

**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 October 17, 2007 at 7:30 p.m.

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

Present: Bennett, Carey, Dunne, Flynn, Perito, Martinez, Rev. Sudick, Wiggins

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

Absent: Greco

**Communications
from the
Community:**

The following speakers addressed the Board on Non-Agenda Items: Bobbie DiBattista, Put Puleo, Louise Piltz, Richard Odson, Gloria Kroskos, Carol Hetcher, Karen Marchenka, Catherin Padilla, Ann Catalano, Monica Harmon, Lynda Wilson, Michael Valenti, Sal Fata, Victor Earl, Grace Obalde, Pamela Gilroy, Kenny O'Rourke, Anthony Martinez, Diana Buigues, Maretta O'Leary, Cheryl Valentinetti, Stephanie Socha, Alodia Diaz, Sharon Crosby, Frances Jackson, Rosa Rodriguez, Robyn Fullerton, Stefania Szkafarowsky, Pauline Sachar, Catherine Founda, John Sazarchek: CSEA Benefits and Contract; Thomas Courtney: Education; Karen Edmondson: Progress in the Yonkers Public Schools; Miriam Foley: PTA Membership; Marla Hurban: Non-Mandated Services and thanked CSEA for their services; Norma Grohowski: Thanked administration for attending PTA School of Instruction; Kelly Chiarelli: PTA School of Instruction; Hestia Brown: Purser Park; Tracy Ronnermann: Assorted

The following speakers addressed the Board on Agenda Items: Bobbie DiBattista: Employee of the Month

Call to Order: The Stated Meeting was called to order by President Dunne at 8:40 p.m.

**Prayer and
Pledge of
Allegiance:** Led by Mr. Wiggins

Approval of

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

BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

07-10-147 In Memory of Pete Metevier, a Teacher at the Commerce Middle School
APPROVED: 8-0-0

Presentations: Employee of the Month- Donna Gessman, a Registered Professional Nurse at School 17

07-10-148 On Recognition of Clara “Joy” Chiusa as Civil Service Employee of the Year 2006 - 2007
APPROVED: 8-0-0

- Mr. Pierorazio announced that this week is New York State School Board Members Appreciation Week and students from select schools made gifts for the Trustees.

Communications:

Committee Reports:

- Rev. Sudick, Chair of the Audit, Budget and Finance Committee, reported that the committee met on October 9th to discuss the position of Chief Financial Officer, Bennett Kielson and the resolutions. A representative from Bennett Kielson made a presentation on the work that should occur over the next year.
- Dr. Flynn, Chair of the Instructional Affairs Committee, reported that the committee met on October 9th to discuss the Superintendent’s Community Forums, a College Board School and a Montessori Middle/High School. The Committee agreed not to move forward on the Brannan Group resolution until we have a report from Mr. Steven Hill.

Communications from Board Members:

- Ms. Martinez reported that she attended GEAR-UP session for parents to share information for college at the Riverfront Library on October 9, 2007.
- Mrs. Dunne thanked everyone for the gifts, time and effort.

Communications from the Superintendent:

Mr. Pierorazio made the following announcements:

- The revised Code of Conduct was mailed to every student’s home, and copies are being distributed to every employee.
- PSAT’s were given to all 10th and 11th grade students today.
- October is National Breast Cancer Awareness Month.
 - Saunders’ cosmetology students are weaving pink hair extensions to raise donations and consciousness.
 - There was a press conference today at the Board of Education to kick-off the YFT, the NYS United teachers, the Yonkers Public Schools, and the American Cancer Society partnership to raise awareness for the fight against breast cancer.
- Ralph Esposito, a Yonkers High School senior, received a \$50,000.00 scholarship from the Generoso Pope Foundation.

- Mogana Jayakumar, a senior at Yonkers High School, received two honors: 1.) a letter of Commendation from the National Merit Scholarship Corporation for her outstanding performance on the 2006 PSAT, and 2.) the Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute's Rensselaer Medal, a \$60,000.00 scholarship over 4 years.
- Napier Lopez, a senior at Yonkers High School, received the College Board's National Hispanic Recognition for her outstanding performance on the 2006 PSAT.
- Schools will be closed for students on November 6, 2007, Election Day.
- Wesley and Friends Community 5K Fun Walk/Run will be held on Saturday, October 20, 2007 at Larkin Park.
- Yonkers Family Day is Saturday, November 10, 2007 at the Riverfront Library.

Other Items:

None

**Board Member
Resolutions:**

07-10-148A Amendment to Contract with Keane & Beane
APPROVED: 8-0-0

07-10-148B Approval of the Agreement Between the Board of Education and the Yonkers Council of Administrators, Local 8, A.F.S.A.; AFL-CIO
APPROVED: 8-0-0

**Superintendent's
Board Reports:**

07-10-149 Certified Personnel
APPROVED: 8-0-0

07-10-150 Non-Certified Personnel
APPROVED: 8-0-0

07-10-151 Recommendation of Tenure upon Completion of Probationary Period
APPROVED: 8-0-0

07-10-152 CSE Recommendation for Placement of Disabled Children
APPROVED: 8-0-0

07-10-153 Placement of Preschool Disabled Children
APPROVED: 8-0-0

07-10-154 Out-of-District Placement of Disabled Children 2007-2008
APPROVED: 8-0-0

- 07-10-155 Agreement with TheraCare Westchester/ Putnam Related Services for Disabled Students 2007-2008 School Year
APPROVED: 8-0-0
- 07-10-156 Literacy Volunteers of Westchester, Inc., English Language Civics
APPROVED: 8-0-0
- 07-10-157 No Child Left Behind (NCLB) Independent Contractor Continued Agreement with YWCA Yonkers, to Provide Continued Supplemental Educational Services in Mathematics October 18, 2007 – June 30, 2008
APPROVED: 8-0-0
- 07-10-158 No Child Left Behind (NCLB) Independent Contractor Continued Agreement with Broadnet Services, LLC, to Provide Supplemental Educational Services in Mathematics, Reading and ELA October 18, 2007 – June 30, 2008
APPROVED: 8-0-0
- 07-10-159 No Child Left Behind (NCLB) Independent Contractor Agreement with Sylvan Learning Center to Provide Continued Supplemental Educational Services in Mathematics, Reading and English Language Arts October 18, 2007 – June 30, 2008
APPROVED: 8-0-0
- 07-10-160 Child Left Behind (NCLB) Independent Contractor Agreement with Westchester Jewish Council Services to Provide Continued Supplemental Educational Services in Mathematics, Reading and English Language Arts October 18, 2007 – June 30, 2008
APPROVED: 8-0-0
- 07-10-161 No Child Left Behind (NCLB) Independent Contractor Agreement with Club Z! Tutoring Services to Provide Continued Supplemental Educational Services in Mathematics, Reading and English Language Arts October 18, 2007 – June 30, 2008
APPROVED: 8-0-0
- 07-10-162 Agreement with Safety First for Learn and Serve America Service Learning at Gorton High School October 18, 2007 – June 30, 2008
APPROVED: 8-0-0
- 07-10-163 Agreement with Torres-Guzman & Associates for Professional Development Services to Support the Dual Language Program at Dodson and School 13 for the 2007-2008 School Year
APPROVED: 8-0-0

- 07-10-164 Renewal of Agreement with Hudson River Museum to Provide Staff Development in Mathematics in Art for the 2007-2008 School Year
APPROVED: 7-0-1
- 07-10-165 Agreement with Tomorrow Leaders, Inc. for After School Leadership Training for Eighth Grade Girls at Commerce Middle School for the 2007-2008 School Year
APPROVED: 8-0-0
- 07-10-166 Renewal of Agreement with Thirteen/WNET NY for Professional Development in American History for the 2007-2008 School Year
APPROVED: 8-0-0
- 07-10-167 Renewal of Agreement with Beczak Environmental Education Center to Continue Student Enrichment Services in Environmental Education at Foxfire, Emerson Middle School, Mark Twain Middle School, and Saunders High School During the 2007-2008 School Year
APPROVED: 8-0-0
- 07-10-168 Renewal of Agreement with Julia Dyckman Andrus Memorial Center for After School Enrichment and Mentoring Services for Students at School 13 for the 2007- 2008 School Year
APPROVED: 8-0-0
- 07-10-169 Agreement with Thinkronize, Inc., to Provide Web-Based Resources for Rosemarie Siragusa, Commerce Middle, Lincoln High, and St. Casimir Schools for the 2007-2008 School Year
APPROVED: 8-0-0
- 07-10-170 Renewal of a Agreement with Center for Technology and School Change at Teachers College, Columbia University, for Professional Development Services in Technology for the 2007-2008 School Year
APPROVED: 8-0-0
- 07-10-171 Renewal of Agreement with Westchester Arts Council to Provide The Artists-Residency Program at Mark Twain Middle School and Other Selected Schools for the 2007-2008 School Year
APPROVED: 8-0-0
- 07-10-172 Agreement with Benjamin Lindeman for Professional Development in Mathematics Curriculum, Instruction, and Assessment for the 2007-2008 School Year
APPROVED: 8-0-0
- 07-10-173 Amendment to Amended Board Report 07-9-118 Manhattan College
APPROVED: 8-0-0

- 07-10-174 Agreement with Mathematics Consultants, LLC, for Professional Development in Mathematics Curriculum, Instructional, and Assessment for the 2007-2008 School Year
APPROVED: 8-0-0
- 07-10-175 Agreement with Madelaine Gallin to Provide Professional Development for Grades 6-8 Administrators, Teachers, and Students at Commerce Middle School for the 2007-2008 School Year
APPROVED: 8-0-0
- 07-10-176 Agreement with SUMTCHR, Inc. to Provide Professional Development in Mathematics for Grades K-3 Teachers for the 2007-2008 School Year
APPROVED: 8-0-0
- 07-10-177 Renewal of an Arts-in-Education After-School Program for School 30 Agreement with Sarah Lawrence College, Theater Outreach Program
APPROVED: 8-0-0
- 07-10-178 Cooperative Sponsorship of Interscholastic Teams
APPROVED: 8-0-0
- 07-10-179 Amendment to Awards on Frozen Foods
APPROVED: 8-0-0
- 07-10-180 Award on Fresh Pizza
APPROVED: 8-0-0
- 07-10-181 Award on Drink Vending Machines
APPROVED: 8-0-0
- 07-10-182 Revised Authorization for Capital Projects
APPROVED: 8-0-0
- 07-10-183 Amendment to Service Contract Agreement with William Flower
APPROVED: 8-0-0
- 07-10-184 First Change Order to Marquise Construction Corporation for the Library Addition – Building envelope Restoration at School 5
APPROVED: 8-0-0
- 07-10-185 Renewal of Pupil Benefits Plan, Inc., Insurance Policy
APPROVED: 8-0-0

- 07-10-186 First Change Order to Peter J. Landi, Inc. Contract for the Exterior Concrete Stairs and Sidewalk Rehabilitation Work at School 21, Casimir Pulaski School 26, Family School 32, Emerson Middle School and Martin Luther King, Jr. School
APPROVED: 8-0-0
- 07-10-187 First Amendment to Kallen & Lemelson, Consulting Engineers, LLP Contract for Professional Architectural/Engineering Services for the Rehabilitation of the HVAC Systems at Yonkers Middle/High School and Saunders Trade and Technical HS RFP-420-02
APPROVED: 8-0-0
- 07-10-188 First Amendment for the District-Wide Educational Facilities Plan
APPROVED: 8-0-0
- 07-10-189 First Amendment to Professional Architectural/Engineering Services for Exterior Envelope Renovation & Restoration at Lincoln High School and Roosevelt High School
APPROVED: 8-0-0
- 07-10-191 First Change Order to NUA Construction Corporation for the Commerce Middle School Roof Replacement Project
APPROVED: 8-0-0
- 07-10-192 Inspection & Testing of Fuel Oil Tanks
APPROVED: 8-0-0
- 07-10-193 Appointment of Energy Conserving Performance Contracting Services for Johnson Controls, Inc.
APPROVED: 8-0-0
- 07-10-195 Budget Transfers
APPROVED: 8-0-0
- 07-10-196 Donation to Saunders Trades and Technical High School Culinary Arts and Restaurant Management Program
APPROVED: 8-0-0
- 07-10-197 Appointment of Impartial Hearing Officer for Civil Service Disciplinary Hearing
APPROVED: 8-0-0
- 07-10-198 Agreement to Submit a Memorandum of Understanding Between the College Board and Yonkers Public Schools to Outline Expectations and Responsibilities Regarding Establishing and Supporting a College Board School for the 2007-2012 School Years
APPROVED: 8-0-0

Adjournment: A motion was made by Miss Martinez at 9:10, and seconded by Dr. Flynn, 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.

Jean Worley-McCord
Executive Assistant to the Board of Education