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A regular meeting of the Board of Education, Union Free School District of the Tarrytowns, was held on Thursday, May 27, 2010 in the Board Room of the Administration Building, commencing at 8:00PM.

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

Absent: 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 Lillis, that it be
RESOLVED: That the Board goes into executive session to discuss particular personnel matters.

Executive Session

CARRIED 6-0 7:30PM
No formal action was taken.

Public Session

CARRIED 6-0 8:06PM

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

**Pledge to the Flag
Silent Meditation**

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:
Lucas Goldbaum, middle school student, who lost his courageous battle with cancer on May 12th;
Amado Camacho, the grandfather of Luz Carol Rosario, teaching assistant at Tappan Hill School.

President Godwin reported that Trustee Laub was excused from this evening's meeting in order to attend a village meeting as the Board representative.

A citizen spoke about a new tennis format that can be played in any school gymnasium. The program is geared for younger children. She handed out some literature on the program, indicating they can provide free training and grants for equipment.

**Citizens'
Comments**

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CARRIED 6-0

Trustee Nadile moved, seconded by Trustee Swibold, that it be
RESOLVED: That the Board of Education, having received copies of the minutes of the regular meeting of May 6, 2010 approves same.

CARRIED 5-0-1

Yes: Trustees Godwin, Conklin, Lillis, Nadile, Swibold
Abstain: Trustee Rode

Trustee Swibold moved, seconded by Trustee Conklin, that it be
RESOLVED: That the Board of Education, having received copies of the minutes of the special meeting of May 18, 2010 approves same.

Dr. Smith gave the following good news items:

- The 1st intergenerational concert between the Kendal on Hudson chorus and the SHHS chorus took place on Tuesday, May 25th. The event was a huge success!
- Sleepy Hollow High School sophomores Amelia Bonvento and Emily Eagan have been named the winners of the annual Hall of Fame essay contest, sponsored by the Warner Library and the Historical Society of Tarrytown and Sleepy Hollow
- Sleepy Hollow High School has received four MSG Varsity V-Award nominations, the most of any school in the tri-state region. Congratulations to Alex Berger for best original production and writing; Matt Lindy for best overall sports coverage and Megan Lindon for writing. The winners for all nine categories of the MSG Varsity V-Awards will be announced exclusively on High School Sports Desk on Thursday, May 27th.
- Students of the month: March – English: Elayne Hernandez, Maddy McGovern; Mathematics: Marisely Rodriguez, Nicole Abou-Rjeili; Physical Education - Olesya Bylim; April – Science: Juan Delgado, David Hargrove; Mathematics: Ariana Cember, Cathy Marte; English – Gadi Langsam, Olesya Bylim; Orchestra – Hannah Becker

President Godwin reported that the District received a notice from Gerry Riera at the Family YMCA that on October 29, 2010, Dr. Smith will be awarded the Laurance S. Rockefeller Award. The award is based on three criteria: 1) significant and lasting contributions to the Family YMCA and other community agencies; 2) a leader in the area of public health, education, recreation, environmental conservation, historic preservation and community development; 3) lives or works in the Hudson River Valley and has made significant contributions in the area. Congratulations to Dr. Smith!

Dr. Smith gave a brief presentation on the elementary foreign language program. He indicated that Dr. Tantillo set up a committee and they met several times during this school year. The District currently has a universal foreign language program K-12. Topics of the presentation included:

- K-8 Foreign Language model
- Outcomes for universal Spanish students
- DVD of a foreign language exchange between students
- Plans for 2010/2011

Discussion followed.

The board discussed the energy performance project. Dr. Smith indicated that we have been working

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with Ameresco on an energy performance contract that would enable the District to do work on our elementary buildings. We have been working with our attorneys and the attorneys for Ameresco on contract specifications which would allow us to move ahead with the project. There are some outstanding issues that must be addressed:

- Monitoring services in the agreement for \$98,000
- Option of spreading out the \$98,000 over the life of the agreement of 18 years
- Lack of transparency – need to see cash flow for each building
- True up – work that was done didn't include exact amounts

The board was in agreement that Trustee Nadile would work with district counsel to review the proposed agreement. The board anticipates having this information available for the June 10th Board of Education meeting. Discussion followed.

President Godwin thanked the community for supporting the school budget. She indicated that the board realizes that this was a very difficult year, especially for Sleepy Hollow residents. She reiterated that the board is committed and will continue to be diligent in finding new and creative ways to find savings in every area. She thanked all the citizens who attended the board meetings, budget work sessions, and sent emails to the board - their comments were invaluable. She thanked the three central administrators who worked so hard and were sensitive to the needs of the community. President Godwin thanked the district clerk for all her work on the elections – before, during and after the process. She stated that she received so many positive comments about the election inspectors and their warm and gentle demeanor.

The board had a second discussion of the naming of the new batting cage facility in honor of Michael Birrittella. A final discussion and adoption will take place at the June 10th Board meeting.

President Godwin reported that the annual Memorial Day Parade will be held on Monday, May 28th at 9AM. The following trustees volunteered to attend: Trustees Godwin, Lillis, and Nadile. Dr. Smith indicated that he would try his best to attend.

Vice President Rode inquired about the WI concert being held during the day. He requested that in the future the district consider holding these events during the evening hours.

CARRIED 6-0

Trustee Rode 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 accepts the following retirement resignations:

Patricia Maceyak, Special Education Teacher – Sleepy Hollow High School, effective June 30, 2010, after 26.5 years of service.

Pam Weldon, Reading Teacher – W. L. Morse School, effective June 30, 2010, after 27 years of service. President Godwin thanked these teachers for all their years of service to the District.

RESOLVED: That, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby accepts the following resignation:

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Mrinalini Rajwar, Director of Technology, effective July 1, 2010, after three years of service.

Note: The above resolution was withdrawn from the record. Discussion followed.

RESOLVED: That, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby appoints the following part-time staff to continued employment for the 2010/2011 school year:

Julie Clayton .6FTE Middle School French Teacher (MA, Step 2)
Emily Clary .4FTE PreKindergarten Social Worker (MA, Step 10)

RESOLVED: That, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby appoints the following instructional/non-instructional staff for the 2010/2011 school year:

Rosemary Prati, Elementary Principal (Replacement)
Assignment: W.L. Morse School
Appointment Type: Probationary
Probationary Dates: July 1, 2010 through June 30, 2013
Certification: New York State Permanent Certification: SAS, Social Studies 7-12
Education: Fordham University, Bronx, NY - MA
Herbert H. Lehman College, Bronx, NY - MA
Baruch College, New York, NY - BA
Experience: New York City Board of Education, PS #91, Bronx, NY
Elementary Principal, 5 years
New York City Board of Education, PS #63, Bronx, NY
Assistant Principal, 1 year
Salary \$145,000

RESOLVED: That, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby grants an unpaid leave of absence to Helen Hamilton , School Monitor – W.L. Morse School, effective April 30, 2010 through May 7, 2010.

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

Alex De La Cruz, School Monitor – Sleepy Hollow High School, 3 hours per day, probationary, in accordance with Civil Service Rules and Regulations, at a rate of \$14.04 per hour, based on Step 1 of the CSEA salary schedule, effective May 28, 2010. (Replacement)

RESOLVED: That, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby amends the teachers' retirement incentive, as per the attached. (Appendix #1)

RESOLVED: That, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby appoints the following to a Spring 2010 coaching stipend:

Intramural – SHMS Thomas DiLorenzo \$2,512

CARRIED 6-0

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 Student Personnel Motion, as listed:

RESOLVED: That the Board of Education accepts the recommendations from the Committee on Preschool Special Education (CPSE) at it April 15, 22, 2010 meetings, and the Committee on Special Education at its April 14, 21, 28, 30; May 5, 10, 2010 meetings as attached. (Appendix #2).

CARRIED 6-0

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

RESOLVED: That, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby approves the following Finance & Facilities Motions, as listed:

FINANCE &
FACILITIES

RESOLVED: That the Board of Education designated Nelly Valentin as poll clerk for the purpose of canvassing paper ballots that were verified by the Westchester County Board of Elections on May 19, 2010:

Official Budget
Results May 2010

Official Budget and Election results for the May 18, 2010 vote are as follows:

Proposition 1: Budget 2010/2011 - \$63,440,147

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| District #1 - SH | Yes: 300 | No: 332 |
| District #2 - TT | Yes: <u>495</u> | No: <u>239</u> |
| Totals | 795 | 571 |

Proposition 2: Mileage Limitation for Grade 3 students

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| District #1 - SH | Yes: 421 | No: 171 |
| District #2 - TT | Yes: <u>514</u> | No: <u>187</u> |
| Totals | 935 | 358 |

Trustees for Board of Education:

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| | Vincent Nadile | Paul Rode |
| District #1 | 364 | 377 |
| District #2 | <u>488</u> | <u>504</u> |
| TOTAL | 852 | 881 |

WHEREAS, proceedings have been commenced to challenge the assessments on property owned by Acadia Noddle Tarrytown Development Co., LLC n/k/a Acadia Tarrytown, LLC, having a street address of 132-140 Wildey Street, Tarrytown, and designated and described as Sheet 02, Section 0I, Block 00000, Lots P25 and P25B on the Tax Maps and Assessment Rolls of the Town of Greenburgh for assessment years 2004 through 2009; and

Tax Certiorari:
Acadia Noodle

WHEREAS, the Union Free School District of the Tarrytowns (the "School District"), through its attorney, John F. Burkhardt, Esq., appeared in the pending litigation to protect the interests of the School District; and

WHEREAS, numerous discussions and meetings were held with the attorney for the petitioner, the Deputy Town Attorney for the Town of Greenburgh, the Tarrytown Village Attorney and counsel for the School District and various settlement proposals were discussed at length prior to arriving at a tentative settlement; and

Tax Certiorari:
Acadia Noodle

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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 these proceedings with the following reductions in assessed values:

| Ass't Year | Original AV | Corrected AV | Reduction | Tax Rate | Refund |
|------------|--------------|--------------|-------------|--------------|-------------|
| 2004 | \$240,000.00 | \$223,200.00 | \$16,800.00 | \$497.4868 | \$ 8,357.78 |
| 2005 | \$240,000.00 | \$218,400.00 | \$21,600.00 | \$527.3400 | \$11,390.54 |
| 2006 | \$240,000.00 | \$216,000.00 | \$24,000.00 | \$574.4450 | \$13,786.68 |
| 2007 | \$270,000.00 | \$237,000.00 | \$33,000.00 | \$628.6296 | \$20,744.78 |
| 2008 | \$300,000.00 | \$250,000.00 | \$50,000.00 | \$632.0322 | \$31,601.61 |
| 2009 | \$300,000.00 | \$248,000.00 | \$52,000.00 | N/A | ----0----- |
| | | | | Total Refund | \$85,881.39 |

RESOLVED: That at the meeting of the Board of Education of the Union Free School District of the Tarrytowns, held on Thursday, May 27, 2010, the 2010-2011 Proposed Budget for Westchester Putnam School Boards Association, in the amount of \$216,721, be adopted.

CARRIED 6-0

Trustee Nadile 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 General Motions, as listed:

RESOLVED: That, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby recertifies the School District Professional Development Plan for the 2009/2010 school year, as per the attached. (Appendix #3)

RESOLVED: That the Board of Education is authorized and empowered to execute an agreement with E-Rate Exchange, 1204 James Street, Syracuse, NY, to provide e-rate consulting services, effective for the 2010/11 & 2011/2012 school years, at a fee of \$5,300 per year. Discussion followed.

RESOLVED: That the Board of Education is authorized and empowered to execute an agreement with Educational and Management Services, Inc., PO Box 333, Palenville, NY to provide consultant services, to review and refile state aid claims for all allowable years with the State Education Department, at a fee of \$8,400, for the 2010/2011 school year. (Grant funded)

RESOLVED: That the Board of Education is authorized and empowered to execute an agreement with Calculator & Computer Center, to provide network support and equipment maintenance, effective July 1, 2010 through June 30, 2013, at a rate of \$13,747.50 per month. Discussion followed.

RESOLVED: That, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby approves the merger of Sleepy Hollow and Irvington School District Boys Ice Hockey for the 2010-2011 school year and authorizes the President of the Board of Education and the Superintendent to sign the appropriate Section One merger form.

RESOLVED: That the Board of Education is authorized and empowered to extend the agreement with the law firm of Shaw, Perelson, May and Lambert, LLP, to provide Negotiations Counsel services to the District, through June 15, 2010.

**Agreement extension:
Shaw, Perelson,
May and Lambert**

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RESOLVED: That the Board of Education hereby authorizes the signing of the District's Race to the Top (RTTT) Phase 2 Memorandum of Understanding, for submission to the New York State Education Department.

CARRIED 6-0 9:25PM

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

CARRIED 6-0 10:18PM

Trustee Nadile moved, seconded by Trustee Swibold, that it be
RESOLVED: That the Board returns to public session.

CARRIED 6-0 10:18PM

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

Respectfully submitted,

Nelly Valentin
District Clerk

Appendices:

- #1 Teachers' Retirement Incentive
- #2 CSE/CPSE
- #3 Professional Development Plan