

**Call to Order** at 7:05 p.m.

**Pledge of Allegiance** was done by Mr. Sutton, President

**Emergency Exit Review** was done by Mr. Sutton, President

**Board Members Present** were Mr. R. Ferrannini, Mrs. L. Gormley, Mr. J. Helft, Mr. D. Skott, Mrs. B. Stacy, Mr. D. Sutton and Mr. D. Wilwol. Also present was Ms. P. Cottrell, District Clerk, Mr. K. Facin, Superintendent of Schools, Mrs. P. Hatfield, School Business Admin, Mr. P. Dailey, K-6 Principal and Mrs. S. Vadney, 7-12 Principal.  
Absent was Mrs. K. Philpott, Director of Spec Ed.

**Board Presentations:**

1. Principal's List Student Recognition: Presenters Stacy Vadney and John Helft
  - Mrs. Vadney explained that these students obtained a 95 or higher average during the 1<sup>st</sup> marking period and that they were being honored as our academic leaders.
2. Drama Scholar: Presenters Stacy Vadney, Robert Allen and John Helft
  - Mrs. Vadney explained that these students obtained a 90 or higher average while participating in drama during the 1<sup>st</sup> marking period.
3. Scholar Athlete: Presenters Stacy Vadney, Mike Lilac and John Helft
  - Mrs. Vadney explained that these students obtained a 90 or higher average while participating in a varsity sport during the 1<sup>st</sup> marking period. This year all 6 fall sportsteams had scholar athletes.
4. Scholar Teams: Presenters Stacy Vadney, Mike Lilac and John Helft
  - Mrs. Vadney explained that these teams had a minimum number of student athletes obtain an accumulative average of 85 or higher. This year there were 4 fall sports teams that earned the distinction of being a Scholar Team; football, field hockey, girls soccer and boys soccer.
  - Also recognized were the "Highest Individual Student Average" for their team:
    - Mike Brewster for football
    - Samantha Skott for field hockey
    - Tiffany St. Hilaire for cheerleading
    - James Lynch for golf
    - Mary Peters for girls soccer
    - Evan Phillips for boys soccer
  - Mr. Facin announced that following the presentations, there was going to be an "Ice Cream Social" for students and parents in the elementary cafeteria.
  - Mr. Helft commended the student athletes and drama students for being academic leaders and for being the model for which all students should strive to attain. He also thanked the parents for being in attendance and for valuing the education process at HFCS.
5. Ms. Ferrannini & Mr. Phil Leonard: 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary HFCS Calendar Presentation
  - Ms. Ferrannini provided a power point presentation reflecting the HFCS "Old School" and the "New School" calendar celebrating 50 years of "Excellence". Ms. Ferrannini dedicated this calendar to retired superintendent Phi Leonard.

**Public Comment Session:** Started at 7:45 pm and Ended at 7:45 pm

- None

**Board President's Report:**

1. Mr. Sutton commented on the wonderful musical experience that our students and their teacher, Ambigay Yudkoff had performing at Carnegie Hall in NYC. Mr. Sutton stated that the students and teacher performance made all of us at HFCSD proud. He also stated that he had the privilege of joining the choir on stage at the school one week later at our Winter Concert.
2. Mr. Sutton wished everyone, both young and old, to drive safely during the holidays.

**Board Forum:** This is an opportunity for Board Members to ask clarifying questions and discuss issues. None

**Approval of Minutes:**

1. A motion was made by Mrs. Gormley seconded by Mr. Skott to approve the Board Minutes for November 18, 2010 regular meeting.  
Vote: 6 ayes 0 nays 1 abstain (Mrs. Stacy); motion carried.

**Superintendent's Report:**

1. There was a "Moment of Silence" for retired teacher Larry Hager.
2. On Friday, December 17, 2010, there was a field trip to the Berle Farm's Open House on solar systems. Senior Government and Environmental Studies students attended the Open House which included speeches by Assemblyman Tony Jordan and Congressman Chris Gibson.
3. We are preparing a district newsletter which will highlight the completion of the 8.3 million dollar Capital Project, HFCSD's "50<sup>th</sup>" anniversary of the route 22 campus and our student's academic, arts and athletic success over the past 3 years.
4. Budget Cycle – NYS Senate stimulus money will be applied to the 2011-2012 budget.  
- Mr. Helft asked if there was any news on the 700 million dollar "Race-To-The-Top" money of which our share is \$52,000 (over 4 years). Mr. Facin stated that we are implementing the RTTT initiatives already.
5. Mr. Facin stated that the district will begin working with the HFTA on developing a new teacher evaluation instrument.

**School Business Administrator's Report:**

1. State Aid output reports are now available and we are receiving close to what we expected, an estimated \$10 million.
2. The maintenance department is ready for snow removal and Mr. Baker has been monitoring fuel prices and ordering when the time is right.
3. The cafeteria lunches have been well received by the students with the more selections available. This has resulted in more student lunches being purchased.

**Administrator's Report:**

- Special Education: see written report
- K-6 Elementary School: see written report
- 7-12 Secondary School: see written report

**Committees:**

- a. Facilities / Green: D. Sutton, Chair (rotating members)  
Jan. 12, 2011 @ 6:00 PM (Dave, Dwain, Don)
  - The new sign is up and running, the second audit on the lighting is being done, the supplemental drainage on the field hockey field will be completed and the gravel sections along the sidewalks is complete.
- b. Negotiations: Mr. Sutton:
  - HFTA discussion is ongoing at this time with no agreement, but we working towards that end.
- c. Academic Review: J. Helft, Chair (rotating members)  
Jan. 20, 2011 @ 6:00 PM (John, Laurie, Dwain)
  - The BOE Goal of 90% participation in extra-curricular activities was reviewed by the principals. Clubs are mandated to have officers which give them responsibilities.
- d. Audit: L. Gormley, Chair; D. Sutton, J. Helft
  - none
- e. Policy: L. Gormley, Chair; R. Ferrannini, B. Stacy  
Jan. 5, 2011 @ 6:00 PM
  - Mrs. Gormley stated that we are working on another set of policies that will be ready for a first reading of the entire BOE at our next meeting. We will have a second reading tonight and a first reading tonight.

**PTA:** Jan. 19, 2011 @ 6:30 PM

1. Meeting held 12/15 without a quorum with no actions taken. Many items were discussed by those in attendance in regard to fundraising ideas.

**HFTA Report** by Ms. Amy Ferrullo

- Thank you to the board and administration for your support and hard work

**Old Board Actions:** None

**Board Correspondence:** None

**New Board Actions:**

**A. Leaves / Resignations:**

1. A motion was made by Mrs. Stacy seconded by Mr. Wilwol to approve the Leave of Absence for Ann-Marie Glover, Teacher of Elementary Education effective on or about April 19, 2011 through on or about May 31, 2011.  
Vote: 7 ayes 0 naves; motion carried.

**B. Appointments:**

The use of a consent agenda permits the Board of Education to make more effective use of its time by adopting a single motion to cover those relatively routine matters which are included. Any member of the Board who wishes to discuss a particular piece of business on the consent agenda may request that item to be transferred to the regular agenda for consideration and a separate vote.

- A motion was made by Mrs. Gormley seconded by Mr. Wilwol to approve by Consent Vote, items #1 through #11.

Vote: 7 ayes 0 nays; motion carried.

1. to approve the following Mentor / Mentee for the 2010-2011 school year per MOA

<u>Mentor</u>	<u>Mentee</u>
Margaret Stevens	Laura Edick (effective Nov 23, 2010)

2. to approve the following Appointment for the 2010-2011 school year:

Director of Audio Visual (effective Nov. 23, 2010)  
Terri Burdick

Tutors

Medical	Josh Meyer (effective 11-9-10) Mark Marquart (effective 12-7-10)
Discipline	Josh Meyer (effective 11-9-10) Mark Marquart (effective 12-7-10)

3. to approve the following Volunteers for the 2010-2011 school year.

Ken Stevens	Basketball
Hutton Rasmus	Weight Room
David Sutton	Wrestling

4. to approve the Appointment of Gemma Divine as a Non-Certified Substitute Teacher with a BA degree at a rate of \$70 per day effective December 2, 2010. Ms. Divine has been cleared by NYSED.
5. to approve the Appointment of Nicole Gregory as a Non-Certified Substitute Teacher without a BA degree at a rate of \$60 per day effective December 17, 2010. Ms. Gregory has been cleared by NYSED.
6. to approve the Appointment of Carol Patire as a Non-Certified Substitute Teacher without a BA degree at a rate of \$60 per day, substitute Teacher Aide and substitute food service helper, effective December 2, 2010 contingent upon being cleared by NYSED.
7. to approve the Appointment of Bonnie Vitro as 6.5 hours per day teaching assistant, effective November 22, 2010. Mrs. Vitro is returning from the preferred eligibility list and should be placed on step 12.
8. to approve the Appointment of Steve Keena as the Business Club Advisor effective December 17, 2010.
9. to approve the reduction in assignment for Molly LaBonte from 3.75 hours per day food service helper and 0.5 hours per day school bus attendant to 3.75 hours per day food service helper, effective December 7, 2010.
10. to approve the increase in assignment for Deborah Kapron from 3.5 hours per day food service helper to 3.5 hours per day food service helper and 0.5 hours per day school bus attendant, effective December 10, 2010.
11. to approve the Appointment of Emily K. Wilwol as a Non-Certified Substitute Teacher without a BA degree at a rate of \$60 per day and as a substitute Teacher Aide effective December 17, 2010 contingent upon being cleared by NYSED.

### C. Miscellaneous:

1. A motion was made by Mrs. Gormley seconded by Mr. Wilwol to approve the 2<sup>nd</sup> and Final Reading on the following policies:

(1<sup>st</sup> reading was approved at the Nov. 18, 2010 boe meeting)

5000	Student Policies Goals
5020.3	Rights of Students with Disabilities Under Section 504
5030	Student Complains and Grievances
5100	Attendance
5130	Compulsory Attendance Ages
5130-E	Compulsory Attendance Exhibit
5150	School Admissions
5151	Homeless Children
5151-R	Homeless Children Regulation
5152	Admission of Non-Resident Students
5162	Student Dismissal Precautions
5162-R	Student Dismissal Precautions Regulation
5210	Student Organizations
5220	School-Sponsored Student Expression

Vote: 7 ayes 0 naves; motion carried.

2. A motion was made by Mr. Helft seconded by Mr. Wilwol to Excess the following equipment:

Paper compacter G&G serial #00636  
Sewing Machines New Home  
serial # 130123139  
410103111  
410103113  
620113371  
020110787  
108011087

RCA TV serial #431230148  
Buhl Overhead serial #062467  
Eiki Overhead serial #1099033  
3M Overhead serial #1714318  
Apollo Horizon Overhead serial #010804256  
Apollo Horizon Overhead serial #114488  
Eiki Overhead serial #1099003  
Minolta VHS Camera serial #90136151  
Panasonic Palmcorder PV-A207D

Vote: 7 ayes 0 naves; motion carried.

3. A motion was made by Mr. Wilwol seconded by Mr. Helft to approve the “Walk-The-Halls” on Monday and Thursdays from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM following the regular school calendar starting December 1, 2010 and ending April 30, 2010.

Vote: 7 ayes 0 naves; motion carried.

4. A motion was made by Mrs. Gormley seconded by Mr. Helft to approve the 1<sup>st</sup> reading on Policy #8332 “Cell Phone Stipend for District Use of Employee Cell Phone”.

Vote: 7 ayes 0 naves; motion carried.

- Mr. Sutton asked if this was for safety reasons and Mr. Facin stated that several personnel need to be connected to the school 24/7.
- Mr. Ferrannini asked how many employees this would affect and Mr. Facin answered that it would be for himself, Mrs. Vadney, Mr. Dailey, Mrs. Hatfield, Mr. Baker, Mr. Breese and Mr. Weeden.

- Mr. Helft commented that the stipend of \$100 per month was excessive, individual should have the data plan or family plan, which does not cost that much and only a limited number of individuals required a data plan.
- Mrs. Gormley recommended bringing this back to the Policy Committee on January 5, 2011 and that recommendations should be directed to her prior to that date.

**CSE Recommendations:**

A motion was made by Mr. Helft seconded by Mrs. Stacy to have the Board of Education approve the appropriate special education programs and services to be provided to students with disabilities as recommended by the Committee on Special Education.

Vote: 7 ayes 0 nays; motion carried.

**Subsequent Meeting Dates:**

- The Board of Education will hold the Regular Meeting on January 20, 2011 @ 7:00 PM in the high school library.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Public Comment Session:** Started at 9:05 pm and Ended at 9:05 pm.

- None

**Board Forum:** This is an opportunity for Board members to ask clarifying questions.

- None

**Executive Session:** A motion was made by Mr. Helft seconded Mr. Wilwol to go into Executive Session at 9:06 pm for reason to discuss personnel issues and contract negotiations.

Vote: 7 ayes 0 nays; motion carried.

\* There will be no board actions following this executive session.

A motion was made by Mr. Helft seconded by Mrs. Stacy to return to Regular Session at 10:14 pm.

Vote: 7 ayes 0 nays; motion carried.

**Adjournment:** A motion was made by Mr. Helft seconded by Mr. Wilwol to Adjourn the meeting at 10:14 pm.

Vote: 7 ayes 0 nays; motion carried.