.) Museum Middle School to Riverside High School; and 2.) Commerce Middle School to Palisade Preparatory School.
- Rev. Sudick, Chair of the Audit, Budget and Finance Committee reported that the committee met on May 8, 2008 and discussed resolutions.

Communications from Board Members:

- Rev. Sudick announced that Mr. Pierorazio was invited to Washington, DC to the Alliance for Excellence in Education to share his viewpoints on the new schools.

Communications from the Superintendent:

Mr. Pierorazio made the following comments:

- Yonkers High School was ranked 80th on the Newsweek and Washing Post evaluation of the top high schools in the country
- Commissioner Mills announced that fourteen Yonkers schools were recognized by the State Education Department for improvements on the NYS assessments
- Yonkers Middle High School received authorization as an IB World School
- Marcus Brightly and Davaughn King, from our CARE Program, were accepted to Morgan State University and Virginia Union University
- Scholarships for 2008 total over \$18 million in earned scholarships
- Career & Technical Education Day was held on May 19, 2008 at the Riverfront Library
- Citywide Spelling Bee
 - First Place - Owanate Amieyeofori from Kahlil Gibran School
 - Second Place – Noor Abdulla from a private school
 - Third Place – Roksolana Sikyrnska from PEARLS Hawthorne
- Mary J. Blige was at Roosevelt High School to launch her foundation, FFAWN, to help young women in Westchester County
- Jazmin Graves, from Yonkers High School, received the 2008 Bezos Scholarship Award
- Lincoln High School Gospel Choir, under the direction of Ms. Cecilia Myers, won 3 awards at the Chicago Heritage Music Festival
- The Enrico Fermi Choir, under the direction of Ms. Laura Olivieri-Reyes, performed at the Morgan Library, Smart Cookie Awards and the program will air on ABC-TV 20/20

Other Items:

- Mrs. Perito requested information on food-borne allergies:
 - Number of students that have food-borne allergies
 - Number of incidents in the District
 - Copy of district-wide policy and individual school policies

**Board Member
Resolutions:**

- Mr. Pierorazio pulled Board Resolution 08-5-436 Authorization for Capital Projects for review.

08-5-407 In Memory of Andrea Greaney, a Teacher at Montessori School 11
APPROVED: 5-0-0

08-5-408 In Memory of Marguerite H. Medley, a School Bus Monitor
APPROVED: 5-0-0

08-5-408A On Renaming Commerce Middle School to Palisade Preparatory School and Museum Middle School to Riverside High School
APPROVED: 5-0-0

08-5-409 Amendment to Board Report No. 07-9-143 Special Education Audit
APPROVED: 5-0-0

08-5-410 Certified Personnel
APPROVED: 5-0-0

08-5-411 Non-Certified Personnel
APPROVED: 5-0-0

- 08-5-412 Recommendation of Tenure Upon Completion of Probationary Period
APPROVED: 5-0-0
- 08-5-413 New York State Civil Service Law Section 72
APPROVED: 5-0-0
- 08-5-413A New York State Civil Service Law Section 72
APPROVED: 5-0-0
- 08-5-414 Agreement with Barry B. Perlman, M.D. for Provision of Psychiatric Evaluations
May 2008 through June 2009
APPROVED: 5-0-0
- 08-5-415 CSE Recommendation for Placement of Disabled Children
APPROVED: 5-0-0
- 08-5-416 Placement of Preschool Disabled Children
APPROVED: 5-0-0
- 08-5-417 Out-of-District Placement of Disabled Children 2007-2008
APPROVED: 5-0-0
- 08-5-418 Annual Review of Disabled Children
APPROVED: 5-0-0
- 08-5-419 Annual Review of Preschool Disabled Children
APPROVED: 5-0-0
- 08-5-420 Education of Disabled Children July and August 2008
APPROVED: 5-0-0
- 08-5-421 Agreement with Dell Computer Corporation for Purchase of Computer Hardware
for Museum Middle School/Riverside High School
APPROVED: 5-0-0
- 08-5-422 Amendment to Board Report Bo. 07-5-352 Agreement with Donna Klein &
Associates, Inc. 2007-2008 School Year
APPROVED: 5-0-0
- 08-5-423 Amendment to Board Report No. 07-10-155 Agreement with TheraCare
Westchester/Putnam Related Services for Disabled Students 2007-2008 School
Year
APPROVED: 5-0-0
- 08-5-424 Amendment to Amended Board Report 07-10-173 Manhattan College
APPROVED: 5-0-0
- 08-5-425 Agreement with Dr. Katheryn T. Hathaway for Professional Development to
Support the Components of the Reading First Grant for Teachers and Aides at the
Cedar Place School
APPROVED: 5-0-0
- 08-5-426 Agreement with CLUSTER, Inc. for Homeless Summer Day Camp July 2008 –
August 2008
APPROVED: 5-0-0
- 08-5-427 Agreement with Pearson NCS to Provide Scanner Hardware Maintenance and
Service and Software Support
APPROVED: 5-0-0

- 08-5-428 Renewal Extension Agreement with eScholar LLC to Provide Hosting Services for a Yonkers Level 1 Data Warehouse
APPROVED: 5-0-0
- 08-5-429 Agreement with the SAS Institute, Inc. to Provide a Statistical Software Package
APPROVED: 5-0-0
- 08-5-430 Agreement Renewal with DB Square Publications, Ltd.
APPROVED: 5-0-0
- 08-5-432 Computer Hardware
APPROVED: 5-0-0
- 08-5-433 Printer Supplies
APPROVED: 5-0-0
- 08-5-434 Cooperative Sponsorship of Interscholastic Teams
APPROVED: 5-0-0
- 08-5-435 Capital Improvement projects "Type II Action"
APPROVED: 5-0-0
- 08-5-436 Authorization for Capital Projects
PULLED
- 08-5-437 Revised Authorization for Capital Projects
APPROVED: 5-0-0
- 08-5-438 Second Amendment to Kallen & Lemelson, Consulting Engineers, LLP Contract for Professional Architectural/Engineering Services for the Rehabilitation of the HVAC Systems at Yonkers Middle/HS & Saunders Trades & Technical HS RFP 420-06-02
APPROVED: 5-0-0
- 08-5-440 Renewal of Liability Insurance, Employment Practices Liability and Terrorism Insurance Policy 2008-2009
APPROVED: 5-0-0
- 08-5-441 Renewal of Property Insurance Including Boiler, Machinery and Terrorism Insurance Policy 2008-2009
APPROVED: 5-0-0
- 08-5-442 Professional Consultant Services to Perform the Annual Fire Safety Inspection Mandated by the New York State Education Department RFP-420-08-02
APPROVED: 5-0-0
- 08-5-443 Replacement of Rapid Pump & Meter Service with Westchester Electric Motor and Pump
APPROVED: 5-0-0
- 08-5-444 Change of Vendor for the Construction of a Walk-In Vault for the Storage of New York State Regents Tests at One Larkin Center
APPROVED: 5-0-0
- 08-5-446 Amendment to Awards on Existing Cafeteria Contracts
APPROVED: 5-0-0
- 08-5-447 Authorization for \$5,554,439 State Aid Advance
APPROVED: 5-0-0
- 08-5-448 Authorization for \$15,035,166 State Aid Advance
APPROVED: 5-0-0

08-5-449 Award on Fixed Asset Inventory Tracking System
APPROVED: 5-0-0

08-5-450 Budget Transfers
APPROVED: 5-0-0

ADDENDUM

08-5-451 Amendments to 2007-2008 Transportation Awards
APPROVED: 5-0-0

A motion was made by Ms. Martinez at 8:45 p.m., and seconded by Mrs. Perito, to go into Executive Session for discussion on matters of personnel.

The meeting reconvened at 8:55 p.m.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Adoption of Recommendation of Independent Hearing Officer Section 75
Charges versus Employee RC
APPROVED: 5-0-0

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Adoption of Recommendation of Independent Hearing Officer after Section 75
Hearing versus Employee GC
APPROVED: 5-0-0

Adjournment: A motion was made by Ms. Martinez at 8:57 p.m., and seconded by Mrs. Perito, to adjourn.

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

Jean Worley-McCord
Clerk to the Board of Education