

APPROVED MINUTES

HARBORFIELDS CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT GREENLAWN, NEW YORK 11740

Kind of Meeting	-	Regular Meeting
Date of Meeting	-	January 16, 2008
Place of Meeting	-	OMS Auditorium
Board Members Present	-	Mr. Brennan, Mr. Mastroianni, Mrs. Boba, Dr. Chen, Mr. Giuliano, Mr. Schoer, Mr. Toles
Board Members Absent	-	None
Others Present	-	Dr. Wilson, Ms. Todaro, Mr. Nimmo, Mr. Hartner, Mrs. Kelly, Mr. Kelly, Ms. Tuzzi, Ms. DeVivio, Mr. Gellert, Mr. Cacciola, Students, and Community Members

Mr. Brennan called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

District Clerk Pro-Tem

Upon motion duly made by Mr. Schoer, seconded by Mr. Mastroianni, and carried (4-0), Diana Todaro was appointed District Clerk Pro-Tem for Executive Session of this meeting.

Executive Session

Upon motion duly made by Mr. Schoer, seconded by Mr. Mastroianni, and carried (4-0), the Board moved to Executive Session at 6:35 p.m. for the purpose of discussing litigation.

Mr. Nimmo and Mr. Hartner joined the meeting at 6:35 p.m., Dr. Chen joined the meeting at 6:40 p.m. and Mr. Giuliano joined the meeting at 6:59 p.m.

Upon motion duly made by Mr. Schoer, seconded by Mr. Mastroianni, and carried (6-0), the Board returned to the regular meeting at 7:55 p.m.

Mr. Brennan led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance and instructed those in attendance where to exit the building in case of an emergency. He also instructed those in attendance to silence all cell phones and beepers.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dr. Wilson announced that we have two Intel Semi-Finalists this year. They are Alexandra Hilgeman and Matthew Reichert.

Board Recognition Program

- **Kyle Easop:** awarded the Long Island Young Scholar of Mathematics
- All-State Commended Musicians:
 - **Jackie Avallone**
 - **Karen Chalif**
 - **Hilary Cunningham**
 - **Molly Greenberg**
 - **Katie McAuley**
 - **Daniel Perman**
 - **Salina Solomon**

- **Karissa Coneys, Brian O'Connor:** received special recognition from the Suffolk County Zone Athletic Association and selected for the Suffolk County Zone Award

- **Nestor Bedoya:** won critical acclaim from the National Director of the Spanish Language Honor Society and earned Harborfields a select place in the prestigious annual publication

- **Michele Caravella:** honored by the Huntington Branch of the American Association of University Women as a winner of the Excellence in Science Award

- **Melissa Luxemburg:** awarded the News 12-Citibank Scholar Athlete Award

- **Sam Shore:** named as a Premier Scholar-Athlete by the National Football Foundation College Hall of Fame

- **Thomas Gellert:** for authoring a book entitled, "History of the New York State School Music Association 1990-2006"

At this time Mr. Brennan presented a Developmental Achievement Citation to Mr. Mastroianni for participation in the New York State School Boards Association leadership development opportunities totaling 40 credits in 2007.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

A resident asked why we can't have a full day kindergarten program in Harborfields. Dr. Wilson advised that we will be getting some significant funding from the state, and asked that the Board consider this very seriously. She continued that the grant provides for \$10,000 for each of our kindergarten classes which will total approximately \$100,000.

Several residents from the Washington Drive Primary School area expressed concern regarding the removal of a teaching assistant from that building. Staffing should be the last thing considered when making cuts. They continued that if the district removes teaching assistants it could negatively impact the budget vote. Mr. Brennan

responded that staffing is the most important asset but also the most expensive. He continued that we are in the beginning stages of the budget process. Dr. Wilson stated that the teaching assistant was removed due to a special education requirement. There was a need for a TA in the special education area and since they were unable to find one at this time, a person was removed from Washington Drive.

A resident thanked the Board and Dr. Wilson for the work that they are doing for us. She continued that the next few years here will really impact the district tremendously as far as our taxpayers are concerned. She continued that she was concerned about the \$83,000 that was given out when it didn't need to be done. She also stated that we need to take a good look at our sports program in the middle school and asked if it could be just intramural and not competitive.

A resident stated that she was extremely disturbed over the article that recently appeared in The Long Islander regarding the State Comptroller's audit. She was also upset over an e-mail which a former employee sent to some members of the district. Mr. Brennan replied that we have been involved in this much more than the Board should be involved. He continued that we take this responsibility very seriously. He further stated that he wanted residents to understand that some of these articles are taken from the audit which appears on the district's website along with the Board's comments. Mr. Brennan continued that the Board cannot respond to specific individuals, but that outside counsel has and is looking into this matter. The Board has tried to be as open and transparent as possible.

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES REPORT

Student Representative's Report

Brian O'Connor, student representative from Harborfields High School, stated that next week begins mid-terms and that teachers are doing a good job reviewing materials. He continued that last month the charity volleyball tournament was held whereby they raised over \$700 for Make a Wish Foundation. He further stated that college applications are getting sent and students are anxiously awaiting early decisions from colleges.

Mrs. Boba entered the meeting at 8:35.

SPECIAL BUDGET PRESENTATIONS

Mrs. Kelly, Principal, Washington Drive Primary School; Ms. Tuzzi, Principal, Thomas J. Lahey Elementary School; Mr. Gellert, Director of Music and Art; and Ms. DeVivio, Executive Director of PPS made special budget presentations for their buildings/and or areas. A comprehensive report of their budget is on file in the office of the Assistant Superintendent for Business.

REPORTS

Superintendent=s Report

Dr. Wilson stated that since she had already spoken about our Intel Semi-Finalist and kindergarten funding in the beginning of the meeting she had no additional items to report on at this time.

Claims Auditor's Report

Mrs. Viglucci advised the Board that a Claims Summary report was included in their agenda packet and stated that it was self-explanatory. She asked the Board if they had any questions. The Board thanked Mrs. Viglucci for her report.

Space Utilization Study: Thomas J. Lahey Elementary School Phase-in Plan

Dr. Wilson introduced Drew Cacciola, District Maintenance Leader, who gave a comprehensive report on the space utilization study at the Thomas J. Lahey Elementary School. A table was attached to the agenda of January 16 which was sequenced in chronological order, listing projected total costs, new net costs, regular labor costs, targeted completion dates with current status and designation as to whether our own staff or outside contractors will be utilized in reconfiguring the space. A comprehensive report of this study is on file in the office of the Assistant Superintendent for Business.

BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES

Upon motion duly made by Mr. Schoer, seconded by Mr. Toles and carried unanimously, the following minutes were approved by the Board of Education:

- Regular Meeting, December 12, 2007
- Special Meeting, December 20, 2007
- Special Meeting, December 21, 2007
- Special Meeting, January 3, 2008

FINANCE CONSENT AGENDA

Call for removal of resolutions from the FINANCE consent agenda

Mrs. Boba asked that item 4.6, Gifts and Increase in Appropriations, be removed from the finance consent agenda.

Consent Agenda - Finance

Upon motion duly made by Dr. Chen, seconded by Mrs. Boba, and carried unanimously, and upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, all resolutions in the area of Finance with the exception of 4.6 on the agenda of the January 16, 2008 Board of Education meeting were approved by consent.

4.1 Treasurer's Report

Upon motion duly made by Dr. Chen, seconded by Mrs. Boba, and carried unanimously, and upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Treasurer's Report for December 2007 was approved.

4.2 Schedules of Bills

Upon motion duly made by Dr. Chen, seconded by Mrs. Boba, and carried unanimously, and upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the schedules of bills attached to the agenda of January 16, 2008 were accepted.

4.3 Budgetary Transfer of Funds

Upon motion duly made by Dr. Chen, seconded by Mrs. Boba, and carried unanimously, and upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the budgetary transfer of funds as listed in the official minutes of January 16, 2008 were approved.

4.4 School Service/Specialized Education Agreement

Upon motion duly made by Dr. Chen, seconded by Mrs. Boba, and carried unanimously, and upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the following School Service/Specialized Education Agreement between the Harborfields Central School District and the contractor listed below, in accordance with Part 200 of the regulations of the Commissioner of Education for children with handicapping conditions was approved.

- **Association for Help of Retarded Children, Suffolk County Chapter** to provide adequate instruction, related services and/or a facility to a disabled student residing in the Harborfields Central School District in accordance with the individualized education program (IEP) for the period of July 1, 2007 through June 30, 2008 at a tuition rate set by the State Education Department.

4.5 Gifts

Upon motion duly made by Dr. Chen, seconded by Mrs. Boba, and carried unanimously, and upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the following gifts were accepted:

- \$1,679.10 from General Mills to be applied to the TJL Needy Children Fund through the Trust and Agency
- A foosball table valued at \$100.00 to be used in the senior lounge at HHS donated by Mrs. MacLeod
- Classroom library books with a value of \$334.42 donated from the HBAA to Oldfield Middle School

4.6 Gifts and Increase in Appropriations

Upon motion duly made by Mr. Schoer, seconded by Mr. Mastroianni, and carried unanimously, and upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the following gifts were accepted with thanks from the Board of Education:

- \$34.82 from Verizon Long Distance “Extra Credit for Schools” Program to be used at the discretion of Dr. David Bennardo, Principal, HHS
- \$6000.00 from the Harborfields Booster Club to be used at the discretion of John Valente, Director of Physical Education, Health and Athletics
- \$793.00 from Metrocall to be used at the discretion of Diana Todaro, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction
- \$10,768.94 from HACEF for various programs in WDPS, TJL, OMS, and HHS to be used at the discretion of the building principals
- \$532.46 from Verizon to be used at the direction of Diana Todaro, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction

It was further resolved, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, pursuant to the anticipated receipt of the gifts to reimburse our expenses, appropriations for 2007-2008 be increased as follows:

- 2020.5140.12.2020.....\$ 34.82
- 2855.2000.36.2855.....\$ 6,000.00
- 2630.2000.42.2630.....\$ 793.00
- \$11,810.94 from HACEF as follows:
 - 2630.2000.42.2630 \$9,430.00
 - 2110.5110.06.2020....\$ 338.94
 - 2020.5140.11. 4020....\$1,000.00
- 2630.2000.42.2630.....\$ 532.46

with the understanding that this increase in appropriations is matched by unanticipated revenue and will therefore result in no impact on the tax levy.

HUMAN RESOURCES RESOLUTIONS

Call for removal of resolutions from the HUMAN RESOURCES consent agenda

Mr. Schoer called for removal of item 5.15, Agreement and Release, from the consent agenda.

Consent Agenda – Human Resources

Upon motion duly made by Mr. Schoer, seconded by Dr. Chen, and carried unanimously, and upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, all resolutions in the area of Human Resources with the exception of 5.15 on the agenda of the January 16, 2008 Board of Education meeting were approved by consent.

5.1 Resignations

Upon motion duly made by Mr. Schoer, seconded by Dr. Chen, and carried unanimously, and upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the following resignations were accepted:

- Iovino, Karen, English Teacher (0.2), Part-time Teaching Assistant (6.0 hours per day), HHS effective close of business January 22, 2008
- O’Neal, Willie, Guard, OMS, effective close of business December 20, 2007

5.2 Leaves of Absence

Upon motion duly made by Mr. Schoer, seconded by Dr. Chen, and carried unanimously, and upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the following leaves of absence were approved:

Name	Assignment	School	Dates Paid	Dates Unpaid
Albano, Elizabeth	Speech Teacher	WDPS	9/2/08-11/25/08	N/A
Legge, Suzanne	Physical Education Teacher	HHS	3/17/08-4/29/08	4/30/08-5/30/08

5.3 Professional Appointments

Upon motion duly made by Mr. Schoer, seconded by Dr. Chen, and carried unanimously, and upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the following professional appointments in accordance with the schedule attached to the official minutes of January 16, 2008 were approved.

Part-time		
Name	School	Assignment
Arocho, Rachael	HHS/OMS	Teaching Assistant
Hodgson, Elise	HHS	English Teacher/Teaching Assistant

5.4 Civil Service Appointment

Upon motion duly made by Mr. Schoer, seconded by Dr. Chen, and carried unanimously, and upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the following civil service appointment in accordance with the schedule attached to the official minutes of January 16, 2008 was approved.

Emergency Conditional Probationary		
Name	School	Assignment
Colon, Michael	OMS	Guard (10-month)

5.5 Substitute List Addendum 2007-2008

Upon motion duly made by Mr. Schoer, seconded by Dr. Chen, and carried unanimously, and upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the substitute list addendum as attached to the official minutes of January 16, 2008 was approved.

5.6 Extension of Emergency Conditional Appointments

Upon motion duly made by Mr. Schoer, seconded by Dr. Chen, and carried unanimously, and upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the following employees were granted an extension of emergency conditional appointment status pending clearance from the New York State Education Department.

Emergency Conditional		
Name	Assignment	School
Michael Colon	Substitute Custodial Worker	District
Donna Walter	Substitute Teacher	District
Steven Enersen	Substitute Custodial Worker	District
Susanne Freglette	Substitute Teacher	District
Sandra Lellis	Substitute School Teacher Aide/Clerical	District
Ann Norton	Part-time Teaching Assistant	WDPS
Diane Sargent	Substitute School Teacher Aide Substitute Teaching Assistant	District
Jean Staib	Substitute Clerical Worker	District
Fortunato Troisi	Substitute Teacher	District
William Biancardi	Guard	HHS

5.7 Extracompensation Appointment Schedule 2007-2008

Upon motion duly made by Mr. Schoer, seconded by Dr. Chen, and carried unanimously, and upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the appointees specified on the Extracompensation Appointment Schedule attached to the official minutes of January 16, 2008 were approved.

5.8 Increase in Hours for the “Lahey Lions” Reading/Mathematics Program at TJL

Upon motion duly made by Mr. Schoer, seconded by Dr. Chen, and carried unanimously, and upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the following personnel were granted an increase in hours for the “Lahey Lions” reading/mathematics program at TJL:

ELA Teaching Assistant	
26 one-hour sessions from October 22, 2007-May 22, 2008	
Name	Rate of Pay
Burdman, Trudy	\$16.09 per hour

5.9 Increase in Hours for the “Sailing to Success” Reading/Mathematics Program at WDPS

Upon motion duly made by Mr. Schoer, seconded by Dr. Chen, and carried unanimously, and upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the following personnel were granted an increase in hours for the “Sailing to Success” kindergarten reading/mathematics program at WDPS:

ELA Teachers: 33 one-hour sessions from January 22, 2008-June 3, 2008	
Name	Rate of Pay
Correll, Kaitlyn	\$39.14 per hour
Krauss, Mellisa	\$39.14 per hour
ELA Teaching Assistant	
Benenson, Carolyn	\$14.69 per hour

5.10 Increase in Hours

Upon motion duly made by Mr. Schoer, seconded by Dr. Chen, and carried unanimously, and upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the following personnel were granted an increase in hours:

- **Capotosto, Pamela**, Food Service Worker, TJL, from 3.0 hours per day to OMS, 6.0 hours per day effective January 17, 2008
- **Lang, Carol**, Part-time Teaching Assistant, WDPS from 5.50 hours per day to 5.75 hours per day effective January 17, 2008
- **Macrae, Ellen**, Part-time Teaching Assistant, WDPS from 5 hours per day to 5.50 hours per day effective January 17, 2008

**5.11 Collective Bargaining Agreement Between Harborfields
Central School District and HBAA**

Upon motion duly made by Mr. Schoer, seconded by Dr. Chen, and carried unanimously, the Board of Education hereby authorized the Superintendent of Schools to execute on behalf of the Harborfields Central School District the 2007-2012 Collective Bargaining Agreement between the district and the Harborfields Building Administrators Association.

5.12 District Board of Education Members and Staff to Attend Conferences

Upon motion duly made by Mr. Schoer, seconded by Dr. Chen, and carried unanimously, and upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the following Board of Education members and staff members were authorized to attend conferences and be reimbursed for expenses in accordance with policy file 2521.

- **James T. Brennan, Donald W. Mastroianni, Maggie Boba, Dr. Judith Chen, Nicholas P. Giuliano, Gary Schoer, Joseph Toles, Dr. Janet Ceparano Wilson, Diana Todaro, William H. Nimmo, Michael Hartner** to attend the NYSSBA conference entitled "The Internal and External Audit Process" on January 25, 2008 at the Marriott Residence Inn in Plainview, New York or May 9, 2008 at Eastern Suffolk BOCES, Sherwood Center in Holbrook, New York
- **James T. Brennan, Donald W. Mastroianni, Maggie Boba, Dr. Judith Chen, Nicholas P. Giuliano, Gary Schoer, Joseph Toles, Dr. Janet Ceparano Wilson, Diana Todaro, William H. Nimmo, Michael Hartner, Barbara Muller, Janet Pancir** to attend the SCOPE's 7th Annual School District Awards Dinner at the Milleridge Cottage on March 10, 2008
- **Barbara Muller**, District Clerk, to attend the District Clerks' Workshop at Eastern Suffolk BOCES on March 27, 2008
- **James T. Brennan, Donald W. Mastroianni, Maggie Boba, Dr. Judith Chen, Nicholas P. Giuliano, Gary Schoer, Joseph Toles** to attend the NYSSBA State Legislative Network (SLN) at the Albany Marriott on March 2-4, 2008

5.13 Guidance Internship

Upon motion duly made by Mr. Schoer, seconded by Dr. Chen, and carried unanimously, and upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the graduate student listed below was granted a non-paid 300 hour guidance internship assigned to the Harborfields High School guidance department commencing January 2008.

- Nicole Raganella, Long Island University, C.W. Post Campus

5.14 Change in Status

Upon motion duly made by Mr. Schoer, seconded by Dr. Chen, and carried unanimously, and upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the following change in status in accordance with the schedule attached to the official minutes of January 16, 2008 was approved:

- Hendrickson, Dennis, from Guard (10-months) at HHS to Guard (12-months) Districtwide effective January 28, 2008

Mrs. Boba stepped out of the meeting at 10:20 p.m.

5.15 Agreement and Release

Upon motion duly made by Mr. Schoer, seconded by Mr. Mastroianni, and carried 6-0), this item was tabled to executive session.

INSTRUCTION CONSENT AGENDA

Call for removal of resolutions from the INSTRUCTION consent agenda

Mr. Giuliano asked for removal of item 6.3, Support of NCLB (No Child Left Behind) Improvement Act, from the consent agenda.

Consent Agenda – Instruction

Upon motion duly made by Dr. Chen, seconded by Mr. Schoer, and carried (6-0), and upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, all resolutions in the area of Instruction with the exception of item 6.3 on the agenda of the January 16, 2008 Board of Education meeting were approved by consent.

6.1 Agreement and Release Resolving an Impartial Hearing

Upon motion duly made by Dr. Chen, seconded by Mr. Schoer, and carried (6-0), and upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby authorized the President of the Board to execute an Agreement and Release dated December 22, 2007 resolving an impartial hearing filed on behalf of student #098002.

6.2 Review of IEP Recommendations and Authorization for Placement and Services

Upon motion duly made by Dr. Chen, seconded by Mr. Schoer, and carried (6-0), and upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, review by the Board of Education of the IEP recommendations of the November 20, 2007, December 5, 2007, December 10, 2007, December 11, 2007, December 12, 2007, December 19, 2007, December 20, 2007 and January 2, 2008 meetings of the Committee on Special

Education, amendments to the November 20, 2007 and January 9, 2008 meetings of the Committee on Special Education, the December 6, 2007 and December 20, 2007 meetings of the Committee on Preschool Special Education, and the November 20, 2007, December 22, 2007, December 14, 2007, January 2, 2008 and January 8, 2008 meetings of the Subcommittee on Special Education, authorization was granted to provide for the placement and services contained in the recommendations of the CSE, CPSE, and SCSE.

6.3 Support of NCLB (No Child Left Behind) Improvement Act

Upon motion duly made by Mr. Giuliano, seconded by Mr. Schoer, and carried (5-1), and upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, **whereas** on January 8, 2002, President Bush signed into law the *No Child Left Behind (NCLB) Act of 2001*, which applies to all school districts and schools within states that accept federal Title I dollars; and

Whereas, the Harborfields Central School District's Board of Education supports the goals of NCLB of raising student achievement; closing the achievement gaps; and ensuring that each child has a highly qualified teacher; and

Whereas, the Harborfields Central School District's Board of Education continues to welcome the accountability for improving student and school performance; and

Whereas, the Harborfields Central School District's Board of Education has had five years of operational experience in implementing NCLB; and

Whereas, the Harborfields Central School District's Board of Education has identified improvements that could be made to NCLB that would eliminate barriers to full implementation of the federal law; and

Whereas, the National School Boards Association (NSBA) developed draft legislation based on input from local school boards across the nation that would address the concerns of local school boards, and improve the implementation of NCLB; and

Whereas, in April 2006 the NSBA Delegate Assembly re-affirmed its support of federal legislation that is consistent with the NSBA draft legislation; and

Whereas, in January 2007 Representative Don Young (R-AK) re-introduced legislation, the *No Child Left Behind Improvements Act of 2007*, H.R. 648, that is consistent with the NSBA draft legislation, and has strong bipartisan support from the bill's co-sponsors: Representatives Mike Ross (D-AR-4), Thaddeus McCotter (R-MI-11), Charlie Melancon (D-LA-3), Todd Platts (R-PA-19), Steven Rothman (D-NJ-9), and Jo Bonner (R-AL-1); **now therefore be it**

Resolved, that the Harborfields Central School District's Board of Education urges Congressman Steve Israel (D-NY) to fully support H.R. 648 by becoming a co-sponsor of the bill, and **be it further**

Resolved, that the Harborfields Central School District's Board of Education seeks the support of local community and civic leaders and appropriate members of the New

York State Legislature in encouraging Congressman Steve Israel (D-NY) to become co-sponsor of H.R. 648, and **be it finally**

Resolved, that copies of this resolution be sent to members of New York State, U.S. congressional delegation, the governor, the members of the New York State Legislature local public governing officials, and Richard P. Mills, Commissioner of Education.

The vote was as follows:

AYES: Mr. Brennan, Mr. Mastroianni, Dr. Chen, Mr. Schoer, Mr. Toles

NAYS: Mr. Giuliano

Mrs. Boba returned to the meeting at 10:35 p.m.

BOARD OF EDUCATION ACTIVITIES

SCSSA Workshop "Advocating for Suffolk County Schools" Sherwood Center, Holbrook, New York, Saturday, January 5, 2008

Mr. Mastroianni, Mr. Schoer, Ms. Todaro, Mr. Nimmo, Mrs. Greene, President, Council of PTA's, and Ms. Rappa of SEPTA attended this meeting. Mr. Schoer reported that the workshop was a chance for us to hear what our legislators in Albany think, what is going to happen in the budget session, and what we should do to advocate on behalf of the school district to obtain the most we possibly can for our school district.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

School Calendar 2008-2009

Two copies of the proposed 2008-09 draft of the school calendars were included in the agenda. The Board stated that they would discuss this item at a future meeting.

Stony Brook Governance Questionnaire

After brief discussion, Mrs. Boba volunteered to work with Dr. Wilson on this request.

Nomination for the SLN Advocate of the Year Award

Mr. Schoer stated that he felt that Mr. Brennan should be nominated for this award. Mr. Brennan stated that he would decline the award. Dr. Chen stated that the Board should discuss this item later.

District Property Utilization

Dr. Wilson asked the Board if they wanted to consider going to public sale on the Tilden Lane property or continue in the direction we are going at this time.

Dr. Chen stated that the Board has done what we needed to do to make known that we are available to talk about the Tilden Lane property. She continued that as far as putting it up for sale she didn't think the district needed any controversy at this time. Dr. Chen further stated that this property is our last asset. Mr. Brennan stated that so far anything that has been proposed has not been beneficial to the district.

With regard to the Tilden Lane property, it was the consensus of the Board that at this time, they are available to talk and to entertain ideas.

Full-Day Kindergarten Grant

Dr. Wilson advised the Board that the district received a fax from SED informing us that grant funding is available during this school year to school districts that operated half-day kindergarten during the 2006-07 and 2007-08 school years. This information was originally sent out in early December; however, Harborfields was inadvertently left off their list and we never received a copy. Ms. Todaro received a fax from Sandra Zeidman from the State Education Department stating that it was not too late for Harborfields to apply for the grant, although time is of the essence as they must approve budgets in the next few weeks. The letter continued that Article VII Chapter 57 legislation states a maximum amount of \$10,000 per class that will become full day kindergarten. Dr. Wilson stated that this would amount to approximately \$100,000 for Harborfields. Mr. Schoer stated that this would mean 11 sections of kindergarten which would mean another 5.5 teachers. He continued that there is no cost-out as to what this will cost the district. Dr. Chen stated that making a decision at this time would make no sense as the Board would be "doing it in the dark." She further stated that with additional information from administration, a decision could possibly be reached at the January 30 meeting.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

A resident again expressed concern regarding the Teaching Assistants at the Washington Drive Primary School

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Upon motion duly made by Mr. Giuliano, seconded by Mrs. Boba, and carried unanimously, the Board moved to Executive Session at 10:55 p.m. for the purpose of a disciplinary matter.

Dr. Chen and Mrs. Boba stepped out of the meeting at 11:00 p.m.

Upon motion duly made by Mr. Schoer, seconded by Mr. Giuliano, and carried (5-0), the Board returned to the regular meeting at 11:08 p.m.

5.16 Agreement and Release

Upon motion duly made by Mr. Schoer, seconded by Mr. Giuliano, and carried (5-0), and upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby authorized the President of the Board to execute an Agreement and Release dated January 16, 2008 resolving a potential disciplinary proceeding against a certain member of the professional staff.

Dr. Chen and Mrs. Boba returned to the meeting at 11:09 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion duly made by Mr. Schoer, seconded by Mr. Toles, and carried unanimously, the Board adjourned the regular meeting of January 16, 2008 at 11:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Muller
District Clerk