

AGENDA - REGULAR MEETING

DATE: Thursday, March 1, 2007

TIME: 7:45PM – Public Session
Executive Session
8:00PM - Public Session

PLACE: Washington Irving School Auditorium
Broadway & Franklin Streets
Tarrytown, New York

1. CALL TO ORDER

2. EXECUTIVE SESSION

RESOLVED: That the Board goes into executive session to discuss recommendations from the Committee on Special Education, Committee on Preschool Special Education, particular personnel matters and matters related to negotiations.

MOVED _____ SECONDED _____ VOTE _____ TIME _____

3. RETURN TO PUBLIC SESSION

RESOLVED: That the Board returns to public session.

MOVED _____ SECONDED _____ VOTE _____ TIME _____

4. SILENT MEDITATION

5. PLEDGE TO THE FLAG

6. CALL OF THE ROLL

7. WASHINGTON IRVING INFORMATIONAL SESSION

8. CITIZENS' COMMENTS (four minutes)

9. COMMUNICATIONS, PETITIONS, AND REQUESTS FROM THE PUBLIC

10. MINUTES

RESOLVED: That the Board of Education, having received copies of the minutes of the special public meeting of January 31, 2007 approves same.

MOVED _____ SECONDED _____ VOTE _____

RESOLVED: That the Board of Education, having received copies of the minutes of the regular meeting of February 8, 2007 approves as amended.

MOVED _____ SECONDED _____ VOTE _____

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11. BOARD MATTERS

12. EDUCATIONAL/SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORTS

- 1. Superintendent’s Report
- 2. Budget Recommendations
- 3. Update on Facilities Project

13. CITIZENS’ COMMENTS (four minutes)

14. BOARD ACTION

A. Staff Personnel

CONSENT AGENDA – The use of a Consent Agenda permits the Board of Education to make more effective use of its time by adopting a single motion to cover those relatively routine matters which are included. Any member of the Board who wishes to discuss individually a particular piece of business on the consent agenda may so indicate and that item will be transferred to the Regular Agenda for consideration and a separate vote, thus preserving the right of all Board Members to be heard on any issue.

RESOLVED: That, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby approves the following Personnel Motions, as listed:

MOVED _____ SECONDED _____ VOTE _____

In accordance with Policy #9020

1. RESOLVED: That, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby accepts the following resignation:
 - a. Monique Poriss-Gonzalez, Personnel Assistant – Office of Instruction and Personnel, effective March 5, 2007.
2. RESOLVED: That, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby grants an unpaid medical leave of absence to Rosetta Pichardo, teaching assistant – TH, effective March 2, 2007 through March 9, 2007.
3. RESOLVED: That, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby appoints the following instructional/non-instructional substitute staff for the 2006/2007 school year:

a.	Emmanuel Michael Cappello	Bus Driver	\$18.36 per hour
b.	Ellen Sobol	Long Term Sub. Teacher	\$150 per diem (1 st 30 working days) \$250 per diem (after 30 working days)

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4. RESOLVED: That, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby appoints the following to stipend positions for the 2006/2007 school year:

Director – Spring Musical Peter Kennedy \$3,424

B. Student Personnel

RESOLVED: That, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby approves the following Student Personnel Motion, as listed:

MOVED _____ SECONDED _____ VOTE _____

1. RESOLVED: That the Board of Education accepts the recommendations from the Committee on Special Education (CSE) at its January 10, 19, 24, 31; February 7, 2007 meetings, and the Committee on Preschool Special Education (CPSE) at its January 12, 2007 meeting, as attached (Appendix #).

C. Finance and Facilities

RESOLVED: That, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby approves the following Finance and Facilities Motions, as listed:

MOVED _____ SECONDED _____ VOTE _____

1. **WHEREAS**, litigation has been commenced to challenge the assessments on the property formerly owned by Spelimi Real Estate Co. and currently owned by Atiganos Realty and VDC Realty Corp., having a street address of 2-4-6 and 8 North Broadway and 13-15 Neperan Road, Tarrytown and designated and described as Sheet 11, Block 45, Lots 17, 17A and 25 on the Tax Maps and Assessment Rolls of the Town of Greenburgh for assessment years 1999 through 2006; and

WHEREAS, the Union Free School District of the Tarrytowns, through its attorney, John F. Burkhardt, Esq., appeared in the pending litigation to protect the interests of the School District; and

WHEREAS, several meetings were held with the attorney for the petitioner, the Deputy Town Attorney for the Town of Greenburgh and counsel for the School District and various settlement proposals were discussed at length prior to arriving at a tentative settlement; and

WHEREAS, the School District’s counsel and Deputy Town Attorney all recommend approving the tentative settlement; and

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that it is in the best interests of the School District to settle this law suit with the following reductions in assessed values:

<u>Ass't Year</u>	<u>Orig. AV</u>	<u>Corrected AV</u>	<u>Reduction</u>
1999	\$191,250	\$100,000	\$91,250
2000	\$191,250	\$100,000	\$91,250
2001	\$191,250	\$100,000	\$91,250
2002	\$191,250	\$75,000	\$116,250
2003	\$105,350	\$55,000	\$50,350
2004	\$146,250	\$72,000	\$74,250
2005	\$146,250	\$72,000	\$74,250
2006	\$146,250	\$72,000	\$74,250

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that John F. Burkhardt, Esq. is authorized to execute a Stipulation, Consent Judgment and any other relevant settlement documents consistent with this Resolution on behalf of the respondent-intervenor, the Union Free School District of the Tarrytowns.

2. **WHEREAS**, litigation has been commenced to challenge the assessments on the property currently leased by The Bank of New York, having a street address of 64 North Broadway, Tarrytown and designated and described as Section 1, Sheet 8, Block 0025, Lot 1 on the Tax Maps and Assessment Rolls of the Town of Greenburgh for assessment years 2001 through 2006; and

WHEREAS, the Union Free School District of the Tarrytowns, through its attorney, John F. Burkhardt, Esq., appeared in the pending litigation to protect the interests of the School District; and

WHEREAS, several meetings were held with the attorney for the petitioner, the Deputy Town Attorney for the Town of Greenburgh and counsel for the School District and various settlement proposals were discussed at length prior to arriving at a tentative settlement; and

WHEREAS, the School District's counsel and Deputy Town Attorney all recommend approving the tentative settlement; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that it is in the best interests of the School District to settle this law suit with the following reductions in assessed values:

<u>Ass't Year</u>	<u>Orig. AV</u>	<u>Corrected Ass't</u>	<u>Reduction</u>
2001	\$155,000	\$127,050	\$27,950
2002	\$155,000	\$110,150	\$44,850
2003	\$155,000	\$107,000	\$48,000
2004	\$155,000	\$95,500	\$59,500
2005	\$155,000	\$95,500	\$59,500
2006	\$155,000	\$95,500	\$59,500

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that John F. Burkhardt, Esq. is authorized to execute a Stipulation, Consent Judgment and any other relevant settlement documents consistent with this Resolution on behalf of the respondent-intervenor, the Union Free School District of the Tarrytowns.

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3. **WHEREAS**, litigation has been commenced to challenge the assessments on the property known as Quay Tarrytown Condominium Association, Inc., located on South Broadway in the Village of Tarrytown and designated and described as Sheet 17B/1/281A and various lots on the Tax Maps and Assessment Rolls of the Town of Greenburgh for assessment years 1999 through 2006; and

WHEREAS, the Union Free School District of the Tarrytowns, through its attorney, John F. Burkhardt, Esq., appeared in the pending litigation to protect the interests of the School District; and

WHEREAS, several meetings were held with the attorney for the petitioner, the Deputy Town Attorney for the Town of Greenburgh and counsel for the School District and various settlement proposals were discussed at length prior to arriving at a tentative settlement; and

WHEREAS, the School District's counsel and Deputy Town Attorney recommend approving the tentative settlement; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that it is in the best interests of the School District to settle this law suit with the following reductions in assessed values:

<u>Ass't Year</u>	<u>Orig. AV</u>	<u>Corrected AV</u>	<u>Reduction</u>
1999	\$1,091,150	\$1,036,600	\$54,550
2000	\$1,091,150	\$982,000	\$109,150
2001	\$1,091,150	\$943,850	\$147,300
2002	\$1,091,150	\$862,000	\$229,150
2003	\$1,091,150	\$857,650	\$233,500
2004	\$1,091,150	\$763,800	\$327,350
2005	\$1,091,150	\$742,000	\$349,150
2006	\$1,091,150	\$690,000	\$401,150

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that John F. Burkhardt, Esq. is authorized to execute a Stipulation, Consent Judgment and any other relevant settlement documents consistent with this Resolution on behalf of the respondent-intervenor, the Union Free School District of the Tarrytowns.

4. **WHEREAS**, litigation has been commenced to challenge the assessments on the property currently owned by Travassos Owners Corp., having a street address of 154 and 158 Beekman Avenue, Sleepy Hollow and designated and described as Section 115.11, Block 6, Lots 33 and 34 on the Tax Maps and Assessment Rolls of the Town of Mount Pleasant for assessment years 2002 through 2006; and

WHEREAS, the Union Free School District of the Tarrytowns, through its attorney, John F. Burkhardt, Esq., appeared in the pending litigation to protect the interests of the School District; and

WHEREAS, discussions were held with the attorney for the petitioner, the Assessor for the Town of Mount Pleasant and counsel for the School District and various settlement proposals were discussed at length prior to arriving at a tentative settlement; and

WHEREAS, the School District's counsel and Town of Mount Pleasant Assessor recommend approving the tentative settlement; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that it is in the best interests of the School District to settle this law suit with the following reductions in assessed values:

<u>Ass't Year</u>	<u>Orig. AV</u>	<u>Corrected AV</u>	<u>Reduction</u>
2002	\$16,500	\$11,400	\$5,100
2003	\$16,500	\$10,750	\$5,750
2004	\$16,500	\$10,250	\$6,250
2005	\$16,500	\$9,650	\$6,850
2006	\$16,500	\$9,100	\$7,400

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that John F. Burkhardt, Esq. is authorized to execute a Stipulation, Consent Judgment and any other relevant settlement documents consistent with this Resolution on behalf of the respondent-intervenor, the Union Free School District of the Tarrytowns.

5. RESOLVED: That, Korn, Rosenbaum, Phillips & Jauntig be appointed auditor for the 2006-2007 fiscal year at a retainer of \$26,000.
6. RESOLVED: That, the President of the Board of Education is authorized and empowered to execute an agreement with American Property Counselors, for the purpose of conducting a property appraisal, at a fee of \$3,000.

D. General

RESOLVED: That, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby approves the following General Motions, as listed:

MOVED _____ SECONDED _____ VOTE _____

1. RESOLVED: That the Board of Education is authorized and empowered to execute an agreement with School Improvement Evaluation Network, to serve as Evaluator of the Dual Language Program, at a fee of \$5,000, for the 2006-2007 school year.
2. RESOLVED: That the Board of Education is authorized and empowered to execute an agreement with Belinda Ritter, to serve as choreographer for the Sleepy Hollow Middle/High School spring musical at a fee of \$2,000, for the 2006-2007 school year.
3. RESOLVED: That the Board of Education is authorized and empowered to execute an agreement with Flora Lu Kuan, to serve as accompanist for the Sleepy Hollow Middle/High School spring musical at a fee of \$1,140, for the 2006-2007 school year.

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4. RESOLVED: That the Board of Education appoints the following residents to serve on the Board of Registration for the 2006-2007 school year:

District #1:	Katherine Camillieri Helen DeMilia Marilyn Helwig	Mildred McCarthy Gloria Koval
District #2:	Joan Wald	Mary McCarthy

15. FINANCIAL REPORTS

- A. Treasurer's Report – January 2007
- B. Use of Facilities

16. OLD BUSINESS

17. NEW BUSINESS

18. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS: Agenda/Conferences

A. Agenda

3/22/07 Board of Education Meeting – Executive Session: 7:30PM;
Public Session: 8:00PM

K-8 ELA Report

B. Noteworthy Conferences/Meetings

3/2 WLM Early Dismissal 11:30AM Parent/Teacher Conferences
 3/5-6 Grade 5 Math Exam
 3/7-8 Grade 3 Math Exam
 3/7-9 Grade 4 Math Exam
 3/7 TH Kindergarten Parent Information Meeting 7:00PM
 3/9 SHHS Talent Show 7:00PM
 3/10 SAT Exams
 3/12 SHMS/HS Interims Mailed
 3/12 TH Kindergarten Registration 4:00PM –6:00PM
 3/12 SHHS Varsity & JV Spring Sports Begin
 3/12 SEPTA Meeting 7:00PM- JP
 3/13 EPTA Exec. Committee Meeting 9:30AM – Admin. Building
 3/13-14 Grade 6 Math Exam
 3/13-14 Grades 7-8 Math Exam
 3/13 WLM Parent/Teacher Conference 6:30PM
 3/14 SHHS Advanced Program Offerings Mtg. 8:00AM
 3/14 TH Kindergarten Registration 6:00PM-8:00PM
 3/15 TH Kindergarten Registration 4:00PM-6:00PM
 3/15 WI Passport to the World 8:00AM-2:00PM – 5th Grade
 3/16 WLM Early Dismissal 11:30AM – Parent/Teacher Conferences
 3/19 SHMS/HS PTSA Meeting 7:30PM – Cafeteria
 3/20 EPTA Board Meeting 9:30AM – Admin. Building
 3/20 JP Parent/Teacher Conference 6:00PM-8:00PM
 3/22 JP Early Dismissal 11:30AM Parent/Teacher Conference
 3/22-24 SHMS/HS Spring Musical 7:30PM

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BUDGET WORK SESSIONS

March 3, 2007 – 8:30AM Board Room
 March 10, 2007 – 8:30AM Board Room

March 24, 2007 – 8:30AM Board Room

The work sessions are open to the public

19. CITIZENS' COMMENTS (four minutes)

20. EXECUTIVE SESSION

RESOLVED: That the Board goes into executive session to discuss particular personnel matters.

MOVED _____ SECONDED _____ VOTE _____ TIME _____

21. RETURN TO PUBLIC SESSION

RESOLVED: That the Board returns to public session.

MOVED _____ SECONDED _____ VOTE _____ TIME _____

22. ADJOURNMENT

RESOLVED: That the meeting of the Board be adjourned.

MOVED _____ SECONDED _____ VOTE _____ TIME _____

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USE OF FACILITIES

2/15-2/28	Sleepy Hollow Performing Artists Sign to advertise winter and spring registration W.L. Morse School Fence
2/12-2/23	Children's Garden Center Sign to advertise nursery school Washington Irving School Fence
2/28	EPTA Parent Information Session Joe Carmody Auditorium 7:00PM-8:30PM
2/27;3/27 4/24;5/29 6/19;7/24	Even Start Program District Wide Health Workshops W.L. Morse School 6:00PM-8:30PM
3/20	Village of Tarrytown Election Day Tappan Hill School 7:00AM-9:30PM
3/20	Society of the Educational Arts Bilingual Theatre Performance Washington Irving School Auditorium 10:00AM-12:00PM
3/29	SH Math and Science Honor Society Induction Ceremony Washington Irving School Auditorium 7:00PM-9:30PM
3/30-4/16	Family YMCA at Tarrytown Signs to promote healthy kids day – April 14 th W.L. Morse School Fence Washington Irving School Fence
6/24;8/12, 8/16	Point O'Pines Camp and Brant Lake Camp Pick up and drop off campers Sleepy Hollow High School parking lot 12:30PM-1:30PM