

## UNAPPROVED MINUTES

### HARBORFIELDS CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT GREENLAWN, NEW YORK 11740

Kind of Meeting	-	Special/Budget Meeting
Place of Meeting	-	OMS - Auditorium
Date of Meeting	-	April 6, 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, Community Members

Mr. Giuliano called the meeting to order at 6:12 p.m.

#### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Upon motion duly made by Mr. Toles, seconded by Mrs. Boba and carried (6-0), the Board, district clerk, and administration moved to Executive Session at 6:13 p.m. for the purpose of contract negotiations.

The Board of Education reconvened the regular meeting at 7:52 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**

Several high school students spoke on behalf of the technology program and urged the Board not to eliminate Mr. Barbour and his technology classes. They submitted a petition to the District Clerk which was signed by students, faculty, and taxpayers of the district asking that these classes and this teacher not be eliminated from the budget.

Several residents also spoke regarding elimination of Mr. Barbour's technology classes and urged the Board to reconsider this cut.

#### **BUDGET REPORT**

Ms. Todaro gave a PowerPoint presentation regarding the 2011-12 proposed budget which included a comparison of per pupil expenditures, possible tax rate scenarios, and the impact of each of the tax rate scenarios.

The Board asked several questions regarding the budget. Mr. Carasiti asked that the Board e-mail their questions to him and he would then answer their questions in a return e-mail.

### **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

A resident thanked the Board for their time and service and stated that she encouraged the Board and community to move forward to recognize we don't play favorites. Next year we need to continue to do that as we will need every bit of good will to go forward.

A resident thanked the Board for their time and their thoroughness regarding budget preparation. He continued that he would like the budget increase to be 7%, 8% or 9% to keep all the programs we have.

A resident stated that he would have liked to see the budget book so that he could follow what was going on at the meeting. He continued that he was discouraged that the public isn't here in force and that the district is taking a step back in time with cutting the technology program.

A resident stated that it was a shame that we have to pay \$70,000 for test scores.

A resident stated that she strongly supported the technology department.

### **HUMAN RESOURCES**

#### **5.1 Temporary Appointments**

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 temporary appointments were approved.

<b>Records Retention Project</b>		
<b>for the maximum period through June 30, 2011 to serve at the pleasure of the Board of Education</b>		
<b>Name</b>	<b>Assignment</b>	<b>Building</b>
Straub, Elsa	Records Retention Project	District Office
Passalacqua, Joann	Records Retention Project	District Office

### **ITEM FOR DISCUSSION**

#### **Tutoring at Harborfields Public Library**

Mrs. Boba stated that she believed the actions of library are discriminatory and that the district has violated our students' rights to confidentiality by providing the library with student's names and the reasons for being out of school. Mr. Carasiti stated that this is

a question that has to be resolved between the district's attorney and the public library's attorney.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Upon motion duly made by Mr. Schoer, seconded by Dr. McDonagh, and carried unanimously, the Board adjourned the special meeting of April 6, 2011 at 10:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Muller  
District Clerk

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