

July 6, 2006

A regular meeting of the Board of Education, Union Free School District of the Tarrytowns, was held on Thursday, July 6, 2006 in the Board Room of the Administration Building, commencing at 8:00PM.

Roll Call

Present: Mimi Godwin, Trustee
Sheila Conklin, Trustee
Craig Laub, Trustee
Marc Kirschner, Trustee
Joseph Lillis, Trustee
Vincent Nadile, Trustee
Paul Rode, Trustee

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

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

Call to
Order

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

Exec.
Session

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 7:30PM
No formal action was taken.

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

Return to
Public

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 8:34PM

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

Meditation
Pledge

President Godwin asked that the following be remembered: Joe Carmody, Principal
of the Morse School who recently passed away after a long illness.

President Godwin reported that she received a communication from a citizen that we
correct any inaccurate information that is published in the newspaper.

Citizens'
Comments

A citizen commented on the Dual Language Program and the new 4th grade teacher. He is
very concerned and submitted a petition to Dr. Smith and emailed the board members. He
feels that hiring a new teacher for this position will compromise the quality and success of
the program. He stated that this year the parents have been very pleased with the work of
Terri Huntington and Kim DelRosario, Morse Teachers, and feels the District should hire

an internal candidate. This would offer an easier transition to the Dual Language Program at WI.

President Godwin stated that personnel issues are not discussed in public and assured the citizen that the District is committed to finding the best candidate for the position.

A citizen commented on the recent edition of Tarrytown News and Views and questioned the new alternative program for 9th and 10th graders, who are likely to experience difficulty in meeting the demands of the traditional academic programs.

A citizen questioned several items on the agenda related to personnel and general items. Dr. Smith informed him that these are not new items, they are reappointments of existing services. The citizen also had questions related to an article that was published in the Journal News on 6/13/06 regarding SED violent incidents report.

Minutes:
6/13/06

Trustee Kirschner moved, seconded by Trustee Rode, that it be
RESOLVED: That the Board of Education, having received copies of the Special Public Meeting of June 13, 2006, approves same.

Superintendent's
Report

Dr. Smith acknowledged the parents who attended tonight's meeting on behalf of the Dual Language Program and assured everyone that the District will work hard to ensure the best possible arrangement for the school year.

Public Hearing:
Universal PreK

Dr. Smith announced that the groundbreaking ceremony is scheduled for July 11th at 7:30AM and invited the public to attend. Bids that were within budget have been awarded, and bids that were over budget were rejected. The District is in the process of seeking new bids. The work that will be done this summer is excavation work in front of the high school, in preparation for construction of the new west wing. Before the end of the summer, the District expects to award contracts for demolition work. A special public meeting is scheduled for July 13, 2006 and August 3, 2006 to award remaining bids.

Dr. Smith reported that tonight's Public Hearing is in conjunction with the requirements for the District to move ahead with the Universal Pre Kindergarten Program. The State Education Department made it known that it would no longer continue to set aside funding for PreK Universal Programs after this year, for those districts that choose not to take advantage of it. Since the State does not want to tie up the funding, it will reallocate the monies to districts who are willing to start a universal program. If districts do not take advantage of it now, they will lose the option going forward. Currently, the District has a targeted program, which is made available based on need and income. The Universal Program would be open to all, regardless of need. If the demand is greater than the number of slots available, then there would be a type of lottery mechanism for selecting participants.

The board gave their consensus to move forward with the Universal PreKindergarten Program. Discussion followed.

Dr. Smith presented a draft of the proposed goals for 2006/2007:

FACILITIES

- Appropriately manage construction work at SH and WI.
- Develop a plan for providing and maintaining school bus transportation following expiration of the district's current lease for bus parking and maintenance garage facilities on December 31, 2007.
- Develop a master plan for the district's outdoor athletics facilities.

CURRICULUM

- Conduct a study of best practices in middle level education, e.g. academic programs, study skill development, teaming, advisory, extra-curricular, etc., and evaluate implications for the creation of a 6-8 middle school
- Develop a five-year plan in conjunction with the upcoming Middle States Accreditation review for modification/expansion/reduction of existing high school programs and addition of new programs appropriate to a progressive, comprehensive 21st century high school
- Pursue course of action necessary to earn College Board recertification
- Implement new K-6 handwriting and spelling programs
- Pilot new elementary science program
- Evaluate dual language program and determine if objectives will be met if the program ends with 4th grade
- Implement WISE program

INSTRUCTION

- Improve consistency and effectiveness of balanced literacy instruction in grades K-8
- Improve consistency and effectiveness of differentiated math instruction in grades K-6
- Develop teacher capacity to utilize Smart Board and other new technology to enhance instruction

ASSESSMENT

- Implement, evaluate, and refine new K-6 report cards

DATA MANAGEMENT

- Evaluate new student information system and make recommendations based on the results
- Evaluate district's ongoing data entry, management, and reporting responsibilities relative to both internal and SED requirements and develop a proposal for administration, staffing levels, distribution of responsibilities among staff, and training necessary to meet the requirements

STUDENT MANAGEMENT

- Reduce student tardiness, class cutting, and absenteeism at the middle and high school levels
- Monitor ongoing school climate initiatives

SPECIAL EDUCATION

- Expand and refine co-teaching model

BUDGET

- Work with the district's fiscal advisory committee to pursue initiatives designed to provide for a more equitable distribution of property tax dollars as well as lower property tax rate increases

COMMUNICATION

- Improve use of all available resources, with special emphasis on cable TV channel, in providing timely, appropriately informative communication to both targeted groups and the public in general with regard to school district activities
- Make effective use of newsletters, TV, web site in communicating with the public regarding the facilities project

Discussion followed.

Trustee Laub moved, seconded by Trustee Conklin, that Policy #6640 – Inventory Policy – is discussed for the third time and adopted. Discussion followed.

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 accepts the following resignations:

Christine Piucci, Office Assistant (A/S), in the Office of Instruction and Personnel, effective June 30, 2006, after ten months of service.

Anne Lillis, Director of Pupil Personnel Services, effective July 30, 2006 after five years of service.

John Kaste, Assistant Principal, effective July 1, 2006, after six years of service.

Desiree Darlyn, teaching assistant – Washington Irving Intermediate School, effective August 31, 2006, after two years of service.

Edward Powell, teaching assistant – SHMS/HS, effective August 31, 2006, after two years of service.

Lucinda Barnett, Bus Attendant, effective June 23, 2006, after years of service.

Clarence Barnett, Bus Driver, effective June 23, 2006, after years of service.

Rachel Gonzalez from the position of Elementary Teacher – WI, effective July 1, 2006.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

In accordance with Policy #9020, be it

RESOLVED: That, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby appoints the following instructional staff for the 2006/2007 school year:

Staff Appts.

C. Markey

Christine Markey, Special Education Teacher
 Assignment: Sleepy Hollow Middle School
 Type of Appointment: Probationary
 Probationary Period: September 1, 2006 through August 31, 2008
 Tenure Area: Special Education
 Certification: NYS Provisional Certification, Special Education, PreK-6
 Education: Marymount College, Tarrytown, New York- BS
 Experience: Sleepy Hollow Middle/High School, Sleepy Hollow, NY
 Special Education Teacher – 1 year
 Byram Hills School District, Byram Hills, NY
 Special Education Teacher – 1 year
 Salary: BA, Step 2 (\$50,075)

M. Markard

Mariann Markard, Science Teacher
 Assignment: Sleepy Hollow Middle/High School
 Type of Appointment: Leave Replacement .4 (Part-time .6)
 Probationary Period: September 1, 2006 through June 30, 2007
 Certification: NYS Permanent Certification, Mathematics 7-12,
 Physics 7-12
 Education: Pace University, Pleasantville, New York - Advanced
 Certificate
 Polytechnic University, Brooklyn, New York - MS
 Manhattan College, Bronx, New York - BE
 Experience: New Paltz High School, New Paltz, New York
 Physics/Math Teacher - 3 years
 Salary: MA+60, Step 4 (\$74,759)

E. Hickey

Elisabeth Hickey, Gifted/Talented Teacher
 Assignment: W.L. Morse School
 Type of Appointment: Probationary
 Probationary Period: September 1, 2006 through August 31, 2008
 Tenure Area: Elementary
 Certification: NYS Permanent Certification, N-6
 Education: Fordham University, New York, New York - MST
 Vassar College, Poughkeepsie, New York - BA
 Experience: Byram Hills School District, Armonk, New York
 Elementary Teacher – 8 years
 Southern Westchester BOCES, Rye Brook, New York
 Enrichment Teacher – 3 years
 Salary: MA, Step 6 (\$70,300)

P. Kennedy

Peter Kennedy, English Teacher

Assignment: Sleepy Hollow Middle/High School
 Type of Appointment: Leave Replacement
 Effective: September 1, 2006 through June 30, 2007
 Certification: NYS Initial Certification, English 7-12 pending
 Education: SUNY Purchase, Purchase, New York - BA
 Experience: Irvington Middle School, Irvington, New York
 English Teacher – 1 year
 Village Homeschool Collective, Nyack, New York
 English/History Teacher – 1 year
 Salary: BA, Step 1 (\$47,830)

Monique Poriss-Gonzalez, Personnel Assistant in the Office of Instruction and Personnel, provisional appointment in accordance with Civil Service Rules and Regulations, 7 hours per day, 12 months per year, at a salary of \$45,000, (prorated salary from July 10, 2006 through June 30, 2007 will be \$44,000), effective July 10, 2006. This position is deemed confidential by the New York State Public Employees Relations Board. (Replacement)

RESOLVED: That, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby appoints the following staff to continued employment for the 2006/07 school year:

Susan Gitlitz-Tucker, Even Start Coordinator, at a salary of \$79,063, effective July 1, 2006 through June 30, 2007. (Grant Funded)

Nancy de la Cruz Arroyo, Coordinator of Grant Funded Programs, at a salary of \$86,320, effective July 1, 2006 through June 30, 2007. (Grant Funded)

Charles Scarpulla, Athletic Director - .8FTE, at a salary of \$90,000, effective July 1, 2006 through June 30, 2007.

Vickie Swift, Coordinator of Substitute Services, at a stipend of \$18,000, effective September 1, 2006 through June 30, 2007.

RESOLVED: That, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby appoints the following to Elementary Special Education Summer School 2006 position, effective July 3, 2006 through August 14, 2006:

Darlene Sahawneh	Substitute Teaching Assistant	\$49.80 per diem
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Student Worker:

R. Johnson

RESOLVED: That, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby appoints the following student to Summer 2006 employment, effective July 3, 2006 through August 18, 2006.

Rebecca Tinsley Johnson Clerical \$9.00 per hour

RESOLVED: That, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby appoints the following to Secondary Summer School 2006 positions, effective July 3, 2006 through August 14, 2006:

Jane Lewinter	Mathematics Teacher	\$2,127 per session
Brooke Ashe	History Teacher	\$2,127 per session
Patricia Maceyak	RCT Review Course	\$54.54 per session
Charisse Ninah	Teaching Assistant	\$1,554 per session

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 2006/2007 school year:

Monica Shipley	Long Term Substitute Teacher	\$150 per diem (1 st 30 working days) \$250 per diem (after 30 working days)
Veronica Hiciano	Bus Driver	\$18.36 per hour

RESOLVED: That, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby appoints the following to the 21st Century Middle School Summer Program, effective July 5, 2006 through August 10, 2006: (21st Century Grant funded)

21st Century Program

Darlene Polanco	Teaching Assistant	\$16 per hour
Thomas Mormile	Technology Teacher	\$40 perhour

WCF Fit Kids Grant

John Augusta	Fitness Instructor	\$20 per hour
Tom Mc	Self Defense Instructor	\$65 per hour
Anu Singh	Nutritionist	\$105 per session (not to exceed six sessions)

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

Rich Scamarone, from Assistant Varsity Soccer Coach (Boys) to Head Varsity Soccer Coach (Boys), for the Fall 2006 season, at a stipend of \$6,974.

Part-time staff

Summer

RESOLVED: That, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby appoints the following instructional/non-instructional part-time staff to continued employment for the 2006-2007 school year, as per the attached list: (Appendix #1)

RESOLVED: That, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby appoints the following students to Summer 2006 employment, effective June 26, 2006 through August 25, 2006, as per the attached list: (Appendix #2)

RESOLVED: That, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby grants an unpaid child care leave of absence to Jennifer Siciliano, English Teacher – SHMS/HS, effective September 1, 2006 through June 30, 2007.

RESOLVED: That, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby appoints Alison Paul to a contract as a Grant Writer/Arts Developer for the 2006-2007 school year, to be jointly funded by the School District and the Foundation for the Public Schools of the Tarrytowns. The district’s share of her fee for 2006-07 will be \$67,006, with the understanding that the contribution from the Foundation will be \$15,000. Additional days for summer work, at a rate of \$400 per diem, not to exceed ten days, for July and August 2006.

RESOLVED: That, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby approves the salary contract for Nelly Valentin, Secretary to the Superintendent of Schools, for the 2006/2007 school year.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Trustee Kirschner moved, seconded by Trustee Nadile, that
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 March 15, 22, 29; April 6; May 10, 17, 24, 31, June 2, 7, 9, 14, 16, 21, 22 meetings, and the Committee on Preschool Special Education (CPSE) at its May 12, 15; June 15, 2006 meetings, as attached (Appendix #3).

RESOLVED: That the Board of Education accepts the recommendations from the Committee on Special Education and Sub-Committee on Special Education (CSE & Sub-CSE) for summer eligible students per the 2006 Annual Review meetings as attached (Appendix #4)

RESOLVED: That the Board of Education hereby appoints Wendy Brandenburg as an Impartial Hearing Officer for the hearing that has been requested by the parents of a student with ID#19951, regarding the provision of special education and related services to such student.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Food Service
Contract:

Whitsons

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

RESOLVED: That, as a result of competitive bidding pursuant to Section 103 of the General Municipal Law, and upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education awards the contract for the “2006-2007 Food Service Management Operations” to Whitsons Food Service Corporation, 379 Oakwood Road, Huntington Station, New York 11746, at a meal cost of \$1.8003.

WHEREAS, law suits have been commenced to challenge the assessments on the property owned by Bayer Healthcare, LLC formerly known as Bayer Corporation, having a street address of 511 Benedict Avenue, Tarrytown and designated and described as Volume 7, Section 19, Sheet 2, Lot 101-2 on the Tax Maps and Assessment Rolls of the Town of Greenburgh for assessment years 2001 through 2005; and

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

WHEREAS, several meetings 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 law suit with the following reduction in assessed values:

<u>Year</u>	<u>Original AV</u>	<u>Corrected AV</u>	<u>Reduction</u>
2001	\$2,570,445	\$2,147,000	\$423,445
2002	\$2,570,445	\$1,819,300	\$751,145
2003	\$2,570,445	\$1,755,600	\$815,845
2004	\$2,570,445	\$1,638,000	\$932,445
2005	\$2,570,445	\$1,583,900	\$986,545

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.

Issuance of
 Serial Bonds

RESOLVED: That, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, and as approved by voter resolution, the Board of Education authorizes the purchase of various vehicles for use by the District, at the estimated cost of \$329,000, and the purchase of

various computer technology and related equipment, at the estimated maximum cost of \$518,000; stating the estimated total cost thereof is \$847,000; appropriating said amount therefore, and authorizing the issuance of \$847,000 serial bonds of the District to finance said appropriation, as per the detailed attached resolution (Appendix #5), as recommended by our bonding attorney Hawkins, Delafield & Wood.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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 Donna Klein & Associates, Inc., as consultant to provide occupational therapy services, at a rate of \$90 per hour, not to exceed \$100,000, for the 2006/07 school year.

RESOLVED: That the Board of Education is authorized and empowered to execute an agreement with Holistic Learning Center as Consultant to provide applied behavior analysis and staff consultation, at a rate of \$135.00 per hour, not to exceed \$80,000, for the 2006/07 school year.

RESOLVED: That the Board of Education is authorized and empowered to execute an agreement with Brain Builders as Consultant to provide summer speech/language services, at a rate of \$115.00 per hour, not to exceed \$15,000, effective July 3, 2006 through August 14, 2006.

RESOLVED: That the Board of Education is authorized and empowered to execute an agreement with Madeline Reich, as consultant to provide hearing impaired services, at a rate of \$100 per hour, not to exceed \$75,000, for the 2006/07 school year.

RESOLVED: That the Board of Education is authorized and empowered to execute an agreement with Centris Group for IEP Direct software license and support services, not to exceed \$12,000 for the 2006/07 school year.

RESOLVED: That the Board of Education is authorized and empowered to execute an agreement with Suzanne Pinto, Physical Therapist, at a rate of \$120.00 per hour, not to exceed \$85,000 for the 2006/07 school year.

RESOLVED: That the Board of Education is authorized and empowered to execute an agreement with Judy Strauss-Schwartz, Vision Specialist, at a rate of \$155.00 per hour, not to exceed \$25,000 for the 2006/07 school year.

RESOLVED: That the Board of Education is authorized and empowered to execute an agreement with Learning Shop, Inc., for Home Instruction, at a rate of \$50.00 per hour, not to exceed \$60,000 for the 2006/07 school year.

Learning Shop

A.F. Investigations

T. Sadler-
Hormazabal

RESOLVED: That the Board of Education is authorized and empowered to execute an agreement with A. F. Investigations, for field investigation, at a rate of \$50.00 per hour, not to exceed \$5,000 for the 2006/07 school year.

RESOLVED: That, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby appoints Tracy Sadler-Hormazabal, as tutor for the hearing impaired, at a rate of \$50 per hour, not to exceed \$600, for the 2006/2007 school year.

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

- a. Westchester Community Foundation, a check in the amount of \$7,500, to be used to help underwrite the cost of the daytime early childhood educator.
- b. Tarrytown’s Post No. 1939 – V.F.W., a check in the amount of \$100, to be used to support the SHHS Band Program.
- c. Francis P. and Frances A. Manfredi, five air conditioning units, to be used at Tappan Hill School.

President Godwin acknowledged the above contributions. The District is thankful for their support.

President Godwin recognized Marc Kirschner for his work as Vice-President of the Board. She thanked him for his wonderful support for the Board and community and stated that his assistance has been invaluable to her personally.

President Godwin thanked Nelly Valentin for doing a great job on her first organization meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The Treasurer’s Report dated May 2006, is filed with these minutes as Appendix #6.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9:50PM
Respectfully submitted,

Nelly Valentin
District Clerk

Appendices:

- #1 Part time staff
- #2 Summer 2006 student employees
- #3 CSE/CPSE
- #4 List of special education students for summer school
- #5 Issuance of Serial Bonds

