

AGENDA - REGULAR MEETING

DATE: Thursday, December 10, 2009

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

PLACE: Administration Building
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 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. COMMUNICATIONS, PETITIONS, AND REQUESTS FROM THE PUBLIC
8. CITIZENS' COMMENTS (three minutes)
9. MINUTES

- a. RESOLVED: That the Board of Education, having received copies of the minutes of the regular meeting of November 19, 2009 approves same.

MOVED _____ SECONDED _____ VOTE _____

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10. BOARD MATTERS

11. EDUCATIONAL/SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORTS

- a. Middle School Report
- b. Superintendent's Report

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 _____

In accordance with Policy ##9020, be it

1. 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 2009/2010 school year:

a.	Grace Williams	Teacher	\$85.00 per diem
b.	Grace Williams	Teaching Assistant	\$13.00 per hour
c.	Maureen Killeen	Teacher	\$85.00 per diem
d.	Maureen Killeen	Teaching Assistant	\$13.00 per hour
e.	Li (Mike) Lee	Teacher	\$85.00 per diem
f.	Debra Weintraub	School Nurse	\$125.00 per diem
2. 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 Rosetta Pichardo, Teaching Assistant – Tappan Hill School, effective December 1, 2009 through December 23, 2009.
3. RESOLVED: That, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby grants an unpaid leave of absence to Dolores Billings, Teaching Assistant – John Paulding School, effective December 7, 2009 through January 12, 2010.
4. **WHEREAS**, Mr. George Thorton has been absent on leave of absence for a period of at least one year pursuant to Civil Service Law §71; and

WHEREAS, Mr. George Thorton has been provided a pre-termination opportunity to be heard pursuant to §71 of the Civil Service Law; and

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WHEREAS, Mr. George Thorton attended the meeting scheduled for him to provide information as allowed for under §71 of the Civil Service Law and provided information, a record of which was provided to the Board of Education, along with the report of the Assistant Superintendent for Business, John J. Staiger, Jr.; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education of the Tarrytowns Union Free School District has reviewed the report of Assistant Superintendent for Business, John J. Staiger, Jr.;

NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved that Mr. Thorton's employment as a Part-time Cleaner for the Tarrytowns Union Free School District is hereby terminated pursuant to §71 of the Civil Service Law, subject to the reinstatement rights provided for therein, effective November 19, 2009.

5. RESOLVED: That, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby grants an unpaid leave of absence to Sergio Bowen, Custodian – W.L. Morse School, effective December 3, 2009 through March 3, 2010.
6. 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 Gail Smilkstein, Registered Professional Nurse Transfiguration School/SHMS/SHHS, effective December 4, 2009 through December 8, 2009.
7. RESOLVED: That, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby appoints the following for the 2009/2010 school year:
 - a. Sergio Bowen, Head Custodial Worker, W.L. Morse School, 8 hours per day, in accordance with Civil Service Rules and Regulations, at a salary of \$57,928 (prorated amount December 3, 2009 through March 3, 2010 will be \$14,482), based on Step 7 of the CSEA salary schedule, effective December 3, 2009 through March 3, 2010. (Leave Replacement)
8. RESOLVED: That, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby appoints the following to the After School Program for the 2009/2010 school Year:

Tappan Hill School (Funded by 21 st Century Grant)		
a. Kathia Javier	Teacher	\$35.00 per hour
Sleepy Hollow Middle School (Funded by Extended Day Program Grant)		
b. Richard Molina	Teaching Assistant	\$25.00 per hour
9. RESOLVED: That, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby revises the following:

Christopher Davis, Maintenance Mechanic (Air Conditioning and Heating), from probationary to permanent, in accordance with Civil Service Rules and Regulations, effective December 29, 2009.

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 _____

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- 1. **RESOLVED:** That the Board of Education accepts the recommendations from the Committee on Special Education (CSE) at its October 14, 21, 28, 29; November 4, 12, 13, 18, 2009 meetings and the Committee on Preschool Special Education (CPSE) at its October 22, 23; November 3, 5, 19, 2009 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 Motions, as listed:

MOVED _____ SECONDED _____ VOTE _____

- 1. **WHEREAS,** the UFSD of the Tarrytowns (“District”) maintains the OMNI Group Inc., Model 403(b) Retirement Plan (“Plan”); and

WHEREAS, the Plan was duly adopted on the 11th day of December, 2008 by the District’s Board of Education (“Board”); and

WHEREAS, the Board desires to restate and amend the Plan as regards section 2.1 Eligibility;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that section 2.1 of the Plan is hereby restated and amended to read as follows:

2.1 Eligibility

Each Employee shall be eligible to participate in the Plan and elect to have Elective Deferrals made on his or her behalf hereunder immediately upon becoming employed by the Employer.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Plan, as restated and amended is hereby approved and adopted.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the District has caused this Resolution and Amendment to be adopted this 10th day of December, 2009.

- 2. **WHEREAS,** law suits have been commenced to challenge the assessments on the property owned by Ichabod’s Landing Condominium, having a street address of 53-145 River Street, Sleepy Hollow, and designated and described as Section 115.14, Block 1, Lots 1/100 to 1/411 on the Tax Maps and Assessment Rolls of the Town of Mount Pleasant for assessment years 2006 through 2009; 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 Town Assessor 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 recommends 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>Original AV</u>	<u>Corrected AV</u>	<u>Reduction</u>	<u>Tax Rate</u>	<u>Refund</u>
2006	\$484,600.00	\$290,760.00	\$193,840.00	\$1,251.0200	\$242,497.72

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2007	\$323,200.00	\$323,200.00	\$-0-	N/A	\$ -0-
2008	\$323,200.00	\$323,200.00	\$-0-	N/A	\$ -0-
2009	\$323,200.00	\$323,200.00	\$-0-	N/A	\$-0-
				Total	\$242,497.72

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 accepts, with appreciation, the following gift:

Solaris Sports Club, 201 Veterans Road, Yorktown, NY, of approximately 400 square feet of rubberized flooring, to be used in the fitness center at Sleepy Hollow High School.

2. RESOLVED: That, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby approves the dates indicated on the attachment to these minutes (Appendix #) as days of religious observance for the 2009-2010 school year.
3. RESOLVED: That the Board of Education is authorized and empowered to execute an agreement with Nugent & Haeussler, P.C., to perform internal audit services of the extra classroom activity funds, at a fee of \$5,500, for the 2009/2010 school year.

14. FINANCIAL REPORTS

- a. Treasurer's Report: October 2009
- b. Warrant Reports
- c. Use of Facilities

15. OLD BUSINESS

16. NEW BUSINESS

17. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS: Agenda/Conferences

A. Agenda

1/14/10 Board of Education Meeting
Mid-year Tenure Recognition
Preliminary Budget Projection Report

Executive Session: 7:30PM;
Public Session: 8:00PM

B. Noteworthy Conferences/Meetings

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- 12/12 ACT Exams
- 12/14 WLM Principal’s Chat 8:30AM
SHMS Winter Concert 7PM – Auditorium
- 12/14-18 WI Circus Week
- 12/15 SHMS/HS Interim Reports Mailed
SHHS Winter Concert 7:30PM – Auditorium
- 12/17 WI Group Photo Day
WLM Winter Concert (Gr. 3) 6:30PM
- 12/18 EPTA Exec. Board Mtg. 9:30AM – Admin Bldg.
WI Circus Performance 6PM
- 12/23 Staff Development Day – No School for Students
- 12/24-1/1 Holiday Recess – Schools Closed
- 1/4-5 WI Spring Play Tryouts
- 1/5 SHHS Alumni Dialogue for Seniors 9:30AM – Auditorium
- 1/6 WI Principal’s Chat 7:45AM
- 1/7 JP Parent’s Chat 9AM
SHHS Club Photos 3PM
- 1/9 EPTA Movie Matinee
- 1/11 WI Winter Intramurals Begin
SHMS PTSA Mtg. 7PM
- 1/12 EPTA Mtg. 7PM – John Paulding
- 1/13 SHMS Principal’s Chat 7PM

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

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21. ADJOURNMENT

RESOLVED: That the meeting of the Board be adjourned.

MOVED _____ SECONDED _____ VOTE _____ TIME _____

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11/23-12/25 Riverside Hose Co. – No. 24
Sign to advertise tree sale
Morse and Washington Irving School Fence

11/25-12/6 Transfiguration School
Sign to announce annual tree and wreath sale
Washington Irving School Fence

12/14; 1/11 Tarrytown Advisory Board
Advisory meeting
Administration Building Board Room (9:30AM-11:45AM)

1/9-3/20 Sleepy Hollow Recreation
Recreational Basketball
Washington Irving School (Saturdays 9AM-3PM)

11/21-12/12 Tarrytown Recreation
Youth Basketball Games & Practices
Washington Irving School (Saturdays 12PM-5PM)

4/23/10 Girl Scouts Heart of the Hudson
Girl Scouts Square Dance
John Paulding School (6PM-9PM)

12/5 Tarrytown Police Department
Supervisors Training
Washington Irving School (8AM-4PM)