

APPROVED MINUTES

HARBORFIELDS CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT GREENLAWN, NEW YORK 11740

Kind of Meeting	-	Special Meeting
Place of Meeting	-	OMS Auditorium
Date of Meeting	-	April 18, 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, Community Members

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Upon motion duly made by Dr. McDonagh, seconded by Mr. Schoer, and carried (5-0), the Board, district office administrators, and district clerk moved to Executive Session at 6:11 p.m. for the purpose of discussing personnel disciplinary matters, tenure recommendations, and a student disciplinary matter.

Mr. Banks entered the meeting at 6:40 p.m.

The Board reconvened the special meeting at 7:50 p.m. Mr. Giuliano 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.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

A resident expressed concern about class size.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Superintendent's Report, 2012-2013 Budget Process Update and Adoption

Ms. Todaro gave an update on the 2012-13 budget process speaking about the budget development process, proposed budget scenarios, and tax levy. Ms. Todaro advised the Board about the increase in state aid of approximately \$396,000. As a result, the revised non-tax revenue for the proposed 2012-2013 Allowable Tax Levy Budget is \$17,186,463. Ms. Todaro stated that the proposed 2012-2013 Budget reflects a tax levy of 2.86% which is the Allowable Tax levy. She continued that the estimated tax rate increase for the proposed budget per \$4,000 assessed home would be \$21.01 per month and reflects an annual increase of \$252.12. She stated that since the proposed budget reflects the Allowable Tax Levy prescribed by law, a simple majority of 50% plus 1 voter approval is required.

Ms. Todaro reminded everyone that the Budget Hearing/Regular Meeting will be held on May 8, 2012 and the Budget Vote will take place on May 15, 2012 from 12 noon to 10 p.m. at the Oldfield Middle School Auditorium.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

A resident questioned the public relations issue regarding the Allowable Tax Levy. Ms. Todaro stated that each district will have a different tax levy. In Harborfields, we are legally permitted to raise the tax levy by 2.86%. An explanation of this tax levy will be included in the district's budget brochure which will be mailed to the community by the beginning of May.

A resident stated that the district would need to pass the budget by a super majority to approve a budget over the tax cap levy.

The Board thanked administration for all the hard work they put in while working on this budget. The Board stated that they supported this budget and hoped the community would support it as well.

FINANCE

4.1 2012-2013 Budget Adoption

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 Board of Education adopted the 2012-2013 school district budget in the amount of \$75,134,670 to be presented to eligible voters of the Harborfields Central School District at the Annual Election and Budget Vote to be held on May 15, 2012.

4.2 First Reading of Revised Board of Education Policies

The following revised policies are presented to the Board of Education for a first reading for action at a subsequent meeting. No action is required at this time.

- ✧ **File 2120.2** **Voting Procedures**
- ✧ **File 2120.2-R** **Voting Procedures Regulation**

4.1A 2012-2013 School District Property Tax Report Card

Upon motion duly made by Mr. Mastroianni, seconded by Mrs. Boba, and carried (6-0), the 2012-2013 Property Tax Report Card attached to the official minutes of April 18, 2012 was approved by the Board of Education.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

A resident expressed concern over the change in a bus stop and asked if the stop would be reinstated in the budget.

Mr. Toles entered the meeting at 8:35 p.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Upon motion duly made by Mrs. Boba, seconded by Mr. Mastroianni, and carried unanimously, the Board, district office administrators, and district clerk moved to Executive Session at 8:40 p.m. for the purpose of interviewing a candidate for the district clerk's position and Board Self-Evaluation.

Mr. Nimmo, Mr. Sallie, Mr. O'Brien, and Ms. Muller left the meeting at 9:30 p.m.

The Board reconvened the special meeting at 11:44 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion duly made by Mr. Toles, seconded by Mr. Banks, and carried unanimously, the Board adjourned the special meeting of April 18, 2012 at 11:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Muller
District Clerk