

**BOARD OF EDUCATION  
One Larkin Center  
Yonkers, New York 10701**

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**ACTION MINUTES**

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**THE FOLLOWING ACTION IS HEREBY RECORDED OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION STATED MEETING HELD ON September 26, 2007 at 7:30 p.m.**

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

**Present:** Carey, Dunne, Flynn, Greco, Perito, Martinez, Rev. Sudick

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

**Absent:** Bennett, Wiggins

**Communications  
from the  
Community:**

The following speakers addressed the Board on Non-Agenda Items: Thomas Courtney, Marla Hurban: Education; Isa Talavera, Claire McGinn, Helen McCullough, Jacene Thomas: Montessori Academy; Michael Lisbin, PEARLS/Purser Park; Kelly Chiarella: School of Instruction; Loretta Miraglia: School Bus Incident; Hazel Williams, Laura Heatly: programs for Autistic Children; Norma Growski; Pat Puleo:

The following speakers addressed the Board on Agenda Items: Tracy Ronnermann: Death of Albert Edwards, a former Board of Education Trustee

**Call to Order:** The Stated Meeting was called to order by President Dunne at 7:30 p.m.

**Administration of Oath to New Member** Ms. Worley-McCord administered the Oath of Office to Mr. Richard Greco, Jr. who was appointed as a Board Trustee to a five year term of office by Mayor Philip Amicone.

**Prayer and Pledge of Allegiance:** Led by Dr. Carey

**Approval of Minutes:** The minutes of the August, 2007 meeting was approved as written.

BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

07-9-140      IN MEMORIAM OF ALBERT A. EDWARDS  
APPROVED: 7-0-0

07-9-141      IN MEMORIAM OF STAFF SERGEANT COURTNEY A. HOLLINSWORTH  
APPROVED: 7-0-0

**Presentations:** Mr. Pierorazio presented a certificate to Mr. Albert LaCourt of Office Depot for a donation of backpacks to students at Martin Luther King, Jr. Elementary School, and presented a plaque to Mr. Peter X. Kelly of X2O Xaviars on the Hudson for a donation of \$27,000.00 to Saunders Trades and Technical High School.

**Communications:**

Committee Reports:

- Rev. Sudick, Chair of the Audit, Budget and Finance Committee, reported that the committee met on September 11th to discuss the claims auditor, which is on the agenda for approval tonight, the position of CFO and resolutions. He also introduced Mr. Jim D'Arcangelo, who gave a report on risk assessment.
- Dr. Flynn reported that the Instructional Affairs Committee met on September 11<sup>th</sup> to discuss the partnership with Yonkers Partners in Education (YPIE), the Brannan Group resolution, and Commerce Middle School.

Communications from Board Members:

- Ms. Martinez reported that she attended Enrico Fermi and Lincoln High School on the first day of school, and they both had successful openings.
- Mrs. Dunne complimented the Central Office administrators for a lovely program for the Administrators' Summer Institute and wished them all the best for a wonderful new year.

Communications from the Superintendent:

Mr. Pierorazio made the following announcements:

- Congratulations to the Public Information Department for receiving an award of Excellence for Overall Graphics & Design for last year's School Calendar and Handbook and the Website, and for receiving an award of merit for a Public Service Announcement – YPS Says ConnectEd
- Congratulations to Mr. Jim Rose, Director of Health, Physical Education and Athletics, who is now nationally recognized as a Certified Athletic Administrator
- Brittany Cannady from Gorton High School is a semi-finalist in the National Achievement Scholar Program for outstanding black high school
- Yonkers Columbus Day Parade will be held on Sunday, September 30, 2007 at 2:00 p.m. on South Broadway
- Yonkers Council of PTAs School of Instruction will be held on October 2, 2007 at Saunders high School at 6:30 p.m.
- Schools and Central Office will be closed on Monday, October 8, 2007 for Columbus Day

Other Items:

None

**Board Member  
Resolutions:**

07-9-92      CLAIMS AUDITOR  
APPROVED: 7-0-0

**Superintendent's  
Board Reports:**

07-9-92A    AMENDMENT TO THE SCHOOL LUNCH FUND FOR THE 2006-2007  
SCHOOL YEAR  
APPROVED: 7-0-0

07-9-93      CERTIFIED PERSONNEL  
APPROVED: 7-0-0

07-9-94      NON-CERTIFICATED PERSONNEL  
APPROVED: 7-0-0

07-9-95      RECOMMENDATION OF TENURE UPON COMPLETION  
OF PROBATIONARY PERIOD  
APPROVED: 7-0-0

07-9-96      CSE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR PLACEMENT OF DISABLED  
CHILDREN  
APPROVED: 7-0-0

07-9-97      PLACEMENT OF PRESCHOOL DISABLED CHILDREN  
APPROVED: 7-0-0

07-9-98      OUT OF DISTRICT PLACEMENT OF DISABLED CHILDREN, 2007-2008  
APPROVED: 7-0-0

07-9-99      AMENDMENT TO BOARD REPORT NO. 07-5-351 EDUCATION OF  
DISABLED CHILDREN FOR JULY AND AUGUST - 2007  
APPROVED: 7-0-0

07-9-100    AGREEMENT WITH THERACARE RELATED SERVICES FOR DISABLED  
HOMEBOUND STUDENTS 2007-2008 SCHOOL YEAR  
APPROVED: 7-0-0

- 07-9-101 NO CHILD LEFT BEHIND (NCLB): SAFE AND DRUG-FREE SCHOOLS AND COMMUNITIES GRANT TITLE IV CONTRACTS WITH COMMUNITY BASED ORGANIZATIONS SEPTEMBER 2007 – AUGUST 2008  
APPROVED: 7-0-0
- 07-9-102 STUDENT ASSISTANCE SERVICES FOR VIOLENCE PREVENTION SERVICES 2007-2008 SCHOOL YEAR  
APPROVED: 7-0-0
- 07-9-103 RENEWAL OF CONTRACT WITH RIVERSIDE HEALTHCARE SYSTEMS, INC., (ST. JOHN'S RIVERSIDE HOSPITAL) FOR CURRICULUM AND PRACTICAL SERVICES PROVIDED TO COMMERCE MIDDLE SCHOOL MEDICAL/HEALTH PROFESSIONS FOR THE 2007-2008 SCHOOL YEAR  
APPROVED: 7-0-0
- 07-9-104 RENEWAL OF AGREEMENT WITH THE NEPPERHAN COMMUNITY CENTER FOR AN AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM FOR YONKERS MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS FOR THE 2007 – 2008 SCHOOL YEAR  
APPROVED: 7-0-0
- 07-9-105 RENEWAL OF AGREEMENT WITH THE SCHOMBURG CENTER FOR RESEARCH IN BLACK CULTURE TO PROVIDE STAFF DEVELOPMENT IN AMERICAN HISTORY FOR GRADES 7,8,11, AND 12, TEACHERS FOR THE 2007 – 2008 SCHOOL YEAR  
APPROVED: 7-0-0
- 07-9-106 AGREEMENT WITH TEACHERS' CURRICULUM INSTITUTE TO PROVIDE STAFF DEVELOPMENT IN AMERICAN HISTORY FOR THE 2007 – 2008 SCHOOL YEAR  
APPROVED: 7-0-0
- 07-9-107 CONTRACT WITH GREYSTON FAMILY CHILD CARE CENTER, SAINT PETER'S HEAD START PROGRAM, AND MARION AND GEORGE AMES EARLY CHILDHOOD LEARNING CENTER  
APPROVED: 7-0-0
- 07-9-108 RENEWAL OF THE AGREEMENT WITH LIFESUPPORT USA, INC., TO PROVIDE PARENT SERVICES AND TRAINING AT GORTON, LINCOLN, RIVERSIDE, ROOSEVELT, SAUNDERS, AND YONKERS HIGH SCHOOLS FOR THE 2007 – 2008 SCHOOL YEAR  
APPROVED: 7-0-0

- 07-9-109 AGREEMENT WITH ST. JOHN'S RIVERSIDE HOSPITAL, FOR LEARN AND SERVE AMERICA SERVICE LEARNING AT GORTON HIGH SCHOOL SEPTEMBER 2007 – JUNE 2008  
APPROVED: 7-0-0
- 07-9-110 AGREEMENT WITH DORIAN CONSULTING TO PROVIDE CONTINUED PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT FOR EVEN START GRANT EVALUATION, SEPTEMBER 2007 – AUGUST 2008  
APPROVED: 7-0-0
- 07-9-111 TITLE I, TITLE III, GEAR UP AND EVEN START CONTINUED AGREEMENT WITH EPIC, INC., SEPTEMBER 2007 – JUNE 2008  
APPROVED: 7-0-0
- 07-9-112 TITLE I NO CHILD LEFT BEHIND: AGREEMENT WITH JEWISH COUNCIL OF YONKERS TO PROVIDE CONTINUED MENTORING TO STUDENTS IN YONKERS PUBLIC SCHOOLS SEPTEMBER 2007 – JUNE 2008  
APPROVED: 7-0-0
- 07-9-113 RENEWAL OF AGREEMENT WITH THE HUDSON RIVER MUSEUM FOR STUDENT SERVICES AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT IN MUSEUM EDUCATION FOR THE 2007 – 2008 SCHOOL YEAR  
APPROVED: 7-0-0
- 07-9-114 RENEWAL OF CONTRACT WITH NATIONAL PAIDEIA CENTER TO PROVIDE PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT SERVICES TO STAFF AT PAIDEIA SCHOOL 24 AS A DEMONSTRATION PAIDEIA SCHOOL FOR THE 2007 – 2008 SCHOOL YEAR  
APPROVED: 7-0-0
- 07-9-115 RENEWAL OF AGREEMENT WITH GREYSTON FOUNDATION TO FACILITATE COLLEGE TOURS FOR STUDENTS AT GORTON, LINCOLN, ROOSEVELT, SAUNDERS, AND YONKERS HIGH SCHOOLS FOR THE 2007 – 2008 SCHOOL YEAR  
APPROVED: 7-0-0
- 07-9-116 RENEWAL OF AGREEMENT WITH ANITA H. FRIEDE & ASSOCIATES, INC., FOR PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE STRATEGIC INSTRUCTION MODEL (SIM) FOR STAFF AT GORTON HIGH SCHOOL FOR THE 2007-2008 SCHOOL YEAR  
APPROVED: 7-0-0

- 07-9-117 RENEWAL OF AGREEMENT WITH PROGRAM REACH TO PROVIDE THE HEALTHY RESPECT CHARACTER BASED ABSTINENCE EDUCATION PROGRAM FOR MEDICAL/HEALTH PROFESSION MAGNETS STUDENTS AT GORTON HIGH SCHOOL AND COMMERCE MIDDLE SCHOOL FOR THE 2007-2008 SCHOOL YEAR  
APPROVED: 7-0-0
- 07-9-118 RENEWAL OF AGREEMENT WITH MANHATTAN COLLEGE FOR PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT IN TECHNOLOGY AND AMERICAN HISTORY FOR THE 2007 – 2008 SCHOOL YEAR  
APPROVED: 7-0-0
- 07-9-119 TO IMPLEMENT A PROGRAM FOCUSED ON REDUCING VIOLENCE INVOLVING WEAPONS IN SCHOOLS AND IN THE COMMUNITY  
APPROVED: 7-0-0
- 07-9-120 MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR OF VIDEO SURVEILLANCE SYSTEMS FOR THE YONKERS PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
APPROVED: 7-0-0
- 07-9-121 DONATION FOR GOLF PROGRAM OF EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES  
APPROVED: 7-0-0
- 07-9-122 DONATION TO ROOSEVELT HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETICS  
APPROVED: 7-0-0
- 07-9-123 DONATION TO SAUNDERS HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETICS  
APPROVED: 7-0-0
- 07-9-124 EXTENSION OF DISCOUNTS FOR VEHICLE REPAIRS  
APPROVED: 7-0-0
- 07-9-125 AWARD ON MEAT, POULTRY, FISH AND DELI PRODUCTS  
APPROVED: 7-0-0
- 07-9-126 AWARD FOR PAINT AND PAINT SUPPLIES  
APPROVED: 7-0-0
- 07-9-127 REVISED AUTHORIZATION FOR CAPITAL PROJECTS  
APPROVED: 7-0-0
- 07-9-128 ELECTRICAL REPAIR SERVICES  
APPROVED: 7-0-0

- 07-9-129     SECOND AMENDMENT TO ADELAIDE ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH ASSOCIATION CONTRACT FOR DISTRICTWIDE HAZARDOUS MATERIAL TESTING  
APPROVED: 7-0-0
- 07-9-130     CHANGE ORDERS NOS. 1-6 TO DIVINE CONSTRUCTION CORP. FOR THE INTERIOR RENOVATION AND ASBESTOS ABATEMENT AT ENRICO FERMI SCHOOL FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS  
APPROVED: 7-0-0
- 07-9-132     EXTERIOR WINDOW AND DOOR REPLACEMENT AT MONTESSORI SCHOOL 27  
APPROVED: 7-0-0
- 07-9-133     CONSULTANT DESIGN SERVICES FOR THE YONKERS MIDDLE/HS AND SAUNDERS TRADES AND TECHNICAL HS – VENTILATION AND AIR CONDITIONING REHABILITATION  
APPROVED: 7-0-0
- 07-9-134     MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR OF ELEVATORS  
APPROVED: 7-0-0
- 07-9-139     BUDGET TRANSFERS  
APPROVED: 7-0-0

### **ADDENDUM**

#### **BOARD MEMBER REPORTS**

- 07-9-142     APPROVAL OF AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE BOARD OF EDUCATION AND THE YONKERS FEDERATION OF TEACHERS, AFT/NEA  
APPROVED: 7-0-0
- 07-9-143     IN MEMORIAM OF ALBERT A. EDWARDS  
APPROVED: 7-0-0
- 07-9-144     IN MEMORIAM OF STAFF SERGEANT COURTNEY A. HOLLINSWORTH  
APPROVED: 7-0-0

#### **SUPERINTENDENT'S BOARD REPORTS**

- 07-9-145     SPECIAL EDUCATION AUDIT  
APPROVED: 7-0-0
- 07-9-146     NEW YORK STATE CIVIL SERVICE LAW SECTION 72  
APPROVED: 7-0-0

07-9-147      NEW YORK STATE CIVIL SERVICE LAW SECTION 72  
APPROVED: 7-0-0

07-9-148      NEW YORK STATE CIVIL SERVICE LAW SECTION 72  
APPROVED: 7-0-0

Adjournment: A motion was made by Miss Martinez at 8:25, and seconded by Mrs. Perito, to Go into Executive Session for discussion on matters of personnel.

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

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Jean Worley-McCord  
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