

January 14, 2010

A regular meeting of the Board of Education, Union Free School District of the Tarrytowns, was held on Thursday, January 14, 2010 in the Board Room of the Administration Building, commencing at 8:00PM.

Present: Mimi Godwin, President
Paul Rode, Vice President
B. Joseph Lillis, Trustee
Vincent Nadile, Trustee
Katharine M. Swibold, Trustee

Absent: Sheila J. Conklin, Trustee
Craig Laub, Trustee

Also present: Howard W. Smith, Superintendent of Schools
Barbarann Tantillo, Assistant Superintendent
John J. Staiger, Jr., Assistant Superintendent for Business
Nelly Valentin, District Clerk

Roll Call

Call to Order

President Godwin called the meeting to order at 7:30PM.

Trustee Rode moved, seconded by Trustee Swibold, that it be
RESOLVED: That the Board goes into executive session to discuss particular personnel matters.

Executive Session

CARRIED 5-0 7:30PM
No formal action was taken.

Public Session

CARRIED 5-0 8:00PM

Trustee Lillis moved, seconded by Trustee Rode, that it be
RESOLVED: That the Board returns to Public Session.

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

Silent Meditation

President Godwin asked that the following be remembered who recently passed away: Edward Conklin, the father of board trustee Sheila Conklin; Darcy Nobrega, the father-in-law of Raffaella DiMartino, ESL teacher at SHHS; Barbara Rinaldi, the mother of Eric Rinaldi, Science Teacher at SHHS.

**Communications,
Petitions and
Requests**

President Godwin congratulated Deborah McCarl and family on the birth of a baby girl; Patricia McGee and family on the birth of a baby boy; and David Benedict, Jr. on the birth of a baby boy. Congratulations also to David Benedict, Sr. on becoming a grandfather.

CARRIED 5-0

**Minutes:
12/10/09**

Trustee Nadile moved, seconded by Trustee Rode, that it be
RESOLVED: That the Board of Education, having received copies of the minutes of the regular meeting of December 10, 2009 approves as amended.

Minutes:

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Trustee Rode moved, seconded by Trustee Lillis, that it be

RESOLVED: That the Board of Education, having received copies of the minutes of the special meeting of as December 18, 2009 approves same. Note: *This resolution was tabled to the January 28, 2010 Board of Education meeting.*

Vice President Rode reported that as a member of the Real Property Tax Commission, the committee has been working diligently on real property tax assessments. An all day workshop has been scheduled for Tuesday, January 26, 2010. Dr. Smith asked if a board member could attend on behalf of the district.

Jennifer Walsh, mathematics teacher and department chairperson, who was awarded tenure during the first half of the school year was honored by the Board and administration. Dr. Smith read aloud excerpts of her tenure recommendation letter. Mary Lynn Pearlman, on behalf of the TAT, extended her congratulations and wished her many years in the Tarrytowns. The board took a break for cake and refreshments at 8:15PM. Public meeting reconvened at 8:22PM.

Dr. Smith gave a preliminary report on the budget for 2010-2010. The presentation included:

- Revenue realities 2010/11
- Expense realities 2010/11
- Political realities 2010/11
- Revenue picture 2009/10 vs 2010/11
- Standards driven/needs based budget scenarios
- Status quo budget scenario
- Cost reduction budget scenarios #1, 2
- Other budget issues
- Tax implications of budget scenarios
- Cost savings option through efficiency measures
- Cost savings options through reduction/elimination of programs and services
- Recommended initial budget adoption

Discussion followed.

Dr. Smith indicated that included in the board packets is a draft of the 2010/11 school calendar. There was discussion on the starting date for the 2010/11 school year.

Dr. Smith gave the following good news items:

- The sports program has been very successful this season
- 1st ever musical at Sleepy Hollow Middle School - Annie, Jr., is scheduled for Friday, January 29th
- The next stage in the long term planning process is to form smaller working groups made up of a cross section of our community to deal with deeper issues and data specifically associated with our district
- Students of the month: Math - Nicole Carmona, Esmerelda Cepeda; Fine Arts - Ashley Smutek, Diana Paccha, Amor Luciano; ESL - Dartry (Rafy) Valdez; Social Studies – Brianna Reis, Julia Garcez; English – Esther Perez, Maria Leon ; Foreign Language – Breanne Tuohy

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Trustee Swibold moved, seconded by Trustee Nadile, that
RESOLVED: That, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby approves the following Staff Personnel Motions, as listed:

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:

Sarah Rooney	Long Term School Nurse	\$150 per diem effective December 3, 2009 through January 31, 2010
Maria Quechol	School Monitor	\$14.04 per hour
Hope McAdam	Teacher	\$85.00 per diem
Hope McAdam	Teaching Assistant	\$13.00 per hour
Susan Pastore	School Nurse	\$125.00 per diem
Ron Smilowitz	Clerical	\$14.73 per hour
Jeffrey Gitlin	Teacher	\$85.00 per diem
Alex De La Cruz	Long Term Sub Cleaner	\$19.53 per hour effective January 15 through February 22, 2010
Fine Rodriguez	Long Term Sub Cleaner	\$18.75 per hour effective December 21, 2009 through March 3, 2010
Dragan Jukic	Long Term Sub Cleaner	\$18.75 per hour effective December 21, 2009 through March 3, 2010
Noehly Ochoa	Long Term Teaching Assistant	\$18.48 per hour effective January 4 through February 5, 2010
Beatrice Block	Teacher	\$85.00 per diem
Jacinto Tola	Long Term Sub Cleaner	\$18.75 per hour effective January 15 through February 22, 2010
Rene Henri	Long Term Sub Cleaner	\$18.75 per hour effective January 15 through March 1, 2010
Gwen Judge	Building Substitute Teacher	\$100.00 per diem effective February 1 through June 25, 2010
Tatiana Godinho	Long Term Sub Teacher	\$290.00 per diem effective March 22 through June 25, 2010
Monica Ribreau	Long Term Sub Teacher	\$290.00 per diem effective January 15 through June 25, 2010
Jaclyn Dinko	Long Term School Nurse	\$150.00 per diem effective January 19 through March 25, 2010
John Dorso	Bus Driver	\$20.35 per hour
Michelle Deery	Teacher	\$85.00 per diem
Nicholas Nardullo	Teacher	\$95.00 per diem
Maynor Ramos	Teacher	\$85.00 per diem

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RESOLVED: That, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education appoints the following instructional/non-instructional staff for the 2009/2010 school year:

**STAFF
PERSONNEL:**

Kathleen Carey, School Monitor – Washington Irving School, 2½ hours per day, probationary, in accordance with Civil Service Rules and Regulations, at a rate of \$14.04 per hour, based on Step1 of the CSEA salary schedule, effective January 4, 2010. (Replacement)

**K. Carey
M. Quechol
L. Moiron
J. O'Brien
L. Filomio
B. Afonso
K. Guzman**

Maria Quechol, School Monitor – Washington Irving School, 2½ hours per day, probationary, in accordance with Civil Service Rules and Regulations, at a rate of \$14.04 per hour, based on Step1 of the CSEA salary schedule, effective January 19, 2010. (Replacement)

Linda Moiron, Clerical Data Entry, 3 hours per day, at a rate of \$25.00 per hour, effective January 15, 2010 through March 30, 2010.

Jean O'Brien, Clerical Data Entry, 3 hours per day, at a rate of \$25.00 per hour, effective January 15, 2010 through March 30, 2010.

Louis Filomio, Part-time Cleaner – SHMS/HS, 4 hours per day, probationary, in accordance with Civil Service Rules and Regulations, at a rate of \$18.75 per hour, based on Step 1 of the CSEA salary schedule, effective January 19, 2010. (Replacement)

Benita Afonso Home Tutor \$35 per hour

Katy Guzman, Bus Driver, 5 hours per day, probationary, in accordance with Civil Service Rules and Regulations, at a rate of \$20.35 per hour, based on Step 1 of the CSEA salary schedule, effective December 14, 2009. (Replacement)

RESOLVED: That, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby grants an unpaid leave of absence to Judith Kass, teaching assistant – W.L. Morse School, effective January 4, 2010 through February 5, 2010.

**Unpaid LOA:
J. Kass
K. Torres
D. Billings
J. Tola
P. McGee**

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 Kenny Torres, Health Aide – Sleepy Hollow High School, effective January 1, 2010 through February 19, 2010.

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 Dolores Billings, Teaching Assistant – John Paulding School, effective January 13, 2010 through February 10, 2010.

RESOLVED: That, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby grants a .4FTE unpaid leave of absence to Jacinto Tola, Bus Driver, effective January 12, 2010 through February 22, 2010.

RESOLVED: That, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby revises the unpaid childcare leave of absence for Patricia McGee, PreK Teacher – Tappan Hill School, effective February 23, 2010 through March 25, 2010.

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RESOLVED: That, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby revises the unpaid childcare leave of absence for Deborah McCarl, Science Teacher – Sleepy Hollow Middle School, effective February 11, 2010 through April 30, 2010.

**Unpaid LOA:
D. McCarl
T. Godinho**

RESOLVED: That, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby grants an unpaid leave of absence to Tatiana Godinho, Teaching Assistant – W.L. Morse School, effective March 22, 2010 through June 25, 2010.

**After School
Program:**

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:

Sleepy Hollow High School (Funded by Extended School Day Program Grant)		
Kasie Lambertson	Teaching Assistant	\$25.00 per hour
Patricia Bonitatibus	Teacher	\$35.00 per hour
Sunny Ahn	Teaching Assistant	\$25.00 per hour

Sleepy Hollow High School (Funded by 21 st Century Grant)		
Bethany Ordonez	Substitute Teacher	\$35.00 per hour
Camille Acampora	Substitute Teacher	\$35.00 per hour
Miriam Smith	Substitute Teacher	\$35.00 per hour
Kristen Keiser	Teacher	\$35.00 per hour

Tappan Hill School (Funded by 21 st Century Grant)		
Vianney Remple	Teacher	\$35.00 per hour

RESOLVED: That, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby appoints the following to a stipend position for the 2009/2010 school year: (Sponsor funded)

**Stipend:
T. Mormile**

MSG Network Producer Tom Mormile \$1,000

CARRIED 5-0

Trustee Lillis moved, seconded by Trustee Rode, that it be
RESOLVED: That, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby approves the following Student Personnel Motions, as listed:

**STUDENT
PERSONNEL:
CSE/CPSE**

RESOLVED: That the Board of Education accepts the recommendations from the Committee on Special Education (CSE) at its October 14; November 4, 23, 24; December 7, 9, 10, 12, 14, 15, 16, 2009; January 6, 2010 meetings and the Committee on Preschool Special Education (CPSE) at its November 19; December 3, 9, 17, 2009 meetings, as attached (Appendix #1).

CARRIED 5-0

Trustee Nadile moved, seconded by Trustee Swibold, that it be
RESOLVED: That, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby approves the following General Motions, as listed:

GENERAL:

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RESOLVED: That, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby accepts, with appreciation, the following gift:

Gift/Donations:

Laurie Ann Livingstone, 12 Pokahoe Drive, Sleepy Hollow, NY of a large screen television, to be used for the music program at John Paulding School.
Electronic Suppliers, 22 Half Moon Lane, Tarrytown, NY of a HP4250n printer to be used in the district office. President Godwin thanked the above contributors for their generous donations.

**Agreements:
Dynamic Research
& Evaluation**

RESOLVED: That, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education authorizes the Superintendent of Schools to enter into a contract with Dynamic Research and Evaluation, 12 Maple Court, Cortlandt Manor, NY, to conduct an independent evaluation of the 21st Century Community Center Program, K-4 and SHHS, at a fee of \$20,000, effective September 1, 2009 through August 31, 2010. (Funded by 21st Century Grant)

KidzArt

RESOLVED: That, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education authorizes the Superintendent of Schools to execute an agreement with KidzArt, for art enrichment in the after school program at Morse School at a fee of \$175.00 per hour, not to exceed \$4,725.00, effective January 6, 2010 through May 26, 2010. (Funded by 21st Century Grant)

RESOLVED: That, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education authorizes the Superintendent of Schools to execute an agreement with KidzArt, for art enrichment in the after school program at Washington Irving School, at a fee of \$175.00 per hour, not to exceed \$8,050.00, effective January 6, 2010 through May 26, 2010. (Funded by 21st Century Grant)

RESOLVED: That, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education authorizes the Superintendent of Schools to execute an agreement with KidzArt, for art enrichment in the after school program at John Paulding School at a fee of \$175.00 per hour, not to exceed \$4,550.00, effective February 24, 2010 through May 26, 2010. (Funded by 21st Century Grant)

The Treasurer's Report for the month of November 2009 is attached to these minutes as Appendix #2.

**Treasurer's
Report: November
2009**

CARRIED 5-0

9:15PM

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

Adjournment

Respectfully submitted,

Nelly Valentin
District Clerk

Appendices

Appendices:

- #1 CSE/CPSE Reports
- #2 Treasurer's Report: November 2009