

APPROVED MINUTES

HARBORFIELDS CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT GREENLAWN, NEW YORK 11740

Kind of Meeting	-	Regular Meeting
Date of Meeting	-	March 18, 2009
Place of Meeting	-	OMS Auditorium
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, Principals, Assistant Principals, Directors, and Community Members

Mr. Brennan called the meeting to order at 6:20 p.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Upon motion duly made by Mr. Schoer, seconded by Mr. Toles, and carried (6-0), the Board moved into Executive Session at 6:21 p.m. for the purpose of litigation and personnel contract review. Mr. Giuliano entered the meeting at 6:43 p.m.

Upon motion duly made by Mrs. Boba, seconded by Mr. Mastroianni, and carried unanimously, the Board returned to the regular meeting at 7:45 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 asked those present to silence cell phones and beepers.

COMMUNITY FORUM

Mr. Brennan thanked everyone for attending this very important meeting. Mr. Carasiti stated that it is very important for the community to be heard and to hear what is going on and to listen to the ramifications of what we are doing and why we are doing it. Mr. Carasiti discussed a roll over budget which would mean a tax rate increase of 8.48%. He continued that a contingency budget would mean a tax rate increase of 6.8%. Under a contingency budget, expenditures that do not constitute ordinary contingent expenses such as the purchase of new equipment, the use of public school buildings and grounds, except where there is no cost to the district, capital expenditures, except in emergencies, are not permitted. Mr. Carasiti went on to say that as a result of the March 7 budget meeting the Board felt that we should aim for a tax rate between 3% and 3.5%. In order to get to that, we would have to take an additional \$700,000 out of the budget which was submitted on March 7 containing cuts in the amount of \$2,530,192. He continued that as per the direction of the Board he has come up with an additional \$456,600 in cuts. Mr. Carasiti further stated that this is below the \$700,000 which the Board requested, but this is as far as we can responsibly go. These cuts include classroom teaching assistants at HHS, school-to-career program at HHS, music program (lessons) district, BOCES cultural arts program, and administrative reorganization at the district level. The administrative reorganization

would include sharing a personnel administrator with Elwood and there would no longer be an Executive Director of special Education; however, there would be a Director of Special Education. Mr. Schoer stated that these are the recommendations of the Superintendent but that this does not mean it will be the decision of the Board. Mr. Toles stated that he felt the student assistance program is necessary. Mrs. Boba echoed those sentiments. Mrs. Boba stated that all these cuts are very painful and that all Board members are aware of that. Mr. Giuliano asked if the gifted and talented program would be completely eliminated. Mr. Carasiti stated that the program would be totally eliminated. Mr. Carasiti stated that with regard to the cultural arts program at BOCES it is a two year program and students who are currently enrolled would be allowed to complete the second year. Mr. Mastroianni stated that he has three children in the district and considers their education to be a bargain. We are in a position that we need to put up a budget that needs to be supported by the entire community.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

At this time Mr. Brennan opened the floor for questions and statements from residents of the district. Many residents stated that they were unhappy about the cuts especially the SAIL program, the music program, the BOCES cultural arts program, and the science research program. Some residents felt that the district is spending too much money in schools and stated that we need to look to teachers and administrators to pay more of their benefits. Another resident expressed disappointment regarding the Executive Director of Pupil Personnel and stated that she did not understand the change in title. Mr. Carasiti assured her that there would be no loss in personnel. Some residents felt that the primary responsibility of the district is education and that sports are secondary. Mr. Mastroianni responded that colleges look at the entire picture and we need to provide all these options.

A resident stated that he moved in to this district three years ago for its educational quality and asked how the Board reached these budget reductions. Mr. Mastroianni advised that the Board has not adopted a budget at this time. Mr. Toles stated that we do not have the resources in this district. Mr. Schoer advised that there is a reduction of \$800,000 in revenue. He continued that we have to think ahead and have to think about all of our students. We wish we did not have to cut anything. Mr. Brennan informed residents that if the MTA payroll tax goes through it will cost the district an additional \$107,000. We need to make hard decisions. Mr. Giuliano stated that there will be an increase in pension contributions.

At this time Mr. Mastroianni presented three scenarios and asked by show of hands which one of these scenarios those present felt the entire community would support. The first was a current services rollover budget which would be an 8.48% tax rate increase that would amount to approximately \$656.00 a year on a house assessed at \$4,000. The second scenario would be a contingency budget which would be a 6.8% tax rate increase which would amount to approximately \$524.00 per year on a house

assessed at \$4,000. The last scenario would be a 4.37% tax rate increase which would amount to \$338.00 per year on a house assessed at \$4,000. This last scenario includes the additional cuts. The Town of Huntington uses \$4,000 as the average assessment on a home located in the Harborfields School District. It was noted that many homes are assessed higher than \$4,000. It was the consensus of those present at the meeting that the 4.37% would be supported by the entire community.

The Board took a 10 minute recess at 9:45 p.m. and resumed the meeting at 9:55 p.m.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORTS

Mr. Carasiti stated that he reported on the budget at the beginning of the meeting.

BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES

The following minutes were accepted by the Board of Education as corrected:

- Regular Meeting, February 11, 2009

FINANCE RESOLUTIONS

Call for removal of resolutions from the FINANCE consent agenda

Mr. Schoer asked that item 4.9 be removed from the consent agenda. Mr. Mastroianni asked that item 4.10 be removed from the consent agenda.

Consent Agenda - Finance

Upon motion duly made by Mr. Giuliano, 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 4.9 and 4.10, on the agenda of the March 18, 2009 Board of Education meeting were approved by consent.

4.1 Treasurer's Report

Upon motion duly made by Mr. Giuliano, seconded by Mrs. Boba, and carried unanimously, and upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Treasurer's Report for February 2009 was approved.

4.2 Schedules of Bills

Upon motion duly made by Mr. Giuliano, 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 March 18, 2009 were accepted.

4.3 Financial Status Report

Upon motion duly made by Mr. Giuliano, seconded by Mrs. Boba, and carried unanimously, and upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Financial Status Report for January 2009 was accepted.

4.4 Budgetary Transfer of Funds

Upon motion duly made by Mr. Giuliano, 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 March 18, 2009 were approved.

4.5 Health Service Contracts

Upon motion duly made by Mr. Giuliano, seconded by Mrs. Boba, and carried unanimously, and upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the following health service contracts between the Harborfields Central School District and the school districts listed below, for the purpose of providing health services for children residing in the Harborfields Central School District and attending nonpublic schools in said school districts for the 2008-2009 school year were approved.

- **Garden City Public Schools** 2 students attending the Waldorf School at a cost of \$700.33 per pupil totaling \$1,400.66
- **Huntington UFSD** 18 students attending St Patrick's at a cost of \$629.28 per pupil totaling \$11,327.04
- **Jericho Public Schools** 12 students attending Long Island Lutheran at a cost of \$872.59 per pupil totaling \$10,471.08
- **West Islip Public Schools** 3 students attending St. John the Baptist at a cost of \$577.83 per pupil totaling \$1,733.49

4.6 Parentally Placed Private School/Special Education Service Contracts

Upon motion duly made by Mr. Giuliano, seconded by Mrs. Boba, and carried unanimously, and upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the following parentally placed private school/special education service contracts between the Harborfields Central School District "District of Residence" and the schools "District of Location" listed below were approved. The "District of Residence" will be billed for special education services for children residing in the Harborfields Central School District and attending parentally placed nonpublic schools in said school

districts in accordance with Education Law Section 3602-c and regulations of the Commissioner of Education.

- **Deer Park UFSD**, 1 student attending St. Cyril and Methodius School effective July 1, 2008 through June 30, 2009
- **Glen Cove CSD**, 1 student attending Friends Academy effective July 1, 2008 through June 30, 2009

4.7 Contracts for Services to Sub-allocate IDEA Flow Through Funds to Special Education Providers

Upon motion duly made by Mr. Giuliano, seconded by Mrs. Boba, and carried unanimously, and upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the following contracts for services to sub-allocate IDEA flow through funds to providers for services to students with disabilities, ages 3-21 (Section 611) and ages 3-5 (Section 619) were approved.

- Association for Help of Retarded Children
- Alternatives for Children
- Building Blocks
- Center for Discovery, Inc.
- Developmental Disabilities Institute
- Suffolk County Department of Health Services
- United Cerebral Palsy of Greater Suffolk
- Variety Child Learning Center

4.8 School Service/Specialized Education Agreements

Upon motion duly made by Mr. Giuliano, seconded by Mrs. Boba, and carried unanimously, and upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the following School Service/Specialized Education Agreements between the Harborfields Central School District and the contractors listed below, in accordance with Part 200 of the regulations of the Commissioner of Education for students with disabilities were approved.

- **EAC Suffolk Learning Center** to provide academic services in accordance with the individualized education program (IEP) for the period of July 1, 2008 through June 30, 2009 in accordance with the rate schedule contained in said agreement.
- **The Center for Discovery, Inc.** to provide adequate instruction, related services and/or a facility for students in accordance with the individualized education programs (IEPs) for the period July 1, 2008 through June 30, 2009. The rate for services is in accordance with the State Education Department's regulation.

- **New Age Therapy, Inc.** to provide therapy appropriate to the mental ability and physical condition of the students in accordance with the Commissioner's regulations and the individualized education program (IEPs) for the period July 1, 2008 through June 30, 2009. The rates for services are \$30.00 per child per half hour scheduled on-site session, \$60.00 per child per half hour scheduled off-site session and \$100.00 per evaluation and \$50.00 per screening.

4.11 Notice of Budget Hearing and Election of HCSD and TjL Roof Proposition

Upon motion duly made by Mr. Giuliano, seconded by Mrs. Boba, and carried unanimously, and upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Notice of the Budget Hearing and Election of the Harborfields Central School District, Town of Huntington, County of Suffolk, State of New York, was approved with the addition of Proposition #2 for the TjL Roof Reconstruction; and the District Clerk was authorized and directed to publish the Notice of Annual District Meeting and Election in the form annexed hereto.

4.12 Establishment of Non-Resident Tuition Rates for 2008-2009 School Year

Upon motion duly made by Mr. Giuliano, seconded by Mrs. Boba, and carried unanimously, and upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the non-resident tuition rates for the 2008-2009 school year as listed in the attachments to the official minutes of this meeting of March 18, 2009 were approved.

4.13 Request for Proposal (RFP) for Architectural/Engineering Services

Upon motion duly made by Mr. Giuliano, seconded by Mrs. Boba, and carried unanimously, and upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby appointed BBS Architects and Engineers, PC as the district's architect for the contract term April 1, 2009 through March 31, 2010 with the option to renew annually for one-year periods at the sole discretion of the Board of Education up to a maximum of four additional years. The contract fee for the period April 1, 2009 through March 31, 2010 will be set forth in the response to the Request for Proposals dated February 25, 2009 contained herein as "Appendix A – Cost Proposal."

4.14 Revised Services Agreement with the Third Party Administrator of Tax Sheltered Annuities, The Omni Financial Group, Inc.

Upon motion duly made by Mr. Giuliano, seconded by Mrs. Boba, and carried unanimously, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of Education.

Whereas, on May 13, 2008, the Board of Education previously adopted and entered into a Services Agreement with Omni Financial Group, Inc. ("OMNI") as a third-party administrator ("TPA") to implement and administer the District's 403(b) plan; and

Whereas, amendments to the Omni Financial Group (OMNI) Section 403(b) IRC Third Party Administrator Services Agreement have been negotiated by the Eastern Suffolk BOCES for the benefit of its component school districts; and

Whereas, it is deemed to be in the best interest of the District to make such amendments to said Agreement;

Now, therefore, be it resolved, that the Board President is hereby authorized to execute an amended Administrative Services Agreement with OMNI, as presented to the Board at this meeting; and

Be it further resolved, that the Administrative Services Agreement with OMNI dated May 13, 2008 shall be rescinded when the amended Agreement is fully executed.

4.9 Joint Municipal Cooperative Bidding with Western Suffolk BOCES

Upon motion duly made by Mr. Schoer, seconded by Mr. Toles, and carried unanimously, the following resolution was approved. Mr. Schoer congratulated administration stating that this was one of the ways to share services with other school districts.

Whereas, various educational and municipal corporations located within the State of New York desire to bid jointly for Tutorial and Special Education Services; and

Whereas, the Harborfields Central School District, an education/municipal corporation (hereinafter the "Participant") is desirous of selectively participating with other educational and/or municipal corporations in the State of New York in joint bidding in the areas mentioned above pursuant to General Municipal Law §119-o and Education Law Section 1950; and

Whereas, the Participant is a municipality within the meaning of General Municipal Law §119-n and is eligible to participate in the Board of Cooperative Educational Services, Second Supervisory District of Suffolk County (hereinafter Western Suffolk BOCES) Joint Municipal Cooperative Bidding Program (hereinafter the "Program") in the areas mentioned above; and

Whereas, with respect to all activities conducted by the Program, the Participant wishes to delegate to Western Suffolk BOCES the responsibility for drafting of specifications, advertising for bids/proposals, accepting and opening bids/proposals, tabulating bids/proposals, awarding the bids/proposals, and reporting the results to the Participant.

Be it resolved, that the Participant hereby appoints Western Suffolk BOCES to represent it and to act as the lead agent in all matters related to the services as described above; and

Be it further resolved, that the Participant hereby authorizes Western Suffolk BOCES to place all legal advertisements for any required cooperative bidding in Newsday, which is designated as the official newspaper for Western Suffolk BOCES; and

Be it further resolved, that this Agreement with the Participant shall be for a term of one (1) year as authorized by General Municipal Law §119-o.2.j.

4.10 Gifts and Increase in Appropriations

Upon motion duly made by Mr. Mastroianni, seconded by Mrs. Boba, and carried unanimously, and upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the following gift was accepted with thanks:

1. \$158.94 from Washington Mutual to be applied to the TJL Needy Children Fund through the Trust and Agency
2. \$1,582.53 from SEPTA to be used at the discretion of Diana Todaro, Deputy Superintendent

Be it further resolved, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, pursuant to the anticipated receipt of the grants to reimburse our expenses, appropriations for 2008-2009 be increased as follows:

2. 2070.5110.42.2070.....\$ 1,582.53

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 asked for removal of item 5.1 from the Human Resources consent agenda.

Consent Agenda – Human Resources

Upon motion duly made by Mr. Toles, seconded by Mrs. Boba, and carried unanimously, and upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, all resolutions in the area of Human Resources, with the exception of 5.1, on the agenda of the March 18, 2009 Board of Education meeting were approved by consent.

5.2 Supplemental Memorandums of Agreement

Upon motion duly made by Mr. Toles, seconded by Mrs. Boba, and carried unanimously, the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools authorized the Superintendent of Schools to execute a Supplemental Memorandum of Agreement (SMOA) with the New York State United Teachers, United Teachers of Harborfields, that amends Article XVI (b)(2), Leaves of Absence Without Pay, Section B, Infant Care Leave, and Article X, Professional Development, of the 2005-10 Collectively Negotiated Agreement. The SMOA shall be incorporated by reference within the minutes of this meeting.

Upon motion duly made by Mr. Toles, seconded by Mrs. Boba, and carried unanimously, the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, authorized the Superintendent of Schools to execute a Supplemental Memorandum of Agreement (SMOA) with the United Teaching Assistants of Harborfields by adding Article XXXIV, Adaptive Daily Living, to the 2006-11 Collectively Negotiated Agreement. The SMOA shall be incorporated by reference within the minutes of this meeting.

Upon motion duly made by Mr. Toles, seconded by Mrs. Boba, and carried unanimously, the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools authorized the Superintendent of Schools to execute a Supplemental Memorandum of Agreement (SMOA) with the United Public Service Employees Union, Cafeteria Workers, that amends Article X. F. 1 of the 2007-10 Collectively Negotiated Agreement regarding the rate of pay to be paid to certain food service workers who substitute for cook managers. The SMOA shall be incorporated by reference within the minutes of this meeting.

Upon motion duly made by Mr. Toles, seconded by Mrs. Boba, and carried unanimously, the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, authorized the Superintendent of Schools to execute a Supplemental Memorandum of Agreement (SMOA) with the New York State United Teachers, Paraprofessionals, that amends Article V, (C) and (D) of the 2006-10 Collectively Negotiated Agreement regarding pay on days of delayed opening and early dismissal. The SMOA shall be incorporated by reference within the minutes of this meeting.

5.3 Resignations

Upon motion duly made by Mr. Toles, seconded by Mrs. Boba, and carried unanimously, and upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the following resignations were accepted:

- Brocco, Patricia, Senior Stenographer, Athletics Office, effective close of business April 13, 2009 for the purpose of retirement
- Campagna, Anthony, Science Teacher, HHS, effective close of business August 31, 2009
- Guido, Joann, Senior Stenographer, HHS, effective close of business August 31, 2009 for the purpose of retirement
- Morotti, Marilyn, Principal Stenographer, TJL, effective close of business September 30, 2009 for the purpose of retirement
- O’Keeffe, Kathleen, Mathematics Teacher, HHS, effective close of business August 31, 2009
- Tupper, Cathleen, Business/Mathematics Teacher, HHS, effective close of business August 31, 2009

5.4 Leaves of Absence

Upon motion duly made by Mr. Toles, seconded by Mrs. Boba, 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
McNamara, John	Assistant Principal	OMS	5/20/09-5/28/09	N/A
Nucci, Linda	Food Service Worker	OMS	N/A	3/9/09-5/8/09
Scherr, Jami	Physical Education Teacher	HHS	9/8/09-11/24/09	N/A
Revision of Leave Dates				
Justiniano, Laura	Elementary Teacher	WDPS	From 3/12/09-6/5/09 to 3/3/09-6/3/09	N/A
Extension of Leaves of Absence				
Black, Jacqueline	Mathematics Teacher	OMS	N/A	9/1/09-8/31/10
Dennis, Dawn	LOTE Teacher	OMS	N/A	9/1/09-8/31/10
Fagan, Mary	Guidance Counselor	HHS	N/A	9/1/09-8/31/10
LaMonica, Lisa	Elementary Teacher	TJL	N/A	9/1/09-8/31/10
Mazzola, Danielle	Science Teacher	HHS	N/A	9/1/09-8/31/10

Extension of Leaves of Absence				
Pollack, Rebecca	Elementary Teacher	TJL	N/A	9/1/09-8/31/10
Reisen, Melissa	Elementary Teacher	TJL	N/A	2/23/09-2/27/09
Smith, Sandra	Elementary Teacher	TJL	N/A	9/1/09-8/31/10
Zenyuh, Monica	Elementary Teacher	TJL	N/A	9/1/09-8/31/10

5.5 Change in Status

Upon motion duly made by Mr. Toles, seconded by Mrs. Boba, 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 March 18, 2009 was approved:

- Lang, Carol, from Clerk Typist, WDPS, to Senior Clerk Typist, WDPS, effective March 19, 2009.

5.6 Professional Appointment

Upon motion duly made by Mr. Toles, seconded by Mrs. Boba, and carried unanimously, and upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the following professional appointment for the maximum period through June 30, 2009 to serve at the pleasure of the Board in accordance with the schedule attached to the official minutes of March 18, 2009 was approved.

Part-time		
Whiting, Deirdre	WDPS	Teaching Assistant

5.7 Civil Service Appointment

Upon motion duly made by Mr. Toles, seconded by Mrs. Boba, 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 March 18, 2009 was approved.

Part-time		
Laskaratos, Eleni	OMS	Food Service Worker

5.8 Increase in Hours

Upon motion duly made by Mr. Toles, seconded by Mrs. Boba, and carried unanimously, and upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the following personnel was granted an increase in hours:

- Seth, Brenda, Part-time Teaching Assistant, OMS, from 4.50 hours per day to TJL, 5.75 hours per day effective March 19, 2009

5.9 Substitute List Addendum 2008-2009

Upon motion duly made by Mr. Toles, seconded by Mrs. Boba, and carried unanimously, and upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the substitute list addendum for the maximum period through June 30, 2009 to serve at the pleasure of the Board as attached to the official minutes of March 18, 2009 was approved.

5.10 Extension of Emergency Conditional Appointments

Upon motion duly made by Mr. Toles, seconded by Mrs. Boba, 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
Adamis, Fontaine	Substitute Clerical, Teaching Assistant and School Teacher Aide	District
Beltran, Carlos	Substitute Food Service Worker	District
Bobetski-Hafkin, Theo	Substitute Teaching Assistant and School Teacher Aide	District
Bozeat, William	Substitute Guard	District
Casey-Steinthal, Deirdre	Substitute Food Service Worker, Clerical, Teaching Assistant, and School Teacher Aide	District
Duffy, Joyce	Substitute Teacher	District
Hansen, Bryan	Substitute Custodial Worker	District
Jablonski, Claudia	Substitute Clerical Worker	District

Sledz, Noelle	Substitute Clerical, Teaching Assistant, and School Teacher Aide	District
Turco, Geraldine	Substitute Clerical Worker	District

5.11 Extracompensation Appointment Schedule 2008-2009

Upon motion duly made by Mr. Toles, seconded by Mrs. Boba, and carried unanimously, and upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the appointees specified on the Extracompensation Appointment Schedule for the maximum period through June 30, 2009 to serve at the pleasure of the Board as attached to the official minutes of March 18, 2009 were approved.

5.12 District Board of Education Members, District Clerk, and District Office Administrators to Attend Conference

Upon motion duly made by Mr. Toles, seconded by Mrs. Boba, and carried unanimously, and upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education members, district clerk, district office administrators and staff were authorized to attend the conference listed below and be reimbursed for expenses in accordance with policy file 2521.

- NYSSBA Conference entitled, "School District Obligations Under the Open Meetings Law" *Fact and Fiction*, April 30, 2009, Nassau BOCES

5.13 Business Office Internship

Upon motion duly made by Mr. Toles, seconded by Mrs. Boba, and carried unanimously, and upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the student listed below was granted a non-paid 540 hour guidance internship assigned to the Business Office under the direction of William H. Nimmo, Assistant Superintendent for Business commencing March 19, 2009

- Dan Espina, School District Business Leadership, Dowling College

5.1 Agreement between South Huntington UFSD and Harborfields CSD for Fingerprinting Services

Upon motion duly made by Mr. Schoer, seconded by Mr. Toles, and carried unanimously, and upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education authorizes the Superintendent of Schools to execute a contract with the South Huntington Union Free School District for provision of electronic fingerprinting services. The contract shall be incorporated by reference within the minutes of this meeting.

Mr. Schoer thanked Mr. Hartner for pursuing another avenue of shared services.

INSTRUCTION CONSENT AGENDA

Call for removal of resolutions from the INSTRUCTION consent agenda

Mrs. Boba asked for removal of item 6.3 from the Instruction consent agenda.

Consent Agenda – Instruction

Upon motion duly made by Mrs. Boba, seconded by Mr. Schoer, and carried unanimously, and upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, all resolutions in the area of Instruction, with the exception of 6.3, on the agenda of the March 18, 2009 Board of Education meeting were approved by consent.

6.1 Review of IEP Recommendations and Authorization for Placement and Services

Upon motion duly made by Mrs. Boba, seconded by Mr. Schoer, and carried unanimously, and upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, review by the Board of Education of the IEP recommendations of the January 26, 2009, January 28, 2009, February 4, 2009, February 10, 2009, February 11, 2009, February 13, 2009 February 25, 2009, February 26, 2009 and March 4, 2009 meetings of the Committee on Special Education, and amendments to Committee on Special Education dated January 13, 2009, February 5, 2009, February 9, 2009, February 11, 2009 and February 12, 2009; the January 29, 2009, February 12, 2009, and February 26, 2009 meetings of the Committee on Preschool Special Education, and the January 7, 2009, January 15, 1009, January 30, 2009, February 3, 2009, February 10, 2009 and February 24, 2009 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.

6.2 Harborfields Booster Club Summer Camp 2009

Upon motion duly made by Mrs. Boba, seconded by Mr. Schoer, and carried unanimously, and upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Harborfields Booster Club Summer Camp for 2009 to be offered during the six week period beginning July was approved.

6.4 Overnight Field Trips

Upon motion duly made by Mrs. Boba, seconded by Mr. Schoer, and carried unanimously, and upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the overnight field trips listed below were approved:

- Grade 4 TJL Students to the Caumsett State Park from May 6-14, 2010
- HHS Marching Band to participate in a summer marching band clinic at SUNY Farmingdale from August 20-22, 2009

6.3 Creation of New Clubs

Upon motion duly made by Mr. Schoer, seconded by Mr. Mastroianni, and carried unanimously, and upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the creation of the following new clubs at Oldfield Middle School and Harborfields High School were approved:

- Outreach Club
- "Oldfield Middle School Pride" Club
- Oldfield Middle School T.R.A.I.L. Club

Mr. Carasiti advised the Board that building administrators have taken on the responsibilities for these clubs with no additional remuneration. Mrs. Boba stated that she was very pleased and thanked the administration for doing this.

BOARD OF EDUCATION ACTIVITIES

Joint Legislative Breakfast – Elwood UFSD and Harborfields CSD, February 28, 2009, Oldfield Middle School

Mr. Brennan informed those present that all members of our Board of Education as well as Elwood's Board of Education and central office administration attended the joint legislative breakfast. Members of the PTA as well as Senator Marcellino, and Assemblymen Raia and Conte also attended this breakfast. Mr. Giuliano advised that the advice from our legislators is to try not to spend money. Senator Marcellino talked about what money would be available to the district. There was not a lot of good news.

NYSSBA State Legislative Network, March 1-3, 2009 in Albany, NY

Mr. Brennan and Mr. Schoer attended the SLN in Albany on March 1 and 2. Mr. Brennan stated that he and Mr. Schoer met with Malcolm Smith, New York State Senate Democratic Majority Leader and Comptroller DiNapoli and also visited with local legislators. Mr. Schoer reported that it was a very insightful two days. New York's economy is not good. Pension costs will be going up because of what is happening in the stock market. We need to share services for greater efficiency. He continued that he and Mr. Brennan were primarily there to lobby. One of the areas of discussion was an addition of a Tier V to the employees' retirement system. They also lobbied for WICKS reform and to try to avoid the MTA Tax.

SCOPE's School Board Forum and Awards Ceremony, March 16, 2009, Villa Lombardi's, Holbrook, NY

Mr. Brennan reported that all members of the Board of Education as well as central office administration attended the SCOPE's School Board Forum and Awards Ceremony. The following Board member, district employees and community members were honored for their hard work and dedication to the district:

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| ➤ School Board Service Award: | Donald W. Mastroianni |
| ➤ Community Service Award | Marianne Minton and Laurie Wax |
| ➤ Support Staff Service Award | Judith Russell |
| ➤ Teacher Service Award | Patricia Shatz |
| ➤ Administrator Service Award | David Bennardo |

Mr. Mastroianni thanked the Board for this recognition.

Mr. Mastroianni reported that the SEPTA Dance for Love, which was held in February, was a fantastic event and was a resounding success.

Mr. Mastroianni also advised that there was a Taxpayer Rally held on February 28 at Farmingdale College and that there were people from all over Long Island who attended this event. There were approximately 50 people in attendance from Harborfields.

ITEM FOR DISCUSSION

Overnight field trip to Costa Rica

Mr. Carasiti advised that there are two issues with this field trip. The first is the cost which is nearly \$3,000. He stated that there will be some students that can go and others that cannot. He went on to say that we need to put a ceiling on the cost of field trips. The second issue is the current economic climate. Mr. Carasiti stated that he would not approve this trip. He further stated that in the future we need to study the cost for field trips.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

A resident questioned teams playing at away games and the amount of time they are on buses and the time they arrive home from these games. He asked why we don't play teams that are located closer to us. Mr. Mastroianni advised that Section XI places us against teams with similar enrollments and that we can only control our non-league games. Mr. Schoer suggested that the resident speak with Mr. Valente.

ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion duly made by Mr. Toles, seconded by Mr. Mastroianni, and carried unanimously, the Board adjourned the meeting of March 18, 2009 at 10:37 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Muller
District Clerk