

HARBORFIELDS CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
GREENLAWN, NEW YORK 11740

Kind of Meeting	-	Special Meeting
Place of Meeting	-	OMS Board Room
Date of Meeting	-	September 7, 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, Principals, Directors, Community Members
Others absent	-	Mr. Carasiti

Mr. Giuliano called the meeting to order at 6:13 p.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Upon motion duly made by Mr. Mastroianni, seconded by Mr. Toles, and carried (6-0), the Board, district office administrators, and district clerk moved to Executive Session at 6:14 p.m. for the purpose of discussing a legal agreement, non-unit contracts, employment history of a particular individual, and a particular student issue.

Mr. Banks entered the meeting at 6:37 p.m. Ms. Melone was invited to enter the meeting at 6:45 p.m.

The Board reconvened the public meeting at 7:45 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.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There was no public participation at this time.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORTS

Ms. Todaro thanked the Board for appointing her as Acting Superintendent in the absence of Mr. Carasiti. She stated that Superintendent's Conference Day went very well. Ms. Todaro reported that she highlighted the following: the accomplishments which occurred during the last school year, the Board's goals for the current school year, and the EXCEL project where forty-eight Smart Boards were installed. Ms. Todaro thanked Mr. Cacciola for the great job his crew did in getting the buildings ready for the opening of school.

Opening Day Reports

Ms. Kelly reported that there was a power outage for about 15 minutes at Washington Drive Primary School, but other than that the day went smoothly. Ms. Tuzzi reported that opening day went very smoothly. Mrs. Giordano reported that there was a power outage, but other than that the day went smoothly. She continued that she is looking forward to September 15 to see if OMS is awarded the Blue Ribbon. Dr. Bennardo stated that there were 290 buddies for 280 freshmen. Homecoming is this weekend. He continued that in some of the elective classes size was approximately 33. AP classes 28-34.

Mr. Cacciola stated that he received many calls regarding power outages and that there was an issue with LIPA. He continued that flooding problems were addressed.

Mr. Gellert advised that eight students were selected to all-state music and that 91 students participated in the fourth annual band camp at SUNY Farmingdale. He further advised that the art classes are up and running.

Ms. Melone advised that the special education staff worked diligently with the guidance staff to place all special education students.

Mr. Pisano advised that it was a smooth opening. He continued that some students waited until the first day of school to make schedule changes. He went on to say that the counselors did a great job.

Mr. Valente advised that things are going well. Football started on August 18. The game this Saturday will start at 2 p.m. Mr. Valente stated that he expected great things this fall. He continued that the fields look great. With regard to physical education classes, there are 40 students in several of the classes which he felt could be a safety issue. Mr. Valente invited the Board and administration to the annual barbecue to be held tomorrow evening (Thursday, September 8).

Ms. Todaro introduced Michael O'Brien who will be working as her assistant on curriculum tasks. Mr. O'Brien stated that it was a pleasure to be working in Harborfields.

HUMAN RESOURCES

5.1 Professional Appointments

Upon motion duly made by Mr. Schoer, seconded by Mrs. Boba, and carried unanimously, and upon the recommendation of the Acting Superintendent of Schools, the following professional appointments in accordance with the schedule attached to the official minutes of September 7, 2011 were approved.

Name	School	Assignment
Part-time For the maximum period through June 30, 2012 to serve at the pleasure of the Board of Education		
Dewhirst, Christine	Teaching Assistant	HHS
Drager, Laura	Teaching Assistant	OMS
Kaufman, Marielle	Teaching Assistant	TJL

5.2 Civil Service Appointment

Upon motion duly made by Dr. McDonagh, seconded by Mr. Mastroianni, and carried unanimously, and upon the recommendation of the Acting Superintendent of Schools, the following civil service appointment in accordance with the schedule attached to the official minutes of September 7, 2011 was approved.

Temporary Part-time		
Name	School	Assignment
Essig, Dennis	OMS	Temporary School Monitor

5.3 Change in Status

Upon motion duly made by Mr. Mastroianni, seconded by Mr. Toles, and carried unanimously, and upon the recommendation of the Acting Superintendent of Schools, the following change in status in accordance with the schedule attached to the official minutes of September 7, 2011 was approved:

- Piscitelli, Filomena, from Cook, HHS to Probationary Cook Manager, HHS 9/1/11-2/29/12

5.4 Substitute List Addendum

Upon motion duly made by Mr. Toles, seconded by Mr. Schoer, and carried unanimously, and upon the recommendation of the Acting Superintendent of Schools, the substitute list addendum for the 2011-2012 school year as attached to the official minutes of September 7, 2011 was approved for the maximum period through June 30, 2012 to serve at the pleasure of the Board.

5.5 Clerical Training Consultant at TJL

Upon motion duly made by Dr. McDonagh, seconded by Mr. Banks, and carried unanimously, and upon the recommendation of the Acting Superintendent of Schools, Marilyn Valeo was appointed as Clerical Training Consultant at TJL effective September 8, 2011 at the hourly rate of \$25.92 (cost not to exceed \$2,500).

5.6 Revised Certified Home Instructors List for the School Year 2011-2012

Upon motion duly made by Mr. Toles, seconded by Mr. Banks, and carried unanimously, and upon the recommendation of the Acting Superintendent of Schools, the certified teachers named in the attachment to the official minutes of September 7, 2011 were appointed as home instructors for the 2011-2012 school year.

5.7 Extracompensation Appointment Schedule 2011-2012

Upon motion duly made by Dr. McDonagh, seconded by Mr. Schoer, and carried unanimously, and upon the recommendation of the Acting Superintendent of Schools, the appointees specified on the Extracompensation Appointment Schedule attached to the official minutes of September 7, 2011 were approved.

5.8 Appointment of Acting Principal in the Principal's Absence at Washington Drive Primary School

Upon motion duly made by Mrs. Boba, seconded by Mr. Banks, and carried unanimously, and upon the recommendation of the Acting Superintendent of Schools, in the event that Maureen Kelly, Principal of Washington Drive Primary School is not physically present in the school building on one or more days (or portions thereof,) during the 2011-2012 school year, that Marguerite Greene, Assistant Principal be appointed "Acting Principal" for purposes of all short-term student discipline matters pursuant to Section 3214 of the New York State Education Law; and

Further, that the District Clerk shall forward a copy of this resolution to each of the above referenced persons.

5.9 Appointment of Acting Principal in the Principal's Absence at Thomas J. Lahey Elementary School

Upon motion duly made by Mr. Banks, seconded by Mr. Mastroianni, and carried unanimously, and upon the recommendation of the Acting Superintendent of Schools, in the event that Florence Tuzzi, Principal of Thomas J. Lahey Elementary School is not physically present in the school building on one or more days (or portions thereof,) during the 2011-2012 school year, that Jordan Cox, Assistant Principal be appointed "Acting Principal" for purposes of all short-term student discipline matters pursuant to Section 3214 of the New York State Education Law; and'

Further, that the District Clerk shall forward a copy of this resolution to each of the above referenced persons.

5.10 Appointment of Acting Principal in the Principal's Absence at Oldfield Middle School

Upon motion duly made by Dr. McDonagh, seconded by Mr. Banks, and carried unanimously, and upon the recommendation of the Acting Superintendent of Schools, in the event that Joanne Giordano, Principal of Oldfield Middle School is not physically present in the school building on one or more days (or portions thereof,) during the 2011-2012 school year, that Wayne Cronk, Assistant Principal be appointed "Acting Principal" for purposes of all short-term student discipline matters pursuant to Section 3214 of the New York State Education Law; and

Further, that in the event that Wayne Cronk is unavailable or otherwise unable to be physically present at Oldfield Middle School to serve as "Acting Principal" in the absence of Joanne Giordano, Principal, Jacquelin Allen, Assistant Principal, is hereby designated to be the "Acting Principal" for purposes of all short-term student discipline matters pursuant to Section 3214 of the New York State Education Law; and

Further, that the District Clerk shall forward a copy of this resolution to each of the above referenced persons.

5.11 Appointment of Acting Principal in the Principal's Absence at Harborfields High School

Upon motion duly made by Mr. Mastroianni, seconded by Mr. Schoer, and carried unanimously, and upon the recommendation of the Acting Superintendent of Schools, in the event that Dr. David Bennardo, Principal of Harborfields High School is not physically present in the school building on one or more days (or portions thereof,) during the 2011-2012 school year, that Robert Kelly, Assistant Principal be appointed "Acting Principal" for purposes of all short-term student discipline matters pursuant to Section 3214 of the New York State Education Law; and

Further, that in the event that Robert Kelly is unavailable or otherwise unable to be physically present at Harborfields High School to serve as "Acting Principal" in the absence of Dr. David Bennardo, Principal, Jami Goldstein-Scherr, Assistant Principal, is hereby designated to be the "Acting Principal" for purposes of all short-term student discipline matters pursuant to Section 3214 of the New York State Education Law; and

Further, that the District Clerk shall forward a copy of this resolution to each of the above referenced persons.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

2011-2012 Board of Education Goals

The following is a list of Board of Education Goals which were approved for the 2011-12 school year:

- GOAL 1:** The Board of Education will monitor the implementation of the Annual Professional Performance Review process to ensure compliance with NYSED regulations and Education Law 3012-c.
- GOAL 2:** Continue to review and update the Board of Education policy manual, in addition to addressing new policy updates provided by NYSSBA.
- GOAL 3:** Identify objectives and strategies for addressing the impact of the new Tax Cap in planning for the 2012-13 Budget process.
- GOAL 4:** Identify a plan for enhancing the personal growth of Harborfields' staff members to support their professional advancement.

Library Tutoring Policy

Ms. Todaro stated that we are currently working to fine tune the policy and are looking for a quick resolution.

MSG Varsity Agreement

Ms. Todaro stated that MSG Varsity presented us with a new agreement from Cablevision. She continued that we were not aware that they were going to change the agreement. There is a reduction in the stipend from \$3,000 to \$2,000. Mr. Giuliano stated that he was not happy that MSG Varsity switched the agreement at the last minute. The district will go forward with the new agreement and during the course of the year will look into other alternatives. Ms. Todaro stated she will clarify the terms of the agreement with our attorney in case we decide to opt-out of the agreement early.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Denise Leparik introduced herself as the new GOTV committee chairperson. She presented the district clerk with a letter and a list of committee members to be distributed to the Board.

A resident stated that she did not see any great benefit in dealing with MSG Varsity. She continued that she felt that they did not do a particularly good job in covering Harborfields' sports. She further stated that this situation provides us with a creative opportunity to produce our own stuff.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Upon motion duly made by Mrs. Boba, seconded by Dr. McDonagh, and carried unanimously, the Board and district clerk moved to Executive Session at 8:30 p.m. for the purpose of discussing the employment history of a particular individual.

The Board reconvened the public meeting at 8:55 p.m.

HUMAN RESOURCES

5.1a Resignation

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

- Dr. Howard Koenig, Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources, effective close of business October 5, 2011.

ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion duly made by Mr. Schoer, seconded by Mr. Toles, and carried unanimously, the Board adjourned the special meeting of September 7, 2011 at 9 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Muller
District Clerk