

HARBORFIELDS CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
GREENLAWN, NEW YORK

Kind of Meeting	-	Regular Meeting
Date of Meeting	-	October 15, 2014
Place of Meeting	-	OMS Auditorium
Board Members Present	-	Dr. McDonagh, Mr. Mastroianni, Ms. Gaughan, Mr. Giuliano, Mr. Lee, and Mr. Steinberg
Board Members Absent	-	None
Others Present	-	Ms. Todaro, Dr. Ianni, Mr. Nimmo, Ms. Whelan and Community Members

Dr. McDonagh called the meeting to order at 5:45 p.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Upon motion duly made by Mr. Lee, seconded by Ms. Gaughan, and carried (6-0), the Board and district office administrators moved to Executive Session at 5:45 p.m. for the purpose of discussing the employment history of a particular individual and collective bargaining negotiations. Mr. Giuliano joined the meeting at 5:50 p.m.

At 6:15 p.m. the Board continued with Executive Session as the Audit Committee and were joined by Ms. Jill Sanders of Cullen & Danowski, LLP. Ms. Sanders presented the draft audit report for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2014 to the Audit Committee. Ms. Sanders left the meeting at 7:00 p.m.

The Board recessed the meeting at 7:00 p.m. to attend the New and Newly Tenured Staff Reception.

The Board reconvened the regular meeting at 7:48 p.m. Dr. McDonagh led those in attendance in the Pledge of Allegiance and he instructed where to exit the building in case of an emergency.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

National School Board Recognition

Ms. Joanne Giordano, Principal, Oldfield Middle School, introduced several members of the OMS PTA who along with members of the OMS Student Government presented the Board of Education with a Keurig® coffee brewer and coffee mugs bearing the district's logo and the inscription, "*Nothing Liberates our Greatness like the Desire to Help, the Desire to Serve*" as part of National School Board recognition month.

Ms. Todaro then presented each Board member with a certificate signed by Dr. Michael Mensch, District Superintendent for Western Suffolk BOCES, in recognition of their service.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORTS

Superintendent's Report

Ms. Todaro thanked Ms. Giordano, the OMS PTA and the OMS Student Government for the Board recognition. Speaking on behalf of the Board members, Dr. McDonagh expressed appreciation for the thoughtful gift and recognition.

Ms. Todaro announced that earlier in the evening, the Board and district office administrators attended the New and Newly Tenured Staff reception, and she welcomed our new staff and congratulated our newly tenured staff on their accomplishment. Ms. Todaro further announced that the Harborfields High School marching band did an outstanding job in representing the district when they performed last evening at *Newsday's 52nd Marching Band Festival*; opening the program with the national anthem.

Ms. Todaro provided an update to an inquiry made at the September Board meeting with regard to the district's recycling program. She reported that the high school's environmental club is coordinating a process for paper recycling and is working with the Town of Huntington to obtain new recycling bins.

Ms. Todaro reported on the recently adopted policy for use of facilities fees. She advised that the new policy was developed based on feedback from the community and the District Advisory Committee. While the district reached out to many of the community groups that use our facilities, Ms. Todaro acknowledged that not all community groups were contacted. The district received numerous phone calls and emails in response to the new policy, and in light of the additional input that she has received, Ms. Todaro announced to the Board that she is recommending the district postpone the implementation date of the new policy from January 1, 2015 to September 1, 2015 and reexamine the fee structure.

Student Representative's Report

Katherine Ryan, student representative from HHS, gave the following report:

- The untimely passing of Shoreham Wading River student and football player Tom Cutinella had a huge impact on the Harborfields High School Community, and the high school football team set out to find a way to honor the life of their peer. The day of their next game, all the players replaced the Harborfields logo on their helmets with Cutinella's number, 54. Following the game, team representatives attended the services and presented the Cutinella family with a Harborfields jersey emblazoned with the number 54 and signed by every member of our football team. They also joined forces with the Harborfields Booster Club and sold bracelets with the number 54 on them as a fundraiser for the foundation set up in Tom's name.
- For the third year in a row, the girl's soccer team supported the "Kicks for Cancer" program. Both the Varsity and JV teams play a special game in the month of

October wearing “Kicks for Cancer” pink shirts to raise awareness and funds for cancer research. Varsity team member Julia Davis’ father donated \$6,000 after he offered a donation of \$1,000 for every goal the girls scored. The girls won the game with a score of 6-0; with Julia Davis scoring the final goal.

- Congratulations to Marissa Early-Hubelbank for earning the Outstanding Participant Status in the 2015 National Achievement Scholarship Program by scoring within the top 2% of the nation.
- Random Acts of Kindness awards went out to high school students Alison Matthews, Julianne Minton, and Keylin Rivas for being kind when they thought nobody was watching.

School Report Card Presentation

Dr. Ianni gave a PowerPoint presentation on the School District Report Card. Dr. Ianni presented an overview of the academic performance of our students, reporting on Regents results, Advanced Placement data and the performance of Grades 3 – 8 in the areas of English Language Arts (ELA) and Math. He reported that in the graduating class of 2014, two students were recognized as National Merit Semifinalists and nine students were recognized as Commended Students in the National Merit Scholarship Program. The percentage of students electing to continue their education at two and four year colleges was 12% and 82%, respectively. Dr. Ianni advised that there is a massive amount of data available online at the New York State Department of Education’s website (www.nysed.gov). A copy of the PowerPoint presentation is available on the district’s website.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

A resident and President of the United Teaching Assistants urged the Board to work towards resolving the contract negotiations impasse with the teaching assistants.

A resident commented that the new facilities use fees would have a drastic impact on his youth sports club, especially the fees assessed to use the field house. Noting that his club is a relatively new organization whose members are 99% Harborfields students, he urged the Board to consider adding another level to the policy that would exempt organizations that have 95% or more Harborfields students participating, and he recommended that the applications be considered on a seasonal basis rather than first come first serve.

A resident and member of the Greenlawn-Centerport Historical Association stated she was disheartened at the new fee structure. The association holds their annual antiques show at the high school, which runs an entire day and involves a good half-day of preparation. She stated it was difficult to figure out exactly how much they would have to pay; what category do they fit into? She reminded the Board that the association is a

valuable asset to the community and the new fee schedule would provide quite a hardship to their organization.

Several residents addressed the Board on behalf of various Girl Scout, Boy Scout, and Cub Scout troops to express their concerns with the new facilities use fees. Many expressed similar viewpoints, which included:

- Concern that scouting troops were not consulted with regard to the new fee schedule.
- The fee schedule seems onerous and would have a severe impact on many of the scouting troops, affecting their ability to continue with many of their volunteer projects. The fees would cause many of their fundraising events to just break even.
- One resident explained that the bylaws for the Girl Scouts limit the amount they can charge to a maximum of \$10 per girl, per month. Many scouting troops collect dues well under that amount. He urged the Board to reconsider the policy and offer exemptions to organizations that have bylaws restrictions.
- Non-profit organizations made up entirely of Harborfields students should not be charged. Questioned the revenue rationale that was presented when they decided upon these fees for the scouting groups.
- One resident commented that it was a rare occasion that he had to speak out on behalf of scouts; they are generally the advocates for other groups. Doesn't believe it was the Board's intention to put the scouts under duress, but the proposed fees would put them out of business.
- Understands the need to generate revenue, but don't punish the groups made up primarily of district students. Having to relocate where they hold their meetings would be a tremendous hardship for the scouts.

Dr. McDonagh called for a five-minute recess at 9:02 p.m. so that everyone could enjoy the coffee and cake prepared by the OMS PTA for Board recognition. The Board reconvened the regular meeting at 9:10 p.m.

BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES

The Board of Education accepted the following minutes:

- Regular Meeting, September 17, 2014

FINANCE

4.1 Treasurer's Report

Upon motion duly made by Mr. Mastroianni, seconded by Mr. Giuliano, and carried (6-0), and upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Treasurer's Report for August 2014 was approved.

4.2 Schedule of Bills

Upon motion duly made by Mr. Mastroianni, seconded by Mr. Giuliano, and carried (6-0), and upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the schedule of bills, as attached to the agenda of October 15, 2014, was accepted.

4.3 Financial Status Report

Upon motion duly made by Mr. Steinberg, seconded by Mr. Mastroianni, and carried (6-0), and upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Financial Status Report for August 2014 was accepted.

4.4 Appointment of External Auditor for Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2015

Upon motion duly made by Mr. Giuliano, seconded by Mr. Mastroianni, and carried (6-0), and upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education appointed Cullen & Danowski, LLP, Certified Public Accountants, as External Auditor for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2015, at an annual fee of \$41,500, in accordance with the terms of the Request for Proposals of March 15, 2013.

Further, the Board of Education authorized the Board President to execute the written engagement letter, as attached to the agenda of October 15, 2014, between Harborfields CSD and Cullen & Danowski, LLP.

4.5 Acceptance of Gift

Upon motion duly made by Mr. Mastroianni, seconded by Ms. Gaughan, and carried (6-0), and upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the following gift was accepted by the Board with thanks.

- One (1) E-Color Poster Printing System, donated by Oldfield Middle School's Student Government, for use at Oldfield Middle School.

4.6 Acceptance of Grants/Gifts and Increase in Appropriations

Upon motion duly made by Ms. Gaughan, seconded by Mr. Lee, and carried (6-0), and upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the following grants/gifts were accepted by the Board with thanks.

- Gift in the amount of \$600.00 from SEPTA to be used under the guidance and direction of the Principal at Thomas J. Lahey Elementary School for the purpose of purchasing *First in Math* online subscriptions.
- Grant in the amount of \$3,452.94 from HACEF to be used under the guidance and direction of the Assistant Superintendent for Administration and Human Resources for the purpose of purchasing camera equipment to be used by the Journalism program at Harborfields High School.

- Gift in the amount of \$2,000.00 from Northport Cow Harbor United Soccer Club to be used under the guidance and direction of the Director of Health, Physical Education and Athletics to support the district's physical education and interscholastic program.
- Gift in the amount of \$5,000.00 from the Harborfields Booster Club to be used under the guidance and direction of the Director of Health, Physical Education and Athletics to support the district's physical education and interscholastic program.

Further, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, pursuant to the anticipated receipt of the gifts to reimburse expenses, appropriations for 2014-2015 be increased as follows:

A 2110.5110.06.2110	\$ 600.00
A 2630.2000.42.4020	\$3,452.94
A 2855.2000.36.2855	\$2,000.00
A 2855.4200.36.2855	\$5,000.00

4.7 Surplus Books

Upon motion duly made by Ms. Gaughan, seconded by Mr. Giuliano, and carried (6-0), and upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the following equipment, as listed in the attachments to the agenda of October 15, 2014, was declared surplus and will be disposed of accordingly.

- Sony MCV FD200 Camera (1); Tag No. 012590
- Sony MCV FD200 Camera (1); Tag No. 013024
- Sony MAVICA Camera (1); Tag No. 009990
- Sony MAVICA CD350 Camera (1); No Tag Number Visible
- Sony MVC FD200 Camera (1); Tag No. 012522
- Sony MAVICA MVC FD90 Camera (1); No Tag Number Visible

4.8 Private School Placement/Special Education Services Contract

Upon motion duly made by Mr. Mastroianni, seconded by Mr. Giuliano, and carried (6-0), and upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approved the following special education services contract between the Harborfields Central School District "District of Residence" and the school "District of Location" listed below. The "District of Residence" will be billed for special education services for children residing in the Harborfields Central School District and attending nonpublic schools in said school district in accordance with Education Law Section 3602-c and regulations of the Commissioner of Education.

- One (1) student residing within the Harborfields Central School District attending a private school within the Commack Union Free School District effective July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2015

4.9 School Services/Specialized Education Agreements

Upon motion duly made by Mr. Steinberg, seconded by Mr. Giuliano, and carried (6-0), and upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approved the following School Services/Specialized Education Agreements for the 2014-2015 school year between Harborfields Central School District and the contractors listed below, in accordance with Part 200 of the regulations of the Commissioner of Education for children with handicapping conditions.

- Hilary Gomes, Ph.D., ABPdN to provide professional staff and services for the period July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2015 in accordance with the Individualized Education Programs (IEPs) of students at rates set forth in said agreement.
- Helping Hands Consultation Services, Inc. to provide professional staff and services for the period July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2015 in accordance with the Individualized Education Program (IEPs) of students at rates set forth in said agreement.

4.10 Establishment of Tax Levy for the 2014-2015 School Year

Upon motion duly made by Mr. Mastroianni, seconded by Ms. Gaughan, and carried (6-0), and upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board approved the following resolution establishing the tax levy for the 2014-2015 school year.

Resolved , that the General Fund Budget Appropriations for 2014-2015 be set as follows:	\$79,679,165
And be it further resolved , that pursuant to subd. 1, Sec. 138 of the Real Property Tax Law the district apply to the 2014-2015 tax levy surplus fund balance as follows: Fund Balance to be applied:	\$ 3,600,000
And be it further resolved , that the estimate of state aid for 2014-2015 is as follows: Estimated State Aid for 2014-2015:	\$13,858,207
And be it further resolved , that the estimate of revenue from all other sources is as follows: Estimated Miscellaneous Revenue:	\$ 2,038,000
And be it further resolved , that pursuant to subd. 12 of Sec. 1604 of Education Law, after subtracting the estimated receipts and the application of the Fund Balance determined above, the required levy of taxes for school district purposes be established as follows: Tax Levy for General Budget:	\$60,182,958
And be it further resolved , that pursuant to Sec. 259 and/or subd. 5(1), Sec. 1804 of Education Law, the following additional tax levies also be established: For the School District Public Library, as requested by the Library Trustees:	\$ 4,713,625

ESTIMATED TAX RATES		
	Amount to be Levied	Estimate Tax Rate/\$100
For Regular School Purposes	\$60,182,958	\$236.651 (+2.08%)
School District Public Library	\$ 4,713,625	\$ 18.530 (+1.93%)

HUMAN RESOURCES

5.1 Resignation

Upon motion duly made by Mr. Mastroianni, seconded by Mr. Steinberg, and carried (6-0), and upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the following resignations were accepted:

- LaBombard, Carla, Part-time Teaching Assistant, HHS, effective the close of business October 3, 2014
- Robey, Stanley, Custodial Worker I, OMS, for the purpose of retirement, effective the close of business January 6, 2015

5.2 Leaves of Absence

Upon motion duly made by Mr. Giuliano, seconded by Ms. Gaughan, and carried (6-0), and upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the following leaves of absence were approved:

Name	Assignment	School	Dates Paid	Dates Unpaid
Justine Bruno	P/T Teaching Assistant	HHS	N/A	1/23/15 - 4/1/15
Elizabeth DeVaney	Art Teacher	HHS	12/15/14 – 3/10/15	N/A
Susan Karagozi	Physical Education Teacher	OMS	12/15/14 – 2/10/15	N/A
Kalliope Viegas	P/T Teaching Assistant	HHS	N/A	3/3/15 – 5/29/15

5.3 Professional Appointment

Upon motion duly made by Mr. Mastroianni, seconded by Mr. Giuliano, and carried (6-0), and upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the following professional appointment in accordance with the schedule attached to the official minutes of October 15, 2014 was approved:

Name	School	Assignment
Robert Thornton	HHS	Interim Assistant Principal

5.4 Lahey Lions Program at TJL

Upon motion duly made by Mr. Giuliano, seconded by Ms. Gaughan, and carried (6-0), and upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the following personnel are granted an increase in hours for the “Lahey Lions” reading/mathematics programs at TJL:

ELA Teaching Assistants: 46 one hour sessions from October 20, 2014 – April 29, 2015		
Name	Grade	Hourly Rate of Pay
Ellen Blair	5	\$18.37
Pamela Fakatselis	3	\$18.37
Carolyn Girard	4	\$18.37
Sandra Lellis	4	\$16.65
Janet Peterson	3	\$18.37
Diane Sargent	5	\$16.65
Math Teaching Assistants: 24 one hour sessions from October 16, 2014 – April 30, 2015		
Name	Grade	Hourly Rate of Pay
Ellen Blair	5	\$18.37
Pamela Fakatselis	3	\$18.37
Carolyn Girard	4	\$18.37
Sandra Lellis	4	\$16.65
Janet Peterson	3	\$18.37
Diane Sargent	5	\$16.65

5.5 Increase in Hours

Upon motion duly made by Mr. Giuliano, seconded by Mr. Lee, and carried (6-0), and upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the following employee was granted an increase in hours:

- Kazic, Tracy, Food Service Worker, OMS, from 3.25 hours per day to 3.75 hours per day effective October 16, 2014

5.6 Extracompensation Appointment Schedule

Upon motion duly made by Mr. Mastroianni, seconded by Steinberg, and carried (6-0), and upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the appointees specified on the Extracompensation Appointment Schedule, as attached to the official minutes of October 15, 2014, were approved.

5.7 Substitute List Addendum

Upon motion duly made by Ms. Gaughan, seconded by Mr. Giuliano, and carried (6-0), and upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the substitute list

addendum, as attached to the official minutes of October 15, 2014, was approved for the maximum period through June 30, 2015 to serve at the pleasure of the Board.

5.8 Revision of Home Instruction List

Upon motion duly made by Mr. Mastroianni, seconded by Ms. Gaughan, and carried (6-0), and upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the certified teacher named in the attachment to the official minutes of October 15, 2014 is appointed as a home instructor for the 2014-2015 school year.

5.9 Civil Service Change of Status

Upon motion duly made by Mr. Steinberg, seconded by Mr. Giuliano, and carried (6-0), and upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the following civil service change in status, in accordance with the schedule attached to the official minutes of October 15, 2014, was approved.

Name	School	Assignment	Type of Appointment	Effective Date
Dawn Vavoules	District Office	Human Resources	From: Sr. Clerk Typist To: Principal Clerk	1/1/15

5.10 Stipulation of Agreement

Upon motion duly made by Mr. Giuliano, seconded by Ms. Gaughan, and carried (6-0), and upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approved the stipulation between the District and the employee identified in Confidential Schedule "A" accepting the resignation of the individual identified in Confidential Schedule "A", attached to the official minutes of October 15, 2014, and authorized the President of the Board of Education to execute the stipulation.

5.11 Separation Agreement

Whereas the District's Corrective Action Plan pursuant to the New York State Comptroller's audit of 2007 requires that the Board of Education approve separation payment for vacation accrual for the individual separating from the district; and,

Whereas the administration has prepared calculations for retirees and/or individuals separating from district service in accordance with existing collective bargaining agreements and/or Board of Education policy as per the separation payment agenda enclosures; and,

Whereas the separation agenda enclosures and collective bargaining agreements and/or Board of Education Policies have been reviewed by district counsel; and,

Upon motion duly made by Mr. Steinberg, seconded by Mr. Giuliano, and carried (6-0), and upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education authorizes said separation payment as described in the separation payment agenda attached to the official minutes of October 15, 2014.

- Robert Kelly, Assistant Principal, HHS

INSTRUCTION

6.1 Review of IEP Recommendations and Authorization for Placement and Services

Upon motion duly made by Mr. Mastroianni, seconded by Mr. Steinberg, and carried (6-0), and upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, after reviewing the IEP recommendations, the Board granted authorization to provide for the placement and services contained in the following recommendations of the CSE and CPSE.

- **Committee on Special Education** meetings dated September 9, 2014, September 10, 2014, September 17, 2014, September 18, 2014, September 19, 2014, September 24, 2014, October 1, 2014 and October 3, 2014
- **Committee on Preschool Special Education** meetings dated September 18, 2014 and October 2, 2014

6.2 Overnight Field Trip

Upon motion duly made by Mr. Mastroianni, seconded by Mr. Steinberg, and carried (6-0), and upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, an overnight field trip to Rochester, NY to attend the 2014 NYSSMA All-State Musicians festival for approximately three high school NYSSMA All-State students from December 4-7, 2014 was approved.

6.3 Adoption of Revised Board of Education Policies

Upon motion duly made by Mr. Giuliano, seconded by Mr. Lee, and carried (6-0), and upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the following revised policies, as attached to the agenda of October 15, 2014, were adopted.

- File 4327: Homebound Instruction
- File 4773: Diploma Options for Students with Disabilities
- File 5300.70: Public Conduct on School Property
- File 5420: Student Health Services
- File 5420-R: Student Health Services Regulation
- File 5420-E1: Student Health Services Exhibit
- File 5420-E2: Student Health Services Exhibit
- File 5500: Student Records
- File 5500-R: Student Records Regulation
- File 5500-E.1: Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA)

Notice Regarding Access to Student Records and
Student Information

- File 8332: District-Owned Cellular Telephones
- File 8332-R: District-Owned Cellular Telephones Regulation

6.6 Removal of Board of Education Policies

Upon motion duly made by Ms. Gaughan, seconded by Mr. Mastroianni, and carried (6-0), and upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the following policies, as attached to the agenda of October 15, 2014, were removed.

- File 4773: Individualized Education Program Diplomas
- File 5420-R: Student Health Services Regulation
- File 5500: Student Records
- File 5500-R: Student Records Regulation
- File 5500-E.1: Student Records Regulation Exhibit

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

Fees for Facilities

The Board discussed the feedback that has been received regarding the newly adopted policy on facilities use fees. Mr. Mastroianni noted that this topic has been discussed numerous times by the Board over the years, and the community has taken various positions. He appreciates the feedback they've recently received, and he stated that he supports the superintendent's recommendation to delay implementation of the new fee structure and reanalyze the tier structure to make sure that the groups that get charged are outside groups. The goal would be to come to a conclusion relatively quickly.

Mr. Giuliano commented that the feedback received over this issue is not something the Board takes lightly. He urged not to lose sight of the fact that the money that the district is hoping to generate is money that would go right back into the school district. He agreed that additional time could be spent to consider where certain organizations fall within the fee structure and make sure that everyone receives a fair amount of advanced notice. He noted that charging fees to use school facilities is a common practice in many school districts, and the public has to be ready to accept some type of fee for the upkeep of our own facilities, especially in light of tightening budget constraints that districts face every year.

Dr. McDonagh stated that he, too, endorses the superintendent's recommendation. Resetting the enactment date would be a good first step. He noted that the Board needs to make a commitment that the deliberations will be done in a time sensitive manner so that the public may be properly informed.

It was the consensus of the Board to delay the implementation of the facilities use fees from January 1, 2015 until September 1, 2015 and to reexamine the fee schedule.

Fundraising Protocol and Banner Project

Ms. Todaro introduced a proposed modification to the existing fundraising protocol that includes initiating a new banner project to support school and student activities. Under the current Board policy, fundraising donations are deposited into the school's student activity account. Many organizations within the community have inquired about donating to a specific club or organization. Modifying the fundraising protocol will allow for 80% of the funds raised to be designated to a particular club or sport, while the remaining 20% would go to the student activity account. Additionally, a new banner project will be instituted whereby organizations and/or individuals will be able to purchase a banner in support of a specific club, program or organization. Banners would be available in two sizes: 3' x 4' or 3' x 6' and would be displayed in designated locations, such as the gymnasium or athletic field fences. Banners would be displayed for a period of one year (September through August) up to a maximum of four years with payment of an annual renewal fee. Funds raised from the purchase of banners would be disbursed in the same manner as other fundraising activities; 80% to a specific activity, as determined by the donor, and 20% to the student activity account of the school.

After briefly discussing the proposed modifications, it was the consensus of the Board to move forward with the implementation of this new procedure.

NYSSBA 2014 Annual Convention - Proposed Resolutions & Voting Delegates Guide

Dr. McDonagh explained the purpose of NYSSBA's annual convention and the Board members briefly discussed the proposed resolutions that will be voted on at the business meeting portion of the convention which will be held on October 26-28, 2014.

BOARD OF EDUCATION ACTIVITIES

Board of Education School Visitations, October 7, 2014

The Board conducted their annual inspection of district facilities on October 7, 2014 with all Board members in attendance. Dr. McDonagh reported that it is a great opportunity for the Board to interact with building administration and receive their input on items of importance that would benefit the students. Ms. Gaughan stated that she enjoyed the opportunity to see what goes on during a typical school day and to talk to administrators about the various programs and initiatives. Mr. Giuliano recalled that several years back, the Board conducted the school visits at night, generally before a Board meeting. He stated that visitations during the school day were much more informative, as the Board is able to observe staff and students engaged in their work and receive comments and input from the administrators.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

A resident inquired whether the 80% allocation of funds on the banner project could go to multiple programs, i.e., drama, athletics, etc. Dr. McDonagh replied that the Board would take it under consideration.

A resident inquired about the process to initiate. Does the club have to initiate? Ms. Todaro explained that an organization or individual can approach the district directly and have a banner posted. She further advised that once the new procedures are approved, information would be posted to the district's website.

A resident requested clarification on the 80% / 20% allocation of funds. How would the 20% allocation to the general student activity fund be spent? Ms. Todaro responded that the building level administration would make that determination.

A resident and member of the District Advisory Committee commented that the subcommittee's role in developing the facilities use policy was one of research. It was not their position to say which group should be charged what fee or what tier they should be placed in; however, they were of the opinion that the Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts should be considered level one. She further commented that if the Board is considering a modification to the policy, they should at least keep the January 1, 2015 implementation date intact for level three organizations since it only serves to delay the main goal; generating revenue for the district. Dr. McDonagh acknowledged that the role of the District Advisory Committee was never to make policy or to make a determination; that is solely the Board's responsibility.

A resident commented that the fees to Boy Scouts would increase their costs by approximately \$5,000. Past discussions on the facilities use fees focused on the use of the athletic fields which the scouts don't use.

A resident commented that she's been in attendance at every Board meeting since last January, and she appreciates how hard the Board works. She knows that the charging of fees to use facilities is not a new item; however, she is concerned that it was handled in a manner similar to the library park property whereby only a handful of community members received information. She urged better communication on matters that directly affect the community. Dr. McDonagh responded that her point is well taken and that one of the Board's goals this year is to consider ways to improve communication with the community. He emphasized that the Board always strives to be as transparent as possible with the public.

A resident suggested holding an open forum for community groups to discuss the facilities use fees. He commented that using a system that duplicates Town of Huntington fees won't work for the community.

A resident commented that he was shocked to learn of the charges to use the lights at the high school fields. He stated that the cost used to be \$12 per hour and it's now \$128 per hour. Mr. Mastroianni responded that the district's agreement with the Town of

Huntington expired last December, and as a result, the district is now responsible for the entire lighting bill. The district is charged a premium because it is an on-demand system.

A resident echoed earlier statements regarding the impact the facilities use fees would have on the Cub Scouts. He suggested that if the district wanted to make money they should make their employees pay towards their health insurance, similar to the Town of Huntington. Mr. Nimmo responded that Harborfields employees do pay towards their health insurance coverage.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Upon motion duly made by Mr. Giuliano, seconded by Mr. Lee, and carried (6-0), the Board and district office administrators moved to Executive Session at 10:05 p.m. for the purpose of continuing discussions on contract negotiations.

The Board reconvened the regular meeting at 11:08 p.m. There being no further business before the Board, Dr. McDonagh called for a motion to adjourn.

ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion duly made by Mr. Giuliano, seconded by Ms. Gaughan, and carried (6-0), the Board adjourned the regular meeting of October 15, 2014 at 11:08 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon M. Whelan
District Clerk