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A regular meeting of the Board of Education, Union Free School District of the Tarrytowns, was held on Thursday, February 11, 2010 in the All Purpose Room at John Paulding School, 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 Swibold moved, seconded by Trustee Nadile, 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 8:06PM

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

**Pledge to the Flag**

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

President Godwin asked that the following be remembered, who recently passed away:  
Alison McGee's brother and Patty McGee's uncle-in-law, Thomas Croke, passed away suddenly at 63 years of age in a fatal car accident. Alison is a teaching assistant and Patty is a PreK teacher at Tappan Hill School.

**Silent Meditation**

President Godwin welcomed everyone to this evening's meeting. She informed the public that the Board will be hearing the building consolidation committee report for the first time. She asked the citizens present to please refrain from comments on this topic until after Dr. Smith's presentation. President Godwin reported that the Board will not be making a decision on the building consolidation at this time. The March 18<sup>th</sup> board meeting will be a public hearing dedicated to the budget and the consolidation option. She reminded everyone of the budget work sessions scheduled for March 6, 13, & 20, beginning at 8:30AM in the Board Room of the Administration Building.

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Trustee Rode moved, seconded by Trustee Nadile, that it be  
RESOLVED: That the Board of Education, having received copies of the minutes of the  
regular meeting of as January 14, 2010 approves same.

Dr. Smith gave a powerpoint presentation on Economic Sustainability Analysis – Identification of  
Potential Opportunities for Savings. Highlights included:

- Economic Realities
- Tax & Cost Cutting Implications
- Program Budget Analysis
- Program Budget – Preliminary Findings
- Overall Efficiency
- Self-Supporting Programs
- Administration
- Operations & Maintenance
- Transportation
- Core Academic Program
- Secondary Foreign Language
- Pupil Personnel Services
- Remedial, Special Ed. & ESL Services
- Summer School
- Elementary Enrichment Programs
- Library Media
- Technology
- Professional Development
- MS/HS Band, Orchestra, Chorus & Extra-Curricular Programs
- Interscholastic Athletics
- Debt Service
- Potential Cost Savings Opportunities based on Program Budget Analysis
- Proposed Cost Savings Theme/Goal
- Budget Goal Implications
- Budget Process

Discussion followed.

Dr. Smith reported that a committee of parents and staff members was put together to explore the idea  
of a school building consolidation. The committee report included the following topics:

- Committee Members
- Building/Site Capacity – Tappan Hill
- Building/Site Capacity – John Paulding
- Building/Site Capacity – Morse
- Building/Site Capacity – Washington Irving
- Cost Savings
- Suitability of JP for PreK & K
- Suitability of Morse for Gr. 1-2
  
- Suitability of WI for Gr. 3-5
- Overall Suitability
- Developmental Accommodations

**Economic  
Sustainability  
Analysis**

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- Conclusions

Dr. Smith indicated that the full committee report and the powerpoint presentation will be posted on our website.

Citizens' comments included:

- What are the tax implications
- Is there surplus space at the middle school
- Are there any environmental issues
- Concerns with reducing number of teaching assistants and increasing class sizes at the same time
- PreK funding
- Closing WLM and adding modulars to Tappan Hill and John Paulding
- Use of reserve funds for one year to allow time to make renovations
- Short term or long term solution
- Safety issues at Morse

Discussion followed.

President Godwin thanked the committee for all their hard work and reminded everyone of the public hearing on Thursday, March 18<sup>th</sup>. The Board recessed for approximately 5 minutes and then returned to public session.

CARRIED 5-0

Trustee Rode moved, seconded by Trustee Lillis, 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 accepts the following retirement resignations:

Alan Alterbaum, Assistant Principal – Sleepy Hollow High School, effective August 31, 2011, after 28.5 years of service.

Maureen Fleming, Teaching Assistant – Sleepy Hollow High School, effective June 30, 2010, after 23.4 years of service.

Cheryl Greene, Assistant Principal for Pupil Services, effective August 31, 2010, after 23 years of service.

Marilyn Mercado-Belvin, Principal – John Paulding School, effective November 30, 2010, after 11 years of service.

President Godwin thanked the above staff members for all their years of service. She stated that they are all extraordinary individuals who have had such a huge impact on our students. She noted that the Board will recognize them formally at a later board meeting.

RESOLVED: That, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby revises the retirement resignation date of Dolores Billings, Teaching Assistant – John Paulding School, from June 30, 2010 to March 9, 2010.

**Substitute Staff:**

**R. Knell  
F. Hreyo  
V. Briante  
T. Link  
J. Dondiego**

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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:

Ron Knell	Teacher	\$85 per diem
Fredricka Hreyo	Teaching Assistant	\$13.00 per hour
Veronica Briante	Long Term Sub Teaching Assistant	\$18.49 per hour effective September 22, 2009 through June 25, 2010
Thea Link	Long Term Sub Teaching Assistant	\$18.49 per hour effective February 22 through June 25, 2010
Jennifer Dondiego	Teacher	\$85.00 per diem
Rafael Bencosme	Long Term Teaching Assistant	\$18.49 per hour effective February 8-26, 2010
Anne McGee	Long Term Teaching Assistant	\$18.49 per hour effective March 1 through June 25, 2010

RESOLVED: That, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby grants salary transfers to the following staff members, effective February 1, 2010 (as per contractual obligation):

Tonya Richardson	From: MA+45, Step 10
	To: MA+60, Step 10

RESOLVED: That, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby grants an unpaid leave of absence to Maureen Salazar, Elementary Teacher – John Paulding School, effective ½ day June 16, 2010 through December 3, 2010.

RESOLVED: That, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby grants an unpaid leave of absence to Maria Modica, Bus Attendant, effective January 14, 2010 through January 29, 2010.

RESOLVED: That, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby revises the unpaid leave of absence for Elba Olivo, Bus Attendant, to September 1, 2009 through March 5, 2010.

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:

Sleepy Hollow High School		
Spring Musical – Art Director	Heather Douglas	\$1,898.00
Spring Musical – Accompanist	Scott Treibitz	\$1,270.00

RESOLVED: That, the Superintendent of Schools is hereby authorized to sign the Memorandum of Agreement by and between the Board of Education of the Public Schools of the Tarrytowns and the Teachers' Association of the Tarrytowns, providing for a two-year successor agreement to their collectively negotiated 2007-2010 agreement, as per the attached (Appendix #1)

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Trustee Rode 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 Student Personnel Motions, as listed:

RESOLVED: That the Board of Education accepts the recommendations from the Committee on Special Education (CSE) at its January 2, 6, 13, 19, 20, 25, 28, 2010 meetings and the Committee on Preschool Special Education (CPSE) at its January 7, 20, 21, 2010 meetings, as attached. (Appendix #2).

CARRIED 5-0

Trustee Rode 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 Finance & Facilities Motion, as listed:

**WHEREAS**, law suits have been commenced to challenge the assessments on the property owned by Laurentino Rodrigues and Christina Rodrigues-Plank. The property has a street address of 80 Beekman Avenue, Sleepy Hollow and is designated as Section 115.11, Block 5, Lot 7 on the Assessment Map of the Town of Mount Pleasant. The assessment years under review are 2001 through 2008 and the assessment on the property was \$18,550.00 for all years.

**WHEREAS**, the School District's counsel and 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:

Ass't Year	Original AV	Corrected AV	Reduction	Tax Rate	Refund
2001	\$18,550.00	\$17,050.00	\$1,500.00	\$778.6547	\$ 1,167.98
2002	\$18,550.00	\$15,850.00	\$2,700.00	\$872.8012	\$ 2,356.56
2003	\$18,550.00	\$14,750.00	\$3,800.00	\$986.4400	\$ 3,748.47
2004	\$18,550.00	\$14,550.00	\$4,000.00	\$1,058.0020	\$ 4,232.01
2005	\$18,550.00	\$16,050.00	\$2,500.00	\$1,153.4200	\$ 2,883.55
2006	\$18,550.00	\$15,550.00	\$3,000.00	\$1,251.0200	\$ 3,753.06
2007	\$18,550.00	\$15,550.00	\$3,000.00	\$1,293.1124	\$ 3,879.34
2008	\$18,550.00	\$15,550.00	\$3,000.00	\$1,336.8388	\$ 4,010.52
					Total \$26,031.49

**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.

**WHEREAS**, law suits have been commenced to challenge the assessments on the property owned by Laurentino Rodrigues. The property has a street address of 56-60 Clinton Street, Sleepy Hollow and is designated as Section 115.15, Block I, Lots 52 and 53. The assessment years under review are 2001 through 2008 and the property is assessed at \$9,200.00 for all years.

**WHEREAS**, the School District's counsel and Deputy Town Attorney recommend approving the tentative settlement; and

**FINANCE & FACILITIES:**

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**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:

<b>Ass't Year</b>	<b>Original AV</b>	<b>Corrected AV</b>	<b>Reduction</b>	<b>Tax Rate</b>	<b>Refund</b>
2001	\$9,200.00	\$8,100.00	\$1,100.00	\$778.6547	\$ 856.52
2002	\$9,200.00	\$7,100.00	\$2,100.00	\$872.8012	\$1,832.88
2003	\$9,200.00	\$6,600.00	\$2,600.00	\$986.4400	\$2,564.74
2004	\$9,200.00	\$6,500.00	\$2,700.00	\$1,058.0020	\$2,856.61
2005	\$9,200.00	\$6,200.00	\$3,000.00	\$1,153.4200	\$3,460.26
2006	\$9,200.00	\$5,900.00	\$3,300.00	\$1,251.0200	\$4,128.3
2007	\$9,200.00	\$5,800.00	\$3,400.00	\$1,293.1124	\$4,396.58
2008	\$9,200.00	\$5,800.00	\$3,400.00	\$1,336.8388	\$4,545.25
					Total \$24,640.25

**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.

**WHEREAS**, law suits have been commenced to challenge the assessments on the property owned by Antonio and Linda Rodrigues. The property has a street address of 225 North Washington Street, Sleepy Hollow, and it is designated as Section 115.11, Block 5, Lot 18 on the Assessment Map of the Town of Mount Pleasant. The assessment years under review are 2001 through 2008 and the property is assessed at \$7,900.00 for all years.

**WHEREAS**, the School District's counsel and 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:

<b>Ass't Year</b>	<b>Original AV</b>	<b>Corrected AV</b>	<b>Reduction</b>	<b>Tax Rate</b>	<b>Refund</b>
2001	\$7,900.00	\$7,900.00	\$0.00	\$778.6547	\$ 0.00
2002	\$7,900.00	\$7,900.00	\$0.00	\$872.8012	\$ 0.00
2003	\$7,900.00	\$6,900.00	\$1,000.00	\$986.4400	\$ 986.44
2004	\$7,900.00	\$6,400.00	\$1,500.00	\$1,058.0020	\$ 1,587.00
2005	\$7,900.00	\$5,900.00	\$2,000.00	\$1,153.4200	\$ 2,306.84
2006	\$7,900.00	\$5,800.00	\$2,100.00	\$1,251.0200	\$ 2,627.14
2007	\$7,900.00	\$5,800.00	\$2,100.00	\$1,293.1124	\$ 2,715.54
2008	\$7,900.00	\$5,800.00	\$2,100.00	\$1,336.8388	\$ 2,807.36
				Total	\$13,030.32

**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.

**WHEREAS**, law suits have been commenced to challenge the assessments on the property owned by Laurentino and Jorge Rodrigues. The property has a street address of 89-91 Cortlandt Street

**FINANCE &  
FACILITIES:**

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and is designated as Section 115.15, Block I, Lot 71 on the Assessment Map of the Town of Mount Pleasant. The assessment years under review are 2001 through 2008 and the property was assessed at \$7,750.00 for 2001 through 2007 and was reduced to \$6,450.00 in 2008.

**WHEREAS**, the School District's counsel and 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:

Ass't Year	Original AV	Corrected AV	Reduction	Tax Rate	Refund
2001	\$7,750.00	\$7,750.00	\$0.00	\$778.6457	\$ 0.00
2002	\$7,750.00	\$7,750.00	\$0.00	\$872.8012	\$ 0.00
2003	\$7,750.00	\$7,000.00	\$750.00	\$986.4400	\$ 739.83
2004	\$7,750.00	\$6,900.00	\$850.00	\$1,058.0020	\$ 899.30
2005	\$7,750.00	\$6,750.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,153.4200	\$1,153.42
2006	\$7,750.00	\$6,450.00	\$1,300.00	\$1,251.0200	\$1,626.33
2007	\$7,750.00	\$6,450.00	\$1,300.00	\$1,293.1124	\$1,681.05
2008	\$6,450.00	\$6,450.00	\$ 0.00	\$1,336.8388	\$ 0.00
					Total \$6,099.92

**WHEREAS** it is the desire of the participating school districts of the Southern Westchester Board of Cooperative Educational Services, adopting this Resolution to bid jointly in those supplies, commodities, materials and equipment set forth below.

Now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED** that the Union Free School District of the Tarrytowns agrees to participate with other school districts of the Southern Westchester Board of Educational Services, Westchester County, New York adopting this in the joint bidding of:

- |                          |                                   |
|--------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Art Supplies             | Fine Paper Supplies               |
| General School Supplies  | Audio Visual Supplies & Equipment |
| Office Supplies          | Office & Classroom Furniture      |
| Custodial Paper Supplies | Graphing Calculators              |

And be it further

**RESOLVED** that this Resolution shall remain in effect until receipt by the BOCES of written withdrawal from the Resolution by the school district.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that it is agreed that the specifications as presented will be used, and that this Board agrees to bid its required amount of said commodities jointly with other participating school districts in Southern Westchester and the Southern Westchester Board of Cooperative Educational Services. The recommendation of the Purchasing Steering Committee will be considered when this Board acts on the purchase of said commodities.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the invitation to bid will be advertised by BOCES in the Journal News in accordance with the provision of Section 103 to the General Municipal Law.

CARRIED 5-0

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Trustee Rode moved, seconded by Trustee Nadile, 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:

RESOLVED: That, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby adopts the 2010-2011 School Calendar, as per the attached. (Appendix #3)

RESOLVED: That the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, is authorized and empowered to execute an agreement with Maribel Palacios, to provide family literacy workshops and activities, at a rate of \$35.00 per hour, not to exceed \$2,000 for the 2009/2010 school year. (Family Literacy Funds)

RESOLVED: That the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, is authorized and empowered to execute an agreement with Family Services of Westchester, to provide a Director for the Asociación de Familias Hispanas de Tarrytowns Program, at a rate of \$510.00 per diem, contingent upon grant funding, effective February 22, 2010 through January 31, 2011.

RESOLVED: That the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, hereby approves the TUFSD Technology Plan 2010-2013, in accordance with the requirements of the Federal E-Rate Program.

CARRIED 5-0

9:58PM

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

RESOLVED: That the meeting of the Board be adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Nelly Valentin  
District Clerk

Appendices:

- #1 MOA – Teachers' Association of the Tarrytowns
- #2 CSE/CPSE Reports
- #3 2010-2011 Calendar