

APPROVED MINUTES

HARBORFIELDS CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT GREENLAWN, NEW YORK 11740

Kind of Meeting	-	Special Meeting
Date of Meeting	-	January 28, 2009
Place of Meeting	-	OMS Board Room
Board Members Present	-	Mr. Brennan, Mr. Mastroianni, Mr. Banks, Mrs. Boba, Mr. Giuliano, Mr. Schoer, Mr. Toles
Board Members Absent	-	None
Others Present	-	Mr. Carasiti, Ms. Todaro, Mr. Nimmo, Mr. Hartner, Ms. DeVivio, Community Members

Mr. Brennan called the meeting to order at 6:15 p.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Upon motion duly made by Mrs. Boba, seconded by Mr. Schoer, and carried unanimously, the Board moved into Executive Session at 6:17 p.m. for the purpose of personnel regarding particular individuals and legal matters.

Upon motion duly made by Mr. Mastroianni, seconded by Mr. Toles and carried unanimously the Board moved out of Executive Session at 7:30 p.m. in order to convene as the audit committee.

AUDIT COMMITTEE

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 requested that all cell phones and beepers be silenced.

Mr. Mastroianni, chairperson of the audit committee called this meeting to order at 7:32 p.m. Mr. Mastroianni stated that the Board is in receipt of the Federal Single Audit and asked the Board if they wanted to accept the audit. Upon motion duly made by Mr. Schoer, seconded by Mr. Brennan, and carried unanimously, the Board accepted the Federal Single Audit.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

A resident thanked Mr. Carasiti for making an excellent decision regarding the 2 hour delay this morning due to inclement weather.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORTS

Superintendent's Report

Mr. Carasiti advised the Board that the results from last week's community forum have been tabulated. He stated that there were very few participants. He continued that the district will be moving more seriously into budget deliberations within the next month. He further stated that it is not a good picture. There is some talk of a federal stimulus package but how much the district will receive is unknown at this point. It will not and cannot be business as usual. Our job, to the best of our ability, is to maintain our programs.

Overview of the Infinite Campus Student Management System

Ms. Todaro and her team gave an overview of the Infinite Campus Student Management System including the reasons for the upgrade, the transition process and a mission statement. Additional information can be obtained from Ms. Todaro's office.

Update on the Special Education Assessment

Ms. DeVivio reported on the update on the Special Education Assessment including professional development, continuum of special education services, inclusion class in primary and elementary levels, middle and high school special education programs, strategies for identifying students needing services earlier at the primary level, the development of IEPs and progress reports. A comprehensive report is on file in Ms. DeVivio's office.

Econometric Financial Planning Model

Dr. Thomas Conoscenti, a consulting economist, explained to the Board what his company does regarding econometrics, urban/regional economic analysis and public economics/finance. The Board asked several questions including the fee for his service. Dr. Conoscenti advised the Board that a ten-year study would cost \$50,000. Mr. Carasiti stated that he does not believe in 10 year studies and asked if a five-year study could be done. Dr. Conoscenti stated that his firm would be able to do a five-year study. The Board and Mr. Carasiti thanked Dr. Conoscenti for the information and stated that they would get back to him.

FINANCE CONSENT AGENDA

Call for removal of resolutions from the HUMAN RESOURCES consent agenda

There were no items removed from the Finance consent agenda.

Consent Agenda – Finance

Upon motion duly made by Mrs. Boba, seconded by Mr. Giuliano, and carried unanimously, and upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, all

resolutions in the area of Finance on the agenda of the January 28, 2009 Board of Education meeting were approved by consent.

4.1 Harborfields Central School District Federal Single Audit for 2007-2008

Upon motion duly made by Mrs. Boba, seconded by Mr. Giuliano, and carried unanimously, and upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education accepted the Federal Single Audit conducted by the External Auditor, Coughlin, Foundotos, Cullen and Danowski, LLP for fiscal year ending June 30, 2008 as attached to the agenda of January 28, 2009.

4.2 Proposal from Orange-Ulster BOCES for Records Management Project

Upon motion duly made by Mrs. Boba, seconded by Mr. Giuliano, and carried unanimously, and upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education authorized the Superintendent to proceed with Orange-Ulster BOCES to implement the inventory phase of the Records Management Project for the Harborfields Central School District in accordance with the proposal attached to the agenda of January 28, 2009.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

A resident stated that we need to re-think how we conduct the community forum. We need to get the entire community involved.

A resident stated that this was the first community forum she has attended. She didn't know what to expect. She stated that the district needs to be more specific as to what will happen at the meeting. She continued that she felt she was making recommendations on things that she didn't know anything about.

A resident asked if we know what our state aid will be. Mr. Carasiti stated that at this time we do not know and perhaps will not know until after our budget is put in place. The resident continued that we should put out a mailing explaining to taxpayers how much of the budget they are actually voting on as so many items in the budget are mandated.

ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion duly made by Mr. Schoer, seconded by Mrs. Boba, and carried unanimously, the Board adjourned the special meeting at 9:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Muller

District Clerk