November 6, 2008

A regular meeting of the Board of Education, Union Free School District of the Tarrytowns, was held on Thursday, November 6, 2008 in the Board Room of the Administration Building, commencing at 8:00PM.

Roll Call

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

Call to Order

President Lillis called the meeting to order at 7:35PM.

Exec. Session

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

CARRIED 6-0 7:35PM
No formal action was taken.

CARRIED 6-0 8:15PM

Return to Public

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

Meditation Pledge

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

CARRIED 6-0

Minutes: 10/16/08

Trustee Conklin moved, seconded by Trustee Godwin, that it be
RESOLVED: That the Board of Education, having received copies of the minutes of the regular meeting of October 16, 2008 approves same.

Superintendent's Report

Dr. Smith announced the following good news items:

- Morse School held a successful clothing drive and raised approximately $1,400
- Students of the month for October: Sleepy Hollow MS/HS
  Social Studies Dept.: Kenny Marte, Marisely Rodriguez, Maddy Dopico, Shakira Watson
  Math Dept.: Adam Fry, Stephen Hart, Jennifer Kessman, Stalyn DeLeon, Masato Tosaka
  ESL Dept.: Meuri Ferreras , Angello Maggio, Michael Valentin, Yessica Leon
  English Dept.: Kelly Pereira, Delia McGinnis, Victoria Lopez, Jonathan Rodriguez
  Physical Ed. Dept.: Dylan Lacey

Library Media Dept.: Kiana Jimenez
Science Dept.: Jesse Jorge, Kareen Ishmail, Lydia Tanenhaus, Edward Brady
Special Ed. Dept.: Kyshannah Harris, Joshua McCaskill, Edison Urgiles , Jon Carlo Flanders
SHMS students of the month: Favio Chimbo, Frandy Cisnero, Leidy Suero, Marina Pantoliano, Benjamin Tschan

- High School enrollment numbers are down slightly thereby allowing the District to be in Section B Sports next year
- There are two golden dozen winners in field hockey - Dara Brennan and Eva Kramer. Leah Morales received the scholarship from the Section Coaches' Association and she and Jennifer Angevine are All Section.
- Thanks to Gail Persad for coordinating the performance of the U.S. Military Academy Band, scheduled for January 14th in the SHHS auditorium.

Dr. Smith gave a brief report on the after school programs. He reported that all school buildings provide an after school program, funded by one of two grants: 1) 21st Century Grant, 2) Extended School Day Grant. The Extended School Day Grant is unusually flexible and supports a number of activities, including recreational and clubs. The 21st Century Grant is a targeted program and focuses more specifically on academic performance. Dr. Smith indicated that he is pleased with the number of internal staff members that participate in providing services to our students.

After School Program Report

Details include:

- Tappan Hill School
  - Enrollment 40; program operates three times a week; activities focus on math and literacy
- John Paulding School
  - Enrollment 32; program operates four times a week; activities focus on math and ELA; literary drama enrichment on Wednesdays
- Morse School
  - Enrollment 60; program operates four times a week; activities focus on math and reading; Wednesday is enrichment day with science and recreational activities provided by the YMCA
- Washington Irving
  - Enrollment 118; program operates four times a week; activities focus on math and reading; Wednesday is enrichment day with recreation, arts and science activities provided by the YMCA
- SHMS/HS
  - Enrollment 30; extended day homework help center operates five times a week on a drop in basis
- SHMS
  - Special Education homework help center; operates four times a week on a referral basis
- SHHS
  - Enrollment 25; operates four times a week on a drop in basis

Discussion followed.

Update on Facilities

Dr. Smith gave an update on the WI and SH facilities project. The SHHS auditorium is up and running and just needs some tweaking with the sound and programming. The WI/YMCA musical performance in the SHHS auditorium was a great success and wonderful production by Peter Royston. The new gym will be ready by Monday, November 10th, but the new floor must cure for a week. The wrestling room and fitness room are almost complete. The middle school locker rooms are scheduled to be completed by the end of the month. The landscaping, grading and seeding are ongoing and a final coat of asphalt will take place next week.

The auditorium work at WI continues. The painting is complete and work on the ceiling is almost done. It will still be a while before work on the windows can begin. A Facilities Advisory Committee meeting is scheduled for next week and the committee will be addressing some change orders and final issues with the MS/HS project. Discussion followed.

Board Matters

President Lillis reported that at the last BOE meeting two subcommittees were formed to take a look at the guidance goal and the strategic planning goal. Trustees Lillis, Conklin, and Laub participated in a conference call with Dr. Smith and the NYSSBA consultant to address the long-term strategic planning process. The estimate for the consultant work is approximately between $18,000-$22,000. The Board was in agreement that this work be put off to a later time in light of the current economic situation. Discussion followed.

The guidance subcommittee consists of Trustees Godwin, Nadile, and Swibold. They met with Dr. Smith and Bill Acosta, Consultant, to ensure that the program review will include sufficient emphasis on the college counseling process. Mr. Acosta will take an in-depth look at the guidance program and the results of his work will be shared with the Board in January. Discussion followed.

Dr. Smith reminded the Board of the Annual Joint Dinner, sponsored by Westchester Putnam School Boards, scheduled for Thursday, Nov. 13th. Trustee Laub indicated his interest in attending and would confirm his availability with the District Clerk.

Policy #6240

The Board discussed Policy #6240 – Investments, amended version, for the second time. A third reading and adoption will take place at the November 20th Board of Education meeting. Discussion followed.

CARRIED 6-0

STAFF PERSONNEL

Trustee Laub moved, seconded by Trustee Godwin, that
In accordance with Policy #9020, be it
RESOLVED: That, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby approves the following Staff Personnel Motions, as listed:

Resignations:
P. Guzzo
K. Guzman
A. Lawton

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

Patrizia Guzzo, teaching assistant – Washington Irving School, effective November 7, 2008, after two years and two months of service.
Katy Guzman, school monitor – Washington Irving School, effective October 10, 2008.
Anthony Lawton, Bus Driver, effective November 5, 2008, after seven years of service.

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Revision:
C. Giaimo

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

Carol Giaimo, retirement resignation date from November 27, 2008 to November 5, 2008.

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 2008/09 school year:

Kimberly Marcus	Teaching Assistant	$13.00 per hour
Eleni McClung	Teaching Assistant	$13.00 per hour
Anita McGovern	Teaching Assistant	$13.00 per hour
Eleni McClung	Teacher	$85.00 per diem
Melissa Hunt	Teacher	$85.00 per diem
Monica Ribreau	Long Term Sub. Teacher	$290.00 per diem
Maryann Schartner	School Monitor	$13.57 per hour
Leslie Maldonado	Teaching Assistant	$13.00 per hour
Rosa Blackmon	Teaching Assistant	$13.00 per hour
Elizabeth Galeotafiore	Teaching Assistant	$13.00 per hour
Elizabeth Galeotafiore	Clerical	$14.23 per hour
Thea Link	Teacher	$85.00 per diem
Rebecca McGovern	Teacher	$85.00 per diem
Thea Link	Teaching Assistant	$13.00 per hour

Substitute Staff:
K. Marcus
E. McClung
A. McGovern
M. Hunt
M. Ribreau
M. Schartner
L. Maldonado
R. Blackmon
E. Galeotafiore
T. Link
R. McGovern

Appointments:

D. Laurent
S. Ahn
D. Castillo
A. Lawton
V. Klami

RESOLVED: That, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby appoints the following instructional/non-instructional staff for the 2008/2009 school year:

Dominique Laurent, Teacher Aide – Washington Irving School, 6 hours per day, probationary, in accordance with Civil Service Rules and Regulations, at a rate of $15.62 per hour, based on Step 1 of the CSEA salary schedule, effective October 27, 2008. (New position)

Sunny Ahn, Teaching Assistant – Sleepy Hollow Middle School, 6¼ hours per day, probationary, at a salary of $21,429 (prorated salary October 27, 2008 through June 30, 2009 will be $17,679), based on Step 1 of the teaching assistant salary schedule, effective October 27, 2008 through October 26, 2011. (Replacement)

Dercis Castillo, School Monitor – Washington Irving School, 2½ hours per day, probationary, in accordance with Civil Service Rules and Regulations, at a rate of $13.57 per hour, based on Step 1 of the CSEA salary schedule, effective November 10, 2008. (Replacement)

Anthony Lawton, School Monitor, 3 hours per day, probationary, in accordance with Civil Service Rules and Regulations, at a rate of $13.57 per hour, based on Step 1 of the CSEA salary schedule, effective November 7, 2008. (New position)

Veronica Klami, Teacher Aide – Washington Irving School, 6½ hour per day, probationary, in accordance with Civil Service Rules and Regulations, at a rate of $15.62 per hour, based on Step 1 of the CSEA salary schedule, effective November 7, 2008. (New position)

Revisions:
P. Pyne
G. Otero
D. Castillo
C. Patino
A. Martin
Y. Cordero
F. Reyes
A. Santos
J. Ordonez

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

Patricia Pyne, Office Assistant (Automated Systems), PPS Office, from probationary to permanent, effective September 6, 2008.

Gladys Otero, Office Assistant (Automated Systems – Spanish Speaking), PPS Office and Technology Office, from probationary to permanent, effective September 10, 2008.

Dercis Castillo, from substitute Bus Attendant to part-time Bus Attendant, 4½ hours per day, probationary, in accordance with Civil Service Rules and Regulations, at a rate of $13.57 per hour, based on Step 1 of the CSEA salary schedule, effective November 7, 2008. (Replacement)

Carmen Patino, from substitute Bus Attendant to part-time Bus Attendant, 4½ hours per day, probationary, in accordance with Civil Service Rules and Regulations, at a rate of $13.57 per hour, based on Step 1 of the CSEA salary schedule, effective November 7, 2008. (Replacement)

Alexis Martin, from substitute Bus Attendant to part-time Bus Attendant, 4½ hours per day, probationary, in accordance with Civil Service Rules and Regulations, at a rate of $13.57 per hour, based on Step 1 of the CSEA salary schedule, effective November 7, 2008. (New position)

Yubelkus Cordero, from substitute Bus Attendant to part-time Bus Attendant, 4½ hours per day, probationary, in accordance with Civil Service Rules and Regulations, at a rate of $13.57 per hour, based on Step 1 of the CSEA salary schedule, effective November 7, 2008. (New position)

Francisco Reyes, from substitute Bus Driver to part-time Bus Driver, 5 hours per day, probationary, in accordance with Civil Service Rules and Regulations, at a rate of $19.57 per hour, based on Step 1 of the CSEA salary schedule, effective November 7, 2008. (Replacement)

Agusto Santos, from substitute Bus Driver to part-time Bus Driver, 5 hours per day, probationary, in accordance with Civil Service Rules and Regulations, at a rate of $19.57 per hour, based on Step 1 of the CSEA salary schedule, effective November 7, 2008. (Replacement)

Jorge Ordonez, from substitute Bus Driver to part-time Bus Driver, 5 hours per day, probationary, in accordance with Civil Service Rules and Regulations, at a rate of $19.57 per hour, based on Step 1 of the CSEA salary schedule, effective November 7, 2008. (Replacement)

Unpaid LOA:
M. Ribreau

RESOLVED: That, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby grants an unpaid leave of absence to Monica Ribreau, teaching assistant – Washington Irving School, effective October 27, 2008 through June 30, 2009.

Fall Coaching Stipend:
L. Vivolo

RESOLVED: That, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby appoints the following to a Fall 2008 Coaching stipend position:

Washington Irving School		
Intramurals	Lara Vivolo	$2,427

RESOLVED: That, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby appoints the following to a stipend position for the 2008/09 school year:

Sleepy Hollow Middle School		
National Junior Honor Society	Caroline Doran	$1,411
Sleepy Hollow High School		
ESL Club	Bridget McGraw	$705.50
	Kathy Hull	$705.50
Play it Smart Academic Coach – Fall	Neil Gross	$6,380(Grant funded)
Play it Smart Academic Coach - Winter	Neil Gross	$6,380 (Grant funded)
Play it Smart Academic Coach – Spring	Neil Gross	$6,380 (Grant funded)
Washington Irving School		
Assistant to the Principal	Nicole Conjura	$2,973 (prorated amount)

Stipends:
C. Doran
B. McGraw
K. Hull
N. Gross
N. Conjura

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 2008/09 school year (Funded by SAVE Grant)

Sleepy Hollow Middle School		
Peer Leader Coordinator	Miriam Ocasio	$40.00 per hour
Sleepy Hollow High School (Funded by 21st Century Grant)		
Neil Gross	Teacher	$35.00 per hour
Patricia Maceyak	Teacher	$35.00 per hour
Jonathan Villanueva	Teacher	$35.00 per hour
Camille Acampora	Teacher	$35.00 per hour
Susan Cunningham	Teacher	$35.00 per hour
Randa Rabadi	Teaching Assistant	$25.00 per hour
Bethany Ordonez	Teaching Assistant	$25.00 per hour
Wendy Waczek	Teaching Assistant	$25.00 per hour
Rosita Mallo	Coordinator	$40.00 per hour
Sleepy Hollow Middle & High School (Funded by Extended School Day Grant)		
Judith Kaas	Teacher	$35.00 per hour
W.L. Morse School		
Tonya Richardson	Teacher	$35.00 per hour

After School Program:
M. Ocasio
N. Gross
P. Maceyak
J. Villanueva
C. Acampora
S. Cunningham
R. Rabadi
B. Ordonez
W. Waczek
R. Mallo
J. Kaas
T. Richardson

Extension unpaid LOA:
D. Wagner-O'Meara
P. Rubino

RESOLVED: That, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby grants an extension of an unpaid childcare leave of absence to Denise Wagner-O'Meara from November 29, 2008 through January 2, 2009.

RESOLVED: That, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby grants an extension of an unpaid childcare leave of absence to Patricia Rubino, Elementary Teacher - Washington Irving School, effective December 16, 2008 through June 30, 2009.

Termination of employment: D. Osborn

RESOLVED: That, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby terminates the probationary employment of the following staff member, effective November 7, 2008:

Diane Osborn, Teacher Aide – Tappan Hill School

STUDENT PERSONNEL CSE/CPSE

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 Motions, as listed:

RESOLVED: That the Board of Education accepts the recommendations from the Committee on Special Education (CSE) at its August 26; September 17, 24, 25; October 6, 8, 14, 15, 22, 2008 meetings and the Committee on Preschool Special Education (CPSE) at its September 18; October 7, 2008 meetings, as attached (Appendix #1). Discussion followed.

RESOLVED: That, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby appoints the following students to employment through Project You, at a rate of $1.00 - $3.00 per hour, per student, for the 2008/2009 school year. Discussion followed.

Project YOU

Student number #:	000006188	9810
	19028	19611
	000020069	20962
	20030	080060009
	7376	000020639
	000018794	00009456

FINANCE/FACILITIES: Kaufman Tax. Cert

CARRIED 6-0

Trustee Laub 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 and Facilities Motion, as listed:

WHEREAS, law suits have been commenced to challenge the assessments on the property currently owned by Kaufman Tarrytown Co., Inc. having a street address of 57-59 and 69 North Broadway, Tarrytown and designated and described as Sheet 7, Block 23, Lots 13 & 15, 17 on the Tax Maps and Assessment Rolls of the Town of Greenburgh for assessment years 2002 through 2008; and

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

WHEREAS, the School District's counsel, the Town of Greenburgh Assessor and Deputy Town Attorney all 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
2002	$95,000.00	$90,400.00	$4,600.00	$393.5548	$ 1,810.35
2003	$95,000.00	$83,600.00	$11,400.00	$441.2900	$ 5,030.71
2004	$110,000.00	$76,440.00	$33,560.00	$497.4868	$16,695.66
2005	$110,000.00	$75,825.00	$34,175.00	$527.3400	$18,021.84
2006	$110,000.00	$71,675.00	$38,325.00	$574.4450	$22,015.60
2007	$110,000.00	$72,000.00	$38,000.00	$628.6296	$23,887.92
2008	$110,000.00	$75,480.00	$34,520.00	N/A	
				TOTAL	$87,462.09

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.

CARRIED 5-0-1 Yes: Trustees Conklin, Laub, Lillis, Nadile, Swibold
Abstain: Trustee Godwin

GENERAL:

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

Gift: Mimi & Howard Godwin

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

Mimi and Howard Godwin, a check in the amount of $6.000.00 to fund the 2008 Sleepy Hollow Holiday Boys & Girls Basketball Tournament to be held December 4th through December 6th. President Lillis thanked Mimi and Howard Godwin for their continued support and generous contribution. This is the 17th year the Godwins have supported this tournament.

CARRIED 6-0

Agreement: Pelham Art Center

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

RESOLVED: That the Board of Education is authorized and empowered to execute an agreement with Pelham Art Center, for artist in residence in the after school program at John Paulding School, at a fee of $1,182.50, effective November 19, 2008 through December 19, 2008. (Funded by 21st Century Grant)

E. Bruno

RESOLVED: That the Board of Education is authorized and empowered to execute an agreement with Erin Marie Bruno, to provide services for the Character Education Program at Sleepy Hollow Middle School, at a rate of $100 per hour, not to exceed 50 hours, effective November 7, 2008 through June 30, 2009. (Funded by Civility and Character Education Grant)

Trustee Godwin reported that SHHS is hosting an electronics recycling collection on Sat. Nov.8th from 9AM until noon. Proceeds from the drive will help fund the Green Science and Green Citizen Scholarships for college-bound Sleepy Hollow High School students.

CARRIED 6-0 9:15PM

Adjournment

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

Respectfully submitted,

Nelly Valentin
District Clerk

Appendices:
#1 CSE/CPSE Reports

Appendices