MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
HELD ON WEDNESDAY, MARCH 14, 2012

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of the School District of the City of Hamtramck, Wayne County, Michigan, was held on Wednesday, March 14, 2012 at 6:00 p.m. in the Administration Building, 3201 Roosevelt, Hamtramck, MI 48212.

The meeting was called to order by President Zwolak at 6:10 p.m.

Present: Members Zwolak, Myrick, Shulgon, Walters, Hussain and Srodek

Absent: Member Borushko
ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA

Motion by Member  Myrick  
Seconded by Member Shulgon

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education accepts and approves the Agenda, with any additions and deletions.

Ayes:  Members Zwolak, Myrick, Shulgon, Walters, Hussain and Srodek

Nays:  None

Absent:  Member Borushko

MOTION CARRIED.
CORRESPONDENCE

(All correspondence was read by Ms. Shulgon)

Letter from Sandra Suwalkowski dated January 31, 2012

Letter from LaDawn Jakubowski dated February 9, 2012

Letter from JoAnn Rogowski dated February 22, 2012

Letter from Joanne Malczewski dated February 22, 2012

Letter from Mary Stecko dated February 24, 2012

Letter from Cathy Tomaszewski dated March 3, 2012

Letter from Joan Borushko dated March 1, 2012

BOARD MEMBER DISCUSSION
CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Member Walters
Seconded by Member Shulgon

RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that the Board of Education approves the following items under the Consent Agenda:

a. Approval of Minutes from:
   1. February 8, 2012 Regular Meeting
   2. February 23, 2012 Work Study Session

b. Approval of Employment – Employment of the following individuals as Substitute Secretaries for the District, $8.50 per hour, maximum of 35 hours per week:
   1. Susan Gasiewski, resident of Fraser, MI
   2. Ebtisam Obeid, resident of Hamtramck, MI
   3. Fatima Ahad, resident of Hamtramck, MI

c. Removed from Consent Agenda
d. Approval of Employment – Employment of Steven Bozek, resident of Detroit, as a Sub Bus Driver for the District, $12.00 per hour, maximum of 35 hours per week, effective March 15, 2012.
e. Acceptance of Resignation – Resignation of Sandra Suwalkowski, substitute custodian for Hamtramck Public Schools, effective February 10, 2012.
g. Acceptance of Retirement – Retirement of Joanne Rogowski, Teacher at Dickinson East Elementary, effective at the end of the 2011-2012 school year.
h. Acceptance of Retirement – Retirement of Mary Stecko, Teacher at Dickinson East Elementary, effective June 8, 2012

k. Remove from Employment – Remove Emanuel Betancourt, Substitute Custodian, from employment – employee will not be working for Hamtramck Public Schools due to other employment.

l. Approval of Payment – Payment in the amount of $14,125.00 to Detroit Cab Company for the transportation of Special Education Students for the month of January 2012.
Ayes: Members Zwolak, Myrick, Shulgon, Walters, Hussain and Srodek

Nays: None

Absent: Member Borushko

MOTION CARRIED.
INFORMATION/ACTION ITEMS

Reports by the Superintendent of Schools:

Lopez Davis, student at HHS gave a brief overview of his Black History Month presentation for which he won a laptop, monetary prizes, etc.

Ms. Karolina Rejniak, also a student at HHS briefly explained her appointment as a State DECA officer. Holding this office will allow Karolina to experience many different things as she gets to travel to various states!

Abraham Aiyash gave a presentation on the Recycling Movement at HHS. This is completely student led and is quickly becoming a huge success. It is hoped that the program can eventually make its way into the other schools.

The students also addressed Instant Recess and the Health Hike. These are two great initiatives that get students, staff, etc up and moving. Getting more people involved in exercising is their goal.

Tharima Ahmed, Eman Ashabi and Michelle Edwards spoke about the Princess Project. This is a project that will help offer an “all girls’ prom” for the female high school students.

Mr. Niczay and Ms. Lynem spoke about the American Express Commercial Account program. This is a “company credit card” program that can provide quick access to funds as well as provide some rebates based on use.

Ms. Charns gave a brief report on the proposed summer school programs for the elementary and middle schools. Surveys were conducted to determine needs and wants of parents, staff and students.

Ms. Westrate and Mr. Cartwright reported on the proposed summer school program for the High School. This is a fee based program and will be held as enrollment allows.

OLD BUSINESS

Ms. Zwolak informed everyone that the Board will start using the Audience Participation form for Board meetings starting in April. This will help make sure speakers are properly identified.
ACTION ITEMS

General Fund
Board Report
March 14, 2012

Attached hereto is a listing of invoices and checks now due for supplies, materials, equipment or services delivered or rendered to the School District. These invoices and checks represent purchases made or services ordered upon approved resolutions of the Board of Education for the current fiscal year. Where required or when possible, competitive prices have been obtained prior to placing orders, and where quality specifications permitted, purchases were made or services obtained at the lowest price quoted.

Invoices examined and recommended for approval by the Board of Education.

Thomas Niczay
Superintendent of Schools

APPROVAL OF INVOICES AND CHECK REGISTER

Motion by Member Myrick
Seconded by Member Srodek

RESOLVED, that the Check Register for the period February 9, 2012 through March 14, 2012 as enclosed, be approved.

Ayes: Members Zwolak, Myrick, Shulgon, Walters, Hussain and Srodek

Nays: None

Absent: Member Borushko

MOTION CARRIED.
RESCHEDULING OF APRIL MEETING

Motion by Member Walters
Seconded by Member Shulgon

RESOLVED, that due to Spring Break, the Regular Meeting of the Board for the month of April will be held on Wednesday, April 18, 2012 at 6:00 p.m.

Ayes: Members Zwolak, Myrick, Shulgon, Walters, Hussain and Srodek
Nays: None
Absent: Member Borushko

MOTION CARRIED.

SCHOOLS OF CHOICE OPTIONS

Motion by Member Walters
Seconded by Member Shulgon

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education does hereby direct Administration to implement School of Choice options 105 (within county) and 105 (c) (out of county) for grades K-12 during the 2012-2013 school year, following the timelines below:

Applications will be accepted may 1, 2012 through:
2. 1-6 – Unlimited, ending August 29, 2012
3. 7-8 – Unlimited, ending August 29, 2012
4. 9-12, HHS – Unlimited, ending August 24, 2012
5. 9-12, Horizon – Unlimited, ending August 29, 2012

Ayes: Members Zwolak, Myrick, Shulgon, Walters, Hussain and Srodek
Nays: None
Absent: Member Borushko

MOTION CARRIED.
APPROVAL OF CONTRACT WITH PESG

Motion by Member Walters
Seconded by Member Shulgon

RESOLVED, that the Hamtramck Board of Education does hereby approve the contract with PESG for the contracting of cafeteria and bus aide positions.

Ayes: Members Zwolak, Myrick, Shulgon, Walters, Hussain and Srodek
Nays: None
Absent: Member Borushko

MOTION CARRIED.

APPROVAL OF EMPLOYMENT

Motion by Member Myrick
Seconded by Member Waters

Resolved, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education does hereby approve Stefan Pitcoff as the Title I Grant Data Specialist effective March 12, 2012 through June 30, 2013. The 2011-2012 annual compensation for this fifty two week (52) position will be $68,600 less 6 furlough days computed at the daily rate. Prorated compensation effective 3-12-12 through 6-3012 will be $20,501.52 which includes the deduction of two (2) furlough days. For the 2012-2013 school year compensation will be $67,228.00 In addition 6 furlough days will be taken. Total salary for 2012-2013 will be $65,676.58. The District will pay 80% of the health insurance premium including 80% of the dental and vision plans. The employee will pay the remaining 20%.

Ayes: Members Zwolak, Myrick, Walters, Hussain and Srodek
Nays: Member Shulgon
Absent: Member Borushko

MOTION CARRIED.
APPROVAL TO PARTICIPATE IN THE AMERICAN EXPRESS COMMERCIAL ACCOUNT PROGRAM

Motion by Member Myrick
Seconded by Member Shulgon

RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Hamtramck Board of Education does hereby approve the Interim Director of Finance to enter into an agreement to participate in the American Express Commercial Account Program.

Ayes: Members Zwolak, Myrick, Shulgon, Walters, and Srodek
Nays: None
Absent: Member Borushko
Abstain: Member Hussain

MOTION CARRIED.

APPROVAL OF SUMMER SCHOOL PROGRAM

Motion by Member Walters
Seconded by Member Shulgon

RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education does authorize the following summer programs:

- Kindergarten-Literacy Camp-June 11 through July 3, 2012
- Grades 1 & 2 –English Learner Camps-June 13 through July 6, 2012
- Grades 3-8-academic focus in reading, math, writing, social studies, and science-June 13 through July 6, 2012

Ayes: Members Zwolak, Myrick, Shulgon, Walters, Hussain and Srodek
Nays: None
Absent: Member Borushko

MOTION CARRIED.
APPROVAL OF SUMMER SCHOOL PROGRAM

Motion by Member Myrick
Seconded by Member Walters

RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Hamtramck Board of Education does hereby approve a Summer School Program for Hamtramck High School students as follows:

Dates: June 18 through July 18, 2012 Monday through Thursday
Time: 8 a.m. – 12 noon
Fee: $85 per course

Classes will be taught using E2020- (computer based learning) all subjects will be available (35 spaces open).

If there is a need and the number will support it, classes will be taught in the traditional paper pencil book format.

A minimum of (18 students) are needed to support the class financially.

Students will be enrolled on a first come first serve basis. All fees are due before summer school starts.

We will be sending a pre-summer school interest survey out with progress reports. This will allow us to have an idea for staffing needs.

Ayes: Members Zwolak, Myrick, Shulgon, Walters, Hussain and Srodek

Nays: None

Absent: Member Borushko

MOTION CARRIED.
AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

Mr. Rostek thanked Board Member Borushko for her many years of dedicated service to the District. Mr. Niczay informed everyone that she would be properly recognized at the April meeting.

Ms. Michelle Cook addressed the Audience Participation form. She feels that using the form will prohibit certain people from being allowed to address the Board. Ms. Zwolak assured her that no one will be prevented from speaking during the Audience Participation portion of the meeting. The form will be used to properly identify speakers.

Ms. Myrick congratulated all the schools on their reading programs that were held during the month of March.
CLOSED SESSION

Motion by Member Walters
Seconded by Member Shulgon

RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that the Board of Education go into Closed Session for discussion of the following items:

PURPOSE: Disciplinary Hearing of Student #70014518

Ayes: Members Zwolak, Myrick, Shulgon, Walters, Hussain and Srodek
Nays: None
Absent: Member Borushko

MOTION CARRIED.

The meeting went into Closed Session at 8:25 after a 10 minute recess

OPEN SESSION

Motion by Member Walters
Seconded by Member Srodek

RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that the Board of Education resumes in Open Session.

Ayes: Members Zwolak, Myrick, Shulgon, Walters, Hussain and Srodek
Nays: None
Absent: Member Borushko

MOTION CARRIED.

The meeting resumed in Open Session at 8:32 p.m.
LONG TERM SUSPENSION OF STUDENT #70014518

Motion by Member Walters
Seconded by Member Shulgon

RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education does hereby suspend Student #70014518 for a period of 45 days.

Ayes: Members Zwolak, Myrick, Shulgon, Walters, Hussain and Srodek

Nays: None

Absent: Member Borushko

MOTION CARRIED.
ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Member Walters
Seconded by Member Srodek

RESOLVED, that the Meeting be adjourned.

Ayes: Members Zwolak, Myrick, Shulgon, Walters, Hussain and Srodek
Nays: None
Absent: Member Borushko

MOTION CARRIED.

The meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Hedy Shulgon, Secretary

Approved by: _______________________

Elizabeth A. Zwolak, President