

March 6, 2010

A Special Public meeting of the Board of Education, Union Free School District of the Tarrytowns, was held on Saturday, March 6, 2010 in the Administration Building, commencing at 8:30AM for the purpose of conducting a Budget Workshop Session.

Present: Mimi Godwin, President
Paul Rode, Vice-President
Sheila J. Conklin, Trustee
Craig Laub, Trustee
B. Joseph Lillis, Trustee
Vincent Nadile, Trustee
Katharine M. Swibold, Trustee

Roll Call

Also present: Howard W. Smith, Superintendent of Schools
Barbarann Tantillo, Assistant Superintendent
John J. Staiger, Jr., Assistant Superintendent for Business
Cyril Hughes, Supervisor of Transportation
Peter Quartironi, Director of School Facilities, Operations & Maintenance
Mrinalini Rajwar, Director of Technology

President Godwin called the meeting to order at 8:35AM.

Call to Order

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Trustee Rode moved, seconded by Trustee Swibold, that it be
RESOLVED: That the Board appoint Barbarann Tantillo clerk pro-tem.

Clerk Pro-Tem

There was a moment of silent meditation, after which the Pledge to the Flag was given.

Meditation/Pledge

Citizen's Comments

There was a question regarding the car allowances for administrators. Dr. Smith responded that the Superintendent has received reimbursement for this expense, but it will be eliminated for the 2010-2011 school year and taken as salary in lieu of an increase in compensation.

Citizen's Comments

Board Matters

Dr. Smith explained that the discussion would focus on the centralized aspects of the school district.

Board Matters

Introduction and Overview

Dr. Smith provided a brief summary of the proposed 2010-2011 budget.

Discussion Items

Administration/District-Wide

Mr. Staiger reviewed the details of the budget areas contained within this section noting that the District's spending is comparatively lower than schools in the region.

BOCES

Mr. Staiger reported that spending in this area has decreased due to the reduction of staff development spending.

Discussion Items

Transportation

Mr. Hughes presented the proposed transportation budget for the 2010-2011 school year. Dr. Smith explained a triple tripping model which would result in savings due to the reduction of bus drivers and monitors.

Technology

Ms. Rajwar discussed the reorganization plan and the proposed budget which includes reduced spending due to elimination of the Director position and expiring contracts with service providers.

Maintenance & Operations

Mr. Quartironi reviewed the components of the budget dedicated to buildings and grounds and noted the reduction of expenditures as a result of the recommendation to close Tappan Hill School.

Citizen's Comments

A series of questions were asked by members of the community involving: the building closure, administrative structure, transportation costs, athletic program, walking distance, contractual salaries and technology.

Citizen's Comments

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Trustee Rode moved, seconded by Trustee Nadile, that it be
RESOLVED: That the meeting of the Board be adjourned.

Adjournment

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

11:40AM

Respectfully submitted,

Barbarann Tantillo
Clerk Pro Tem