

# **AGENDA**

## **SPRINGS UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT**

**Board of Education  
October 17, 2011**

**Monthly Meeting  
School Gymnasium**

### **Board Minutes**

**The meeting was called to order at 6:37 p.m. There were 26 present in the audience including two members of the press.**

**The Board members in attendance were as follows:**

**President, Kathee Burke Gonzalez; Vice President, John Grant; Teresa Schurr, Elizabeth Mendelman, Timothy Frazier, Michael Hartner; Superintendent, Colleen Card; Treasurer, Eric Casale; Principal, and Frances Silipo, District Clerk**

**A motion was made by John Grant, seconded by Kathee Burke Gonzalez and the Board unanimously approved the following resolution:**

**Be it resolved that the Board of Education hereby approves the minutes from its meetings of September 12 and October 13, 2011.**

**A motion was made by Kathee Burke Gonzalez, seconded by Teresa Schurr and the Board of Education unanimously approved the following resolution:**

**Be it resolved that the Board of Education hereby approves the Treasurer's Report dated October 2011, as filed in the Office of the District Clerk in two documents: "Treasurer's Report, 10-11," and "Financial Reports, 6-11 through 9-11."**

**A motion was made by Teresa Schurr, seconded by Elizabeth Mendelman and the Board of Education unanimously approved the following resolution:**

**Be it resolved that the Board of Education hereby approves budget transfer #3 for the 2011-12 school year, and budget transfer #15 for the 2010-11 year, appearing in the Treasurer's Report dated October 2011, as filed in the Office of the District Clerk.**

**A motion was made by Elizabeth Mendelman, seconded by Timothy Frazier and the Board of Education unanimously approved the following resolution:**

**Be it resolved that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education hereby appoints Frederick Feldmann, possessing New York State Initial Certification in Mathematics (Grades 7-12), as a leave replacement for Ms. Leah Amicucci, effective October 14, 2011, through January 27, 2012, at Step 1, BA, of the Springs Teachers Association (STA) Collective Bargaining Agreement, for a prorated annual salary of \$46,284, subject to adjustment, if any, upon ratification of an agreement succeeding the STA 2005-10 collectively bargained agreement.**

**A motion was made by Timothy Frazier, seconded by John Grant and the Board of Education unanimously approved the following resolution:**

**Be it resolved that upon recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education hereby appoints Annabelle Spear as an hourly Clerical Assistant, at the rate of \$15.00 per hour, for a maximum of ten hours per week, effective October 18, 2011, through June 30, 2012, unless sooner discontinued.**

**A motion was made by John Grant, seconded by Kathee Burke Gonzalez and the Board of Education unanimously approved the following resolution:**

**Be it resolved that the Board of Education hereby corrects an error in the salary step placement of Therese Allam, part-time (0.6 FTE) school social worker, for the 2011-12 school year, from Step 11, MA-45 on the Springs Teachers Association (STA) collectively bargained salary schedule, to Step 12, MA-45, for a pro-rated annual salary of \$55,955 (0.6 of \$93,259 = \$55,955), subject to adjustment, if any, upon ratification of an agreement succeeding the STA 2005-10 collectively bargained agreement.**

**A motion was made by Kathee Burke Gonzalez, seconded by Teresa Schurr and the Board of Education unanimously approved the following resolution:**

**Be it resolved that the Board of Education hereby approves the recommendations of the Committee on Special Education, dated October 17, 2011, as filed in the Office of the District Clerk.**

**A motion was made by Teresa Schurr, seconded by Elizabeth Mendelman and the Board of Education unanimously approved the following resolution:**

**Be it resolved that upon recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education hereby authorizes the Board President to execute a first amendment to the employment agreement of Daniel Newman, Head Custodian, as filed in the Office of the District Clerk, dated October 17, 2011, at an annual salary of \$64,890, prorated for the 2011-12 year, effective October 25, 2011.**

**VA – 9            Be it resolved that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education hereby approves the substitute list dated October 17, 2011, on file in the Office of the District Clerk.**

**VA – 10          Be it resolved that the Board of Education hereby approves the below-listed appointments to stipended positions for the 2011-12 school year, unless sooner discontinued. Compensation rates for members of the Springs Teachers Association bargaining unit are subject to**

**adjustment, if any, upon ratification of an agreement succeeding the STA 2005-10 collectively bargained agreement.**

		NON			11-12
ACTIVITY	TEACHER	TEACHER	Yr	Lev	\$RATE
Advisor-8th Grade	Robert Walker		1	2	\$2,777
Journalism Club	Mary Jane Arceri		11	1	\$2,314
Journalism Coordinator	Sue Ellen O'Connor		9	2	\$3,471
Mentor Coordinator	Ilaine Bickley		8	2	\$3,471
Mentor Coordinator	Lisa Dragone		8	2	\$3,471
Opera Director (.5)		Lisa Weston	1	2	\$1,000
Opera Director (.5)		Kate Rabinowitz	1	2	\$1,000
Retreat Coordinator, 8 <sup>th</sup> Grade	Stacy McCally		NA	NA	500.00
Science Olympiad Coach	TBD			3	
Science Olympiad Coach	TBD			3	
Science Olympiad Coordinator	TBD			1	
Springs Idol	TBD			1	

**VA – 11 Be it resolved that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education hereby appoints the following individuals to the extra-curricular coaching assignments indicated below, for the early winter season, unless sooner discontinued. Compensation rates are subject to adjustment, if any, upon ratification of an agreement succeeding the STA 2005-10 collectively bargained agreement.**

ACTIVITY	TEACHER	NON-TEACHER	DURATION	YRS	LEV	11-12 RATE
Interscholastic Girls' Volleyball	Nancy Olson		2011 Early Winter Season	17	3	5,323
Interscholastic Boys' Basketball	John Foster		2011 Early Winter Season	4	3	4,628

**VA – 12 Be it resolved that the Board of Education hereby accepts the resignation of Kristen Heine-Churchill from the position of Extended School Day Provider for the 2011-12 year.**

**VA – 13 Be it resolved that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education approves the appointment of the individuals listed below as Extended School Day Providers for the period of October 11, 2011 through August 31, 2012, unless sooner discontinued.**

Name	Hourly Rate
Paul, Hilary	\$40.00/hour
Furey, Pamela	\$40.00/hour

- VA – 14** Be it resolved that the Board of Education hereby authorizes the Board President and Superintendent to execute a Memorandum of Agreement with the Springs Teachers Association, as filed in the Office of the District, dated October 2011, concerning sick bank use, and the sick accruals of the employee whose identification number is 1409.
- VA – 15** Be it resolved that the Board of Education hereby authorizes the Board President and Superintendent to execute a Memorandum of Agreement with the Springs Teachers Association, as filed in the Office of the District, dated September 2011, concerning the workday schedule of the employee whose identification number is 1173.
- VA – 16** Be it resolved that the Board of Education hereby accepts the Claims Auditor’s reports for the period ending July 31, 2011, and the period ending August 31, 2011, as filed in the Office of the District Clerk.
- VA – 17** Be it resolved that the Board of Education hereby accepts the following reports which have been submitted by the District’s External Auditors, R.S. Abrams & Co. LLP, along with the District’s response to these reports:
1. Financial Statements and Supplementary Schedules, dated June 30, 2011, with the Independent Auditors’ Reports, dated October 11, 2011, as filed in the Office of the District Clerk;
  2. Extra-classroom Activity Funds Financial Statement, dated June 30, 2011, with the Independent Auditors’ Report, dated October 11, 2011, as filed in the Office of the District Clerk;
  3. Statement on Auditing Standards letter, dated October 11, 2011; as filed in the Office of the District Clerk;
  4. Management letter dated October 11, 2011, as filed in the Office of the District Clerk; and
  5. School District’s response to Management letter, dated October 17, 2011, as filed in the Office of the District Clerk.
- VA – 18** Be it resolved that the Board of Education hereby approves for surplus the list of equipment appearing in the Treasurers Report dated October 17, 2011, as filed in the Office of the District Clerk.
- VA – 19** Be it resolved that the Board of Education hereby accepts the assessed valuation of \$25,271,273, as received from the Office of the Town Assessor, to establish the tax levy for the 2011-12 school year; and
- Be it further resolved that the tax levy for school purposes for the 2011-12 year will be established at \$21,790,000, which is equal to a tax rate of \$86.20 per \$100 of assessed valuation, representing a 10.47% increase on the original budget, and a 5.77% increase on the adjusted budget for the 2010-11 year.

**NOTE:** Any documents referenced in the above resolutions that are subject to the Freedom of Information Law will be available from the District Clerk upon request any time after 10:00 a.m. of the day following the Board meeting.