

## APPROVED MINUTES

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

Kind of Meeting	-	Special Meeting
Place of Meeting	-	OMS Auditorium
Date of Meeting	-	April 4, 2012
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, Mr. Sallie, Mr. O'Brien, Ms. Muller, Chris Guercio, Community Members

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

#### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Upon motion duly made by Mr. Mastroianni, seconded by Dr. McDonagh, and carried (6-0), the Board, district office administrators, district clerk, and counsel moved to Executive Session at 6:11 p.m. for the purpose of discussing contract negotiations, a particular resignation, and an employee disciplinary matter.

The Board recessed at 7:15 p.m. to attend a student recognition program. Mr. Giuliano called the meeting to order and led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance. He instructed those in attendance where to exit the building in case of an emergency and asked that all cell phones be silenced during the meeting.

The following students were recognized and presented with plaques for winning the New York State Boys' Basketball Championship:

David Ba	Christopher Brady	Christopher Burkley
Darin Jenkins	Ryan Logrieco	Christopher McCullough
Reed McLean	Nicholas Merhige	Jonathan Patron
Justin Ringen	James Smith	Lucas Woodhouse
Kevin Zaransky	Thomas Zazzarino	

The following team managers were recognized with plaques for winning the New York State Boys' Basketball Championship:

Alec Buchholtz	Nigel Hinkson	Dylan Thompson
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The following coaches were recognized with plaques for guiding the Boys' Basketball Team towards winning the 2012 New York State Boys; Basketball Championship:

Christopher Agostino	Brian Dolan	James McCullough
Jason Mercurio	John Tampori	

## **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

A resident asked how many teaching positions would possibly be eliminated in this upcoming budget. Ms. Todaro responded that there would be three (3) at Washington Drive, two (2) at TJL, and one (1) sixth grade teacher.

A resident encouraged the Board to go forward with the higher tax levy so that programs can be preserved.

A resident/teacher stated that .4 physical education teacher is being cut at the elementary level and stated that physical education class size at the high school is 35 to 40 students per class. He further stated that this number is a safety hazard when three classes are meeting in the gym at the same time.

Mr. Toles entered the meeting at 7:50 p.m.

A resident and member of the UTH stated that their unit recognizes that the Board is in a tough position but on behalf of the membership he asked the Board to restore as many elementary positions as possible.

## **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

### **Superintendent's Report, 2012-2013 Budget Process Update**

Ms. Todaro gave an update on the 2012-13 budget process speaking about objectives considered in developing the budget, per pupil expenditures, possible budget scenarios, and tax levy. Ms. Todaro discussed the impact of a 3.40% tax levy (estimated reduction of \$1.2 million which includes reduction in staff, maintenance, transportation, overtime, and supplies). On a home with an assessed value of \$4,000 the increased cost per month would be \$24.92. This option would require a super majority of 60% voter approval. The impact of a 2.86% allowable tax levy (estimated reduction of \$1.5 million which includes reduction of staff, fourth grade music program, 3-5 enrichment program, reduction in co-curricular at OMS, reduction in maintenance, transportation, overtime, custodial, clerical, and supplies). On a home with an assessed valuation of \$4,000 the increased cost per month would be \$21.01. This option would require a simple majority of 50% plus 1 voter approval.

Ms. Todaro reminded everyone that there will be another meeting on April 18, 2012 at which time the Board of Education will adopt the 2012-13 budget. The budget hearing will be held on May 8, 2012, and the Budget Vote will be held in the OMS Auditorium at Tuesday, May 15, 2012 from 12 p.m. to 10 p.m.

## **HUMAN RESOURCES**

### **5.1 Memorandum of Agreement Between Harborfields HCSD and United Teachers of Harborfields (UTH)**

Upon motion duly made by Dr. McDonagh, seconded by Mrs. Boba, and carried unanimously, and upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby approved the Memorandum of Agreement between Harborfields Central School District, and United Teachers of Harborfields (UTH) instituting a retirement incentive for all eligible teachers effective the close of business on June 30, 2012.

### **5.2 Resignations**

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 resignations were accepted:

- Hennessy, William, Social Studies Teacher at HHS, effective close of business June 30, 2012 **for the purpose of retirement**
- Lamb, Maria, ESL Teacher at HHS, effective close of business June 30, 2012 **for the purpose of retirement**
- Weichner, Matthew, Social Studies Teacher at OMS, effective close of business June 30, 2012 **for the purpose of retirement**

### **5.3 Substitute List Addendum 2011-2012**

Upon motion duly made by Mr. Banks, seconded by Mr. Toles, and carried unanimously, and upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the substitute list addendum as attached to the official minutes of April 4, 2012 was approved for the maximum period through June 30, 2012 to serve at the pleasure of the Board of Education.

## **INSTRUCTION**

### **6.1 Textbook Adoption**

Upon motion duly made by Mr. Banks, seconded by Mr. Toles, and carried unanimously, and upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the following textbook series was adopted:

- GO MATH, Houghton Mifflin Harcourt Publishing Company, Copyright 2012, for Grades K – 5

## **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Board members made the following comments/statements:

- we need to plan for next year and the extra state aid should be applied to fund balance
- we need to reinstate elementary classroom positions
- would like to see the 2013-14 rollover budget
- be careful about depleting our reserves
- there will be a steep decline in enrollment over the next five years and we have to budget accordingly

At this time Mr. O'Brien discussed class size advising that there is no state regulation regarding K-3 class size. He continued that K-3 should be lower to mid 20's.

### **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

A resident questioned the Board about the resignation that was tabled at the last meeting. Mr. Giuliano stated that this is a personnel matter which cannot be discussed by the Board.

A resident implored the Board to have smaller class sizes. He stated that there are 29 students in a 5<sup>th</sup> grade class.

A resident asked if the Board has explored eliminating the printing of the calendar. Ms. Todaro stated that we contract through BOCES for this item and it is BOCES aidable.

A resident asked if the transportation mileage limits will be on the ballot this year. Ms. Todaro stated that it would not be on this year's ballot.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Upon motion duly made by Mr. Toles, seconded by Mr. Banks, and carried unanimously, the Board moved to Executive Session at 8:45 p.m. to discuss employment history of a particular individual.

The Board reconvened the special meeting at 9:54 p.m.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Upon motion duly made by Mr. Mastroianni, seconded by Mr. Toles, and carried unanimously, the Board adjourned the special meeting of April 4, 2012 at 9:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Muller  
District Clerk