

**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 17, 2009 at 7:30 p.m.

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

Present: Dunne, Martinez, Patel, Perez, Wiggins, Sudick

Others: Chief Administrative Officer Joseph Bracchitta, Chief Academic Officer Louis Constantino, Assistant Superintendent of Finance Stanley Bronski, staff and various citizens

Absent: Carey

Public Hearing: 2009-2010 Contract for Excellence: Gene Zilempe: A new school maybe in the works, which is taking money from Yonkers Public Schools

Public Hearing: Amendment to Charter of Charter School of Educational Excellence: None

**Communications
from the
Community:**

The following speakers addressed the Board on Non-Agenda Items: Bobbie DiBattista: CSEA Lay-offs; Mavis Martin-Gilliam: Terminated as of July 17th; Helen McCullagh: Montessori Academy; Linda McGarvey, Debbie Collier: Budget Cuts-Teachers; Pat Puleo: Staff Cuts & Program Cuts; Fran Ruggiero: Laid-off Teachers; Marian O'Neill: Montessori Academy needs more teachers; Marc Pekowsky: Need more Special Education Teachers; Kelly Chiarella: Lack of Parental Involvement , Congratulations to the new Board President, Mrs. Dunne, Thank you for the Dessert Reception; Dr. Maulik Patel: School placement for daughter; Ed Berry: Budget and layoffs; Marla Hurban; Education; Marla Hurban: Education; Rose Marie Linton: Childhood Obesity

The following speakers addressed the Board on Agenda Items: Bobbie DiBattista, Kelly Chiarella: Congratulation to the Employee of the Month

Call to Order: The Stated Meeting was called to order by President Dunne at 8:35 p.m.

**Prayer and
Pledge of**

Allegiance: Led by Ms. Martinez

Approval of

Minutes: Ms. Martinez made a motion, seconded by Mr. Wiggins, to approve the minutes of the May 2009 meetings.

Presentations:

- Employee of the Month: Joanne Kubasek, a School Safety Officer at Yonkers High School Principal
- Mrs. Dunne presented a proclamation to Dr. Marvin J. Feldberg for serving as principal of School 22 for 30 years.

Communications:

Committee Reports:

- Mr. Wiggins, Chair of the Audit, Budget and Finance Committee, reported that the committee met on June 16th. The Claims auditor gave a report, Mr. Bronski reviewed the monthly budget update, Mr. Bracchitta gave a presentation on the Technology Update Plan and the committee members discussed the resolutions.

Communications from Board Members:

None

Communications from the Superintendent:

Mr. Pierorazio made the following comments:

- Mr. Pierroazio, along with Mr. Wiggins and Mr. Carr, visited the Buffalo Public School District how they rebuilt their school facilities funding from SED.
- Class of 2009 has earned over \$30 million in scholarships.
- Yonkers High School graduation will be held on June 25th in the Arena.
- All other high school graduation will be held on June 28th at Westchester County Center.

Other Items:

- Mrs. Dunne reported that she and Mr. Pierorazio attended the Lower Hudson Council of Supt. Scholastic Achievement Dinner and the Career & Tech. Education Advisory Council Breakfast.
- Ms. Martinez attended the Puerto Rican Hispanic Parade Annual Dinner honoring Ms. Nydia Perez.
- Ms. Perez attended the Gibran scholarship awards program on June 13, 2009

**Board Member
Resolutions:**

09-6-433A Claims Auditor Appointment and Contract Renewal for the Period July 1, 2009-
June 30, 2010
APPROVED: 6-0-0

**Superintendent's
Report**

- 09-6-434 Appointment of Impartial Hearing Officer to the Impartial Hearing Requested by the Parent
APPROVED: 6-0-0
- 09-6-435 Appointment of Impartial Hearing Officer to the Impartial Hearing Requested by the Parents
APPROVED: 6-0-0
- 09-6-436 Certified Personnel
APPROVED: 6-0-0
- 09-6-437 Non-Certified Personnel
APPROVED: 6-0-0
- 09-6-438 Recommendation of Tenure Upon Completion of Probationary Period
APPROVED: 5-0-1 ABSTAIN - WIGGINS
- 09-6-439 Recommendation of tenure Upon Completion of Probationary Period
APPROVED: 6-0-0
- 09-6-440 CSE Recommendations for Placement of Disabled Children
APPROVED: 6-0-0
- 09-6-441 Placement of Preschool Disabled Children
APPROVED: 6-0-0
- 09-6-442 Out-of-District Placement of Disabled Children 2008-2009
APPROVED: 6-0-0
- 09-6-443 Annual Review of Disabled Children
APPROVED: 6-0-0
- 09-6-444 Annual Review of Preschool Disabled Children
APPROVED: 6-0-0
- 09-6-445 Agreement with Margaret Scaglione for Professional Development/Consulting Services for Robert C. Dodson and Martin Luther King Schools June 18, 2009 through August 30, 2009
APPROVED: 6-0-0
- 09-6-446 Agreement with New Age Therapy, Inc. Related Services for Disabled Children July 1, 2009 through August 31, 2009
APPROVED: 6-0-0

- 09-6-447 Agreement with Ms. Judy Strauss-Schwartz, M. Ed. for Orientation and Mobility Training July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2010
APPROVED: 6-0-0
- 09-6-448 Agreement with TheraCare Westchester/Putnam Related Services for Disabled Students July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2010
APPROVED: 6-0-0
- 09-6-449 Amendment to Board Report Nos. 08-6-469 and 09-2-293 Agreement with TheraCare Westchester/Putnam Related Services for Disabled Students 2008-2009 School Year
APPROVED: 6-0-0
- 09-6-450 Andrus Children's Center Mental Health Division Parent Counseling and Training July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2010
APPROVED: 6-0-0
- 09-6-451 Amendment to Board Report No. 08-6-470 Agreement with Andrus Children's Center Mental Health Division Parent Counseling and Training 2008-2009 School Year
APPROVED: 6-0-0
- 09-6-452 Agreement with Westchester Speech & Language Services PLLC Speech Services for Homebound/Disabled Students July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2010
APPROVED: 6-0-0
- 09-6-453 Agreement with Home Therapists of New York, Inc. Related Services for Disabled/Homebound Students July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2010
APPROVED: 6-0-0
- 09-6-454 Agreement with Speech & Learn, SLP, PLLC Speech Services for Homebound/Disabled Students July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2010
APPROVED: 6-0-0
- 09-6-455 Agreement with M.F.P. & Associates Related Services for Disabled Students July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2010
APPROVED: 6-0-0
- 09-6-456 Agreement with St. Joseph's Hospital Related Services for Disabled Children July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2010
APPROVED: 6-0-0
- 09-6-457 Agreement with Donna Klein & Associates, Inc. Related Services for Disabled Students July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2010
APPROVED: 6-0-0

- 09-6-458 Education of Disabled Children July and August 2009
APPROVED: 6-0-0
- 09-6-459 Agreement with OT Kids PLUS of NY, Inc. Related Services for Disabled Students July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2010
APPROVED: 6-0-0
- 09-6-460 Amendment of Board Report No. 08-10-130 Tutoring Services for Hospitalized Students 2008-2009 School Year
APPROVED: 6-0-0
- 09-6-461 Renewal of Agreement with Bank Street College of Education for Mentor/Consultant Services for the 2009-2010 School Year
APPROVED: 6-0-0
- 09-6-462 Award on Clean Air Bus Initiative
APPROVED: 6-0-0
- 09-6-463 Amendment to Board Report No. 08-11-176 Sylvan Learning Center
APPROVED: 6-0-0
- 09-6-464 Agreement with Fordham University RETC to Provide a Summer Enrichment Program for 100 Yonkers Students and Four Teachers in Technological Skills from June 2009 – December 2009
APPROVED: 6-0-0
- 09-6-465 Pass through Funds for Non-Public Schools from Title II Part A, Title II Part D, and title IV Services: Agreement with The Facilitator Center September 2008 – June 2009
APPROVED: 6-0-0
- 09-6-466 Purchase of HealthCenter21
APPROVED: 6-0-0
- 09-6-467 Discovery Education Streaming Online Subscription
APPROVED: 6-0-0
- 09-6-468 Mandarin Library Automation Renewal
APPROVED: 6-0-0
- 09-6-469 Verizon Maintenance Services
APPROVED: 6-0-0
- 09-6-470 WiseSoft Reading Intervention Online Software Renewal and New Subscriptions
APPROVED: 6-0-0

- 09-6-471 ConnectED Renewal for 2009-2010
APPROVED: 6-0-0
- 09-6-472 Amendment to Board Report 08-9-98 Computer Hardware Purchases for 2008-2009 School Year
APPROVED: 6-0-0
- 09-6-473 Connected Classrooms and Communities Project 2009/2010 Service
APPROVED: 6-0-0
- 09-6-474 Symantec Anti-Virus Software Subscription Renewal
APPROVED: 6-0-0
- 09-6-475 SurfControl Anti-Spam Software Renewal
APPROVED: 6-0-0
- 09-6-476 Websense Content Filtering
APPROVED: 6-0-0
- 09-6-477 SMART Rooms Equipment
APPROVED: 6-0-0
- 09-6-478 World Book Online Subscription Renewal
APPROVED: 6-0-0
- 09-6-479 Switched Wireless Networking
APPROVED: 6-0-0
- 09-6-480 Agreement with the SAS Institute, Inc. to Provide a Statistical Software Package
APPROVED: 6-0-0
- 09-6-481 To License Certify™ SR/SD Data Quality Software from Certica Solutions, Inc.
APPROVED: 6-0-0
- 09-6-482 Renewal Extension Agreement with eScholar LLC to Provide Hosting Services for a Yonkers Level 1 Data Warehouse
APPROVED: 6-0-0
- 09-6-483 Agreement with Scantron/Harland technology to Provide Scanner Hardware Maintenance and Service
APPROVED: 6-0-0
- 09-6-484 Hardware Support and Maintenance Agreement for IBM Mainframe and AS/400
APPROVED: 6-0-0

- 09-6-485 Renewal of Maintenance and Support for Decision Technology Software
APPROVED: 6-0-0
- 09-6-486 Maintenance and Support Services for Integral Payroll Software
APPROVED: 6-0-0
- 09-6-487 Renewal of Support and Maintenance for Advantage System Software
APPROVED: 6-0-0
- 09-6-488 Mainframe Outsourcing
APPROVED: 6-0-0
- 09-6-488A Renewal of System Software Support and Maintenance Service Agreement for IBM Mainframe and AS/400
APPROVED: 6-0-0
- 09-6-489 Renewal of SASIxp DI Maintenance and Support
APPROVED: 6-0-0
- 09-6-490 Student Management System – eSchool Plus
APPROVED: 6-0-0
- 09-6-491 Continuation of the Fulbright Association Greater New York Chapter, Sarah Lawrence College and the Yonkers Public Schools July 2009 – June 2010
APPROVED: 6-0-0
- 09-6-492 Agreement Renewal with DB Square Publications, Ltd.
APPROVED: 6-0-0
- 09-6-493 Amendments to 2008/2009 Cafeteria Awards
APPROVED: 6-0-0
- 09-6-494 Award on Fall Sports Supplies
APPROVED: 6-0-0
- 09-6-495 Award on Used Textbooks
APPROVED: 6-0-0
- 09-6-496 Award on Medical Supplies
APPROVED: 6-0-0
- 09-6-497 Award on Graphing, Scientific and TI-15 Explorer Calculators
APPROVED: 6-0-0

- 09-6-497A Extension to Award on Existing Xerox Contract No. XN-242-99
APPROVED: 6-0-0
- 09-6-498 Authorization or Re-Authorization for Capital Project
APPROVED: 6-0-0
- 09-6-499 First Change Order #1 to Window Repair Systems, Inc. Contract No. XP008-09 for the Maintenance and repair of Windows at Various Schools
APPROVED: 6-0-0
- 09-6-500 First Change Order to PCI, Inc., Contract No. XP04209, for the Exterior Concrete Stairs and Sidewalk Rehabilitation Work at Various Schools
APPROVED: 6-0-0
- 09-6-501 Security and Fire Alarm Monitoring and repair Services – Contract Extension
APPROVED: 6-0-0
- 09-6-502 Award of the Construction Contract for Roosevelt High School – Laboratory Classroom Renovation, Project No. OB11
APPROVED: 6-0-0
- 09-6-503 Renewal of Property Insurance Including Boiler, Machinery and terrorism Insurance Policy 2009-2010
APPROVED: 6-0-0
- 09-6-504 Liability Insurance, Employment Practices Liability and terrorism Insurance Coverage for 2009/2010
APPROVED: 6-0-0
- 09-6-505 Repair and Maintenance of Chiller, Rooftop and Split Air Conditioning Systems – Contract Extension
APPROVED: 6-0-0
- 09-6-506 Intercom and P.A. System Service and Maintenance – Contract Extension
APPROVED: 6-0-0
- 09-6-507 Clock System Service and Maintenance – Contract Extension
APPROVED: 6-0-0
- 09-6-508 Inspection and Servicing of Fire Extinguishers – Contract Extension
APPROVED: 6-0-0
- 09-6-509 Renewal of Auto and Excess Auto Insurance 2009-2010
APPROVED: 6-0-0

- 09-6-510 Student Accident Insurance Coverage for 2009/2010
APPROVED: 6-0-0
- 09-6-511 Building Envelope Restoration at the Rosemarie Ann Siragusa School 14
APPROVED: 6-0-0
- 09-6-512 Service and Repair Service of Oil Burners and Cleaning and Repair of Boilers
APPROVED: 6-0-0
- 09-6-513 Fire Alarm System Inspection, Service and Maintenance
APPROVED: 6-0-0
- 09-6-514 Award of the Construction Contract for Casimir Pulaski (Public School #26)
Removal/Replacement of Vinyl Asbestos Floor Tile
APPROVED: 6-0-0
- 09-6-515 Second Amendment to Savin Engineers, P.C. for Construction Management
Services CONTRACT XO089-7
APPROVED: 6-0-0
- 09-6-516 Extension of Transportation Contracts
APPROVED: 6-0-0
- 09-6-517 Addition to Repairs to Capital Improvements or Equipment Designated Fund
Balance in the Amount of \$3,000.000
APPROVED: 6-0-0
- 09-6-518 Addition to Technology Upgrade Designated Fund Balance in the Amount of
\$500,000
APPROVED: 6-0-0
- 09-6-519 Addition to Unemployment Insurance Payment Designated Fund Balance in the
Amount of \$100,000
APPROVED: 6-0-0
- 09-6-520 Creation of Other Postemployment Benefits (Other Than Pensions) Designated
Fund Balance in the Amount of \$500,000
APPROVED: 6-0-0
- 09-6-521 Contract with Auditing Firm of Bonadio Group to Perform Contract for
Excellence Audit and Additional Consulting Services
APPROVED: 6-0-0
- 09-6-522 Budget Transfers
APPROVED: 6-0-0

ADDENDUM

- 09-6-523 Abolition of Civil Service Positions
APPROVED: 6-0-0
- 09-6-524 New York State Civil Service Law Section 72
APPROVED: 6-0-0
- 09-6-525 To Change the Mandarin Library Automation System from a Decentralized to
Centralized Platform
PULLED
- 09-6-526 Award of the Construction Contract for Public School #21 Emergency Boiler
Replacement Project-Rejection of Bids
APPROVED: 6-0-0
- 09-6-527 2009 Summer Youth Employment Program
APPROVED: 6-0-0
- 09-6-528 Acceptance of Independent Auditor's Report on Agreed-Upon Procedures for the
Contract for Excellence for the Year Ended June 30, 2008 as Submitted by
Bonadio & Co., LLP
APPROVED: 6-0-0
- 09-6-529 M.E.P. Repairs & Renovation at Paideia School 15
APPROVED: 6-0-0

Adjournment: Ms. Martinez made a motion at 9:10 p.m. to go into Executive Session, seconded by Mr. Patel.

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

Jean Worley-McCord
Clerk to the Board of Education