

March 24, 2007

A Special Public meeting of the Board of Education, Union Free School District of the Tarrytowns, was held on Saturday, March 24, 2007 in the Administration Building, commencing at 8:30AM for the purpose of conducting a budget workshop session.

Present: Mimi Godwin, President
Joseph Lillis, Vice President
Sheila Conklin, Trustee
Marc Kirschner, Trustee
Vincent Nadile, Trustee
Craig Laub, Trustee (arrived 8:45AM)
Paul Rode, Trustee

Roll Call

Also present: Howard W. Smith, Superintendent of Schools
Barbarann Tantillo, Assistant Superintendent
Andrew V. LaBella, Business Manager

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

Call to Order

Dr. Tantillo was appointed clerk pro-tem.

Clerk Pro
Tem

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

Meditation
Pledge

The Board reviewed revenues, appropriations, Board adoption of budget propositions and wrap-up. Discussion followed.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 9:18AM

Trustee Lillis moved, seconded by Trustee Rode, that it be
RESOLVED: That the Board of Education goes into executive session.

Executive
Session

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 9:23AM

Trustee Rode moved, seconded by Trustee Kirschner, that it be
RESOLVED: That the Board of Education returns to public session.

Return to
Public

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Trustee Conklin moved, seconded by Trustee Kirschner, that it be
RESOLVED: **WHEREAS**, the Board of Education of the Tarrytown Union Free School District (“Board”) is considering a project consisting of replacement of grass athletic fields with synthetic turf athletic fields at the Stadium Field at Sleepy Hollow High School and at the Lower Field at Washington Irving Elementary School; and

SEQRA -
Turf Fields

WHEREAS, the State Education Department requires a State Environmental Quality Review Act classification for purposes of Facilities Planning review.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board hereby determines that the Project is a Type II Action pursuant to 6 NYCRR §617.5(c)(2) and (8), commonly known as the Regulations promulgated pursuant to the State Environmental Quality Review Act.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Trustee Rode moved, seconded by Trustee Conklin, that it be
RESOLVED: That, the Board of Education directs the District Clerk to publish the “Notice of Annual Election” for the school district election to be held on May 15, 2007, as per the attached text (Appendix #1).

Legal Notice
for Annual
Election

RESOLVED: By the Board of Education of the Union Free School District of the Tarrytowns, in the County of Westchester, New York, as follows:

Section 1. At the Annual Meeting and Election of the qualified voters of the District, to be held on May 15, 2007, two propositions in substantially the form as hereinafter set forth shall be submitted to the qualified voters of said District. Said Proposition shall appear in the Notice of District Meeting and Election, and the District Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to include Propositions in said Notice by inserting therein the following paragraphs.

(a) That the Board of Education of the Union Free School District of the Tarrytowns, in the County of Westchester, New York (the “District”), is hereby authorized to construct and install synthetic turf fields and related improvements at various District school sites (the “Project”), substantially as referred to and described in an plan by the District (the “Plan”), on file and available for public inspection at the office of the District Clerk, such Project consisting of the installation of synthetic turf fields, goal posts, back stops, and benches; the foregoing to include the original furnishings, equipment, machinery, apparatus and ancillary or related demolition, drainage, site and other work required in connection therewith; and to expend therefor, including preliminary costs and costs incidental thereto and to the financing thereof, an amount not to exceed the estimated total cost of \$3,644,000; provided that the costs of the components of the Project and set forth herein and in detail in the Plan may be reallocated among the components of such Project if the Board of Education shall determine that such reallocation is in the best interests of the District; and

(b) that a tax is hereby voted in the aggregate amount of not to exceed \$3,644,000 to pay such cost, said tax to be levied and collected in installments in such years and in such amounts as shall be determined by said Board of Education; and

(c) that in anticipation of said tax, bonds of the District are hereby authorized to be issued in the principal amount of not to exceed \$3,644,000 and a tax is hereby voted to pay the interest on said bonds as the same shall become due and payable.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Trustee Kirschner moved, seconded by Trustee Conklin, that it be
RESOLVED: By the Board of Education of the Union Free School District of the Tarrytowns,
in the County of Westchester, New York, as follows:

Legal Notice
for Annual
Election

(a) That the Board of Education of the Union Free School District of the Tarrytowns,
in the County of Westchester, New York (the "District"), is hereby authorized to expend
the amount of not to exceed \$787,690 in addition to the amount heretofore approved by
the voters on March 8, 2005 for the partial reconstruction of, and construction of
additions, alterations and improvements to the Washington Irving School, such additional
amount needed on account of unanticipated increases in the costs of said project; and

(b) that the District expects to receive as reimbursement from the State of New York (the
"State") \$787,690 under the new "Expanding our Children's Education and Learning"
(herein called "EXCEL") State aid program the aggregate amount of which is expected to
pay substantially all of such additional cost; and

(c) that to finance such additional cost prior to the receipt of EXCEL aid, bonds of the
District may be authorized, and a tax is hereby authorized to be levied and collected in
installments in such years and amounts as shall be determined by the Board of Education of
the District to pay the principal of and interest on such bonds as the same become due and
payable; and the amount of taxes hereby authorized shall be offset and reduced by any and
all amounts of EXCEL aid received.

Section 2. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

A citizen expressed her gratitude to the Board and administration for their efforts and conveyed
her support for the turf field proposition.

Citizens'
Comments

A citizen spoke about his backing of the turf project.

Adjournment

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

10:50AM
Respectfully submitted,

Barbarann Tantillo
Clerk Pro Tem