

March 20, 2010

A Special Public meeting of the Board of Education, Union Free School District of the Tarrytowns, was held on Saturday, March 20, 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

President Godwin called the meeting to order at 8:31AM.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Trustee Conklin moved, seconded by Trustee Nadile, 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

Citizens' Comments

A member of the community expressed appreciation for the March 18th Board of Education meeting which provided an opportunity for public input into the budget development process.

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Discussion Items

Overview- Dr. Smith explained that the day's presentations would be focused on debt service and revenue as well as recommendations for additional decreased spending for the 2010-2011 school year.

Debt Service- John Staiger discussed debt service schedules for purposes of leveling budgetary expenses through the use of short-term financing.

Revenue/Tax Rates- The District's revenue sources and amounts were reviewed by John Staiger who noted that there was a decrease of 7.36% or one million dollars for the 2010-2011 school year.

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Budget Discussion- Dr. Smith explained the process used to elicit public input at the March 18th meeting and the corresponding results on the topics of consolidation plan, class size guidelines, use of teaching assistants and elimination of low enrollment at the high school level. In addition, further budget reductions were recommended and reviewed. There was consensus from the Board to consolidate the elementary schools by closing Tappan Hill and reorganizing grades K-5 for distribution among John Paulding (Prek, K), Morse (1-2) and Washington Irving (3-5) Schools.

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Questions and concerns were raised in the areas of: student residency, school consolidation and related costs, Washington Irving Assistant Principal position, teaching assistants, District property, full day kindergarten, community involvement, grant writing process, transportation, Dual Language enrollment policy, athletics, and central administration salary increases.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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

Adjournment

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

11:06AM

Respectfully submitted,

Barbarann Tantillo
Clerk Pro Tem