

**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 June 18, 2008 at 7:30 p.m.

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

Present: Bennett, Carey, Dunne, Perito, Sudick, Wiggins

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

Absent: Greco, Martinez

**Communications
from the
Community:**

The following speakers addressed the Board on Non-Agenda Items: Pat Puleo: Quality of Life; Norma Grohowski: Advocate for the students; Kelly Chiarella: PTA Reception; Fran Ruggiero: Health & Safety

The following speakers addressed the Board on Agenda Items: None

Call to Order: The Stated Meeting was called to order by President Sudick at 8:15 p.m.

**Prayer and
Pledge of**

Allegiance: Led by Mrs. Dunne

Approval of

Minutes: The minutes of the May, 2008 meetings were approved as written.

Presentations:

- Employee of the Month – Laura Van Nostrand, a Public Safety Officer at PEARLS Hawthorne School. Mrs. Van Nostrand was unable to attend the meeting, and the award was accepted by her husband, Mr. Van Nostrand.
- Mr. Pierorazio presented an award to Mr. Firooz Mirbaha and Mr. Al Nesbit of Con Edison for supporting the 2008 First Robotics Competition for Roosevelt High School and Saunders High School teams and for donating over \$15,000.00 to assist the teams for transportation.

- Mr. Pierorazio presented an award to Dr. Nader Sayegh, Principal of School 13, for 35 years of dedicated service to Yonkers Public Schools.

Communications:

Committee Reports:

- Mr. Bennett, Member of the Facilities Committee, reported that the committee met earlier tonight to review the Claims Auditor report and to discuss shared services and resolutions.

Communications from Board Members:

- None.

Communications from the Superintendent:

Mr. Pierorazio made the following comments:

- Rev. Sudick attended the City Council Budget Hearing with Mr. Pierorazio and they were there until 11:00 p.m.
- Space Shuttle Discovery landed safely over the weekend with Astronaut Col. Ronald Garan. Jr., a graduate of Roosevelt High School Class of 1979, on board.
- Rosa Cardoso received first place in the Best Headline category in the Journal News High School Journalism Contest.
- Alumni Julita Ewa Patrosz, a sophomore at the University of Albany, received the prestigious Barry Goldwater Scholarship.
- Over 21 million dollars in college scholarships were earned by the graduating Class of 2008.
- Rashaan Pace of Lincoln High School took the first place Gold Medal in Dramatics at the Westchester Region NAACP ACT-SO competition.
- Students at Westchester Hills School 29 created a human flag in honor of Flag Day, and local Veterans hosted the annual Color Me Proud celebration recognizing the students' patriotism.
- PTA leaders were honor this evening at a Thank You reception.
- High school graduations will begin on June 26th for Yonkers High School and June 29th for Gorton, Lincoln, Roosevelt and Saunders.
- Summer programs will begin the first week of July.
- Commissioner Mills will release the English Language Arts and Math scores for students in grades 3-8, which have increased significantly. The scores are embargoed until Monday.
- Mr. Pierorazio introduced and added to the agenda Board Report No. 08-6-543 Adoption of the 2008-2009 Budget

Other Items:

None

**Board Member
Resolutions:**

- Mr. Bennett added to the agenda Board Report No. 08-6-452A Appointment of Auditor

08-6-452 Claims Auditor Contract Renewal
APPROVED: 6-0-0

08-6-452A Appointment of Auditor
APPROVED: 6-0-0

**Superintendent's
Report**

- Mr. Wiggins requested separate action on Board Report No. 08-6-480 Renewal of Agreement with The Center for Montessori, Teacher Education/New York, Inc. for Professional Development Services for the 2008-2009 School Year.

08-6-453 Appointment of Impartial Hearing Officer to the Impartial Hearing Requested by the Attorney on behalf of the Parents
APPROVED: 6-0-0

08-6-454 Certified Personnel
APPROVED: 6-0-0

08-6-455 Non-Certified Personnel
APPROVED: 6-0-0

08-6-456 Recommendation of Tenure Upon Completion of Probationary Period
APPROVED: 6-0-0

08-6-457 Recommendation of Tenure Upon Completion of Probationary Period
APPROVED: 6-0-0

08-6-458 CSE Recommendation for Placement of Disabled Children
APPROVED: 6-0-0

08-6-459 Placement of Preschool Disabled Children
APPROVED: 6-0-0

08-6-460 Out-of-District Placement of Disabled Children 2007-2008
APPROVED: 6-0-0

08-6-461 Annual Review of Disabled Children
APPROVED: 6-0-0

08-6-462 Annual Review of Preschool Disabled Children
APPROVED: 6-0-0

08-6-463 Agreement with Donna Klein & Associates, Inc. Related Services for Disabled students July 1, 2008 through June 30, 2009
APPROVED: 6-0-0

- 08-6-464 Agreement with Speech & Learn, SLP, PLLC: Speech Services for Homebound/Disabled Students July 1, 2008 through June 30, 2009
APPROVED: 6-0-0
- 08-6-465 Agreement with Ms. Judy Strauss-Schwartz, M. ED. for Orientation and Mobility Training 2008-2009 School Year
APPROVED: 6-0-0
- 08-6-466 Agreement with Judith A. Merion, M.D., P.C. for Professional Psychological Consulting Services 2008-2009 School Year
APPROVED: 6-0-0
- 08-6-467 Agreement with St. Joseph's Hospital Related Services for Disabled Children July 1, 2008 through June 30, 2009
APPROVED: 6-0-0
- 08-6-468 Agreement with Home Therapists of New York, Inc. Related Services for Disabled/Homebound Students July 2008 through June 2009
APPROVED: 6-0-0
- 08-6-469 Agreement with TheraCare Westchester/Putnam Related Services for Disabled Students 2008-2009 School Year
APPROVED: 6-0-0
- 08-6-470 Andrus Children's Center Parent Training 2008 – 2009 School Year
APPROVED: 6-0-0
- 08-6-471 Agreement with M.F.P. & Associates Related Services for Disabled Students July 1, 2008 through June 30, 2009
APPROVED: 6-0-0
- 08-6-472 Agreement with New Age Therapy, Inc. Related Services for Disabled Children July 1, 2008 through June 30, 2009
APPROVED: 6-0-0
- 08-6-473 Agreement with OT Kids PLUS of NY, Inc. Related Services for Disabled Students July 1, 2008 through June 30, 2009
APPROVED: 6-0-0
- 08-6-474 Agreement with Family Services – Big Brothers/Big Sisters for Mentoring Services June 2008 through October 2008
APPROVED: 6-0-0
- 08-6-475 Amendment to Board Report No. 08-1-293 American Evaluation Services Inc.
APPROVED: 6-0-0

- 08-6-476 Renewal of Agreement with Manhattan College School of Engineering to Provide Academic and Enrichment Activities for Students at the District's Six High Schools for the 2007-2008 School Year
APPROVED: 6-0-0
- 08-6-477 Renewal of Agreement with Pace University Summer Environmental Program and Professional Development at Riverside High School for the 2007-2008 School Year
APPROVED: 6-0-0
- 08-6-478 Renewal of Agreement with Thinkronize, Inc., to Provide Web-Based Resources for School 23, 32, Dodson, Pulaski, Siragusa, Yonkers Middle, College Board, Gorton, Lincoln, Riverside, Roosevelt, Saunders, Yonkers, and St. Casimir Schools for the 2007-2009 School Years
APPROVED: 6-0-0
- 08-6-479 Renewal of Agreement with Iona College for Direct Services to Students and Families at All District High Schools for the 2008-2009 School Year
APPROVED: 6-0-0
- 08-6-480 Renewal of Agreement with The Center for Montessori, Teacher Education/New York, Inc. for Professional Development Services for the 2008-2009 School Year
APPROVED: 5-0-1 ABSTAIN - WIGGINS
- 08-6-481 Agreement with Westchester Community College to Provide Consulting and Support Services for the Roosevelt High School Middle College Academy for the 2007-2009 School Years
APPROVED: 6-0-0
- 08-6-482 Renewal of Agreement with Bank Street College of Education for Mentor/Consultant Services for the 2008-2009 School Year
APPROVED: 6-0-0
- 08-6-483 Amendment to Board Report No. 08-2-326 Program Design Development, LLC and Yonkers Public Schools
APPROVED: 6-0-0
- 08-6-485 Continuation of the Fulbright Association Greater New York Chapter, Sarah Lawrence College and the Yonkers Public Schools July 2008 – June 2009
APPROVED: 6-0-0
- 08-6-486 Biennial Review of the School Based Planning and Shared Decision Making
APPROVED: 6-0-0
- 08-6-487 Renewal of System Software Support and Maintenance Service Agreement for IBM Mainframe and AS/400
APPROVED: 6-0-0

- 08-6-489 Renewal of Support and Maintenance for Advantage System Software
APPROVED: 6-0-0
- 08-6-490 Maintenance and Support Services for Integral Software
APPROVED: 6-0-0
- 08-6-491 Renewal of Maintenance and Support for Decision Technology Software
APPROVED: 6-0-0
- 08-6-492 Renewal of Hardware Support and Maintenance Agreement for IBM Mainframe
and AS/400
APPROVED: 6-0-0
- 08-6-493 WiseSoft Reading Intervention Online Software Renewal and New Subscriptions
APPROVED: 6-0-0
- 08-6-494 ConnectED Renewal for 2008-2009
APPROVED: 6-0-0
- 08-6-495 Computer Hardware
APPROVED: 6-0-0
- 08-6-496 Rosetta Stone Software
APPROVED: 6-0-0
- 08-6-497 Renewal of Diagnostic Prescriptive Learning Software at School 29, PEARLS
Hawthorne, Pulaski School, M.L. King School, School 13 and School 22 for
2008-2009
APPROVED: 6-0-0
- 08-6-498 Adobe Software Collection
APPROVED: 6-0-0
- 08-6-499 Verizon Maintenance Services
APPROVED: 6-0-0
- 08-6-500 Contract with Certica Solutions, Inc. to Develop a Data Quality Pilot for Special
Education Student Information Maintained in the IEP-Direct
APPROVED: 6-0-0
- 08-6-501 Award on Canned Goods
APPROVED: 6-0-0
- 08-6-502 Award on Cheese and Cheese Products
APPROVED: 6-0-0

- 08-6-503 Award on Snack & Snack Items
APPROVED: 6-0-0
- 08-6-504 Award on Bread and Cake Products
APPROVED: 6-0-0
- 08-6-505 Award on Drinks
APPROVED: 6-0-0
- 08-6-506 Award on Milk and Milk Products
APPROVED: 6-0-0
- 08-6-507 Award on Frozen Foods
APPROVED: 6-0-0
- 08-6-508 Award on Paper Goods for Cafeteria Services
APPROVED: 6-0-0
- 08-6-509 Award on Cereal
APPROVED: 6-0-0
- 08-6-510 Award on Trucking of Donated Commodities
APPROVED: 6-0-0
- 08-6-511 Award on Meat, Poultry, Fish and Deli Products
APPROVED: 6-0-0
- 08-6-512 Yonkers High School Equipment Donation
APPROVED: 6-0-0
- 08-6-513 Extension of Transportation Contracts for the 2008-2009 through 2010-2011
School Years
APPROVED: 6-0-0
- 08-6-514 Award on Transportation of Students for the 2008-2009 through 2010-2011
School Years
APPROVED: 6-0-0
- 08-6-515 Award on Custodial Equipment
APPROVED: 6-0-0
- 08-6-516 Award on Custodial Supplies
APPROVED: 6-0-0
- 08-6-517 Award on Paper and Soap Products
APPROVED: 6-0-0

- 08-6-518 Award on Chemical Dilution Control Command Centers and Cleaning Products
APPROVED: 6-0-0
- 08-6-519 Amendment to Award on Existing Fuel Oil Contract
APPROVED: 6-0-0
- 08-6-520 Authorization for Capital Projects
APPROVED: 6-0-0
- 08-6-521 Re-Authorization for Capital Projects
APPROVED: 6-0-0
- 08-6-522 Authorization for Capital Projects – QZAB Loans
APPROVED: 6-0-0
- 08-6-523 First Amendment to Savin Engineers, P.C. for Construction Management Services
APPROVED: 6-0-0
- 08-6-524 Service and Repair of Oil Burners and Cleaning and Repair of Boilers – Contract Extension
APPROVED: 6-0-0
- 08-6-525 Renewal of Auto and Excess Auto Insurance 2008-2009
APPROVED: 6-0-0
- 08-6-526 Intercom and P.A. System Service and Maintenance – Contract Extension
APPROVED: 6-0-0
- 08-6-527 Clock System Service and Maintenance – Contract Extension
APPROVED: 6-0-0
- 08-6-528 Inspection and Servicing of Fire Extinguishers – Contract Extension
APPROVED: 6-0-0
- 08-6-529 Extension to Award on Existing Xerox Contract XN242-99
APPROVED: 6-0-0
- 08-6-530 Award for Smartboards
APPROVED: 6-0-0
- 08-6-531 Award on General School & Office Supplies
APPROVED: 6-0-0
- 08-6-532 Award on Fine Paper Supplies
APPROVED: 6-0-0

- 08-6-533 Award on General Art Supplies
APPROVED: 6-0-0
- 08-6-534 Award on Medical Supplies
APPROVED: 6-0-0
- 08-6-535 Award on Printing and Delivering School Calendar & Handbook
APPROVED: 6-0-0
- 08-6-536 Award on Library Furniture for Robert C. Dodson Library Media Center
APPROVED: 6-0-0
- 08-6-537 Budget Transfers
APPROVED: 6-0-0
- 08-6-538 Appointment of Impartial Hearing Officer to the Impartial Hearing Requested by the Parent
APPROVED: 6-0-0
- 08-6-540 Amendment to District Student Trainee Program
APPROVED: 6-0-0
- 08-6-541 Appointment of Impartial Hearing Officer to the Impartial Hearing Requested by the Parent
APPROVED: 6-0-0
- 08-6-542 Appointment of Impartial Hearing Officer to the Impartial Hearing Requested by the Attorney on behalf of the Parents
APPROVED: 6-0-0
- 08-6-543 Adoption of the 2008-2009 Budget
APPROVED: 6-0-0

A motion was made by Mrs. Dunne at 8:49 p.m., and seconded by Mrs. Perito, to adjourn.

Meeting was reconvened at 8: 50 p.m. with a motion made by Mrs. Perito and seconded by Mr. Bennett.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Board Report No. 08-6-453 through 08-6-481

APPROVED: 6-0-0

Adjournment: A motion was made by Mrs. Dunne at 8:57 p.m., and seconded by Mr. Bennett, 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