

**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 November 14, 2007 at 7:30 p.m.**

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

**Present:** Bennett, Dunne, Flynn, Greco, 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:** Carey

**Communications  
from the  
Community:**

The following speakers addressed the Board on Non-Agenda Items: Bobbie DiBattista, Brenda J. Freeman: CSEA Contract Negotiations; Thomas Courtney: Education; Claire McGinn: Child Requires Special Education Physical Therapy; Kelly Chiarelli: Commended District for containing MRSA; Maureen Corrigan-Connell: Montessori Schools; Tracy Ronnermann: Assorted; Pat Puleo: Education, MRSA and Montessori School 11; Mae Tyropolis: Education

The following speakers addressed the Board on Agenda Items: None

**Call to Order:** The Stated Meeting was called to order by President Dunne at 8:10 p.m.

**Prayer and  
Pledge of**

**Allegiance:** Led by Dr. Flynn

**Approval of**

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

**Presentations:** Employee of the Month - Robert DeMarco, a Motor Equipment Operator in the Maintenance Department

## **Communications:**

### Committee Reports:

- Rev. Sudick, Chair of the Audit, Budget and Finance Committee, reported that the committee met on November 6th to discuss the resolutions.

### Communications from Board Members:

- Mr. Wiggins made comments about the manner in which the administration has handled the hiring of a Chief Financial Officer (CFO). Mr. Pierorazio pointed out the steps that had been taken to hire a CFO, and explained why it was handled in that manner. There was a discussion on the matter. Ms. Martinez stated that she and Mr. Wiggins will attend the meeting with the Civil Service Commission on November 15<sup>th</sup> to make sure the Commission understands the Board's position.

### Communications from the Superintendent:

Mr. Pierorazio made the following comments:

- The District was been pro-active in handling cases of the MSRA Staph Infection; cleaning teams were sent into buildings where the disease was diagnosed; and school nurses were trained to recognize the symptoms.
- In coordination with the Yonkers Police Department, the Yonkers Public Schools partnered with Speak Up Campaign, which is a national youth violence prevention initiative that empowers students with the knowledge and resources to prevent weapons related violence in schools. A presentation on the campaign was made last night at the PTA meeting.
- Demond Staples and Claisha Tweed, seniors at Yonkers International Baccalaureate High School, received the National Achievement Scholarship from the National Merit Scholarship Corp. honoring Black American high school students for their achievements on the PSAT scoring in the top 5% of all Black American students across the nation.
- Brandon Marcano, a sixth grader at Robert C. Dodson Elementary School, was one of two national winners in the Ecco Cool for School Organic Lunch Bag Design competition.
- The Fulbright Association at Sarah Lawrence College presented awards to 17 Yonkers Public School student writers and their teachers, who were honored for their participation in the summer writer's workshop.
- Students from Gorton High School Law and Public Service Academy participated in the Westchester County Human Rights Commission at the Westchester County courthouse.
- Applications for the Academically Talented Program and Century Honors Program will be accepted through December 20.

### Other Items:

None

**Board Member  
Resolutions:**

07-11-199     In Memory of Adelaida Lighty-Toro, a Teacher at Robert C. Dodson Elementary School  
APPROVED: 8-0-0

**Superintendent's  
Board Reports:**

07-11-200     Appointment of Impartial Hearing Officer Requested by the Attorney on behalf of the Parents  
APPROVED: 8-0-0

07-11-201     Donation for Parent Child Reading Book Bag Program  
APPROVED: 8-0-0

07-11-202     Certified Personnel  
APPROVED: 8-0-0

07-11-203     Non-Certified Personnel  
APPROVED: 8-0-0

07-11-204     Recommendation of Tenure Upon Completion of Probationary Period  
APPROVED: 8-0-0

07-11-205     Recommendation of Tenure Upon Completion of Probationary Period  
APPROVED: 8-0-0

07-11-206     New York State Civil Service Law Section 72  
APPROVED: 8-0-0

07-11-207     CSE Recommendation for Placement of Disabled Children  
APPROVED: 8-0-0

07-11-208     Placement of Preschool Disabled Children  
APPROVED: 8-0-0

07-11-209     Out-of-District Placement of Disabled Children 2007-2008  
APPROVED: 8-0-0

07-11-210     Andrus Children's Center Parent Training 2007-2008 School Year  
APPROVED: 8-0-0

07-11-211     External Diploma Development Fee  
APPROVED: 8-0-0

- 07-11-212 Contract for Security Guard Training with Armed and Unarmed School of Security, Inc.  
APPROVED: 8-0-0
- 07-11-213 Amendment to Amended Board Report No. 04-6-317, Board Report No. 05-9-115, Board Report No. 06-11-160, Program Design Development, LLC with Yonkers Public Schools through December 2007  
APPROVED: 8-0-0
- 07-11-214 Agreement with Anna Buonocore for Professional Development in Mathematics Curriculum, Instruction, and Assessment for the 2007-2008 School Year  
APPROVED: 8-0-0
- 07-11-215 Agreement with Joan O'Keefe for Professional Development in Mathematics Curriculum, Instruction, and Assessment for the 2007-2008 School Year  
APPROVED: 8-0-0
- 07-11-216 Agreement with Elayne Mauskoft for Professional Development in Mathematics Curriculum, Instruction, and Assessment for the 2007-2008 School Year  
APPROVED: 8-0-0
- 07-11-217 Agreement with Margaret Scaglione for Professional Development in Mathematics Curriculum, Instruction, and Assessment for the 2007-2008 School Year  
APPROVED: 8-0-0
- 07-11-218 Agreement with Richard Piazza for Professional Development in Mathematics Curriculum, Instruction, and Assessment for the 2007-2008 School Year  
APPROVED: 8-0-0
- 07-11-220 Award on Plastic Liners  
APPROVED: 8-0-0
- 07-11-221 Capital Improvement Projects "Type II Action"  
APPROVED: 8-0-0
- 07-11-222 First Change Order to AMB Construction Inc. for the Roof Replacement Project at Gorton High School  
APPROVED: 8-0-0
- 07-11-223 Mark Twain Middle School – Elevator Replacement  
APPROVED: 8-0-0
- 07-11-224 Fourth Amendment to Kaeyer, Garment and Davidson, Architects, PC Contract for Professional Architectural/Engineering Services Under a Requirements Contract  
APPROVED: 8-0-0

- 07-11-225 Professional Architectural and/or Engineering Consultant Services to Perform the Annual Visual Inspection Mandated by the New York State Education Department RFP-420-07-06  
APPROVED: 8-0-0
- 07-11-226 Award for Pest Control Exterminating Services  
APPROVED: 8-0-0
- 07-11-227 Award of Plumbing Supplies  
APPROVED: 8-0-0
- 07-11-228 Award of Carpentry Supplies  
APPROVED: 8-0-0
- 07-11-229 Pump Service and Maintenance  
APPROVED: 8-0-0
- 07-11-230 Award of Hardware Supplies  
APPROVED: 8-0-0
- 07-11-231 Award of Electrical Supplies  
APPROVED: 8-0-0
- 07-11-232 First Amendment to Cannon Design Contract for Professional Architectural/Engineering Services for the 2005 Building Condition Survey  
APPROVED: 8-0-0
- 07-11-233 Consultant Design Services for PEARLS Hawthorne School Interior and Exterior Renovations, RFP-420-07-05 – Job No. OA85  
APPROVED: 8-0-0
- 07-11-235 Second Change Order to Marfi Contracting Corporation for the Masonry Parapet Project at Paideia School 24  
APPROVED: 8-0-0
- 07-11-236 Foxfire School & Town House Building: Roof Replacement Project  
APPROVED: 8-0-0
- 07-11-237 Yonkers Middle High School: Roof Replacement Project  
APPROVED: 8-0-0
- 07-11-238 Budget Transfers  
APPROVED: 8-0-0

- 07-11-239     Appointment of Impartial Hearing Officer Requested by the Attorney on behalf of the Parents  
APPROVED: 8-0-0
- 07-11-240     Appointment of Impartial Hearing Officer for Civil Service Disciplinary Hearing  
APPROVED: 8-0-0
- 07-11-241     Revised Authorization for Capital Projects  
APPROVED: 8-0-0

Adjournment: A motion was made by Miss Martinez at 8:40, and seconded by Dr. Flynn, to Adjourn the meeting.

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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