

HARBORFIELDS CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
GREENLAWN, NEW YORK 11740

Kind of Meeting	-	Regular Meeting
Place of Meeting	-	OMS - Auditorium
Date of Meeting	-	January 19, 2011
Board Members Present	-	Mr. Giuliano, Mrs. Boba, Mr. Banks, Mr. Mastroianni, Dr. McDonagh, Mr. Schoer, Mr. Toles
Board Members Absent	-	None
Others Present	-	Mr. Carasiti, Ms. Todaro, Mr. Nimmo, Dr. Koenig, Ms. Muller, Greg Guercio, Esq., Community Members

Mr. Giuliano called the meeting to order at 6:15 p.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Upon motion duly made by Mr. Banks, seconded by Mr. Schoer and carried unanimously, the Board, district clerk, administration, and counsel moved to Executive Session at 6:16 p.m. for the purpose of tenure recommendations, employment history of a particular individual, and contract negotiations. Mr. Guercio left the meeting at 7:10 p.m.

The Board of Education reconvened the regular meeting at 7:49 p.m. Mr. Giuliano 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.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There was no public participation at this time.

REPORTS

Student Representative's Report

Mr. Carasiti introduced Pamela Wax, student representative from HHS, who was an Intel Semi-Finalist. He asked her to give a brief overview of her project. Ms. Wax then updated the Board on events taking place at the high school including:

- Playfest which will take place on February 4 and 5
- HACEF Winter Carnival which will be held February 12
- The marching band's recent trip to Disney World where they performed
- The boys' basketball team currently ranks 5th on Long Island
- Thanked the girls' basketball team for their charity work to help the less fortunate for the holidays
- 12th grade Leadership Class conducted the "Dancing through Life Celebration" to celebrate Nikki Kantor's life and raised over \$6,000.
- Mid-terms will take place next week

Superintendent's Report

Mr. Carasiti advised that administration is trying to prepare a budget; however, he stated that we have no idea what Albany is going to do. He continued that the tax cap could either be 2% or 4% and that the governor will make a proposal on February 1, 2011. There is also a proposed cut of \$1 million in state aid. Mr. Carasiti stated that our role is to try to keep Harborfields in tact. He reviewed what was previously discussed at the November 17, 2010 meeting regarding a rollover budget and also explained what it would mean for our district if the tax cap were to be approved. Mr. Carasiti invited any district resident who does not wish to speak in public to make an appointment with him and stated that he would be more than happy to sit down and listen to their ideas.

Claims Auditor's Report

Mrs. Viglucci asked if the Board had any questions about the Claims Auditor's Report. She stated that she continues to contact vendors who are filling orders without the proper purchase orders and explaining to them that they are in jeopardy of non-payment.

BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES

The following minutes were accepted by the Board of Education:

- Regular Meeting, December 15, 2010
- Special Meeting, December 29, 2010

FINANCE

4.1 Treasurer's Report

Upon motion duly made by Mr. Mastroianni, seconded by Mr. Banks, and carried unanimously, and upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Treasurer's Report for December 2010 was approved.

4.2 Schedules of Bills

Upon motion duly made by Dr. McDonagh, seconded by Mr. Schoer, and carried unanimously, and upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the schedules of bills for December 2010 were approved.

4.3 Financial Status Report

Upon motion duly made by Mr. Mastroianni, seconded by Mr. Banks, and carried unanimously, and upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Financial Status Report for November 2010 was approved.

4.4 Budgetary Transfer of Funds

Upon motion duly made by Mr. Schoer, seconded by Mrs. Boba, and carried unanimously, and upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the budgetary transfer of funds as listed in the official minutes of January 19, 2011 were approved.

4.5 Health Services Agreement

Upon motion duly made by Dr. McDonagh, seconded by Mr. Schoer, and carried unanimously, and upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the following health services agreement between the Harborfields Central School District and the school district listed below, for the purpose of providing health services for children residing in the Harborfields Central School District attending nonpublic schools in said school district for the 2010-2011 school year was approved.

- **Syosset UFSD:** Thirteen (13) students, two students attending St. Edward The Confessor School and eleven students attending Our Lady of Mercy Academy at a rate of \$817.88 per pupil for a total cost of \$10,632.44

4.6 Parentally Placed Private School/Special Education Service Contracts

Upon motion duly made by Mr. Mastroianni, seconded by Mr. Banks, and carried unanimously, and upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the following parentally placed private school/special education service contracts between the Harborfields Central School District "District of Residency" and the school "District of Location" listed below be approved. The "District of Residency" 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 district in accordance with Education Law Section 3602-c and regulations of the Commissioner of Education.

District of Residency:

- One (1) Harborfields Central School District student attending a private school within the Northport-East Northport UFSD effective July 1, 2007 through June 30, 2008
- Two (2) Harborfields Central School District students attending a private school within the Northport-East Northport UFSD effective June 1, 2008 through June 30, 2009

4.7 Gifts and Increase in Appropriations

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 gifts were accepted with thanks:

1. \$2,000.00 from Northport Cow Harbor United Soccer Club to be used under the guidance and direction of John Valente, Director of Physical Education, Health, and Athletics
2. \$425.00 from WDPS PTA to be used under the guidance and direction of Maureen Kelly, Principal, WDPS
3. \$297.78 from OMS National Junior Honor Society to be used under the guidance and direction of Joanne Giordano, Principal, OMS
4. \$40.00 from Kathleen Gallagher (in memory of Edward Gallagher) to be used under the guidance and direction of Florence Tuzzi, Principal, TJL
5. \$1,173.80 from General Mills-Box Tops for Education for the TJL Needy Children Fund
6. One (1) Resilite wrestling mat donated by John Mulligan, a Harborfields district resident, to be used under the guidance and direction of John Valente, Director of Physical Education, Health and Athletics
7. 142 Tee shirts donated by Mr. and Mrs. Boccard, district residents, to be used for the 2011 Disney World Performance Tour under the guidance and direction of Thomas Gellert, Director of Music and Art
8. \$1,000.00 from Harborfields' Booster Club for the James T. Brennan Memorial Scholarship Fund

Be it further resolved, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, pursuant to the anticipated receipt of the gift to reimburse our expenses, appropriations for 2010-2011 be increased as follows:

1. A2855.5010.36.2855.....	\$2,000.00
2. A2110.5110.05.2210.....	\$ 425.00
3. A2020.2000.11.2020.....	\$ 297.78
4. A2110.5110.06.2210.....	\$ 40.00

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

4.8 Corrective Action Plan for External Audit

Whereas, the Board of Education received an audit report from the External Auditor, Cullen & Danowski, LLP for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2010 and pursuant to Chapter 263 of the Laws of 2005 amending education law to require school districts to develop a response to the external auditor's management letter, presented and accepted by the Board on November 17, 2010, the district has developed a response to the External Audit Report in the form of a Corrective Action Plan.

Upon motion duly made by Mr. Banks, seconded by Mr. Schoer, and carried unanimously, and upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education accepted the Corrective Action Plan to the External Audit Report.

HUMAN RESOURCES

5.1 Leave of Absence

Upon motion duly made by Mrs. Boba, seconded by Mr. Schoer, and carried unanimously, and upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the following leave of absence was approved:

Name	Assignment	School	Dates Paid	Dates Unpaid
Dini, Andrea	Elementary Teacher	TJL	5/16/11-10/17/11	N/A

5.2 Professional Appointments

Upon motion duly made by Mrs. Boba, seconded by Dr. McDonagh, 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 January 19, 2011 were approved.

Part-time for the maximum period through June 30, 2011 to serve at the pleasure of the Board of Education		
Rega, Diann	WDPS	Teaching Assistant
Reidy, Kevin	HHS	Music Teacher

5.3 Temporary Appointments

Upon motion duly made by Mr. Banks, seconded by Mrs. Boba, and carried unanimously, and upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the following temporary appointments were approved.

Records Retention Project				
Name	Assignment	Building	Hours	Hourly Rate
Chesson, Yvonne	Records Retention Project	District Office	640	\$25.00
Hand, Mayann	Records Retention Project	District Office	640	\$25.00

5.4 Resignations

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

- Lutz, Meaghan, Teaching Assistant, TJL, effective close of business on January 21, 2011

- Valeo, Marilyn, Clerk Typist, TJL, effective close of business on June 30, 2011 for the purpose of retirement

5.5 Substitute List Addendum 2010-2011

Upon motion duly made by Dr. McDonagh, seconded by Mr. Banks, and carried unanimously, and upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the substitute list addendum as attached to the official minutes of January 19, 2011 was approved for the maximum period through June 30, 2011 to serve at the pleasure of the Board.

5.6 Tenure Recommendations

Upon motion duly made by Mrs. Boba, seconded by Mr. Schoer, and carried unanimously, and upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the following personnel were granted tenure according to the provisions of Section 3012 of the New York State Education Law.

EFFECTIVE DATE	NAME	TENURE AREA	SCHOOL
2/7/11	Katherine Hudson	Special Education (K-12)	OMS
1/31/11	Kristen Knice	Special Education (K-12)	WDPS

5.7 Extracompensation Appointment Schedule 2010-2011

Upon motion duly made by Mr. Mastroianni, seconded by Mr. Banks, and carried unanimously, and upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the appointees specified on the Extracompensation Appointment Schedule attached to the official minutes of January 19, 2011 were approved.

5.8 Recognition of Local 424 - Security Unit

Whereas the security guards have petitioned for separation from the UPSEU bargaining unit for custodians, maintenance, groundsmen and security guards, and

Whereas the current UPSEU collective bargaining agreement for custodians, maintenance, groundsmen and security guards expires on June 30, 2011 and

Whereas the UPSEU does not object to this separation;

Upon motion duly made by Mr. Schoer, seconded by Mr. Banks, and carried unanimously, and upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education recognizes the UPSEU as the exclusive bargaining agent for Harborfields Central School District security guard unit effective July 1, 2011.

INSTRUCTION

6.1 Review of IEP Recommendations and Authorization for Placement and Services

Upon motion duly made by Mrs. Boba, seconded by Mr. Banks, and carried unanimously, 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:
December 7, 9, 15, 17, 20 and 22, 2010
- **Committee on Preschool Special Education** meetings dated:
December 2 and 16, 2010
- **Subcommittee on Special Education** meetings dated:
December 9, 15 and 20, 2010

6.2 Adoption of the 2011-2012 School Calendar

Upon motion duly made by Mrs. Boba, seconded by Dr. McDonagh, and carried unanimously, and upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the 2011-2012 Harborfields Central School District's calendar as contained in the official minutes of January 19, 2011 was adopted.

6.3 Agreement and Release for Instructional Programs and Services for a Disabled Student

Upon motion duly made by Mrs. Boba, seconded by Mr. Banks, and carried unanimously, and upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the agreement and release between the Harborfields Central School District and the parents of a disabled student #400198 as attached to the agenda of January 19, 2011 was approved. The Board of Education hereby authorized the Board President to execute this agreement and release.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

Meeting at Elwood School District Regarding Consolidation

Mr. Carasiti stated that Mr. Schoer and Dr. Koenig attended this meeting. Mr. Schoer stated that the meeting was "doom and gloom." He continued that the tax cap would be devastating for Elwood stating that class size would be 35 and there would be no athletics. There was a panel of three individual consultants who made the presentation as to the process of consolidation. They did not think it would work unless there was a very small district of less than 1,000 students. John Gross, attorney, spoke about labor problems. Mr. Schoer stated that when community residents spoke they were not in favor of this consolidation.

BOARD OF EDUCATION ACTIVITIES

Mr. Carasiti stated that there would be an Advocacy Workshop on Saturday, January 22, 2011 and some board members, the superintendent, and PTA members would attend.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

A resident stated that the district is in deep trouble financially. She continued that we need to find a way of sharing the cuts equally without destroying the community and stated that she would be willing to help in any way she can.

A staff member stated that the teachers do a lot of fundraising for members of the community such as Outreach, Operation Ziplock, and Jeans for a Cause.

A resident expressed her thanks to all teachers in the district who go above and beyond. She stated that we are very fortunate to have such dedicated teachers in our schools.

A resident inquired as to the teachers' contract. Mr. Giuliano stated that the Board is in negotiations with the teachers at this time and contract negotiations cannot be discussed with the public.

The president of the UTH requested that something be placed in the newsletter stating what the UTH does for the district regarding fundraising. He also wanted to clear up the fact that coaches get paid the same whether or not they are teachers.

Dr. McDonagh left the meeting at 8:49 p.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Upon motion duly made by Mr. Schoer, seconded by Mr. Mastroianni and carried 6-0, the Board moved to Executive Session at 8:50 p.m. for the purpose of employment history of a particular individual. The meeting reconvened at 9:14 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion duly made by Mr. Banks, seconded by Mr. Toles, and carried 6-0, the Board adjourned the regular meeting of January 19, 2011 at 9:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Muller
District Clerk

Revised: February 16, 2011