

APPROVED MINUTES

HARBORFIELDS CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT GREENLAWN, NEW YORK 11740

Kind of Meeting	-	Special Budget Meeting
Date of Meeting	-	March 6, 2010
Place of Meeting	-	WDPS Cafetorium
Board Members Present	-	Mr. Mastroianni, Mr. Giuliano Mr. Banks, Mrs. Boba, Dr. McDonagh, Mr. Schoer, Mr. Toles
Board Members Absent	-	None
Others Present	-	Mr. Carasiti, Ms. Todaro, Mr. Nimmo, Dr. Koenig, Principals, Directors, Community Members

Mr. Mastroianni called the meeting to order at 8:20 a.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Upon motion duly made by Mrs. Boba, seconded by Mr. Schoer, and carried (6-0), the Board moved into Executive Session at 8:21 a.m. for the purpose of personnel regarding contract negotiations.

Mr. Giuliano entered the meeting at 8:25 a.m.

Upon motion duly made by Mr. Giuliano, seconded by Mr. Toles and carried unanimously, the Board returned to the special meeting at 9:07 a.m.

Mr. Mastroianni led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance and instructed those in attendance where to exit the building in case of an emergency. He requested that all cell phones and beepers be silenced during the meeting.

Approval of Bid

Upon motion duly made by Mr. Giuliano, seconded by Mr. Schoer, and carried unanimously, and upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the following bid as listed below and attached to the official minutes of March 6, 2010 was approved:

- Bid #2009-15: Track Reconstruction – Harborfields High School

Budget Presentation

Mr. Mastroianni advised the community that a Legislative Breakfast was held last week in conjunction with the Elwood School District. They met with Sen. Marcellino and Assemblymen Raia and Conte. The legislators advised that they were not hopeful the state will have a budget any time soon.

Mr. Mastroianni advised the community that the Board was supposed to go to Albany next weekend for an additional meeting with our legislators; however, the Board cancelled this meeting in order to save money.

Mr. Carasiti gave a PowerPoint presentation showing several budget scenarios including a rollover budget and a contingency budget. Included in this presentation were the proposed staff reductions with each budget scenario. A copy of the PowerPoint presentation is on file in the office of the Superintendent.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

A student was concerned about the extra curricular activities at OMS and made many suggestions on how to save money including reducing the heat in the schools. She also presented the Board with a petition signed by many of the students at OMS.

A resident asked that the SAIL program be kept at TJL.

A resident suggested to the community that if they see something that is not working in the schools they should let the Board know. She also suggested that some transportation should be cut.

A resident spoke about energy costs stating that it is a controllable expense. She also suggested recycling.

A resident asked that the Board reconsider the elimination of the Summer Academy.

A resident asked about the percentage of reduction of teachers to other staff cuts. She also asked that details of the budget, line by line, be placed on the district's website.

A resident asked if the STAR program is in jeopardy. Mr. Carasiti advised that it is in jeopardy. He also questioned reserves and tax certioraris.

The president of the UTH addressed the Board stating that several members of the UTH were in attendance at this meeting and he thanked Mr. Carasiti for working with the UTH on negotiations.

Mr. Mastroianni asked that a brief recess be taken at 11:00 a.m. The Board reconvened the meeting at 11:35 a.m.

Announcement

Mr. Valente congratulated Kelsey Margey on winning the New York State Federation title in the 1,000M in 2:51.87 at this past weekend's New York State Championship meet. Kelsey currently has the fastest time in the nation in the 1,000. Kelsey, who only started to run this year to "stay in shape for lacrosse" has had a remarkable "made for television story year" winning the Suffolk County IV title, and winning first place at the state qualifier. She capped her regular indoor season with a win in the 1,000 at the Long Island Invitational at St. Anthony's several weekends ago.

Budget Presentation

The Board questioned administration about several items contained in their budget books. Mr. Carasiti advised that administration would refine the budget book.

Mr. Toles left the meeting at 12:02 p.m.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There was no public participation at this time.

ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion duly made by Mr. Schoer, seconded by Mrs. Boba, and carried (6-0), the Board adjourned the special meeting of March 6, 2010 at 12:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Muller
District Clerk