

APPROVED MINUTES

HARBORFIELDS CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT GREENLAWN, NEW YORK 11740

Kind of Meeting	-	Regular Meeting
Place of Meeting	-	OMS – Board Room
Date of Meeting	-	August 26, 2009
Board Members Present	-	Mr. Mastroianni, Mr. Giuliano, Mr. Banks, Mrs. Boba, Dr. McDonagh, Mr. Schoer
Board Members Absent	-	Mr. Toles
Others Present	-	Mr. Carasiti, Ms. Todaro, Mr. Nimmo, Dr. Koenig, Mr. Cacciola, Mr. Iovino

Mr. Mastroianni called the meeting to order at 6:10 p.m.

APPOINTMENT OF DISTRICT CLERK PRO-TEM

Upon motion duly made by Mr. Schoer, seconded by Mr. Giuliano, and carried (5-0), Diana Todaro was appointed District Clerk Pro-Tem for this portion of the meeting.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Upon motion duly made by Mr. Schoer, seconded by Mr. Giuliano, and carried (5-0), the Board moved into Executive Session at 6:11 p.m. for the purpose of discussing litigation brought against the district by former employee, collective bargaining, and litigation brought against the district by Snow Industries. Two attorneys from Ingerman Smith were present regarding the litigation by Snow Industries. At 7:29 p.m. Ms. Giordano entered the meeting and introduced the new assistant principal for OMS who would be appointed at tonight's meeting.

Upon motion duly made by Mr. Schoer, seconded by Dr. McDonagh, and carried (5-0), the Board returned to the regular meeting at 7:50 p.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 also asked that all cell phones and beepers be silenced during the meeting.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There was no public participation at this time.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORTS

Superintendent's Report

Mr. Carasiti advised the Board that there would be two lengthy presentations on the agenda. He continued that we will hopefully have a referendum on October 27, 2009 to

reconstruct the high school track with money from our capital reserve account. He continued that the track is in very poor condition.

Energy Conservation Report

Fred Seeba of BBS reported on energy conservation stating that an RFP was sent out to five different firms in April and in June we received four responses. He continued that these RFP's were reviewed in great detail and one firm was eliminated. BBS sent questions to the remaining three firms and another firm was eliminated. That left Johnson Controls and Honeywell. Mr. Seeba continued that BBS created a matrix and assigned a point total to each of them. These firms came in very close but Johnson Control was one point ahead, therefore, BBS is recommending Johnson Control as the best proposal for the district. They will come in and do the energy audit at no cost or obligation to the district. It was the consensus of the Board to go ahead with the audit.

Harborfields High School Track Reconstruction Project

Mr. Seeba of BBS discussed the proposal for services for the track reconstruction at the high school. He continued that he met with Mr. Cacciola at the project site to review the conditions and scope of work as follows:

- Complete replacement of the existing 6-lane running track.
- Replacement of the existing high jump located within the south end of the track.
- Replacement of the existing long jump located within the north end of the track.
- Removal of the second high jump, second long jump, pole vault and track runway extensions.
- Replacement of 4' chain link fencing encircling the track.

The following are preliminary construction cost estimates and the architects proposed fees for the scope of work stated above:

➤ Track and field event reconstruction & surfacing	\$425,000
➤ Perimeter track fence replacement	\$ 45,000
➤ Additional asphalt mow strip between track and fence	\$ 20,000
➤ <u>Removal of track runway extensions, grading and restoration</u>	<u>\$ 20,000</u>
➤ Construction Cost Subtotal	\$510,000
➤ Contingencies & soft costs (10%)	\$ 51,000
➤ <u>A/E Fees (6.5%)</u>	<u>\$ 36,465</u>
➤ TOTAL PROJECT COST	\$597,465

Mr. Carasiti advised that funding will come from the capital reserve fund and there will be no impact on the tax rate.

EXCEL Aid Project Update

Mr. Carasiti advised the Board that the district has EXCEL funds in the amount of \$260,000 coming from the State of New York and it must be spent or the district will

lose the money.

Mr. Iovino reported that as part of this project he would like to replace Alcatel switches with an updated model. He continued that the current switches are approximately 7 years old and without them nothing will work. In addition, he would like to install additional SMART Boards in our schools. Ms. Todaro advised that in order to submit this project to SED for approval, it will be necessary to hire an architect to prepare required documents including specifications. The following chart depicts the proposed allocation of EXCEL funds to be dedicated to the technology project:

Item	Projected Cost
Upgrade of Technology Infrastructure	\$245,000
Acquisition of 9 SMART Boards per school for a total of 36	\$168,000
Installation Fee	\$40,000
Architect Fee	\$26,849
PROJECTED TOTAL COST	\$479,849

Mr. Carasiti acknowledged Mr. Iovino and his staff for the wonderful job they do for the district.

BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES

The following minutes were accepted by the Board of Education:

- Reorganization/Regular Meeting – July 8, 2009

FINANCE

4.1 Treasurer's Reports

Upon motion duly made by Mr. Giuliano, seconded by Mr. Schoer, and carried (5-0), and upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Treasurer's Reports for June and July 2009 were approved.

4.2 Financial Status Report

Upon motion duly made by Dr. McDonagh, seconded by Mr. Schoer, and carried (5-0), and upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Financial Status Report for June 2009 was accepted.

4.3 Schedules of Bills

Upon motion duly made by Mr. Banks, seconded by Mr. Giuliano, and carried (5-0), and upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the schedules of bills attached to the agenda of August 26, 2009 were accepted.

4.4 Bid

Upon motion duly made by Mr. Banks, seconded by Mr. Schoer, and carried (5-0), and upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the following bid as attached to the official minutes of August 26, 2009 was approved.

- Bid 2008-17: Transportation-Huntington Coach Corp.

4.5 School Service/Specialized Education Agreements

Upon motion duly made by Mr. Banks, seconded by Dr. McDonagh, and carried (5-0), 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.

- **Association for Help of Retarded Children** to provide adequate instruction, related services and/or a facility for students covered by the agreement for children with disabilities in accordance with the Individualized Education Plan (IEP) for the period of July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2010. The tuition rates are established by the State Education Department.
- **Creative Home Tutoring** to provide home tutoring for students on home instruction for the period July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2010 at a rate of \$42.33 per hour for homebound tutoring services and \$42.33 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, 2009 through June 30, 2010 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, 2009 through August 31, 2009 in accordance with the Individualized Education Plan (IEP) at a rate of \$90.00 per hour.
- **Gayle E. Kligman Therapeutic Resources** to provide therapy services during the 2009-2010 school year for children with disabilities for the period July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2010 at rates in accordance with the schedule set forth in the agreement.
- **L & M Educational Consultants LLC** to provide occupational and speech therapy services during the 2009-2010 school year for children with disabilities for the period July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2010 at rates in accordance with the schedule set forth in the agreement.
- **Long Island Developmental Consulting** to provide consultation services, home program services, supervision of home staff, and parent training services during the 2009-2010 school year for children with disabilities for the period July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2010 at rates in accordance with the schedule set forth in the agreement.

- **Madonna Heights Services** to provide educational services for children with disabilities for the period July 1, 2008 through June 30, 2009 at a rate of \$3,074.00 for the summer and \$18,446.00 for the school year.
- **Syosset Home Tutoring** to provide home tutoring for students on home instruction for the period July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2010 at a rate of \$42.33 per hour for homebound tutoring services and \$42.33 per period for resource room/special education services.

4.6 Parentally Placed Private School/Special Education Service Contract

Upon motion duly made by Mr. Giuliano, seconded by Mr. Schoer, and carried (5-0), and upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the following parentally placed private school/special education service contracts between the Harborfields Central School District "District of Residence" and the school "District of Location" listed below were approved. The "District of Residence" will be billed for special education services for children residing in the Harborfields Central School District and attending parentally placed nonpublic schools in said school districts in accordance with Education Law Section 3602-c and regulations of the Commissioner of Education.

- **Plainview-Old Bethpage UFSD**, 1 student attending John F. Kennedy High School effective January 14, 2009 through June 19, 2009
- **West Islip UFSD**, 1 student attending St. John the Baptist High School effective July 1, 2008 through June 30, 2009

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

Upon motion duly made by Mr. Giuliano, seconded by Dr. McDonagh, and carried (5-0), and upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the following contract for services to sub-allocate IDEA flow through funds to providers for services to students with disabilities, ages 3-21 (Section 611) and ages 3-5 (Section 619) was approved.

- Adults with Children with Learning and Developmental Disabilities, Inc.

4.8 Gifts and Increase in Appropriations

Upon motion duly made by Mr. Banks, seconded by Mr. Schoer, and carried (5-0), and upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the following gifts were accepted with thanks:

- \$490 from TJJ PTA to be used under the guidance and direction of Florence Tuzzi, Principal, for the purposes outlined in the memorandum attached to the agenda of August 26, 2009

- \$7,500.00 from Harborfields SEPTA to be used under the guidance and direction of Diana Todaro, Deputy Superintendent, for the purposes outlined in the memorandum attached to the agenda of August 26, 2009
- \$10,263.90 from TJJ PTA to be used under the guidance and direction of Florence Tuzzi, Principal, for the purposes outlined in the memorandum attached to the agenda of August 26, 2009

Be it 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 2009-2010 be increased as follows:

- A2020.2000.06.2020.....\$ 490.00
- A2170.1530.42.2170.....\$ 7,500.00
- A2020.2000.06.2020.....\$10,263.90

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

4.9 Gifts

Upon motion duly made by Mr. Giuliano, seconded by Dr. McDonagh, and carried (5-0), and upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the following gifts were accepted as amended with thanks:

- Twelve wood benches for the Harborfields High School tennis courts being constructed and donated by students participating in the Eagle Scout Leadership Service program
- 50 Hewlett Packard desktop computers and 19" monitors from RBS Americas

4.10 Surplus Equipment

Upon motion duly made by Mr. Giuliano, seconded by Mr. Schoer, and carried (5-0), and upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the following equipment as listed in the official minutes of August 26, 2009 were declared surplus and will be disposed of accordingly. Mr. Mastroianni commended Mrs. Pancir stating that her memo was very well done.

- 13 letter size file cabinets and 15 legal size file cabinets in the Oldfield Middle School basement
- Old television set from the Computer Technology Department

4.11 SCOPE Before and After School Program

Upon motion duly made by Dr. McDonagh, seconded by Mr. Schoer, and carried (5-0), and upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the agreement between Harborfields Central School District and SCOPE for the before and after school programs at Washington Drive Primary School and Thomas J. Lahey Elementary

School were approved. A license fee of \$9,900.00 shall be made payable to the school district in ten (10) equal monthly installments.

4.12 Western Suffolk BOCES 2008-2009 AS-7 Service Contract

Upon motion duly made by Mr. Banks, seconded by Mr. Schoer, and carried (5-0), 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 2008-2009 school year as attached to the official minutes of August 26, 2009 was approved.

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

4.13 Settlement Agreement

Upon motion duly made by Dr. McDonagh, seconded by Mr. Schoer, and carried (5-0), and upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the settlement agreement between the Harborfields Central School District and parent of student #029227 which includes tuition reimbursement for the period from September 2009 through December 2009 was approved. A copy of said agreement shall be incorporated by reference within the minutes of this meeting.

4.14 Equipment Loan Agreement

Upon motion duly made by Mr. Giuliano, seconded by Mr. Banks, and carried (5-0), and upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the equipment loan agreement between the Town of Huntington and the Harborfields Central School District as attached to the official minutes of August 26, 2009 for the loan of a portable speed machine was approved.

It was further resolved, that the Superintendent of Schools was authorized to execute the agreement on behalf of the Harborfields Central School District.

4.15 Youth Court Program

Upon motion duly made by Mr. Schoer, seconded by Mr. Giuliano, and carried (5-0), and upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the agreement between the Town of Huntington and the Harborfields Central School District as attached to the official minutes of August 26, 2009 for the continuation of the Youth Court Program was approved.

It was further resolved, that the Superintendent of Schools was authorized to execute the agreement on behalf of the Harborfields Central School District.

4.16 Approval of Special District Meeting

Upon motion duly made by Mr. Giuliano, seconded by Mr. Banks, and carried (5-0), the following resolution as approved by the Board of Education:

Resolved, the Board of Education hereby declares that a Special District meeting of the Harborfields Central School District, Town of Huntington, County of Suffolk, State of New York, shall be held on Tuesday, October 27, 2009 between the hours of 3:00 pm and 9:00 pm at the Oldfield Middle School for the purpose of voting upon the items set forth in following propositions:

VOTER PROPOSITIONS FOR SPECIAL DISTRICT MEETING

PROPOSITION No. 1: Amendment of the District wide Roof/Window/Masonry Replacement Capital Reserve Fund established on May 16, 2006 to finance the District-wide EXCEL Technology Project and the Harborfields High School track capital improvements, related site work, and equipment. The ultimate amount of the Reserve Fund, probable term, and source of the funds of the Reserve Fund shall not be altered.

Shall the Board of Education, be authorized to amend the purpose of the Capital Reserve Fund, which was established on May 16, 2006 (Reserve Fund), pursuant to Section 3651 of the Education Law, to include the accumulation of funds for the purpose of financing:

- (a) reconstruction of the track at Harborfields High School, as substantially described in the scope of work prepared by Burton Behrendt Smith, Architects on file in the office of the District Clerk, and
- (b) construction of the EXCEL Technology Projects at all schools in the District, including equipment, site, incidental and related work, as substantially described in the scope of work prepared by Burton Behrendt Smith, Architects on file in the office of the District Clerk;

PROPOSITION No. 2: Authorization for Harborfields High School track reconstruction, including capital improvements, related site work, incidental work and equipment. PROPOSITION No. 2 is contingent upon the passage of PROPOSITION No. 1.

Shall the Board of Education, be authorized to reconstruct the Harborfields High School track as substantially described in the scope of work prepared by Burton Behrendt Smith, Architects on file in the office of the District Clerk consisting of the reconstruction, installation and/or improvements to the High School track; the foregoing to include the original and other equipment, machinery, apparatus, appurtenances, and all abatements and ancillary and related site demolition and other work required in connection therewith; and to expend from the Reserve Fund therefore, including preliminary costs and costs incidental thereto an amount not to exceed the estimated total cost of \$597,465; provided that the estimated costs of the components of the High

School track project may be reallocated among such components if the Board of Education shall determine that such reallocation is in the best interests of the District;

PROPOSITION No. 3: Authorization for District-wide EXCEL Technology Project construction, including capital improvements, related site work, incidental work and equipment PROPOSITION No. 3 is contingent upon the passage of PROPOSITION No. 1.

Shall the Board of Education, be authorized:

- (a) to construct the District-wide EXCEL Technology Plan ("Project"), as substantially described in the scope of work prepared by Burton Behrendt Smith, Architects on file in the office of the District Clerk, consisting of the construction, installation and/or improvements to all buildings of the District associated with technology upgrades and improvements; the foregoing to include the original and other equipment, machinery, apparatus, appurtenances, and all abatements and ancillary and related site demolition and other work required in connection therewith; and to expend therefore, including preliminary costs and costs incidental thereto an amount not to exceed the estimated total cost of \$479,850;
- (b) to expend the amount of \$263,701 from the Reserve Fund for the cost of the Project;
- (c) to appropriate the amount of \$216,150 from funds the District expects to receive in EXCEL aid and any other applicable aid from the State of New York; and to expend such funds, when received, for the cost of the Project; and
- (d) to temporarily finance all or part of such cost in anticipation of EXCEL aid and, accordingly a tax is hereby authorized to be levied in installments to pay any obligations authorized by said Board of Education to be issued for said Project prior to the receipt of said EXCEL aid; and

It is further resolved, that the Board of Education has determined all projects referred in said propositions to be a "Type II Actions" pursuant to the regulations of the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation promulgated pursuant to the State Environmental Quality Review Act ("SEQRA" and the "Regulations"), the implementation of which as proposed, it has determined, as provided in said Regulations, will not result in any significant environmental effects. SEQRA compliance materials are available in the office of the District Clerk where they can be inspected during normal office hours; and

It is further resolved, that the Board of Education authorizes and directs the District Clerk to place the above stated propositions in the Notice of Special District Meeting and publish said Notice in the form approved by Counsel to the District.

4.17 Adoption of Revised Policy

Upon motion duly made by Mr. Schoer, seconded by Dr. McDonagh, and carried (5-0), and upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the following revised policy as attached to the agenda of August 26, 2009 was adopted.

- **File 1500-E: 2009-2010 Rental Fees**

HUMAN RESOURCES

5.1 Resignations

Upon motion duly made by Mr. Banks, seconded by Mr. Schoer, and carried (5-0), and upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the following resignations were accepted:

- Duke, Katie Ann, Part-time Music Teacher, TJL/OMS, effective close of business August 1, 2009
- McNamara, John, Assistant Principal, OMS, effective close of business July 31, 2009
- Seland, Glenn, English Teacher, OMS, effective close of business August 31, 2009

5.2 Recall from Preferred Eligible List

Upon motion duly made by Mr. Giuliano, seconded by Mr. Schoer, and carried (5-0), the following resolution was approved:

Whereas, full-time vacancies are deemed to exist in the tenure areas listed below and the teacher listed below have been identified as the most senior people on the District's Preferred Eligible List in such tenure area, it is hereby resolved that the following staff be recalled to service in accordance with Section 2510.3 of the Education Law.

- LaMonica, Lisa, Elementary Teacher, TJL

5.3 Leaves of Absence

Upon motion duly made by Mr. Banks, seconded by Dr. McDonagh, and carried (5-0), and upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the following leaves of absence were approved:

Name	Assignment	School	Dates Paid	Dates Unpaid
Brennan, Jillian	Elementary Teacher	OMS	11/30/09-2/26/10	2/27/10-3/26/10
LaMonica, Lisa	Elementary Teacher	WDPS	N/A	9/1/09-6/30/10
Savage, Kerin	Reading Teacher	OMS	10/26/09-1/8/10	1/9/10-2/19/10
Revision of Leave of Absence				
Scherr, Jami	Physical Education Teacher/Dean	HHS	9/8/09-11/24/09 to 6/17/09-11/18/09	

5.4 Professional Appointments

Upon motion duly made by Mr. Giuliano, seconded by Mr. Schoer, and carried (5-0), 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 26, 2009 were approved.

Probationary-Administrative		
Name	School	Assignment
Allen, Jacquelin	OMS	Assistant Principal
Probationary		
Mercurio, Cassandra	OMS	English Teacher
Part-time		
for the maximum period through June 30, 2010 to serve at the pleasure of the Board		
Name	School	Assignment
DeSantis, Anthony	WDPS	Teaching Assistant
Dowling, Susan	WDPS	Teaching Assistant
Gostkowski, Deborah	TJL	Teaching Assistant
Holihan, Pamela	TJL	Art Teacher
Nichols, Christina	WDPS	Teaching Assistant
Roamer, Mary-Jean	TJL/OMS	Music Teacher
Sargent, Diane	TJL	Teaching Assistant
Trenkner, Nicole	HHS	Mathematics Teacher
Williamson, Theresa	WDPS	Teaching Assistant
Regular Substitute		
for the maximum period through June 30, 2010 to serve at the pleasure of the Board		
Name	School	Assignment
McFaul, Karen	TJL	Elementary Teacher
Regular Substitute Revised Appointments		
for the maximum period through June 30, 2010 to serve at the pleasure of the Board		
Bryant, Nancy	From: Elementary Teacher, TJL, 12/1/09-1/31/10	To: Elementary Teacher, WDPS/TJL, 12/1/09-6/30/10
Quattrocchi, Rachel	From: Elementary Teacher, TJL, 12/1/09-6/30/10	To: Elementary Teacher, TJL 9/1/09-6/30/10
Regular Substitute Revised Appointments		
for the maximum period through January 31, 2010 to serve at the pleasure of the Board		
Gentzlinger, Dori	From: Elementary Teacher, TJL 12/19/09-1/31/10	To: Elementary Teacher, TJL 12/1/09-1/31/10

5.5 Reappointment of Teaching Assistants

Upon motion duly made by Dr. McDonagh, seconded by Mr. Schoer, and carried (5-0), and upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Teaching Assistants, contained in the attachments to the official minutes of August 26, 2009, were reappointed from September 1, 2009 through June 30, 2010 to serve at the pleasure of the Board.

5.6 Permanent Appointment-Civil Service

Upon motion duly made by Mr. Giuliano, seconded by Mr. Banks, and carried (5-0), and upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the following civil service employee received permanent appointment.

Permanent Appointment		
Name	School	Assignment
Lang, Carol	WDPS	Senior Clerk Typist

5.7 Civil Service Appointments

Upon motion duly made by Mr. Banks, seconded by Dr. McDonagh, and carried (5-0), 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 26, 2009, were approved.

Probationary		
Name	School	Assignment
Hahn, Susan	HHS	Clerk Typist (12 months)
Part-time		
Staib, Jean	OMS	Part-time Clerk Typist (10 months)

5.8 Extra Assignments-Professional

Upon motion duly made by Mr. Giuliano, seconded by Mr. Schoer, and carried (5-0), 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 26, 2009 were approved.

Name	School	Assignment
Ellick, Steven	OMS	0.1 Technology Teacher
Ello, Pamela	OMS	0.1 Technology Teacher
Mottl, Richard	HHS	0.1 Business Teacher

5.9 Substitute List Addendum 2009-2010

Upon motion duly made by Dr. McDonagh, seconded by Mr. Giuliano, and carried (5-0), and upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the substitute list addendum as attached to the official minutes of August 26, 2009 was approved for the maximum period through June 30, 2010 to serve at the pleasure of the Board.

5.10 Change in Status

Upon motion duly made by Mr. Banks, seconded by Mr. Schoer, and carried (5-0), 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 26, 2009 was approved:

- Riker, Kathleen, from Principal Clerk (12 months), Business Office to School Transportation Coordinator (12 months), Business Office

5.11 Extracompensation Appointment Schedule 2009-2010

Upon motion duly made by Mr. Schoer, seconded by Mr. Giuliano, and carried (5-0), and upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the appointees specified on the Extracompensation Appointment Schedule attached to the official minutes of August 26, 2009 were approved.

5.12 Consultants

Upon motion duly made by Dr. McDonagh, seconded by Mr. Schoer, and carried (5-0), 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.

5.13 New Teacher Mentor Program for 2009-2010 School Year

Upon motion duly made by Mr. Giuliano, seconded by Mr. Banks, and carried (5-0), and upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the following consultant was appointed for participation in the New Teacher Mentor Program for the 2009-2010 school year at a stipend of \$1,301.40.

- Barbara Luna

Be it further resolved, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the following staff members were approved for participation in the New Teacher Mentor Program for the 2009-2010 school year for a stipend of \$40.77 per hour for a maximum of 45 hours.

- Dono, MaryAnne
- Hoar, Phyllis
- Quiett, Anita
- Robson, Donna
- Smith, Kerrie

5.14 Appointment of Chairperson of Special District Meeting

Upon motion duly made by Mr. Schoer, seconded by Dr. McDonagh, and carried (5-0), and upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, Maryann Viglucci was appointed as **Chairperson for the Special District Meeting** to be held on October 27, 2009.

Mrs. Boba entered the meeting at 9:06 p.m.

5.15 Salary Schedules for Non-Unit Personnel

Upon motion duly made by Mr. Schoer, seconded by Mr. Giuliano, and carried (6-0), and upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the salary schedule for non-unit personnel was approved in accordance with the attachment to the official minutes of August 26, 2009.

INSTRUCTION

6.1 Review of IEP Recommendations and Authorization for Placement and Services

Upon motion duly made by Dr. McDonagh, seconded by Mr. Schoer, and carried (6-0), and upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, after review by the Board of Education of the IEP recommendations that authorization was granted to provide for the placement and services contained in the following recommendations of the CSE, CPSE, and SCSE.

- **Committee on Special Education** meetings dated May 13, 2009, May 19, 2009, May 27, 2009, May 28, 2009, May 29, 2009, June 1, 2009, June 2, 2009, June 3, 2009, June 5, 2009, June 8, 2009, June 10, 2009, June 17, 2009, June 18, 2009, June 22, 2009, June 23, 2009, June 25, 2009, July 15, 2009, July 21, 2009, August 4, 2009, August 5, 2009, August 6, 2009, August 11, 2009, August 12, 2009, and August 18, 2009
- **Committee on Preschool Special Education** meeting dated June 11, 2009, June 18, 2009, June 25, 2009, July 8, 2009, July 30, 2009, August 6, 2009 and August 13, 2009

- **Subcommittee on Special Education** meetings dated March 3, 2009, March 5, 2009, March 12, 2009, March 16, 2009, March 17, 2009, March 25, 2009, March 26, 2009, March 27, 2009, March 31, 2009, April 2, 2009, April 4, 2009, April 16, 2009, April 17, 2009, April 20, 2009, April 21, 2009, April 27, 2009, April 28, 2009, April 30, 2009, May 1, 2009, May 5, 2009, May 7, 2009, May 8, 2009, May 9, 2009, May 11, 2009, May 12, 2009, May 14, 2009, May 15, 2009, May 18, 2009, May 19, 2009, May 21, 2009, May 26, 2009, May 27, 2009, May 28, 2009, June 1, 2009, June 2, 2009, June 4, 2009, June 9, 2009, June 10, 2009, June 12, 2009, June 15, 2009, June 17, 2009, June 18, 2009, June 19, 2009, June 22, 2009, June 23, 2009, July 6, 2009, and July 15, 2009

6.2 Professional Development Plan

Upon motion duly made by Mr. Giuliano, 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 26, 2009 was approved for the 2009-2010 school year.

BOARD OF EDUCATION ACTIVITIES

SCOPE's Annual Dinner Meeting, St. John's University, Oakdale, New York, August 13, 2009

Mr. Carasiti and Mr. Toles attended this event. Mr. Carasiti stated that he was very impressed with the new president of Stony Brook University.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

Policy Manual Review (Sections 0000, 1000 and 5000)

It was the consensus of the Board to meet on Saturday, October 3 and to break up into subcommittees for the purpose of policy manual review. Mr. Carasiti advised that if we need another date we will pick another Saturday to finalize the policy review.

Election "at large" vs. "by seat"

The Board discussed "at large" vs. "by specific seat" elections. Mr. Carasiti advised that if the Board decides to change the way they run for Board seats, it must be voted on by district residents. The Board wanted to place this item on the upcoming referendum in October. Unfortunately, the Board would need to make a decision immediately in order for the information to be advertised in the legal notice. Additionally, the entire Board was not present at this meeting. It was the consensus of the Board to wait until the budget vote in May to put up a proposition for the community to vote on regarding at large or specific seats. In the meantime this item will be discussed at upcoming meetings to keep the community informed of the Board's intention to place this proposition on the ballot at the May budget vote.

School Visitations

Mr. Carasiti stated that he will set up a day for the Board to visit the schools, including school grounds. It will be held on a Tuesday, prior to November 1 and the visitation will be a full day.

Board of Education Goals 2009-2010

Mr. Carasiti suggested to the Board that he go through the goals that the Board has given him and come back to the Board with a list since many of the goals were very similar. The Board concurred with this suggestion.

Swine Flu

Dr. McDonagh advised the Board that no one knows what fall and winter will bring. He continued that in reality the swine flu is no more dangerous than the routine flu. A vaccine is being prepared and is going through clinical trials. The people at greatest risk are: healthcare workers, pregnant women, and children. The health department may approach school districts regarding using school facilities as vaccinating sites. The Board must discuss hiring a school physician and having adequate nursing personnel. Dr. McDonagh continued that the district must actively do something sending home letter to parents stating that hand hygiene is extremely important and that if children are sick they should be kept at home.

Special Board Meeting

Mr. Carasiti asked for a Special Meeting on September 1 at 7:30 a.m. to approve IEPs. Several Board members said they would be available.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

A resident stated that it is very important to focus on the three proposals discussed at this evening's meeting.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Upon motion duly made by Mr. Giuliano, seconded by Mr. Schoer, and carried (6-0), the Board moved into Executive Session at 10:30 p.m. for the purpose of discussing the employment history of a particular individual. Mrs. Boba left the meeting at 10:31 p.m.

Upon motion duly made by Mr. Schoer, seconded by Dr. McDonagh, and carried (5-0), the Board returned to the regular meeting at 11:23 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion duly made by Mr. Schoer, seconded by Mr. Giuliano, and carried (5-0), the Board adjourned the regular meeting of August 26, 2009 at 11:24 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Muller
District Clerk