

## APPROVED MINUTES

### HARBORFIELDS CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT GREENLAWN, NEW YORK

Kind of Meeting	-	Regular Meeting
Place of Meeting	-	OMS Board Room
Date of Meeting	-	August 20, 2008
Board Members Present	-	Mr. Brennan, Mr. Mastroianni, Mr. Banks, Mrs. Boba, Mr. Giuliano, Mr. Schoer
Board Members Absent	-	Mr. Toles
Others Present	-	Mr. Carasiti, Ms. Todaro, Mr. Nimmo, Mr. Hartner, Ms. DeVivio, Community Members

Mr. Brennan called the meeting to order at 6:16 p.m.

#### **Appointment of District Clerk Pro-Tem for Executive Session**

Upon motion duly made by Mr. Schoer, seconded by Mr. Giuliano, and carried (4-0), the Board moved to Executive Session at 6:18 p.m. for the purpose of employment contracts and pending litigation brought against the district by the former superintendent.

Mrs. Boba arrived at 6:35 p.m. Ms. Todaro, Mr. Nimmo, and Mr. Hartner left executive session at 6:45 p.m. Mr. Banks arrived at 6:58 p.m.

Upon motion duly made by Mr. Giuliano, seconded by Mr. Schoer, and carried (6-0), the Board moved out of Executive Session at 7:25 p.m.

#### **Audit Committee**

Upon motion duly made by Mr. Giuliano, seconded by Mr. Schoer, and carried (6-0), the Board moved to meet as the Audit Committee at 7:25 p.m.

Upon motion duly made by Mr. Giuliano, seconded by Mr. Schoer, and carried (6-0), the Board moved to Executive Session to meet as the Audit Committee. MaryAnn Van Duyne and Alexandra Battaglia of R. S. Abrams joined the Board in Executive Session at 7:25 p.m.

Upon motion duly made by Mrs. Boba, seconded by Mr. Giuliano, and carried (6-0), the Board returned to the regular meeting at 7:47 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.

At this time, Mr. Brennan welcomed Mr. Carasiti, who will serve as Interim Superintendent, to the Harborfields Central School District for the 2008-09 school year.

### **Oath of Office**

Ms. Muller was called upon to administer the oath of office to Mr. Carasiti, Interim Superintendent of Schools.

### **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Several students from the high school advised the Board that they had a wonderful experience with the Italian trip. They stated that it was a great learning experience and that it broadened their horizons. They continued that this trip improved their Italian and they thanked the Board for this wonderful opportunity.

### **REPORTS**

#### **Superintendent's Report**

Mr. Carasiti advised the Board that he met with various groups including administrators, PTAs, and presidents of bargaining units. He stated that the three things he considers essential to an elite school district are: excellence, tradition and pride. He continued that Harborfields possesses all three of these things. Mr. Carasiti continued by stating that Harborfields has a great reputation on Long Island and he intends to maintain that reputation and improve on it.

#### **Audit Committee Report**

Mr. Schoer reported that the Board met in Executive Session as the audit committee. They met with Maryann Van Duyne and Alexandria Battaglia of R. S. Abrams & Co. Mr. Schoer stated that the Board received three draft reports from our internal auditors. He continued that the Board raised certain questions with respect to these reports and that the Board expects a final report from R. S. Abrams shortly.

### **BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES**

Upon motion duly made by Mr. Giuliano, seconded by Mr. Schoer, and carried (6-0), the following minutes were approved by the Board of Education:

Regular/Reorganization Meeting, July 9, 2008  
Special Meeting, July 23, 2008  
Special Meeting, July 24, 2008

### **FINANCE RESOLUTIONS**

#### **Call for removal of resolutions from the FINANCE consent agenda**

Mr. Brennan asked for removal of item 4.6 from the finance consent agenda. Mr. Schoer asked for removal of item 4.11 from the finance consent agenda.

## **Consent Agenda - Finance**

Upon motion duly made by Mrs. Boba, seconded by Mr. Giuliano, and carried (6-0), and upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, all resolutions in the area of Finance on the agenda of the August 20, 2008 Board of Education meeting with the exception of those listed above were approved by consent.

### **4.1 Treasurer's Reports**

Upon motion duly made by Mrs. Boba, seconded by Mr. Giuliano, and carried (6-0), and upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Treasurer's Reports for June (final) and July 2008 were approved.

### **4.2 Schedules of Bills**

Upon motion duly made by Mrs. Boba, seconded by Mr. Giuliano, and carried (6-0), and upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the schedules of bills attached to the agenda of August 20, 2008 were accepted.

### **4.3 Transportation Bid**

Upon motion duly made by Mrs. Boba, seconded by Mr. Giuliano, and carried (6-0), and upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the following bid as attached to the official minutes of August 20, 2008 was approved.

- Bid 2007-9: Transportation

### **4.4 School Service/Specialized Education Agreements**

Upon motion duly made by Mrs. Boba, seconded by Mr. Giuliano, and carried (6-0), 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 children with handicapping conditions were approved.

- **Creative Home Tutoring** to provide home tutoring for students on home instruction for the period July 1, 2008 through June 30, 2009 at a rate of \$40.71 per hour for homebound tutoring services and \$40.71 per period for resource room/special education services.
- **ECN Vision Consultants, Inc.** to provide orientation and mobility services for children with disabilities in accordance with the Individualized Education Plan (IEP) for the period of July 1, 2008 through June 30, 2009 at a rate of \$165.00 per hour.

- **Claudine Martino** to provide services for deaf and hearing impaired students for the period of July 1, 2008 through August 31, 2008 in accordance with the Individualized Education Plan (IEP) at a rate of \$85.00 per hour.
- **Ilda Wistreich** to provide teacher of the blind and visually impaired services for children with disabilities for the period July 1, 2008 through June 30, 2009 at a rate of \$125.00 per hour.

#### **4.5 Use of Classroom and Supportive Services by Western Suffolk BOCES**

Upon motion duly made by Mrs. Boba, seconded by Mr. Giuliano, and carried (6-0), and upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the request from Western Suffolk BOCES for the use of one classroom and supportive services at the Oldfield Middle School for the Alternate Learning Program for the period September 1, 2008 through June 30, 2009 in accordance with the agreement attached to the agenda of August 20, 2008 was approved.

#### **4.7 Gift**

Upon motion duly made by Mrs. Boba, seconded by Mr. Giuliano, and carried (6-0), and upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the following gift was accepted:

- Three portable round picnic tables with umbrellas from the WDPS PTA to be used in the student courtyard

#### **4.8 Surplus Equipment**

Upon motion duly made by Mrs. Boba, seconded by Mr. Giuliano, and carried (6-0), and upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the following equipment as listed in the attachments to the official minutes of August 20, 2008, were declared surplus and will be disposed of accordingly.

- Damaged music equipment at Harborfields High School

#### **4.9 Appointment of External Auditor**

Upon motion duly made by Mrs. Boba, seconded by Mr. Giuliano, and carried (6-0), and upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that Coughlin Foundotos Cullen & Danowski, LLP, Certified Public Accountants, were appointed the external auditor for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2009 to be compensated at a rate of \$43,200 in accordance with the engagement letter attached to the official minutes of August 20, 2008.

**4.10 Western Suffolk BOCES 2007-2008 AS-7 Service Contract**

Upon motion duly made by Mrs. Boba, seconded by Mr. Giuliano, and carried (6-0), and upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the revised AS-7 service contract between Western Suffolk BOCES and the Harborfields Central School District for the 2007-2008 school year as attached to the official minutes of August 20, 2008 was approved.

**It was further resolved**, that the President of the Board of Education be authorized to execute the agreement on behalf of the Harborfields Central School District.

**4.6 Gifts and Increase in Appropriations**

Upon motion duly made by Mr. Schoer, seconded by Mr. Giuliano, and carried (6-0), item 4.6 was returned to the consent agenda.

Upon motion duly made by Mrs. Boba, seconded by Mr. Giuliano, and carried (6-0), and upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the following gifts be accepted, as amended.

- \$8,006.86 from TJJ PTA to be used at the discretion of Florence Tuzzi, Principal, Thomas J. Lahey Elementary School
- \$1,000.00 from Motorola, Inc. to be used at the discretion of Florence Tuzzi, Principal, Thomas J. Lahey Elementary School
- \$2,400 from SEPTA to be used at the discretion Diana DeVivio, Director of Pupil Personnel Services
- \$45,000 from Senator Marcellino to be used at the discretion of Diana Todaro, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum & Instruction

**It was further resolved**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, pursuant to the anticipated receipt of the gifts to reimburse our expenses, appropriations for 2008-2009 be increased as follows:

- A2020.2000.06.2020.....\$8,000.00
- A2630.5115.06.2630.....\$1,000.00
- A2250.2000.53.2250.....\$2,400.00
- A2630.2000.42.4001.....\$45,000.00

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

**4.11 Appointment of Legal and Special Labor Relations Counsel**

Upon motion duly made by Mr. Schoer, seconded by Mr. Mastroianni, and carried (6-0), item 4.11 was returned to the consent agenda.

Mr. Schoer asked that this resolution be amended to read “in their letter of August 8, 2008.” Mr. Giuliano seconded this amendment.

Upon motion duly made by Mr. Schoer, seconded by Mrs. Boba, and carried (6-0), and upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board hereby authorizes its President to execute a retainer agreement with the law firm of Shaw, Perelson, May, & Lambert, LLP for the 2008-2009 school year, consistent with the retainer proposal made by the law firm in their letter of August 8, 2008.

## **HUMAN RESOURCES RESOLUTIONS**

### **Call for removal of resolutions from the HUMAN RESOURCES consent agenda**

Mr. Schoer asked for removal of item 5.14 from the consent agenda.

### **Consent Agenda – Human Resources**

Upon motion duly made by Mr. Mastroianni, seconded by Mr. Schoer, and carried (6-0), and upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, all resolutions in the area of Human Resources on the agenda of the August 20, 2008 Board of Education meeting with the exception of item 5.14, were approved by consent.

#### **5.1 Leave of Absence**

Upon motion duly made by Mr. Mastroianni, seconded by Mr. Schoer, and carried (6-0), and upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the following leave of absence was approved:

<b>Name</b>	<b>Assignment</b>	<b>School</b>	<b>Dates Unpaid</b>
Ambrosio, Gale	Part-time Teaching Assistant	WDPS	9/1/08-6/30/09

#### **5.2 Resignations**

Upon motion duly made by Mr. Mastroianni, seconded by Mr. Schoer, and carried (6-0), and upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the following resignations were accepted:

- Biancardi, William, Guard (10-months), HHS, effective close of business July 15, 2008
- Lammers, Donald, Guard (10 months), OMS, effective close of business August 31, 2008
- McInerney, Annmarie, Elementary Teacher, WDPS, effective close of business August 31, 2008
- Smith, Edwin, Social Studies Teacher, OMS, effective close of business July 11, 2008

**5.3 Professional Appointments**

Upon motion duly made by Mr. Mastroianni, seconded by Mr. Schoer, and carried (6-0), and upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the following professional appointments in accordance with the schedule attached to the official minutes of August 20, 2008 were approved.

<b>Probationary</b>		
<b>Name</b>	<b>School</b>	<b>Assignment</b>
Carroll, Marisa	WDPS	Elementary Teacher
Hansen, Jessica	HHS	Special Education Teacher
Havranek, Christopher	OMS	Social Studies Teacher
Kouroutis, George	OMS/HHS	Social Studies Teacher
Lippe, Christopher	OMS/HHS	Music Teacher
Mangiamele, Ellen	HHS	English Teacher
Merchant, Denise	District	Assistant Director of Pupil Personnel Services
<b>Part-time</b>		
<b>Name</b>	<b>School</b>	<b>Assignment</b>
Aliperti, Nancy	WDPS	Teaching Assistant
Arcati, Jenna	TJL	Teaching Assistant
Boylan, Bonnie	TJL	Teaching Assistant
Carlstrom, Stephanie	TJL	Teaching Assistant
Flanagan, Ciaran	HHS	English Teacher
Gorczycki, Laura	TJL	Teaching Assistant
Lambert, Caitlin	HHS/OMS	Social Studies Teacher
Lurie, Debra	TJL	AIS Teacher
Ohlenschlaeger, Brigitte	WDPS	Teaching Assistant
<b>Regular Substitute</b>		
<b>Name</b>	<b>School</b>	<b>Assignment</b>
Krauss, Mellisa	WDPS	Elementary Teacher
Nucci, Lori	TJL	Elementary Teacher
Reisert, Christina	TJL	Elementary Teacher

**5.4 Permanent Appointments-Civil Service**

Upon motion duly made by Mr. Mastroianni, seconded by Mr. Schoer, and carried (6-0), and upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the following civil service employees received permanent appointment.

<b>Permanent Appointment</b>		
<b>Name</b>	<b>School</b>	<b>Assignment</b>
Edel, Donna	WDPS	School Teacher Aide/Greeter
Hart, Maria	WDPS	Food Service Worker
Phillips, Holli	OMS	Food Service Worker

### **5.5 Extra Assignments-Professional**

Upon motion duly made by Mr. Mastroianni, seconded by Mr. Schoer, and carried (6-0), and upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the following extra assignments in accordance with the schedule attached to the official minutes of August 20, 2008 were approved.

<b>Name</b>	<b>School</b>	<b>Assignment</b>
Ellick, Steven	OMS	0.2 Technology Teacher
Elo, Pamela	OMS	0.2 Technology Teacher
Lockwood, Drew	OMS	0.1 Art Teacher
Lopez, Patricio	HHS	0.2 Spanish Teacher
Mayr, Christine	TJL	0.2 Gifted & Talented Teacher

### **5.6 Substitute List Addendum 2008-2009**

Upon motion duly made by Mr. Mastroianni, seconded by Mr. Schoer, and carried (6-0), and upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the substitute list addendum as attached to the official minutes of August 20, 2008 was approved.

### **5.7 Increase in Hours**

Upon motion duly made by Mr. Mastroianni, seconded by Mr. Schoer, and carried (6-0), and upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the following increase in hours was approved.

- Hendrickson, Dennis, Guard (12 months), Districtwide, from 21 hours per week to 24 hours per week effective July 1, 2008 through September 30, 2008

### **5.8 Change in Status**

Upon motion duly made by Mr. Mastroianni, seconded by Mr. Schoer, and carried (6-0), 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 August 20, 2008 was approved:

- Williams, Victoria, from Senior Clerk Typist, HHS to Senior Stenographer, HHS



**5.9 Extracompensation Appointment Schedule 2008-2009**

Upon motion duly made by Mr. Mastroianni, seconded by Mr. Schoer, and carried (6-0), and upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the appointees specified on the Extracompensation Appointment Schedule attached to the official minutes of August 20, 2008 were approved.

**5.10 Reappointment of Teaching Assistants**

Upon motion duly made by Mr. Mastroianni, seconded by Mr. Schoer, and carried (6-0), and upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Teaching Assistants, contained in the official minutes of August 20, 2008, were reappointed from September 1, 2008 through June 30, 2009.

**5.11 Translators List Addendum 2008-2009**

Upon motion duly made by Mr. Mastroianni, seconded by Mr. Schoer, and carried (6-0), and upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the translators list addendum as attached to the official minutes of August 20, 2008 were approved for the 2008-2009 school year.

**5.12 Certified Home Instructors List Addendum 2008-2009**

Upon motion duly made by Mr. Mastroianni, seconded by Mr. Schoer, and carried (6-0), and upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the certified teachers named in the attachments to the official minutes of August 20, 2008 were appointed as home instructors for the 2008-2009 school year.

**5.13 Adoption of Revised Policies**

Upon motion duly made by Mr. Mastroianni, seconded by Mr. Schoer, and carried (6-0), and upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the following revised policies as attached to the agenda of August 20, 2008 were adopted.

- File 9510.2: Support Staff Salary Schedules/Employee Benefit Program
- File 9510.5: Support Staff Salary Schedules/Employee Benefit Program
- File 9510.6: Support Staff Salary Schedules/Employee Benefit Program
- File 9510.8: Support Staff Salary Schedules/Employee Benefit Program

**5.15 Stipend to District Clerk as Substitute for the Secretary to the Superintendent**

Upon motion duly made by Mr. Mastroianni, seconded by Mr. Schoer, and carried (6-0), and upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, when the district clerk performs any duties outside of her role and/or substitutes for the secretary to the superintendent, the compensation will be the hourly rate paid to the secretary to the superintendent.

**5.16 New Teacher Mentor Program for 2008-2009 School Year**

Upon motion duly made by Mr. Mastroianni, seconded by Mr. Schoer, and carried (6-0), and upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the following consultant was appointed for participation in the New Teacher Mentor Program for the 2008-2009 school year at a stipend of \$4,022.00.

- Barbara Luna

**It was further resolved**, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the following staff members be approved for participation in the New Teacher Mentor Program for the 2008-2009 school year for a stipend of \$39.20 per hour for a maximum of 45 hours.

Burkhart, Mary	Gomez, Dolores	McPike, Kathleen	Sales, Sylvia
Buscemi, Sandra	Klein, Jennifer	Polansky, Alyssa	Shatz, Patricia
			Walter, Alan

**5.17 Consultants**

Upon motion duly made by Mr. Mastroianni, seconded by Mr. Schoer, and carried (6-0), the following resolution was approved:

**Whereas**, the Board recognizes that from time to time, it must retain the services of consultants and/or independent contractors to fulfill the educational mission of the school district; and

**Whereas**, the Board wishes to delegate to the Superintendent, or the Superintendent's designee, the authority to enter into contracts for educational services, in an amount not to exceed Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000) per contract, with consultants and/or independent contractors;

**Now, therefore, be it resolved** as follows:

- 1) That the Board delegates authority to the Superintendent, or the Superintendent's designee, to enter into contracts for educational services, in an amount not to exceed Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000) per contract, with consultants and/or independent contractors; and
- 2) The Superintendent, or the Superintendent's designee, shall promptly notify the Board when the school district enters into such consultant contracts; and
- 3) Prior Board approval shall be required before the school district contracts for educational services, in an amount exceeding Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000) per contract, with consultants and/or independent contractors.

**5.18 Agreement Between Harborfields Central School District and General Investigative Services**

Upon motion duly made by Mr. Mastroianni, seconded by Mr. Schoer, and carried (6-0), and upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the agreement between the Harborfields Central School District and the investigative service companies listed below periodically requested by the district throughout the 2008-2009 school year were approved.

- **Alpha Group** to provide general investigative services for the period of September 1, 2008 through June 30, 2009 at a rate of \$80.00 per hour.
- **Fanning Investigative Services, Inc.** to provide general investigative services for the period of September 1, 2008 through June 30, 2009 at a rate of \$70.00 per hour.

**It was further resolved**, the Board of Education hereby authorized the Board President to execute these agreements for the district.

**5.19 Separation Payment for Unused Leave Accruals**

Upon motion duly made by Mr. Mastroianni, seconded by Mr. Schoer, and carried (6-0), the following resolution was approved:

**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 leave accruals for all individuals separating from the district; and,

**Whereas**, the administration has prepared notice or notices of separation payments for retirees and/or individuals resigning or otherwise separating from district service in accordance with existing collective bargaining agreements, employment agreements and/or Board policy and has included such notice or notices herein as agenda enclosures; and

**Whereas**, the notice of separation payment agenda enclosure(s) have/has been reviewed and approved by district counsel as consistent with existing collective bargaining agreements, employment agreements and/or Board of Education policies;

**Be it resolved**, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that the Board of Education authorized said separation payments as described in the notice of separation payment agenda enclosures.

**5.20 Civil Service Appointments**

Upon motion duly made by Mr. Mastroianni, seconded by Mr. Schoer, and carried (6-0), 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 August 20, 2008, were approved.

<b>Probationary</b>		
<b>Name</b>	<b>School</b>	<b>Assignment</b>
Evola, Vincent	OMS	Guard (10 month)
McGovern, David	HHS	Custodial Worker I

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

Upon motion duly made by Mr. Mastroianni, seconded by Mrs. Boba, and carried (6-0), this item was returned to the consent agenda.

Upon motion duly made by Mr. Mastroianni, seconded by Mrs. Boba, and carried (6-0), Nicholas Giuliano will represent the Harborfields CSD 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 Michael Banks.

***INSTRUCTION RESOLUTIONS***

**Call for removal of resolutions from the INSTRUCTION consent agenda**

There were no items removed from the Instruction consent agenda.

**Consent Agenda - Instruction**

Upon motion duly made by Mrs. Boba, seconded by Mr. Schoer, and carried (6-0), and upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, all resolutions in the area of Instruction on the agenda of the August 20, 2008 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 (6-0), and upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, review by the Board of Education of the IEP recommendations of the April 30, 2008, May 1, 2008, May 13, 2008, May 19, 2008, May 22, 2008, May 23, 2008, June 4, 2008, June 5, 2008, June 10, 2008, June 12, 2008, June 13, 2008, June 20, 2008, June 24, 2008, July 7, 2008, July 9, 2008, July 22, 2008, July 29, 2008, August 1, 2008, August 4, 2008, August 7,

2008 and August 12, 2008 meetings of the Committee on Special Education, the April 9, 2008, April 28, 2008, May 3, 2008, May 6, 2008, May 7, 2008, May 8, 2008, May 9, 2008, May 13, 2008, May 15, 2008, May 16, 2008, May 19, 2008, May 20, 2008, May 22, 2008, May 27, 2008, May 28, 2008, May 29, 2008, June 3, 2008, June 5, 2008, June 6, 2008, June 9, 2008, June 10, 2008, June 12, 2008, June 13, 2008, June 14, 2008, and June 23, 2008 meetings of the Subcommittee on Special Education, and the May 22, 2008, June 5, 2008, June 12, 2008, July 15, 2008, and August 7, 2008 meetings of the Committee on Preschool Special Education, authorization was granted to provide for the placement and services contained in the recommendations of the CSE, SCSE, and CPSE.

## **6.2 Professional Development Plan**

Upon motion duly made by Mrs. Boba, seconded by Mr. Schoer, and carried (6-0), and upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Professional Development Plan as attached to the agenda of August 20, 2008 was approved for the 2008-2009 school year.

## **6.3 Universal Pre-Kindergarten Contracts**

Upon motion duly made by Mrs. Boba, seconded by Mr. Schoer, and carried (6-0), and upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Harborfields Central School District will collaborate with Centerport Methodist Church Nursery School and Kiddie Academy of Greenlawn for the establishment of a Universal Pre-Kindergarten program for the 2008-2009 school year at a rate of \$2500.00 per student for a total of 64 students to be provided through state funding.

## ***BOARD OF EDUCATION ACTIVITIES***

### **NYSSBA New Board Member Institute, Nassau BOCES, August 8, 2008**

Mr. Banks attended the NYSSBA New Board Member Institute. He stated that it was a good program which was well-run. He went on to say that it was very informative, there was a lot of interaction with other Board members, and that this workshop gave him a better understanding of his responsibilities as a new Board member.

### **SCOPE's Annual Dinner Meeting, St. John's University, Oakdale, NY, August 14, 2008**

Mr. Brennan, Mr. Mastroianni, Mr. Banks, Mr. Giuliano, Mr. Schoer, Mr. Toles, and Mr. Carasiti attended the SCOPE Annual Dinner Meeting on August 14, 2008. Mr. Banks stated that Dr. Dan Domenech was the guest speaker. Dr. Domenech is the president of AASA which he hopes to use as a tool for education. Mr. Carasiti stated that Dr. Domenech has done a great job regarding on-line college courses which Dr. Domenech has become an advocate for.

NYSSBA Fiscal Oversight Training, Eastern Suffolk BOCES, August 18-19, 2008

Mr. Banks attended the Fiscal Oversight Training program and stated that he was able to interact with other superintendents as well as new Board members. He continued that Mr. Dragone was a presenter. Mr. Banks continued that the attendees received packets of information and that things are making more sense now. He thanked the community for allowing him to attend these workshops.

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

A resident and president of the TA's thanked the Board for supporting the Teaching Assistants and continued that they are looking forward to starting the new school year with a contract. She also thanked Mr. Hartner for his continued support.

A resident inquired as to how the district enters into special education agreements. How are decisions made to drop one and/or consolidate providers of special education services. Ms. DeVivio stated that it is based upon need before making a determination. Ideally, we would like to provide services in the district. Mr. Carasiti stated that the school is responsible for making decisions on special education providers, and that the parents are not involved since it is the responsibility of the school district.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Upon motion duly made by Mrs. Boba, seconded by Mr. Banks, and carried (6-0), the Board adjourned the meeting of August 20, 2008 at 8:29 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Muller  
District Clerk