

APPROVED MINUTES

HARBORFIELDS CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT GREENLAWN, NEW YORK 11740

Kind of Meeting	-	Annual Organizational/Regular Meeting
Place of Meeting	-	OMS Auditorium
Date of Meeting	-	July 9, 2008
Board Members Present	-	Mr. Brennan, Mr. Mastroianni, Mr. Banks, Mrs. Boba, Mr. Giuliano, Mr. Schoer, Mr. Toles
Board Members Absent	-	None
Others Present	-	Dr. Wilson, Ms. Todaro, Mr. Nimmo, Mr. Hartner, Michael Lambert, Esq., Community Members

Mr. Brennan called the Annual Organizational/Regular Meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. He led those in attendance in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Dr. Wilson was called upon to administer the oath of office to the Ms. Muller, District Clerk.

Ms. Muller was called upon to administer the oath of office to Dr. Wilson, Superintendent of Schools.

Ms. Muller, District Clerk, was called upon to administer the oath of office to Mr. Banks and Mr. Giuliano.

Executive Session

Upon motion duly made by Mr. Giuliano, seconded by Mr. Toles, and carried unanimously, the Board moved to executive session for the purpose of employment history of a particular individual, FERPA regarding a student matter, litigation brought against the district by the Superintendent of Schools in an Article 78 Proceeding.

Upon motion duly made by Mr. Schoer, seconded by Mr. Giuliano, and carried unanimously the Board returned to the Annual Organizational Meeting/Regular Meeting of July 9, 2008 at 8:05 p.m.

At this time 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 asked that all cell phones and beepers be silenced during the meeting.

Election of President and Vice President – Board of Education

Mr. Mastroianni nominated Mr. Brennan as President of the Board of Education. Mr. Giuliano seconded the nomination. All were in favor.

Mr. Schoer nominated Mr. Mastroianni as Vice President of the Board of Education. Mr. Giuliano seconded the nomination. All were in favor.

Ms. Muller, District Clerk, was called upon to administer the oath of office to the President and Vice-President of the Board of Education.

Call for removal of resolutions from the ANNUAL ORGANIZATIONAL consent agenda

Mr. Mastroianni asked that items 8, 9, 11, 14, 22, 24, 29, 30, 32, 40 and 41 be removed for the Annual Organizational consent agenda.

Consent Agenda – Annual Organizational

Upon motion duly made by Mr. Giuliano, seconded by Mr. Toles, and carried unanimously, and upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, all resolutions on the Annual Organizational agenda of the July 9, 2008, with the exception of 8, 9, 11, 14, 22, 24, 29, 30, 32, 40, and 41, Board of Education annual organizational meeting were approved by consent.

13. Bonding of District Treasurer, Deputy Treasurer, Assistant Superintendent for Business, Purchasing Agent, Superintendent of Schools, and District Clerk

Upon motion duly made by Mr. Giuliano, seconded by Mr. Toles, and carried unanimously, for the 2008-2009 school year a bond of \$3,000,000 was approved for the District Treasurer and Deputy Treasurer; a bond of \$2,000,000 was approved for the Assistant Superintendent for Business and Purchasing Agent; a bond of \$800,000 was approved for the Superintendent of Schools, and a bond of \$200,000 was approved for the District Clerk.

15. Appointment of Records Management Officer

Upon motion duly made by Mr. Giuliano, seconded by Mr. Toles, and carried unanimously, William H. Nimmo, Assistant Superintendent for Business was appointed as Records Management Officer for the 2008-2009 school year.

16. Appointment of Records Access Officer and Authorization to Accept Legal Service

Upon motion duly made by Mr. Giuliano, seconded by Mr. Toles, and carried unanimously, Janet T. Pancir was appointed Records Access Officer for the 2008-2009 school year with no additional remuneration.

It was further resolved, that Janet T. Pancir was authorized to accept legal service for the Harborfields Central School District.

17. Appointment of Asbestos Compliance Officer

Upon motion duly made by Mr. Giuliano, seconded by Mr. Toles, and carried unanimously, Drew Cacciola, District Maintenance Leader, was appointed as Asbestos Compliance Officer for the 2008-2009 school year with no additional remuneration.

18. Designation of Banks and Depositories

Upon motion duly made by Mr. Giuliano, seconded by Mr. Toles, and carried unanimously, the following were designated as depositories for the school district and that accounts be established as soon as possible following the annual organizational meeting of the Board of Education as may be necessary:

Bank of America, Greenlawn	Withholding Tax Depository
Bank of America, Greenlawn	Student Activity Fund-OMS
Bank of America, Greenlawn	Student Activity Fund-HHS
Bank of America, Greenlawn	School Lunch Fund
Bank of America, Greenlawn	Scholarship Funds
Bank of America, Greenlawn	Trust & Agency Funds
Citibank, Greenlawn	Safe Deposit
Commerce Bank, East Northport	Special Aid Fund
Commerce Bank, East Northport	General Fund
Commerce Bank, East Northport	Capital Fund
Commerce Bank, East Northport	Payroll Account
Municipal Investors Service Corp.	General Fund (CLASS)
Municipal Investors Service Corp.	Debt Service (CLASS)

It was further resolved, that the Bank of New York and J.P. Morgan Chase Bank be designated as Custodial Banks for securities and/or securities held as collateral for the district's investment program.

It was further resolved, that Chase Manhattan Bank be designated as Accounting and Cremation Agent and Registrar for Bonds and Coupons.

19. Authorization for Investments

Upon motion duly made by Mr. Giuliano, seconded by Mr. Toles, and carried unanimously, William H. Nimmo, Assistant Superintendent for Business was authorized to invest district monies, under Section 1723-a of the Education Law as outlined in Policy 6240 as attached to the agenda of the annual organizational meeting of July 9, 2008. William H. Nimmo, Assistant Superintendent for Business, was further authorized to execute in the name of the Board of Education any and all documents relating to the investment program. A quarterly progress report of investments will be given to the Board of Education.

20. Authorization for Purchasing

Upon motion duly made by Mr. Giuliano, seconded by Mr. Toles, and carried unanimously, after the Board of Education reviews Policy 6700 and Exhibit 6700-E, the Board of Education affirmed its purchasing policy for the 2008-2009 school year.

It was further resolved, that Linda Gass, Purchasing Agent, shall be responsible for the establishment and implementation of the procedures and standard forms for use in all purchasing and related activities in the district.

21. Establishment of Regular Monthly Board of Education Meetings

Upon motion duly made by Mr. Giuliano, seconded by Mr. Toles, and carried unanimously, the regular meetings of the Board of Education were established as follows for the 2008-2009 school year:

<u>DATE OF MEETING</u>	<u>TYPE/PLACE OF MEETING</u>	<u>DAY OF WEEK OF MEETING</u>
September 3, 2008	Special Meeting – OMS	1 st Wednesday
September 17, 2008	Regular Meeting – HHS	3 rd Wednesday
October 2, 2008	Work Session - New/Newly Tenured Teacher – OMS	1 st Thursday
October 22, 2008	Regular Meeting – WDPS	4 th Wednesday
November 5, 2008	Community Forum – OMS	1 st Wednesday
November 19, 2008	Regular Meeting – TJL	3 rd Wednesday
December 10, 2008	Regular Meeting – OMS	2 nd Wednesday
January 21, 2009	Budget Work Session/Regular Meeting – OMS	3 rd Wednesday
January 28, 2009	Budget Work Session/Special Meeting – OMS	4 th Wednesday
February 11, 2009	Regular Meeting/Budget Work Session – OMS	2 nd Wednesday
March 7, 2009	Budget Work Session – OMS – 8:30 a.m.	1 st Saturday
March 18, 2009	Reg. Mtg./Community Forum – OMS	3 rd Wednesday
April 1, 2009	Work Session – OMS	1 st Wednesday
April 15, 2009	Special Meeting/Budget Adoption/Property Tax Report Card – OMS	3 rd Wednesday
April 28, 2009	Regular Meeting/BOCES Budget Vote	4 th Tuesday
May 12, 2009	Budget Hearing/Regular Meeting – OMS	2 nd Tuesday
May 19, 2009	Budget Vote/Special Meeting – OMS	3 rd Tuesday
May 27, 2009	Superintendent Evaluation – OMS	4 th Wednesday
June 3, 2009	Spec. Mtg./Retiree Reception – OMS	1 st Wednesday
June 17, 2009	Regular Meeting – OMS	3 rd Wednesday
July 8, 2009	Regular/Annual Organizational Meeting – OMS	2 nd Wednesday
August 19, 2009	Regular Meeting – OMS	3 rd Wednesday

23. Authorization of Personnel to Open Bids

Upon motion duly made by Mr. Giuliano, seconded by Mr. Toles, and carried unanimously, with respect to any bids received pursuant to competitive bidding for the district, Linda Gass, Purchasing Agent, or her designee were authorized to open any and all such bids at the time and place specified in the legal notice.

25. Designation of Board of Education Memberships in Associations

Upon motion duly made by Mr. Giuliano, seconded by Mr. Toles, and carried unanimously, the Board of Education shall obtain membership in the following associations for the school year 2008-2009 and that the members are authorized to attend meetings and functions of said association with necessary expenses defrayed by the district:

Name of Association	Estimated Membership Dues
New York State School Boards Association	\$9,540.00
Nassau-Suffolk School Boards Association	\$2,670.00
National School Boards Association	\$4,800.00
SCOPE	\$4,000.00

It was further resolved, that Board of Education members, Superintendent of Schools, and District Clerk be authorized to attend other conferences, meetings, and functions as deemed appropriate with necessary expenses defrayed by the district.

26. Designation of Newspapers for Publication of School Notices

Upon motion duly made by Mr. Giuliano, seconded by Mr. Toles, and carried unanimously, ***The Long Islander*** and ***Newsday*** were designated as newspapers in which all advertising required by law or otherwise may be published where advertising in two newspapers having general circulation in the district is required during the school year 2008-2009. Where advertising is required to be placed in only one newspaper, then it shall be placed in the newspaper deemed most appropriate by William H. Nimmo, Assistant Superintendent for Business.

27. Appointment of Treasurer, Extracurricular Funds

Upon motion duly made by Mr. Giuliano, seconded by Mr. Toles, and carried unanimously, Nancy Greene was appointed Treasurer of the Oldfield Middle School Extracurricular Fund and Georgia Psilakis was appointed Treasurer of the Harborfields High School Extracurricular Fund for the 2008-2009 school year, and

It was further resolved, that the extracurricular accounts be operated in accordance with the Regulations of the Commissioner of Education, Section 172.

28. Student Accident and Sports Insurance

Upon motion duly made by Mr. Giuliano, seconded by Mr. Toles, and carried unanimously, Student Accident Insurance will be purchased for the 2008-2009 school year.

31. Designation of Attendance Officers

Upon motion duly made by Mr. Giuliano, seconded by Mr. Toles, and carried unanimously, Dr. David Bennardo, Principal of Harborfields High School, Joanne Giordano, Principal of Oldfield Middle School, Florence Tuzzi, Principal of Thomas J. Lahey Elementary School, and Maureen Kelly, Principal of Washington Drive Primary School were appointed as Attendance Officers for the 2008-2009 school year.

33. Authorization and Designation on Single Signature Checks

Upon motion duly made by Mr. Giuliano, seconded by Mr. Toles, and carried unanimously, the District Treasurer, Deputy Treasurer, or the President of the Board of Education were authorized to sign all checks of the Harborfields Central School District.

Designated Signatures:

Paula Francis, District Treasurer
Sharon Whelan, Deputy Treasurer
James T. Brennan, President, Board of Education

34. Approval of Appointment of Surrogate Parents

Upon motion duly made by Mr. Giuliano, seconded by Mr. Toles, and carried unanimously, Merle Anne Burke, Mathilda Horowitz, and Julie Maier were appointed as surrogate parents for the 2008-2009 school year to represent any disabled child before the Committee on Special Education or the Committee on Preschool Special Education should that child so require representation.

35. Approval of Appointments to the District Committee on Special Education

Upon motion duly made by Mr. Giuliano, seconded by Mr. Toles, and carried unanimously, the following members of the professional staff and parents of children with disabilities who reside in the district were appointed to the District Committee on Special Education effective July 1, 2008 through June 30, 2009:

Diana DeVivio	Chairperson
Dr. Brian Harris	Alternate Chairperson/Psychologist
Dr. Dan Pinto	Alternate Chairperson/Psychologist

Patricia Shatz	Alternate Chairperson/Social Worker
Dr. Barry Greene	Alternate Chairperson/Psychologist
Dr. Michelle Meskin	Alternate Chairperson/Psychologist
Dr. Jack Gefken	Physician as requested
Merle Anne Burke	Parent
Lori Dekie	Parent
Marcia Schuhman	Parent
Peggy Scally	Parent
Tanya Slamowitz	Parent
Julie Maier	Parent
Louise Mordarski	Parent
Ilene Shapero	Parent
Nancy Seiden	Parent
Cheryl Baile	Parent
Diane Young	Parent
Marina DiDomencio	Parent
Colleen Rappa	Parent
Cathy Kitakis	Parent
Louise Pietraforte	Parent
Nancy Scanlon	Parent
Dr. Lisa Drake	Psychologist
Dr. Anita Quiett	Psychologist
Dr. Brian Harris	Psychologist
Dr. Dan Pinto	Psychologist
Dr. Barry Greene	Psychologist
Dr. Lauren Gallagher	Psychologist
Dr. Michelle Meskin	Psychologist
Special Education Teacher	Each Student
Classroom Teacher/Counselor	Each Student

36. Approval of Staff Members to Serve As Chairperson of Their Building Subcommittee on Special Education

Upon motion duly made by Mr. Giuliano, seconded by Mr. Toles, and carried unanimously, the following staff members will serve as chairperson of their building's subcommittee on Special Education:

Dr. Dan Pinto	Washington Drive Primary School
Dr. Lisa Drake	Thomas J. Lahey Elementary School
Dr. Michele Meskin	Thomas J. Lahey Elementary School
Dr. Barry Greene	Oldfield Middle School
Dr. Lauren Gallagher	Oldfield Middle School
Dr. Brian Harris	Harborfields High School
Dr. Anita Quiett	Harborfields High School
Thomas Gonzalez	Harborfields High School
Thomas Gonzalez	Oldfield Middles School
Thomas Gonzalez	Thomas J. Lahey Elementary School

Thomas Gonzalez
Patricia Shatz

Washington Drive Primary School
Out-of-District Placement

37. Approval of Appointments to the District Committee on Preschool Special Education

Upon motion duly made by Mr. Giuliano, seconded by Mr. Toles, and carried unanimously, the following members of the professional staff and parents of preschool children who reside in the district were appointed to the District Committee on Preschool Special Education effective July 1, 2008 through June 30, 2009:

Diana DeVivio	Chairperson
Dr. Dan Pinto	Alternate Chairperson/Psychologist
Patricia Shatz	Alternate Chairperson/Social Worker
Dr. Michele Meskin	Alternate Chairperson/Psychologist
Maria Schuhman	Parent
Merle Anne Burke	Parent
Lorie Dekie	Parent
Peggy Scally	Parent
Tanya Slamowitz	Parent
Julie Maier	Parent
Louise Mordarski	Parent
Ilene Schapero	Parent
Nancy Selden	Parent
Cheryl Baile	Parent
Diane Young	Parent
Marina DiDomencio	Parent
Colleen Rappa	Parent
Cathy Kitakis	Parent
Louise Pietraforte	Parent
Nancy Scanlon	Parent
Suffolk County/Dept. of Health Services	Representative
Evaluator	Evaluation Site Representative
Special Education Teachers	Each Student
Karen Ciocca	General Education Teacher
Allan Lauber	Special Education Teacher
Fredarica Friedman	Special Education Teacher

38. Approval of Updated Special Education Plan and Annual Report

Upon motion duly made by Mr. Giuliano, seconded by Mr. Toles, and carried unanimously, the Special Education Plan and Annual Report to the Board of Education was approved for the 2008-2009 school year.

39. **Approval of Procedures for Appointment and Compensation of Impartial Hearing Officers in Disputes Relating to Identification, Classification, and Placement of Disabled Students, Electronic Reporting To State Education Department, and Adoption of Updated List of Impartial Hearing Officers**

Upon motion duly made by Mr. Giuliano, seconded by Mr. Toles, and carried unanimously, the Board of Education hereby adopted the updated list of impartial hearing officers for Suffolk County promulgated by the New York State Education Department in connection with requests for impartial hearings under the I.D.E.A. and Education Law, '4404. The district list shall be accessed on the New York State Education Department's website which includes the names of those other certified impartial hearing officers whose names appear on the State list and who indicate their interest in hearing appeals in matters affecting the Harborfields Central School District.

Upon receipt of a request for an impartial hearing, the President of the Board of Education, or on the occasion of his or her absence or inability, the Vice President of the Board of Education, is hereby authorized and directed to appoint an impartial hearing officer from the District's alphabetical rotational list. The President of the Board, or on the occasion of his or her absence or inability, the Vice President of the Board shall make such appointment in accordance with the principles set forth in Section 200.5 of the Regulations of the Commissioner of Education. The District Clerk, or acting District Clerk, under the direction of the President of the Board, shall initiate the selection process by contacting the impartial hearing officer whose name first appears after the impartial hearing officer who last served, and shall canvass the list as provided in the regulations until an appointment is accepted. Should a hearing officer decline appointment, the District Clerk or his or her designee shall offer appointment to each successive hearing officer whose name next appears on the alphabetical list until such appointment is accepted.

The Board believes that an expeditious hearing is essential to accomplish the purpose of I.D.E.A. and Education Law, '4404. To this purpose, the President of the Board or his or her designee shall only appoint those hearing officers who are prepared to commit to conduct hearing sessions of not less than six hours in duration, inclusive of a lunch break, where appropriate. Travel time to and from the hearing location shall not be counted toward fulfillment of this time commitment.

The Board shall compensate an impartial hearing officer for his or her services at the maximum rate established for such purpose by the Commissioner of Education, which rate is currently \$100 per hour for all pre-hearing, hearing, and post-hearing activities (including travel). The District will reimburse reasonable automotive travel expenses in the nature of mileage expense at the IRS approved rate for not to exceed 200 miles per day and tolls necessarily incurred. The District will not reimburse air fare expenses, meal expenses or lodging expenses under any circumstances.

The District Clerk or his or her designee shall transmit a copy of this policy to all hearing officers on the District's alphabetical list in order to apprise them of the District's policy with respect to appointment and compensation of impartial hearing officers.

The Superintendent shall designate an individual or individuals who shall be responsible for implementation of the State Education Department's web-based reporting system.

42. Readoption of all Policies and Code of Ethics

Upon motion duly made by Mr. Giuliano, seconded by Mr. Toles, and carried unanimously, all Policies and Code of Ethics in effect during the 2007-2008 school year were readopted for use for the 2008-2009 school year.

43. Appointment of School Physician

Upon motion duly made by Mr. Giuliano, seconded by Mr. Toles, and carried unanimously, Dr. Jack W. Geffken was appointed as the school physician for the 2008-2009 school year at an annual fee of \$26,635.00. This fee represents a cost of living adjustment of 4.1% (based on CPI-W January 2007 to January 2008) over the 2007-2008 school year.

44. Readoption of School District Code of Conduct

Upon motion duly made by Mr. Giuliano, seconded by Mr. Toles, and carried unanimously, the School District Code of Conduct in effect during the 2007-2008 school year was readopted for use during the 2008-2009 school year.

- File: **5310** School Conduct and Discipline
- File: **5310-R** School District Code of Conduct Regulations

45. Authorization for District-owned Cellular Telephones

Upon motion duly made by Mr. Giuliano, seconded by Mr. Toles, and carried unanimously, the following positions were authorized for use of a district-owned cellular telephone in accordance with File 8332-R of the Board of Education Policy Manual:

- Superintendent (1)
- Assistant Superintendents (1 each)
- Executive Director of Pupil Personnel Services (1)
- Principals (1 for each building for emergency use)
- Athletic Director (1 plus 8 for coaches at away contests)
- District Maintenance Leader (1)
- Maintenance Supervisor (1)
- District Courier (1)
- Computer Technicians (1 each)

46. Review of District Safety Plan and Appointment of District Safety Committee

Upon motion duly made by Mr. Giuliano, seconded by Mr. Toles, and carried unanimously, and upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the District Safety Plan in effect during the 2007-08 school year was readopted for the 2008-2009 school year.

It was further resolved, that the members of the District Safety Committee, as listed in the attachments to the agenda of July 9, 2008 were appointed for the 2008-2009 school year.

47. Appointment of Internal Auditor

Upon motion duly made by Mr. Giuliano, seconded by Mr. Toles, and carried unanimously, and upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools and the Audit Committee, the Board of Education hereby appointed R.S. Abrams as its Internal Auditor for the 2008-09 school year at an annual fee of \$44,100, as set forth in the agreement attached to the agenda of July 9, 2008, and

It was further resolved, that the Board of Education hereby authorized the Board President to execute the written agreement, as attached to the official minutes of July 9, 2008.

48. List of Co-Curricular Activities and Clubs K-12

Upon motion duly made by Mr. Giuliano, seconded by Mr. Toles, and carried unanimously, and upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the co-curricular activities and clubs as attached to the official minutes of July 9, 2008 were approved for students K-12.

8. Appointment of District Clerk/Secretary to the Board of Education

Upon motion duly made by Mr. Schoer, seconded by Mr. Mastroianni, and carried unanimously, a motion to amend this resolution was approved.

Mr. Schoer moved to amend this resolution by striking at a rate of \$_____ and substituting at a rate equal to the 2007-08 rate of pay. Mr. Giuliano seconded this amendment.

Upon motion duly made by Mr. Mastroianni, seconded by Mr. Giuliano, Barbara Muller was appointed District Clerk/Secretary to the Board of Education (part-time) for the 2008-2009 school year at a rate equal to the 2007-08 rate of pay.

This resolution was unanimously approved as amended.

9. Appointment of District Treasurer and Deputy Treasurer

Upon motion duly made by Mr. Schoer, seconded by Mr. Mastroianni, and carried unanimously, a motion to amend this resolution was approved.

Mr. Schoer moved to amend this resolution by striking at an annual stipend of \$_____ and substituting at a stipend equal to the 2007-08 stipend. Mr. Toles seconded this amendment.

Upon motion duly made by Mr. Giuliano, seconded by Mr. Toles, Paula Francis was appointed District Treasurer for the 2008-2009 school year at a stipend equal to the 2007-08 stipend.

This resolution was unanimously approved as amended

It was further resolved, that Sharon Whelan be appointed as Deputy Treasurer for the 2008-2009 school year with no additional remuneration.

10. The oath of office will be administered to the District Treasurer and the Deputy Treasurer by the District Clerk within thirty days.

11. Appointment of Claims Auditor

Upon motion duly made by Mr. Schoer, seconded by Mr. Mastroianni, and carried unanimously, a motion to amend this resolution was approved.

Mr. Schoer moved to amend this resolution by striking at a rate of \$_____ per annum and substituting at a rate equal to the 2007-08 rate of pay. Mr. Toles seconded this amendment.

Upon motion duly made by Mr. Giuliano, seconded by Mr. Toles, Maryann Viglucchi was appointed as Claims Auditor for the 2008-2009 school year at a rate equal to the 2007-08 rate of pay.

This resolution was unanimously approved as amended.

12. The oath of office will be administered to the Claims Auditor by the District Clerk within thirty days.

14. Appointment of District Purchasing Agent

Upon motion duly made by Mr. Schoer, seconded by Mr. Mastroianni, and carried unanimously, a motion to amend this resolution was approved.

Mr. Schoer moved to amend this resolution by striking at a rate of \$_____ per annum and substituting at a rate equal to the 2007-08 rate of pay. Mr. Toles seconded this amendment.

Upon motion duly made by Mr. Giuliano, seconded by Mr. Mastroianni, Linda Gass was appointed as District Purchasing Agent for the 2008-2009 school year at a rate per annum equal to 2007-08.

This resolution was unanimously approved as amended.

22. Establishment of Mileage Reimbursement Rate

Upon motion duly made by Mr. Schoer, seconded by Mr. Mastroianni, and carried unanimously, a motion to amend this resolution was approved.

Mr. Schoer moved to amend this resolution by adding the following wording: Dr. Janet Ceparano Wilson, Superintendent of Schools, for the period July 1, 2008 through July 31, 2008 and Mr. Frank Carasiti, Interim Superintendent of Schools for the period August 1, 2008 through the balance of the 2008-09 school year. Mr. Mastroianni seconded this amendment.

Upon motion duly made by Mr. Giuliano, seconded by Mr. Toles, mileage reimbursement was adopted at the IRS established rate for the 2008-2009 school year, and that Dr. Janet Ceparano Wilson, Superintendent of Schools, for the period July 1, 2008 through July 31, 2008 and Mr. Frank Carasiti, Interim Superintendent of Schools through the balance of the 2008-09 school year, were authorized to approve such requests for the 2008-2009 school year.

This resolution was unanimously approved as amended.

24. Authorization of Superintendent of Schools to Approve Budgeted Expenses for Attendance at Meetings and Conferences

Upon motion duly made by Mr. Schoer, seconded by Mr. Mastroianni, and carried unanimously, a motion to amend this resolution was approved.

Mr. Schoer moved to amend this resolution by adding the following wording: Dr. Janet Ceparano Wilson, Superintendent of Schools, for the period July 1, 2008 through July 31, 2008 and Mr. Frank Carasiti, Interim Superintendent of Schools, for the period August 1, 2008 through the balance of the 2008-09 school year. Mr. Mastroianni seconded this amendment.

Upon motion duly made by Mr. Giuliano, seconded by Mr. Toles, Dr. Janet Ceparano Wilson, Superintendent of Schools, for the period July 1, 2008 through July 31, 2008 and Mr. Frank Carasiti, Interim Superintendent of Schools, for the period August 1, 2008 through the balance of the 2008-09 school year were authorized to approve budgeted expenses for attendance of school personnel at meetings and conferences for the 2008-2009 school year.

This resolution was unanimously approved as amended.

29. **Authorization of Superintendent of Schools or Designee to Approve and Certify Payrolls**

Upon motion duly made by Mr. Schoer, seconded by Mr. Mastroianni, and carried unanimously, a motion to amend this resolution was approved.

Mr. Schoer moved to amend this resolution by adding the following wording: Dr. Janet Ceparano Wilson, Superintendent of Schools, for the period July 1, 2008 through July 31, 2008 and Mr. Frank Carasiti, Interim Superintendent of Schools, for the period August 1, 2008 through the balance of the 2008-09 school year. Mr. Mastroianni seconded this amendment

Upon motion duly made by Mr. Giuliano, seconded by Mr. Toles, Dr. Janet Ceparano Wilson, Superintendent of Schools, for the period July 1, 2008 through July 31, 2008 and Mr. Frank Carasiti, Interim Superintendent of Schools for the period August 1, 2008 through the balance of the school year, or her/his designee were authorized to approve and certify payrolls for the 2008-2009 school year in accordance with the 2008-2009 school budget.

This motion was unanimously approved as amended

30. **Authorization of Superintendent of Schools to make transfers within Budgetary Appropriations**

Upon motion duly made by Mr. Schoer, seconded by Mr. Mastroianni, and carried unanimously, a motion to amend this resolution was approved.

Mr. Schoer moved to amend this resolution by adding the following wording: Dr. Janet Ceparano Wilson, Superintendent of Schools, for the period July 1, 2008 through July 31, 2008 and Mr. Frank Carasiti, Interim Superintendent of Schools, for the period August 1, 2008 through the balance of the 2008-09 school year. Mr. Mastroianni seconded this amendment

Upon motion duly made by Mr. Giuliano, seconded by Mr. Toles, Dr. Janet Ceparano Wilson, Superintendent of Schools, for the period July 1, 2008 through July 31, 2008 and Mr. Frank Carasiti, Interim Superintendent of Schools for the period August 1, 2008 through the balance of the 2008-09 school year, were authorized to make transfers within budgetary appropriations for the 2008-2009 school year with such transfers to be limited to \$10,000 per transfer.

This motion was unanimously approved as amended.

32. **Approval of Custodians of Petty Cash**

Upon motion duly made by Mr. Schoer, seconded by Mr. Mastroianni, and carried unanimously, a motion to amend this resolution was approved.

Mr. Schoer moved to amend this resolution by adding the following wording: Dr. Janet Ceparano Wilson, Superintendent of Schools, for the period July 1, 2008 through July 31, 2008 and Mr. Frank Carasiti, Interim Superintendent of Schools, for the period August 1, 2008 through the balance of the 2008-09 school year. Mr. Mastroianni seconded this amendment

Upon motion duly made by Mr. Giuliano, seconded by Mr. Toles, the persons listed below were authorized as custodians of petty cash funds in an amount of \$100.00:

- Dr. Janet Ceparano Wilson, Superintendent of Schools for the period July 1, 2008 through July 31, 2008 and Mr. Frank Carasiti, Interim Superintendent of Schools, for the period August 1, 2008 through the balance of the 2008-09 school year.
- William H. Nimmo, Assistant Superintendent for Business
- Dr. David Bennardo, Principal, Harborfields High School
- Joanne Giordano, Principal, Oldfield Middle School
- Florence Tuzzi, Principal, Thomas J. Lahey Elementary School
- Maureen Kelly, Principal, Washington Drive Primary School

Regulations of the Commissioner stipulate that payments from petty cash funds may be made for materials, supplies, or services only under conditions calling for **immediate payment upon delivery.**

It was further resolved, that the person designated as responsible for petty cash funds shall not authorize the expenditure from petty cash for amounts in excess of \$25.00 for any one purchase.

This motion was unanimously approved as amended.

40. Authorization for Grant Applications

Upon motion duly made by Mr. Schoer, seconded by Mr. Mastroianni, and carried unanimously, a motion to amend this resolution was approved.

Mr. Schoer moved to amend this resolution by adding the following wording: Dr. Janet Ceparano Wilson, Superintendent of Schools, for the period July 1, 2008 through July 31, 2008 and Mr. Frank Carasiti, Interim Superintendent of Schools, for the period August 1, 2008 through the balance of the 2008-09 school year. Mr. Mastroianni seconded this amendment

Be it resolved, the nature of State, Federal, and County Grant applications require approval of the Board of Education, and

Whereas, the timeliness of information and deadline requirements are not necessarily coordinated with meetings of the Board of Education, now therefore,

Upon motion duly made by Mr. Giuliano, seconded by Mr. Toles, this resolution authorizes Dr. Janet Ceparano Wilson, Superintendent of Schools, for the period July 1, 2008 through July 31, 2008 and Mr. Frank Carasiti, Interim Superintendent of Schools from August 1, 2008 through the balance of the 2008-09 school year to apply for any and all funding which in her/his judgment is appropriate for the Harborfields Central School District for the 2008-2009 school year, and

It was further resolved, that the Superintendent of Schools report such application for funding to the Board of Education at the next regular meeting following.

This resolution was unanimously approved as amended.

41. Authorization for Key Communicators 2008-2009

Upon motion duly made by Mr. Schoer, seconded by Mr. Mastroianni, and carried unanimously, a motion to amend this resolution was approved.

Mr. Schoer moved to amend this resolution by adding the following wording to enclosure #41: Dr. Janet Ceparano Wilson, Superintendent of Schools, for the period July 1, 2008 through July 31, 2008 and Mr. Frank Carasiti, Interim Superintendent of Schools, for the period August 1, 2008 through the balance of the 2008-09 school year. Mr. Mastroianni seconded this amendment

Upon motion duly made by Mr. Giuliano, seconded by Mr. Toles, a list of Key Communicators was established for the Harborfields Central School District and that written communication will be maintained with these individuals during the course of the 2008-2009 year.

This resolution was unanimously approved as amended.

The Board of Education continued with the Regular Meeting of July 9, 2008.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

A resident expressed anger regarding class size and staffing cuts. She continued that she felt lied to by administration. She stated that the budget passed in this community because of the information presented to them by administration in the spring.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORTS

Superintendent's Report

Dr. Wilson advised the Board that she has been approached by the teachers' union regarding half-days for elementary schools at the end of the school year. She

continued that she will report on this item at the end of the meeting. She also stated that with regard to enrollment, she will give the Board an update later in the meeting.

BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES

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

Special meeting, June 4, 2008
Special meeting, June 11, 2008
Regular meeting, June 18, 2008

FINANCE RESOLUTIONS

Call for removal of resolutions from the FINANCE consent agenda

Mr. Schoer asked that item 4.3 be removed from the consent agenda.

Consent Agenda - Finance

Upon motion duly made by Mr. Mastroianni, seconded by Mr. Toles, and carried unanimously, and upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, all resolutions in the area of Finance, with the exception of 4.3, on the agenda of the July 9, 2008 Board of Education meeting were approved by consent.

4.1 Treasurer's Report

Upon motion duly made by Mr. Mastroianni, seconded by Mr. Toles, and carried unanimously, and upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the preliminary Treasurer's Report for June 2008 was approved.

4.2 Schedules of Bills

Upon motion duly made by Mr. Mastroianni, seconded by Mr. Toles, and carried unanimously, and upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the preliminary schedules of bills attached to the agenda of this meeting of July 9, 2008 were accepted.

4.4 Bids

Upon motion duly made by Mr. Mastroianni, seconded by Mr. Toles, and carried unanimously, and upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the following cooperative bids as listed in the attachments to the official minutes of July 9, 2008 were approved.

- Coop Bid #2008-1: Bread
- Coop Bid #2008-2: Bagels
- Coop Bid #2008-3: Cleaning Chemicals
- Coop Bid #2008-4: Ice Cream
- Coop Bid #2008-5: Drinks
- Coop Bid #2008-6: Grocery
- Coop Bid #2008-7: Frozen
- Coop Bid #2008-8: Snacks
- Coop Bid #2008-9: Dairy
- Coop Bid #2008-10: Paper
- Coop Bid #2008-11: Cheese/Pizza
- Coop Bid #2008-12: Processed Foods
- Coop Bid #2008-13: Large Equipment
- Coop Bid #2008-14: Small Equipment

4.5 Gift and Increase in Appropriations

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

- \$2,875.00 from the WDPS PTA to be used at the discretion of Maureen Kelly, Principal of Washington Drive Primary School

It was further resolved, that pursuant to the receipt of the grants, appropriations for 2008-2009 be increased as follows:

A2110.2000.05.2210	\$2,875.00
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with the understanding that this increase in appropriations is matched by unanticipated revenue and will, therefore, result in no impact on the tax levy.

4.6 Gift

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

- Collection of books from parents or through the Birthday Book Club to WDPS, TJL, OMS, and HHS

4.7 Surplus Books and Equipment

Upon motion duly made by Mr. Mastroianni, seconded by Mr. Toles, and carried unanimously, and upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the surplus books and equipment as listed in the attachments to the official minutes of July 9, 2008, were declared surplus and will be disposed of accordingly.

- Books and a video at the Washington Drive Primary School library
- Opaque projector at Oldfield Middle School
- Several pieces of music equipment at OMS

4.8 External Accountant

Upon motion duly made by Mr. Mastroianni, seconded by Mr. Toles, and carried unanimously, and upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools the Board of Education hereby appointed D'Arcangelo & Co., LLP as its external accountant for the preparation of the district's financial statements for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2008 at a fee not to exceed \$8,000 as set forth in its response to a Request for Proposal dated June 9, 2008; and

It was further resolved, that the Board of Education hereby authorized the Board President to execute the written agreement as attached to the agenda of July 9, 2008.

4.9 Grant Disbursement Agreement for EXCEL Funds

Whereas, the New York State Commissioner of Education has notified the Dormitory Authority of the State of New York that the Harborfields Central School District is apportioned funding through the EXCEL Program in the total amount of \$1,185,702 and to date, the Commissioner of Education has certified to the Dormitory Authority that the Harborfields Central School District is eligible for reimbursement in the amount of \$428,618 for its EXCEL projects, and

Upon motion duly made by Mr. Mastroianni, seconded by Mr. Toles, and carried unanimously, and upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the district elects to seek reimbursement of the EXCEL funds as set forth through the Grant Disbursement Agreement attached to the agenda of July 9, 2008, and

It was further resolved, that the Board of Education hereby authorized the Board President to execute the written agreement, as attached to the agenda of July 9, 2008, between the district and the Dormitory Authority of the State of New York.

4.10 School Service/Specialized Education Agreements.

Upon motion duly made by Mr. Mastroianni, seconded by Mr. Toles, 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 contractor listed below, in accordance with Part 200 of the regulations of the Commissioner of Education for children with handicapping conditions were approved.

- **Cost Management Services, Inc.** to provide services for Medicaid for the period July 1, 2008 through June 30, 2009 at a rate of 4.5% for the gross accepted/approved Medicaid claims paid to the school district to a maximum of \$50,000.

- **Syosset Home Tutoring** to provide homebound tutoring services, resource room/special education services for the period July 1, 2008 through June 30, 2009 at a rate of \$40.71 per hour.

4.11 Cablevision Wide Area Network Agreement

Upon motion duly made by Mr. Mastroianni, seconded by Mr. Toles, and carried unanimously, and upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the district will engage in a three-year service agreement with Optimum Lightpath for the purpose of upgrading the Wide Area Network to a GIGE.

It was further resolved, that the Board of Education hereby authorized the Superintendent of Schools to execute the written agreement, as attached to the agenda minutes of July 9, 2008, between the district and Optimum Lightpath.

4.3 Use of Classroom and Supportive Services by Western Suffolk BOCES

Upon motion duly made by Mr. Schoer, seconded by Mr. Mastroianni, and carried unanimously, this item was tabled at this time.

HUMAN RESOURCES

Call for removal of resolutions from the HUMAN RESOURCES consent agenda

Mr. Mastroianni called for removal of items 5.5 and 5.15 from the Human Resources consent agenda. Mrs. Boba called for removal of item 5.10 and Mr. Toles called for removal of item 5.21 from the Human Resources consent agenda.

Consent Agenda – Human Resources

Upon motion duly made by Mr. Giuliano, seconded by Mr. Mastroianni, and carried unanimously, and upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, all resolutions in the area of Human Resources, with the exception of 5.5, 5.10, 5.15, and 5.21, on the agenda of the July 9, 2008 Board of Education meeting were approved by consent with the exception of those listed above.

5.1 Resignations

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

- Cunneen, Margaret, Part-time Clerk Typist, HHS, effective close of business June 30, 2008
- Frost, Jennifer, Part-time Teaching Assistant, TJL, effective close of business June 30, 2008 for the purpose of retirement

- Vitere, Cynthia, Social Studies Teacher, HHS, effective close of business August 31, 2008

5.2 Leaves of Absence

Upon motion duly made by Mr. Giuliano, seconded by Mr. Mastroianni, 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
Craft, Barbara	Elementary Teacher	WDPS	11/13/08-1/20/09	1/21/09-8/31/09
Thomson, Aimee	Mathematics Teacher	HHS	N/A	9/1/08-8/31/09

5.3 Professional Appointments

Upon motion duly made by Mr. Giuliano, seconded by Mr. Mastroianni, 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 July 9, 2008 were approved.

Probationary		
Name	School	Assignment
Cornell, Pamela	HHS	Special Education Teacher
Maiello, Joseph	OMS	Health Teacher
Elish-Swartz, Alyson	District	Speech Teacher
Serie, Stefan	TJL	Physical Education Teacher
Regular Substitutes		
Cox, Michael	TJL	Elementary Teacher
McFaul, Karen	TJL	Elementary Teacher
Raynor, Maureen	HHS	Mathematics Teacher
Swales, Dorothy	OMS/WDPS	Music Teacher
Part-time		
Schnitzer, Alaina	WDPS	Physical Education Teacher
Stella, Cecilia	WDPS	Reading Teacher
*Stebbins, Kim	TJL	Speech Teacher
Thomson, Aimee	HHS	Mathematics Teacher
Wetstein, Raenee	OMS	Special Education Teacher

*Emergency Conditional

5.4 Civil Service Appointments

Upon motion duly made by Mr. Giuliano, seconded by Mr. Mastroianni, and carried unanimously, and upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the following civil service appointments, in accordance with the schedule attached to the official minutes of July 9, 2008, were approved.

Probationary		
Name	School	Assignment
Lang, Carol	WDPS	Clerk Typist (12-month)
Schaefer, Anne	OMS	School Teacher Aide
Part-time		
Reres, Doreen	OMS	School Teacher Aide

5.6 Longevity

Upon motion duly made by Mr. Giuliano, seconded by Mr. Mastroianni, and carried unanimously, and upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, longevity increments were granted to those professional and civil service personnel as per the schedule attached to the official minutes of July 9, 2008.

5.7 Substitute List for School Year 2008-2009

Upon motion duly made by Mr. Giuliano, seconded by Mr. Mastroianni, and carried unanimously, and upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the substitute list as attached to the official minutes of July 9, 2008 was approved for the 2008-2009 school year.

5.8 Translators List for School Year 2008-2009

Upon motion duly made by Mr. Giuliano, seconded by Mr. Mastroianni, and carried unanimously, and upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the translators list as attached to the official minutes of July 9, 2008 was approved for the 2008-2009 school year.

5.9 Certified Home Instructors List for School Year 2008-2009

Upon motion duly made by Mr. Giuliano, seconded by Mr. Mastroianni, and carried unanimously, and upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the certified teachers named in the attachments to the official minutes of July 9, 2008 were appointed as home instructors for the 2008-2009 school year.

5.11 Contract Between Teacher Registry Consulting and the Harborfields Central School District

Upon motion duly made by Mr. Giuliano, seconded by Mr. Mastroianni, and carried unanimously, and upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Harborfields Central School District entered into agreement with Teacher Registry Consulting for the services of the substitute registry to secure substitute teachers for the period of July 1, 2008 through June 30, 2009, and that the Superintendent of Schools was authorized and directed to execute the contract on behalf of the district.

5.12 Extension of Emergency Conditional Appointments

Upon motion duly made by Mr. Giuliano, seconded by Mr. Mastroianni, 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
Stephanie Carlstrom	Substitute School Teacher Aide	District
Lori Fox	Substitute School Teacher Aide, Clerical and Food Service Worker	District
Erin Nostro	Substitute School Teacher Aide, Clerical and Teaching Assistant	District

5.13 Adoption of Revised Policies

Upon motion duly made by Mr. Giuliano, seconded by Mr. Mastroianni, and carried unanimously, and upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the following revised policies as attached to the agenda of July 9, 2008 were adopted.

- File 9510.3: Support Staff Salary Schedules/Employee Benefit Program
- File 9510.4: Support Staff Salary Schedules/Employee Benefit Program
- File 9510.7: Support Staff Salary Schedules/Employee Benefit Program
- File 9510.9: Support Staff Salary Schedules/Employee Benefit Program

5.14 Extracompensation Appointment Schedule for 2008-2009

Upon motion duly made by Mr. Giuliano, seconded by Mr. Mastroianni, and carried unanimously, and upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the appointees specified on the Extracompensation Appointment Schedules attached to the official minutes of July 9, 2008 was approved.

5.17 District Board of Education Members to Attend Conference

Upon motion duly made by Mr. Giuliano, seconded by Mr. Mastroianni, and carried unanimously, and upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the following Board of Education members, District Clerk and Superintendent of Schools were authorized to attend a conference and be reimbursed for expenses in accordance with policy file 2521.

- District Clerk to attend SBLI workshop on October 16, 2008 at the NYSSBA Annual Convention, New York, NY, October 16-19, 2008
- Board of Education members to attend NYSSBA Fiscal Oversight Fundamentals for School Board Members, Eastern Suffolk BOCES, Holbrook, New York, August 18-19, 2008

5.18 Election of Voting Delegate to the New York State School Boards Association 2008 Annual Convention

Upon motion duly made by Mr. Giuliano, seconded by Mr. Mastroianni, and carried unanimously, that _____ represent the Harborfields Central School District as a voting delegate at the 2008 Annual Business Meeting of the New York State School Boards Association Convention.

If the voting delegate, after arrival at the convention, is unable to serve, it is his/her responsibility to transit the "Voting Delegate" identification to an alternate designated by the Board. The alternate voting delegate is _____.

Although this item was approved as part of the consent agenda, the Board did not appoint a representative. This item will be brought back at the August meeting.

5.19 Separation Payments

Whereas, the District's Corrective Action Plan pursuant to the New York State Comptroller's audit of 2007 requires that the Board of Education approve separation payments for unused sick and vacation accruals for all individuals separating from the district; and,

Whereas, the administration has prepared calculations for retirees and/or individuals separating from district service in accordance with existing collective bargaining agreements and/or BOE policy as per the separation payment agenda enclosures; and,
Whereas the separation payment agenda enclosures and collective bargaining agreements and/or Board of Education Policies have been reviewed by district counsel; and,

Upon motion duly made by Mr. Giuliano, seconded by Mr. Mastroianni, and carried unanimously, and upon recommendation of the Superintendent, that the Board of Education authorized said separation payments as described in the separation payment agenda enclosures.

5.20 Extra Assignment-Professional

Upon motion duly made by Mr. Giuliano, seconded by Mr. Mastroianni, and carried unanimously, and upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the following extra assignment was approved.

Name	School	Assignment
Hoar, Phyllis	OMS	0.1 Science Teacher

5.22 Appointment of Summer Worker

Upon motion duly made by Mr. Giuliano, seconded by Mr. Mastroianni, and carried unanimously, and upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the following summer worker was appointed:

SUMMER WORKER					
Name	Assignment	School	Hours Per Day	Hourly Rate	Effective Dates
Forbes, Donna	Wilson Reading Teacher	OMS	1 Hour/Day for 20 days	\$95.00/hr.	7/10/08-8/31/08

5.5 Temporary Summer Workers

Mr. Schoer moved to amend this resolution by making the following corrections. Mr. Mastroianni seconded this amendment:

SUMMER WORKERS					
Name	Assignment	School	Hours Per Day	Hourly Rate	Effective Dates
Berke, Gregory	Teaching Assistant	WDPS	From 8 to 3	\$12.00/hr.	7/10/08-8/15/08
DePrima, David	Teaching Assistant	WDPS to TJL	From 8 to 3	\$12.00/hr.	7/10/08-8/15/08
Kohos, Jacqueline	Student Aide Summer Academy	WDPS	2.5 hours	\$8.75/hr.	7/10/08-7/31/08
Tillman, Monique	Custodian	WDPS	7	\$8.75/hr.	7/10/08-8/22/08

Upon motion duly made by Mr. Schoer, seconded by Mr. Toles, and carried unanimously, and upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the above resolution was approved as amended.

**5.10 Contract Between Tri-State REACH
and the Harborfields Central School District**

Upon motion duly made by Mrs. Boba, seconded by Mr. Schoer, and carried unanimously, this item was tabled at this time.

5.15 Salary Schedules for Non-Unit Personnel

Upon motion duly made by Mr. Mastroianni, seconded by Mr. Schoer, and carried unanimously, this item was tabled at this time.

5.21 Professional Appointment

Upon motion duly made by Mr. Schoer, seconded by Mr. Giuliano, and carried unanimously, this item was returned to the consent agenda.

Upon motion duly made by Mr. Schoer, seconded by Mr. Giuliano, and carried unanimously, the Board of Education hereby authorized its President to execute an agreement with Jack P. Colombo for mentoring and other services for Pupil Personnel Department staff. Said agreement shall be incorporated by reference within the minutes of this meeting.

INSTRUCTIONAL RESOLUTIONS

Call for removal of resolutions from the INSTRUCTION consent agenda

Mr. Toles called for removed of item 6.2 from the consent agenda.

Consent Agenda – Instruction

Upon motion duly made by Mr. Mastroianni, 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 6.2, on the agenda of the July 9, 2008 Board of Education meeting were approved by consent.

6.1 Field Trips

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

- Approximately 15 high school students from the girls' cheerleading team to participate in the Pine Forest Cheerleading Camp from August 27-30, 2008.
- HHS marching band students to participate in a summer band camp to be held at SUNY at Farmingdale from August 21-23, 2008, and providing compensation for five teacher chaperones for an expenditure of \$1876.80.

- OMS National Junior Honor Society's leadership team to participate in canoe/kayak trip up the Nissequogue River on July 17, 2008.

6.3 Release and Settlement Agreement

Upon motion duly made by Mr. Mastroianni, seconded by Mr. Schoer, and carried unanimously, and upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Superintendent was authorized to enter into a Release and Settlement Agreement on behalf of student #098002.

6.2 Review of IEP Recommendations and Authorization for Placement and Services

Mr. Toles had several questions for Ms. DeVivio regarding IEPs stating that there is too much uncertainty and it should be made clear to parents. He continued that he would like to feel more comfortable before giving his stamp of approval and would like this item tabled. Mike Lambert, Esq. stated that he would not recommend tabling this item as it may hold up placement of certain students. Mr. Toles requested additional information on the reports be given to the Board of Education in the future.

Upon motion duly made by Mr. Schoer, seconded by Mr. Toles, and carried unanimously, this item was brought back to the consent agenda.

Upon motion duly made by Mr. Schoer, seconded by Mr. Toles, and carried unanimously, and upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, review by the Board of Education of the IEP recommendations of the March 5, 2008, April 4, 2008, May 1, 2008, May 14, 2008, May 15, 2008, May 21, 2008, May 27, 2008, and May 29, 2008 May 30, 2008, June 9, 2008, June 16, 2008, June 18, 2008, June 19, 2008, June 23, 2008, June 25, 2008 and June 26, 2008 meetings of the Committee on Special Education, the May 1, 2008, May 15, 2008, June 19, 2008 and June 29, 2008 meeting of the Committee on Preschool Special Education, and the February 14, 2008, February 26, 2008, February 28, 2008, February 29, 2008, March 7, 2008, March 11, 2008, March 13, 2008, March 14, 2008, March 18, 2008, April 1, 2008, April 3, 2008 April 4, 2008, April 9, 2008, April 10, 2008, April 15, 2008, April 17, 2008, April 18, 2008, April 24, 2008, April 25, 2008, May 5, 2008, May 22, 2008, May 23, 2008, May 27, 2008, May 29, 2008, May 30, 2008, June 18, 2008 and June 23, 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.

BOARD OF EDUCATION ACTIVITIES

N-SSBA Annual Dinner, Woodbury Country Club, June 2, 2008

Mr. Toles did not attend this dinner.

2008 Commencement, Harborfields High School, June 29, 2008

Mr. Mastroianni, Mrs. Boba, Dr. Chen, Mr. Giuliano, Mr. Schoer, Dr. Wilson, Ms. Todaro, Mr. Nimmo, and Mr. Hartner attended the 2008 Commencement at Harborfields High School. Mr. Mastroianni complimented Dr. Bennardo for the extraordinary job he did in coordinating the commencement and also stated that there was a very touching moment when Dr. Bennardo presented the parents of Marc Dawson with an honorary degree. Marc was killed in a tragic accident earlier this year while training to become a Navy Seal.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

Enrollment Update 2008-2009

Dr. Wilson stated that administration attempted to give the Board some information regarding enrollment which was misunderstood. The Board asked that we try to honor the lower end of the range for class size. Since we have registered more students for kindergarten than had been projected during the planning of the budget we have increased the number of kindergarten sections from 11 to 12. Dr. Wilson advised that at this time there will be 11 sections for grade 1; 13 sections for grade 2; 12 sections for grade 3; 12 sections for grade 4; and 13 sections for grade 5. Mr. Hartner stated that we are in good shape going into September. Mr. Giuliano asked if BOCES projected 235 students for kindergarten. Mr. Hartner stated BOCES did project that count and the count as of today is 238 students. The Board asked for weekly updates from administration with regard to enrollment.

Discussion of half days in June for elementary/primary schools

Dr. Wilson advised the Board that Mr. Shade, President of the UTH asked if the district would consider ½ days for elementary and primary schools during the last week in June. Currently, our students attend for a half-day on Friday, the last day of school in June. The middle school students begin the half-day schedule the Friday of the week prior to the last week of school. During this period, teachers are able to finalize grades, prepare the classroom for summer, and begin planning for the upcoming school year. Therefore, elementary and primary school teachers would be involved in similar tasks if the half-day schedule commenced prior to the last day of school. A survey of the surrounding districts showed that most other districts had three or four ½ days. Mr. Brennan asked if this affects us contractually. Dr. Wilson responded that the Board can provide this or not provide it. It was the consensus of the Board to approve two additional half-days for our elementary schools.

ANNOUNCEMENT

Mr. Mastroianni advised the community that the Board has been served with two additional lawsuits this evening from the Superintendent of Schools.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

A resident thanked the Board for keeping the class sizes the way they were.

A resident stated that there were possible cuts with a Phys. Ed. teacher, a reading teacher, and combining an ESL classes. Dr. Wilson responded that so far they remain exactly as they were.

The president of the UTH thanked the Board for supporting the new schedule for the elementary teachers. He stated that even though the students leave early, the teachers are still there for the full day.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Upon motion duly made by Mr. Giuliano, seconded by Mr. Toles, and carried unanimously, the Board moved to Executive Session for the purpose of reviewing RFPs for legal services, to discuss an employee discipline matter, to discuss a student matter under FERPA, and litigation brought against the district by the Superintendent of Schools in an Article 78 Proceeding and an Appeal to the State Education Commissioner.

Dr. Wilson, Ms. Todaro, Mr. Nimmo and Mr. Hartner were excused from the meeting at 10 p.m.

Upon motion duly made by Mr. Toles, seconded by Mrs. Boba, and carried unanimously, the Board returned to the Annual Organizational/Regular Meeting at 10:44 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion duly made by Mr. Giuliano, seconded by Mr. Toles, and carried unanimously, the Board adjourned the Annual Organizational/Regular Meeting at 10:46 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Muller
District Clerk