

AGENDA - REGULAR MEETING

DATE: Thursday, December 11, 2008

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 20, 2008 approves same.

MOVED _____ SECONDED _____ VOTE _____

- b. RESOLVED: That the Board of Education, having received copies of the minutes of the special public meeting of December 4, 2008 approves same.

MOVED _____ SECONDED _____ VOTE _____

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10. EDUCATIONAL/SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORTS

- 1. Middle School Report
- 2. Superintendent’s Report
- 3. Update on Facilities

11. BOARD MATTERS

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. Policy #1740 – Textbook Policy – third reading and adoption
Policy #1740R – Textbook Policy Regulations – third reading and adoption

B. 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 accepts the following retirement resignation:
 - a. Palma Annicchiarico, teaching assistant – W.L. Morse School, effective December 31, 2008, after twenty four years and two months of service.
- 2. RESOLVED: That, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby accepts the following resignation:
 - a. Derrick Johnson, School Monitor– W.L. Morse School, effective December 3, 2008.
- 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 2008/09 school year:

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| a. | Brendon Nimphius | Teacher | \$85.00 per diem |
| b. | Wayne Groh | Teacher | \$85.00 per diem |
| c. | Frank Vaccari | Teacher | \$85.00 per diem |
| d. | Alex Engelson | Teacher | \$85.00 per diem |

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| e. | Jeanne Kaplan | Teaching Assistant | \$13.00 per hour |
| f. | Diane Osborne | Teaching Assistant | \$13.00 per hour |
| g. | Kasie Lambertson | Teaching Assistant | \$13.00 per hour |
| h. | Charles Rosenwasser | Teacher | \$85.00 per diem |
| i. | Matthew Halpin | Teacher | \$85.00 per diem |
| j. | Jacquelyn Basli | Teacher | \$85.00 per diem |
| k. | Nancy Sparks | Teacher | \$85.00 per diem |
| l. | Elizabeth Simon | Teacher | \$85.00 per diem |
| m. | Rasheda Mohiuddin | Teacher | \$85.00 per diem |
| n. | Cheryl Tucci | Building Sub – JP | \$100.00 per diem |
4. RESOLVED: That, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby appoints the following instructional/non-instructional staff for the 2008/09 school year:
- a. Julie Clayton, French Teacher – Sleepy Hollow Middle School
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| Effective: | December 5, 2008 through January 30, 2009 (.2FTE) February 2, 2009 through June 26, 2009 (.3FTE) |
| Certification: | New York State Permanent Certification: French 7-12, Social Studies 7-12 |
| Education: | Iona College, New Rochelle, NY - MA Colgate University, Hamilton, NY - BA |
| Experience: | Westchester Community College, Valhalla, NY Adjunct Instructor, 5 months Pace University, Pleasantville, NY Adjunct Instructor, 6 months Marymount College of Fordham University, Tarrytown, NY Adjunct Instructor, 2½ years |
| Salary: | MA, Step 1 (\$2080.00 prorated amt. 12/5/08-1/30/09) (\$8665.00 prorated amt. 2/2/09-6/26/09) |
5. RESOLVED: That, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby revises the following:
- a. Elba Olivo, Bus Attendant, from probationary to permanent, in accordance with Civil Service Rules and Regulations, effective September 4, 2008.
- b. Jenny Perez, Bus Attendant, from probationary to permanent, in accordance with Civil Service Rules and Regulations, effective September 4, 2008.
- c. Susan Cacamise, Teacher Aide – W.L. Morse, from probationary to permanent, in accordance with Civil Service Rules and Regulations, effective September 25, 2008.
6. RESOLVED: That, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby grants an unpaid childcare leave of absence to Luz Cruz, teaching assistant – Washington Irving School, effective January 27, 2009 through June 30, 2009.
7. RESOLVED: That, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby grants an unpaid leave of absence to Maria Sabbouh, Mathematics Teacher – Sleepy Hollow Middle School, effective January 5, 2009 through June 30, 2009.

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8. RESOLVED: That, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby grants an extension of an unpaid child care leave of absence to Samantha Clark, Elementary Teacher – Washington Irving School, effective January 1, 2009 through June 30, 2009.
9. RESOLVED: That, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby grants an unpaid leave of absence to Suzanne Caccamise, Teacher Aide – WLM, effective January 1, 2009 through February 2, 2009.
10. 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 Cheryl Tucci, Teaching Assistant, JP, effective December 2, 2008 through June 30, 2009.
11. RESOLVED: That, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby grants an extension of an unpaid child care leave of absence to Jessica Etman, ESL Teacher – W.L. Morse School, effective January 5, 2009 through March 13, 2009.
12. 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 2008/09 school year (Funded by 21st Century Grant)
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| Sleepy Hollow High School | | | |
| a. | Randa Rabadi | Teacher | \$35.00 per hour |
| Washington Irving School | | | |
| b. | Gertrude Dunbar | Teacher | \$35.00 per hour |
| Tappan Hill School | | | |
| c. | Vianney Remple | Teacher | \$35.00 per hour |
13. RESOLVED: That, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby grants an extension of an unpaid child care leave of absence to Denise Wagner-O'Meara, Special Education Teacher – SHHS, effective January 5, 2009 through February 1, 2009.
14. RESOLVED: That, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education is authorized to offer an early notification incentive of \$3,000 for full-time certified teachers and administrators and \$2,000 for all other personnel (prorated for part-time staff) who submit a letter of resignation for purposes of retirement on or before January 5, 2009, with an effective date no later than August 31, 2009.

C. 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 October 8, 22, 29; November 5, 12, 14, 18, 19, 20, 21, 2008 meetings and the Committee on Preschool Special Education (CPSE) at its November 18, 2008 meetings, as attached. (Appendix #).

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D. 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**, lawsuits have been commenced to challenge the assessments on the property previously owned by County House Road, LLC, consisting of approximately 48 acres of vacant land primarily located along Wilson Park Drive and County House Road, Tarrytown and designated and described as Section 1, Sheet 5, Lots P59, P63, P63B, P64, P65, P67B and P69A on the Tax Maps and Assessment Rolls of the Town of Greenburgh for assessment years 1999 through 2002; 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, several discussions 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 the 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 lawsuit with the following reductions in assessed values:

| <u>Ass't Year</u> | <u>Original Av</u> | <u>Corrected Av</u> | <u>Reduction</u> |
|-------------------|--------------------|---------------------|------------------|
| 1999 | \$280,860.00 | \$132,600.00 | \$148,260.00 |
| 2000 | \$280,860.00 | \$155,000.00 | \$125,860.00 |
| 2001 | \$280,860.00 | \$177,410.00 | \$103,450.00 |
| 2002 | \$280,860.00 | \$150,290.00 | \$130,570.00 |

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. RESOLVED: That the Board of Education adopts the attached 403(b) Retirement Plan Document, in accordance with Internal Revenue Service Regulations, effective January 1, 2009. (Appendix #)
- 3. RESOLVED: That the Board of Education adjusts the 2008-2009 General Fund Budget from \$60,170,350 to \$60,178,218.80, for e-rate funds.

D. General

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

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1. RESOLVED: That the Board of Education is authorized and empowered to execute an agreement with Korean Church of Westchester, Inc, for a reciprocal arrangement for usage of their respective parking facilities, as per the initial agreement dated October 4, 1994.
2. RESOLVED: That the Board of Education is authorized and empowered to execute an agreement with Alcott School, 535 Broadway, Dobbs Ferry, NY 10522, for a Consultant Teacher, at a rate of \$135.00 per hour, not to exceed \$12,000.
3. RESOLVED: That the Board of Education is authorized and empowered to execute an agreement with Verna Phillip-Yalley, 82 Hudson Point Lane, Ossining, New York 10562, to provide reading services, at the rate of \$80.00 per session, not to exceed \$5,000, for the 2008/09 school year.
4. RESOLVED: That the Board of Education is authorized and empowered to execute an agreement with Pelham Art Center, for artist in residence in the after school program at John Paulding School, at a fee of \$962.00, effective January 7, 2009 through February 11, 2009. (Funded by 21st Century Grant)

14. FINANCIAL REPORTS

- a. Budget & Revenue Status Reports
- b. Warrant Reports
- c. Use of Facilities

15. OLD BUSINESS

16. NEW BUSINESS

17. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS: Agenda/Conferences

A. Agenda

Board of Education Meeting – Executive Session: 7:30PM;
Public Session: 8:00PM

1/15 Budget

B. Noteworthy Conferences/Meetings

12/12 EPTA Exec. Board Meeting 9:30AM – Admin. Bldg.
 12/13 ACT Exams
 12/15 SHMS Winter Concert 7:30PM – Auditorium
 MS/HS Interims Reports mailed
 12/16 SHHS Winter Concert 7:30PM - Auditorium
 WI Winter Concert 7:00PM – Auditorium (snow date 12/18)
 12/22-1/2 Holiday Recess – Schools Closed
 1/7 SHHS Club Photos 3:00PM

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- 1/9 Grades 1-6 Interim Reports mailed
End of Marking Period for Kindergarten
EPTA Exec. Board Mtg. 9:30AM – Admin. Building
- 1/12 WI Winter Intramurals Begin
SHMS/HS PTSA Meeting 7:30PM - Cafeteria
- 1/12-13 Grade 5 ELA Assessment
- 1/13 SHMS Principal’s Chat 7:00PM
- 1/13-14 Grade 3 ELA Assessment
- 1/14-16 Grade 4 ELA Assessment

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.

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21. ADJOURNMENT

RESOLVED: That the meeting of the Board be adjourned.

MOVED _____ SECONDED _____ VOTE _____ TIME _____

USE OF FACILITIES

- 12/16 Even Start Program
John Paulding School All Purpose Room
Holiday Family Party