

APPROVED MINUTES

HARBORFIELDS CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT GREENLAWN, NEW YORK 11740

Kind of Meeting	-	Regular Meeting
Place of Meeting	-	OMS - Auditorium
Date of Meeting	-	April 28, 2011
Board Members Present	-	Mr. Giuliano, Mrs. Boba, Mr. Banks, Mr. Mastroianni, Dr. McDonagh, Mr. Schoer, Mr. Toles
Board Members Absent	-	None
Others Present	-	Ms. Todaro, Mr. Nimmo, Dr. Koenig, Ms. Muller, Community Members
Others Absent	-	Mr. Carasiti

Mr. Giuliano called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Upon motion duly made by Mr. Mastroianni, seconded by Mr. Schoer, and carried (4-0), the Board, district office administrators, and the district clerk moved to Executive Session at 6:06 p.m. for the purpose of tenure reviews and negotiations update.

Mr. Banks entered the meeting at 6:15 p.m. Dr. McDonagh entered the meeting at 6:20 p.m. Mr. Toles entered the meeting at 7:40 p.m.

The Board of Education reconvened the regular meeting at 7:50 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.

BOARD RECOGNITION PROGRAM

Mr. Giuliano introduced Mr. Valente who congratulated the Boys' Basketball Team for winning the Long Island Mens' Basketball Championship, Section XI Small Schools Champs, Section XI Champs, and finalists at the New York State Championship

At this time Mr. Giuliano asked Mrs. Boba and Mr. Toles to introduce the members of the boys' basketball team. Each team member was awarded a certificate of achievement.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There was no public participation at this time.

REPORTS

Student Representative's Report

Pamela Wax, student representative from HHS reported on the following:

- Ten of our students were successful in the 2011 Poetry for Hart Contest. Ms. LaMantia mentored these students through this town-wide contest and had youngsters selected for special recognition.
- Sarah Tardo has earned first place in the Bill of Rights Essay Contest sponsored by the Suffolk County Library Association and the New York Civil Liberties Union.
- Congratulations to our 11th Grade Leadership students on a successful World Hunger Awareness Day.
- The mathletes team had another outstanding season. This year's squad enjoyed success in a series of prestigious competitions. The "A" team finished 3rd in Suffolk County and will attend an awards dinner in May.
- Junior Austin Coneys earned a silver medal as part of the New York State Medley Relay team and Kelsey Margey emerged as the New York State Champion in the 1500 meter run.
- Cole Ellenbogen received his Eagle Scout Court of Honor award.

Superintendent's Report

In the absence of Mr. Carasiti, Ms. Todaro reported on the following. She stated that the Board of Education adopted the 2011-12 budget at their April 13, 2011 meeting. She continued that it was a long process with many challenging decisions, but the district was able to sustain most of the core programs. Ms. Todaro further stated that the Budget Hearing would be held May 10, 2011, the school election and budget vote would be held May 17, 2011 at the Oldfield Middle School from 3 p.m. to 10 p.m., and "Meet the Candidates Night" would be held prior to the May 10, 2011 Board meeting at 7 p.m. She went on to say that she is working to get the budget information posted on the district's website.

Ms. Todaro advised the Board that on April 9, the Washington Drive staff hosted "Walk for a Wish" whereby they raised \$20,000. She congratulated Mrs. Kelly and the Washington Drive staff.

Claims Auditor's Report

Mrs. Viglucci stated that six confirming purchase orders were paid during the period March 1 – 31, 2011. She continued that April 1, 2011 was the deadline for submitting purchase orders for the current school year unless there was an emergency.

BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES

The following minutes were accepted by the Board of Education:

- Regular Meeting, March 16, 2011
- Special Meeting, April 6, 2011
- Special Meeting, April 11, 2011

Mrs. Boba stepped away from the meeting at 8:13 p.m.

FINANCE

4.1 Treasurer's Report

Upon motion duly made by Mr. Schoer, seconded by Mr. Mastroianni, and carried (6-0), and upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Treasurer's Report for March 2011 was approved.

4.2 Schedules of Bills

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 schedules of bills attached to the agenda of April 28, 2011 were accepted.

4.3 Financial Status Report

Upon motion duly made by Mr. Schoer, seconded by Mr. Banks, and carried (6-0), and upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Financial Status Report for February 2011 was accepted.

4.4 Budgetary Transfer of Funds

Upon motion duly made by Mr. Mastroianni, seconded by Mr. Banks, and carried (6-0), and upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the budgetary transfer of funds as listed in the attachments to the official minutes of April 28, 2011 were approved.

4.5 Health Services Contracts

Upon motion duly made by Mr. Schoer, seconded by Mr. Toles, and carried (6-0), and upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the following health services contracts between the Harborfields Central School District and the school districts listed below, for the purpose of providing health services for children residing in the Harborfields Central School District and attending nonpublic schools in said school districts for the 2010-2011 school year were approved.

- **Garden City UFSD**, 1 student attending the Waldorf School at a cost of \$810.12.
- **Smithtown CSD**, 1 student attending Smithtown Christian School at a cost of \$744.23.
- **South Huntington UFSD**, 50 students attending St. Anthony's High School (plus 1 student attended 17 weeks at a cost prorated at \$311.44) and 11 students attending the Long Island School for the Gifted at a unit cost of \$732.84. The total invoice is \$45,014.68.
- **Westbury UFSD**, 1 student attending Westbury Friends at a cost of \$869.32.

4.6 School Service/Specialized Education Agreement

Upon motion duly made by Mr. Mastroianni, seconded by Mr. Toles, and carried (6-0), and upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the following School Service/Specialized Education Agreement between the Harborfields Central School District and the contractor listed below, in accordance with Part 200 of the regulations of the Commissioner of Education for students with disabilities was approved.

- **The Rehabilitation Institute** to provide instructional services, special education and related services in accordance with the individualized education program (IEP) for disabled students for the period of July 1, 2010 through June 30, 2011 per the rate schedule listed in the said agreement.

4.7 Gifts

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

- 1) One gently-used Contrabass Bugle valued by the donor, Mrs. Carol Werblin, at approximately \$1,500 to be used by the Harborfields High School Marching Band.
- 2) The cost of labor to install an electrical track system for the new art gallery at Harborfields High School. The electrical installation will be performed by Mark Haggerty, MDH Enterprises, Corp.
- 3) Raised beds and liners for the WDPS courtyard donated by the WDPS PTA.

4.8 2011-2012 Western Suffolk BOCES Administrative Budget and Election of Candidates to Western Suffolk BOCES

Upon motion duly made by Mr. Mastroianni, seconded by Mr. Schoer, and carried (6-0), the Harborfields Central School District Board of Education approved the 2011-2012 Administrative Budget for Western Suffolk BOCES.

Upon motion duly made by Mr. Mastroianni, seconded by Mr. Schoer, and carried (6-0), the Board of Education cast its ballot for two vacant positions for election to Western Suffolk BOCES.

1. Mrs. Jeannette Santos
2. Mr. Peter Wunsch

4.9 Extension of Transportation Contracts

Upon motion duly made by Mr. Schoer, seconded by Mr. Banks, and carried (6-0), and upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the extension of contracts for pupil transportation from the contractors listed below were approved.

- Acme Bus Corporation (2011-2012 school year)
- Huntington Coach Corporation (2011-2012 and 2012-2013 school years)

4.10 SCOPE Child Care License Agreement

Upon motion duly made by Dr. McDonagh, seconded by Mr. Toles, and carried (6-0), this item was tabled at this time.

Mrs. Boba returned to the meeting at 8:20 p.m.

4.11 Adoption of Revised Board of Education Policies

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 revised policies as attached to the agenda of April 28, 2011 be adopted.

- **File 2120.1:** Candidates and Campaigning
- **File 2230:** Appointed Board Officials

4.12 Establishment of Scholarship Fund

Upon motion duly made by Mr. Banks, seconded by Mrs. Boba, and carried unanimously, and upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Scholarship Funds were hereby established, thereby authorizing the school district to accept donations and make disbursements from Expendable Trust Accounts which will be established for that particular purpose in accordance with established guidelines; and

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, gifts were accepted for credit to the following:

- \$750.00 for credit to the Nikki Kantor Memorial Scholarship Fund within the Expendable Trust Account.
- \$500.00 for credit to the Mary Dean Sesti Fine Art Scholarship within the Expendable Trust Account.

HUMAN RESOURCES

5.1 Resignation

Upon motion duly made by Mr. Schoer, seconded by Mr. Toles, and carried unanimously, and upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the following resignation was accepted:

- Mercurio, Cassandra, English Teacher, OMS, effective close of business August 31, 2011

5.2 Leaves of Absence

Upon motion duly made by Mr. Toles, seconded by Mr. Banks, and carried unanimously, and upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the following leaves of absence were approved:

Name	Assignment	School	Dates Paid	Dates Unpaid
Anderson, Kristin	Elementary Teacher	TJL	9/6/11-11/28/11	11/29/11-8/31/12
Given, Brian	Special Education Teacher	HHS	6/20/11-9/28/11	N/A
Gutheil, Emily	Elementary Teacher	WDPS	10/4/11-1/3/12	1/4/12-1/31/12
Turzer, Jenny	Special Education Teacher	HHS	9/6/11-11/28/11	N/A
Washington, Jennifer	Special Education Teacher	TJL	9/6/11-10/14/11	N/A

5.3 Professional Appointment

Upon motion duly made by Mr. Toles, seconded by Mr. Schoer, and carried unanimously, and upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the following professional appointment in accordance with the schedule attached to the official minutes of April 28, 2011 was approved.

PART-TIME			
for the maximum period through June 30, 2011 to serve at the pleasure of the Board of Education			
Name	School	Assignment	Effective Date
Gress, Jason	OMS	Teaching Assistant	4/26/11

5.4 Permanent Appointment

Upon motion duly made by Mr. Toles, seconded by Mr. Schoer, and carried unanimously, and upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the following employee was granted permanent appointment.

Permanent Appointments			
Name	School	Assignment	Effective Date
Vignola Pechar, Amelia	HHS	Clerk Typist (12 months)	4/14/2011

5.5 Substitute List Addendum 2010-2011

Upon motion duly made by Mrs. Boba, 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 April 28, 2011 was approved for the maximum period through June 30, 2011 to serve at the pleasure of the Board of Education.

5.6 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 April 28, 2011 were approved.

5.7 Adoption of Revised Board of Education Policy

Upon motion duly made by Mr. Schoer, seconded by Mr. Toles, and carried unanimously, and upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the following revised policy as attached to the agenda of April 28, 2011 was adopted.

- **File 9510.2:** Support Staff Salary Schedules/Employee Benefit Program (Head Custodians)

5.8 Abolishment and Creation of Positions

Certificated Employees:

Upon motion duly made by Mr. Schoer, seconded by Mr. Banks, and carried unanimously, and upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools the following resolution was approved.

Whereas, the Board for reasons of economy and efficiency, has determined that it is appropriate to abolish and to create certain pedagogical positions in the District;

Therefore, the Board hereby abolishes the following positions, effective close of business on June 30, 2011:

- 3.0 FTE elementary tenure area teaching positions;
- 0.9 FTE art tenure area teaching positions;
- 1.7 FTE music tenure area teaching positions;
- 0.6 FTE mathematics tenure area teaching positions;
- 0.8 FTE English tenure area teaching position;
- 0.8 FTE science tenure area teaching position;
- 1.1 FTE secondary business education tenure area teaching position;
- 0.8 FTE industrial arts tenure area teaching position;
- 0.6 FTE secondary foreign languages tenure area teaching position;
- 0.5 FTE physical education tenure area teaching position;
- 0.8 FTE social studies tenure area teaching position;
- 0.1 FTE health tenure area teaching position;

The Superintendent of Schools was directed to provide written notice to those employees whose employment is discontinued as a result of the abolition of the above-listed positions, as set forth in a Memorandum to the Board from the Superintendent of Schools, dated April 14, 2011, as presented at this meeting, in accordance with the provisions of Section 3013 of the Education Law, Part 30 of the Regents Rules and/or the terms of any applicable Collectively Negotiated Agreement, termination of their employment effective close of business on June 30, 2011; and

Said employees who are not entitled to Part 30 bumping rights shall be notified, in writing, of their placement on a preferred eligibility list in the tenure area(s) of their employment regarding their statutory recall rights and/or their recall rights under any applicable Collectively Negotiated Agreement.

5.9 Revised Appointment of Chief Inspector for the Harborfields Central School District Budget Vote and Election

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 person was appointed to serve as Chief Inspector of Election for the Annual Election and Budget Vote of Qualified Voters to be held on May 17, 2011. The Chief Inspector will be compensated at a rate of \$80.00.

- Kathleen Riker, Chief Inspector

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the resignation of Maria Domencetti, as Chief Inspector was accepted.

5.10 Memorandum of Agreement between United Public Service Employees Union, Food Service Workers and Harborfields Central School District

Upon motion duly made by Mrs. Boba, seconded by Mr. Toles, and carried unanimously, and upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education authorized the Superintendent of Schools to execute a memorandum of agreement (MOA) with the United Public Service Employees Union, Food Service Workers and Harborfields Central School District. The MOA shall be incorporated by reference within the minutes of the regular meeting of April 28, 2011.

5.11 District Board of Education Members, District Clerk, and District Office Administrators to Attend Conferences

Upon motion duly made by Mr. Toles, seconded by Mr. Schoer, and carried unanimously, and upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education members, district clerk, and the district office administrators were authorized to attend the conferences listed below and be reimbursed for expenses in accordance with policy file 2521.

- NYSSBA Spring Law Conference, May 5, 2011, Courtyard by Marriott, Ronkonkoma, New York
- N-SSBA conference entitled "Annual Dinner Meeting," June 2, 2011, Woodbury Country Club, Woodbury, New York

INSTRUCTION

6.1 Review of IEP Recommendations and Authorization For Placement and Services

Upon motion duly made by Mr. Toles, seconded by Mrs. Boba, 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 and SCSE.

- **Committee on Special Education** meetings dated March 1, 2011, March 2, 2011, March 4, 2011, March 9, 2011, March 11, 2011, March 16, 2011, March 18, 2011, March 23, 2011, March 30, 2011 and March 31, 2011
- **Subcommittee on Special Education** meetings dated February 17, 2011, March 1, 2011, March 2, 2011, March 3, 2011, March 4, 2011, March 7, 2011, March 8, 2011, March 9, 2011, March 11, 2011, March 14, 2011, March 15, 2011, March 16, 2011, March 16, 2011, March 18, 2011, March 21, 2011, March 22, 2011, March 24, 2011, March 25, 2011, March 28, 2011, March 29, 2011, March 30, 2011, and April 1, 2011

- **Committee on Preschool Special Education** meetings dated March 3, 2011, March 10, 2011, March 24, 2011, and March 31, 2011

6.2 Federal Grant Program “Race to the Top”

Upon motion duly made by Mr. Toles, seconded by Mr. Schoer, and carried unanimously, and upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Harborfields Central School District opts out of participation in the federal grant program entitled “Race to the Top.”

Adoption of the Revised 2011-12 School Calendar

Upon motion duly made by Mr. Toles, seconded by Mr. Banks, and carried unanimously, and upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the revised 2011-12 Harborfields Central School District’s calendar as attached to the official minutes of April 28, 2011 was adopted.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

Tentative Board of Education meeting dates for 2011-2012

Mr. Schoer requested that the Board meet in each of the school buildings during the school year and that a schedule of presentations be made to the Board at these meetings. It was the consensus of the Board to meet in each of the school buildings during the 2011-12 school year.

Tutoring at the Harborfields Public Library

Mrs. Boba stated that she believed that the public library’s policy is discriminatory in that it has adopted a classification scheme by identifying certain students as either “on suspension from school” or “on home instruction.” The library subjects those students and their tutors to unequal treatment by restricting their access to the library and excludes them from the special tutoring rooms. Mrs. Boba asked that we get our attorneys to meet with the public library’s attorney to get this matter resolved as soon as possible.

BOARD OF EDUCATION ACTIVITIES

New York State School Boards Association Webinar entitled, “Transportation Efficiency – The Road to Savings”, March 24, 2011

Mr. Mastroianni participated in the free interactive transportation webinar on March 24, 2011. A discussion was held regarding bus loads versus capacity. Mr. Mastroianni stated that some of the buses at our high school are half empty as many students drive their own vehicles to school. One of the items discussed during the webinar was tiering

of buses. Mr. Nimmo stated that we will look into tiering at Washington Drive and Thomas J. Lahey Schools. He continued that we would have to adjust times for these buildings. Mr. Mastroianni stated that we make pretty efficient use of our buses. Mr. Schoer asked if the district reduces the number of buses would we be locked into our contract. Mr. Nimmo indicates that if we reduce the number of buses we would not be locked into the contract.

SCOPE's 10th Annual School District Awards Dinner, March 28, 2011, Villa Lombardi's, Holbrook, New York

Mrs. Boba, Mr. Banks, Mr. Mastroianni, Mr. Schoer, Ms. Muller, and Mr. Carasiti attended SCOPE's Annual School District Awards Dinner. Mr. Mastroianni stated that it was good to honor the following individuals for their dedicated service to the district and the community:

- Michael Banks, Board Member
- Maggie Boba, Michael Woodhouse, and Phil Clemente, Community Service
- William Nimmo, District Administrator
- Loretta Motz, District Support Staff
- Alison Kraham, District Teaching Staff

Legislative Breakfast with Elwood School District, March 26, 2011, Washington Drive Primary School

Mr. Giuliano, Mr. Banks, Mr. Mastroianni, Mr. Schoer, Mr. Toles, Mr. Carasiti, Ms. Todaro, and Mr. Nimmo attended this legislative breakfast along with administrators and Board members from Elwood School District. Mr. Schoer advised that it was the same information we get from our legislators every year. Mr. Schoer continued that the legislators were not very encouraging about school districts receiving additional state aid. There was much discussion as to what changes were to be made if mandate relief is on the horizon and how the tax cap would be tied into mandate relief. Mr. Schoer stated that members of the Elwood Board were more aggressive than usual with the legislators, but they were not successful

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

The president of the UTH spoke on behalf of the teachers stating that the teachers care about this district. He continued that they will do all they can to get this budget passed. He went on to say that there are 777 members of NYSUT who live in the Harborfields School District and the faculty would be making phone calls to ask them to come out and vote.

A resident and band teacher stated that people do not realize that we are in a crisis. The district is going to lose teachers. He asked if there was any way that administration would be able to get a message out to residents letting them know what they will lose.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Upon motion duly made by Mr. Schoer, seconded by Mrs. Boba, and carried unanimously, the Board moved to Executive Session at 9 p.m. for the purpose of contract negotiations.

The Board reconvened the regular meeting at 10:20 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion duly made by Mr. Toles, seconded by Mr. Banks, and carried unanimously, the Board adjourned the regular meeting of April 28, 2011 at 10:21 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Muller
District Clerk