

**Hicksville Exempted Village Schools
Regular Meeting of the Board of Education
October 22, 2007**

The Hicksville Exempted Village School Board of Education met in regular session on Monday, October 22, 2007 at 7:00 p.m. in the MS/HS Library Media Center. The meeting was opened by President, Dennis Stuckey, with the following Board members answering roll call: Mike Cleland, David Schooley, Bob Weatherhead, Karen Schmidt, and Dennis Stuckey.

Mike Cleland moved and Karen Schmidt seconded the motion to approve the following consent agenda:

1. Minutes from the regular meeting of September 26, 2007.
 2. Treasurer's Report
 - a. Cash Reconciliation as of September, 2007.
 - b. Financial Statements for September, 2007.
 3. Accept the following donations:
\$600.00 from Hicksville Athletic Boosters to Hicksville Varsity Cheerleaders
 4. Approve the Five Year Forecast
3. Consent Agenda - Superintendent
- a. Personnel:
 1. Employ Tim Shock as Assistant Jr. Hi. Boys Basketball Coach for the 07-08 school year.
 2. Approve the following volunteers for the 07-08 school year:

Jeff Haught - Boys Basketball
Pat Briskey - Jr. Hi. Boys Basketball
Eddie Tunis - Jr. Hi. Girls Basketball
 3. Approve the following as substitute teachers for the 07-08 school year:

Julie Mast - effective 10/1 Erin Countryman Thiel - effective
10/16
 4. Approve the following as a classified substitute for the 07-08 school year:

Chris (Dean) Yoder
 5. Approve the following as substitutes for the Extended Hours for the Library Media Center:

Janice Wesolowski \$21.75 per hr. Paula Scranton \$10.58 per hr.
 6. Approve the Elementary Fall Star Chaser Program teachers:

Sandi Brown Melissa Greer Deanna Wise

Substitutes: Connie Clinker, Melinda Trzynka, Lisa Slattery,
and Leslie Bunn

Funded by the Hicksville Elementary School PTO.
 7. Approve the following stipend for the 1-1 Laptop Team:

9 Teachers @ \$300.00 each:

Arlena Fleming Marilyn Leon
Paul Payne Jim Siler
Dave Blue Sharon Sweet
Kathy Laney Karlyn McPike
Donna Lysaght

Jeff Shaffer @ \$1,000.00

50% to be paid at the end of first semester
50% to be paid at the end of second semester

Funding from a grant from the Hicksville School Foundation

8. Approve the formation of an Elementary Art Club.

Roll Call: Ayes-Mike Cleland, Karen Schmidt, David Schooley, Bob Weatherhead, Dennis Stuckey.

Mike Cleland moved and David Schooley seconded the motion to approve the following:

WHEREAS, HB 315 as proposed by the General Assembly would increase the State Teachers Retirement System (STRS) contribution rate paid by employers and employees for retiree health care benefits by 5% (to be shared equally between employers and employees, at 2.5% each, phased-in over five years); and
WHEREAS, the Hicksville School Board of Education opposes HB315 and any such contribution rate increase; and
WHEREAS, school districts currently pay in excess of \$1.2 billion annually to STRS;
and
WHEREAS, this proposal would cost school districts hundreds of millions of dollars per year when fully implemented; and
WHEREAS, the additional cost of this proposal for the Hicksville School District would be \$98,946.96 and
WHEREAS, the amount equates to over two certified staff members; now
Therefore, be it
RESOLVED, that the Hicksville School Board of Education urges Representative Bruce Goodwin and State Senator Steve Buehrer to oppose HB 315; and be it further
RESOLVED, that STRS examine its health care benefits carefully and live within its means rather than seek higher levels of funding from school districts; and be it further
RESOLVED, that other retirement systems are looking at fundamental changes like requiring members to work longer or later in life - recognizing demographic trends like life expectancy and people staying in the work force longer; and be it finally
RESOLVED, that STRS explore modifications to its benefit levels, eligibility and deductibles instead of asking school districts, already struggling under many financial constraints, to provide additional funding for retiree health care.

Roll Call: Ayes-Mike Cleland, Karen Schmidt, David Schooley, Bob Weatherhead, Dennis Stuckey.

Karen Schmidt moved and Bob Weatherhead seconded the motion to approve the following resolution:

The members of the Hicksville Exempted Village Schools hereby pass this resolution in support of the .85 mill replacement levy for Good Samaritan Schools that will appear on the November 6th ballot. As a school district, Hicksville Schools benefits from this levy given that we have children and adults, living in our district, who receive services provided by Good Samaritan. The replacement levy is needed to help insure that the programs now provided by Good Samaritan can continue.

Roll Call: Ayes-Mike Cleland, Karen Schmidt, David Schooley, Bob Weatherhead, Dennis Stuckey.

David Schooley moved and Bob Weatherhead seconded the motion to extend heartfelt appreciation to the many individuals and businesses who contributed in some way to the construction of the Hicksville's new press box at the football field, most specifically to Mr. Jack Shock, who spearheaded the planning for, funding of, and construction of the new press box.

Roll Call: Ayes-Mike Cleland, Karen Schmidt, David Schooley, Bob Weatherhead, Dennis Stuckey.

At 8:40 p.m., Dennis Stuckey moved and Mike Cleland seconded the motion to hold an executive session to consider the following matters:

1. the appointment, employment, dismissal, discipline, demotion, or compensation of a public employee or official, or issuing suspension, or termination of a license, or the investigation of charges or complaints against a public employee, official licensee, or regulated individual unless the public employee, official, licensee, or regulated individual requests a public hearing, and;
2. the purchase of property for public purposes, or for the sale of property at competitive bidding, if premature disclosure or information would give an unfair competitive or bargaining advantages to a person whose personal, private interest is adverse to the general public interest.

Roll Call: Ayes-Mike Cleland, Karen Schmidt, Bob Weatherhead, Dennis Stuckey.
Nay- David Schooley.

At 9:50 p.m., the board returned to regular session

Upon motion properly moved, the meeting adjourned. The next regular meeting will be held on Monday, November 26, 2007, 7:00 p.m.

President

Treasurer

