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Superintendent of Schools  
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**AGENDA - REGULAR MEETING**

**DATE:** Thursday, May 5, 2011

**TIME:** 7:30PM – Public Session  
Executive Session  
8:00PM - Public Session

**PLACE:** Administration Building Board Room  
200 North Broadway  
Sleepy Hollow, NY

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 and particular personnel matters.

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. COMMUNICATIONS, PETITIONS, AND REQUESTS FROM THE PUBLIC
8. MINUTES

- a. RESOLVED: That the Board of Education, having received copies of the minutes of the regular public meeting of April 26, 2011, approves same.

MOVED \_\_\_\_\_ SECONDED \_\_\_\_\_ VOTE \_\_\_\_\_

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## 9. BOARD MATTERS

## 10. MANDATED BUDGET HEARING

## 11. EDUCATIONAL/SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORTS

1. WI Playground Update
2. 5-year Facilities Plan Review

## 12. CITIZENS' COMMENTS (three minutes)

## 13. BOARD ACTION

**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.

## A. Staff Personnel

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

MOVED \_\_\_\_\_ SECONDED \_\_\_\_\_ VOTE \_\_\_\_\_

1. RESOLVED: That, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby accepts the following retirement resignations:
  - a. Jose Quijada, Head Custodial Worker – W.L. Morse School, effective December 31, 2011, after fifteen years and three months of service.
  - b. Antonio Godinho, Head Custodial Worker – Washington Irving School, effective December 31, 2011, after twenty years and four months of service.
2. RESOLVED: That, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby grants an unpaid leave of absence to Jamie Steiner, School Counselor – SHMS, effective May 2, 2011 through May 23, 2011.
 

In accordance with Policy #9020, be it
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 2010/11 school year:
 

a. Darrell Dwyer	Long Term Sub Psychologist	\$290 per diem effective May 10 through June 24, 2011
b. Josefina Mota	Long Term Sub Cleaner	\$18.75 per hour effective April 18 through June 6, 2011
c. Xiomara Mota	Long Term Sub Cleaner	\$18.75 per hour effective April 18 through June 6, 2011
4. RESOLVED: That, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby grants an extension of an unpaid leave of absence to Victor Mejia, Custodian – Sleepy Hollow High School, effective April 18, 2011 through May 20, 2011.

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- 5. RESOLVED: That, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby appoints the following instructional/non-instructional staff for the 2010/11 school year:

Victor Mejia, Head Custodial Worker – Leave Replacement, Sleepy Hollow Middle School, 8 hours per day, in accordance with Civil Service Rules and Regulations, at an additional pay of \$503.48, effective April 18, 2011 through May 20, 2011.

- 6. RESOLVED: That, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby revises the resignation date for Yvonne Feliciano, School Psychologist – John Paulding/Morse School, from August 31, 2011 to May 10, 2011.

- 7. **BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education of the Union Free School District of the Tarrytowns hereby eliminates the Civil Service position of Maintenance Mechanic (Air Conditioning & Heating) effective July 1, 2011; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the employment of Christopher Davis as the least senior employee in the title of Maintenance Mechanic (Air Conditioning & Heating) is hereby terminated effective June 30, 2011 and he shall be placed on a preferred eligible list for the statutory period provided for under the Civil Service Law.

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 February 3; March 9, 25, 31; April 8, 2011 meetings and the Committee on Preschool Special Education (CPSE) at its February 17, 29, 31; April 7, 2011 meetings, as attached. (Appendix #).

C. Finance & Facilities

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

MOVED \_\_\_\_\_ SECONDED \_\_\_\_\_ VOTE \_\_\_\_\_

- 1. **WHEREAS**, law suits have been commenced to challenge the assessments on property known as Wyldwood Condominium, having a street address of Wyldwood Drive, Tarrytown, and designated and described as Volume 7, Sheet 1, Block 1, Lots 1-86 on the Tax Maps and Assessment Rolls of the Town of Greenburgh for assessment years 2005 through 2010; and

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

**WHEREAS**, numerous discussions and 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

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**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:

Ass't Year	Original AV	Corrected AV	Reduction	Tax Rate	Refund
2005	\$1,355,560.00	\$1,165,770.00	\$189,790.00	\$527.3400	\$100,083.86
2006	\$1,355,560.00	\$1,125,105.00	\$230,455.00	\$574.4450	\$132,383.72
2007	\$1,355,560.00	\$1,111,560.00	\$244,000.00	\$628.6296	\$153,385.62
2008	\$1,355,560.00	\$1,098,000.00	\$257,560.00	\$632.0322	\$162,786.21
2009	\$1,355,560.00	\$1,098,000.00	\$257,560.00	\$624.5343	\$160,855.05
2010	\$1,355,560.00	\$1,165,770.00	\$189,790.00	\$624.5343	\$118,530.36

The tax rate for the 2010 assessment year is not yet set. Last year's rate has been used as an estimated rate.

Estimated Total Refund \$828,024.84

**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.

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, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby approves the dates, time and place of the Board of Education meetings for the 2011/2012 school year, as per the attached list. (Appendix # )

14. FINANCIAL REPORTS

- a. Warrant Reports
- b. Use of Facilities

15. OLD BUSINESS

16. NEW BUSINESS

17. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS: Agenda/Conferences

A. Agenda

5/17 Board of Education Meeting Public Session: 9:00PM  
Annual Budget Vote

**Residents may register to vote in the office of the District Clerk, 200 North Broadway, Sleepy Hollow, from 9:00AM to 3:00PM on any day that school is in session through May 12, 2011.**

**Evening registration will take place on Tuesday, May 10<sup>th</sup> from 4:00PM-8:00PM in the Board Room of the Administration Building, 200 North Broadway, Sleepy Hollow.**

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**5/17/11 SCHOOL BUDGET VOTE AND BOARD ELECTION - 7:00AM – 9:00PM  
Washington Irving School for Tarrytown residents and Morse School for Sleepy Hollow residents**

B. Noteworthy Conferences/Meetings

- 5/7 SAT Exams
- 5/9 MS Spring Concert 7PM
- 5/10 BOE Candidates Night Forum 7PM – John Paulding
- 5/13 MS 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Awards Assembly 8:30AM
- 5/16 HS Spring Concert Part-1 7:30PM
- 5/18-20 MS 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Washington D.C. Trip
- 5/18-20 HS Music Competition
- 5/19 JP Early Dismissal 12:05PM  
JP Incoming Kindergarten Orientation 1:00PM
- 5/20 MS/HS Interim Reports Mailed  
JP Early Dismissal 12:05PM  
JP Incoming Kindergarten Orientation 1:00PM  
EPTA Exec. Board Meeting, 9:30Am – Board Room
- 5/21 EPTA Plant Sale Pick-up 10AM-1PM – JP
- 5/23 Grade 3 Spring Concert 7PM
- 5/24 NYSESLAT Testing Ends  
HS Spring Concert – Part 2 7:30PM
- 5/25 MS Music Awards Breakfast 9AM – Auditorium  
K-5 Principal’s Chat 7PM – JP All Purpose Room

18. CITIZENS’ COMMENTS (three minutes)

19. EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

MOVED \_\_\_\_\_ SECONDED \_\_\_\_\_ VOTE \_\_\_\_\_ TIME \_\_\_\_\_

20. RETURN TO PUBLIC SESSION

RESOLVED: That the Board returns to public session.

MOVED \_\_\_\_\_ SECONDED \_\_\_\_\_ VOTE \_\_\_\_\_ TIME \_\_\_\_\_

21. ADJOURNMENT

RESOLVED: That the meeting of the Board be adjourned.

MOVED \_\_\_\_\_ SECONDED \_\_\_\_\_ VOTE \_\_\_\_\_ TIME \_\_\_\_\_

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## USE OF FACILITIES

- 4/30 Family YMCA at Tarrytown  
Healthy Kids Day Parking  
JP Parking Lot (8AM-3PM)
- 6/12 Get Your Guts in Gear, Inc.  
Closing ceremony for charity bicycle ride  
Morse School Parking Lot and outdoor area (2PM-7PM)
- 6/12 Get Your Guts in Gear, Inc.  
Holding area, rest stop for charity bicycle ride  
SHHS parking lot (11:30AM-6PM)
- 5/23-6/13 Phelps Memorial Hospital Auxiliary  
Sign to advertise hospital craft fair  
Morse and Washington Irving School Fence
- 4/26-5/17 Family YMCA at Tarrytown  
Sign to promote summer camp  
Morse & Washington Irving School Fence
- 4/14-5/26 Edith Winthrop Teacher Center  
In-Service Course  
Sleepy Hollow High School (3:30-6:30PM)
- 5/23-6/5 The Historical Society of Sleepy Hollow & Tarrytown  
Sign to announce annual strawberry festival  
Washington Irving School Fence