

A regular meeting of the Board of Education, Union Free School District of the Tarrytowns, was held on Thursday, April 12, 2007, in the Board Room of the Administration Building, commencing at 8:00 PM.

Present: Mimi Godwin, President
Sheila Conklin, Trustee
Craig Laub, Trustee
Vincent Nadile, Trustee (arrived 7:36PM)
Paul Rode, Trustee

Absent: B. Joseph Lillis, Vice President
Marc Kirschner, Trustee

Also present: Howard W. Smith, Superintendent of Schools
Barbarann Tantillo, Assistant Superintendent
Andrew V. LaBella, Business Manager
Liz Irwin, A.U.S.S.I.E. Consultant
Nelly Valentin, District Clerk

President Godwin called the meeting to order at 7:15PM.

Trustee Conklin moved, seconded by Trustee Rode, that it be
RESOLVED: That the Board goes into executive session to discuss recommendations from the Committee on Special Education, Committee on Preschool Special Education, particular personnel matters and matters related to negotiations.

CARRIED 4-0 7:15PM
No formal action was taken.

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

CARRIED 5-0 8:05PM

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:
The uncle of Kathia Javier, teaching assistant at Tappan Hill School and Tony Apuzzo, former Sleepy Hollow High School graduate and son of Sue and Ed Apuzzo.

Dr. Tantillo introduced Liz Irwin, A.U.S.S.I.E. Consultant, who gave a powerpoint presentation on the Math Program. Topics included:

- Professional Learning Communities: Beliefs and Principles
- Assessment Literacy
- Classroom Teaching
- Intervention and Assistance
- School and Classroom Organization
- Recommended Future Actions

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Discussion followed. President Godwin thanked Ms. Irwin for an informative presentation.

A citizen commented on the SEQRA resolution that was voted on by the Board at the March 24th budget work session meeting.

A citizen commented on the budget adoption process and questioned the rationale for the mandated public hearing on May 3rd.

A citizen commented on the synthetic turf fields proposition.

CARRIED 5-0

Trustee Nadile moved, seconded by Trustee Conklin, that it be
RESOLVED: That the Board of Education, having received copies of the minutes of the regular meeting of March 22, 2007 approves as amended.

CARRIED 5-0

Trustee Conklin moved, seconded by Trustee Nadile, that it be
RESOLVED: That the Board of Education, having received copies of the minutes of the budget work session meeting of March 24, 2007 approves as amended.

President Godwin reported that she received a concern from a citizen regarding the signage on the fences at the Morse and Washington Irving Schools. Many of the signs are outdated and do not stay up properly on the fence. President Godwin reported that Tarrytown does have a village board, on McKeel Avenue, for posting of events. Dr. Smith reported that the District will monitor signs that are posted on these fences. Discussion followed.

Dr. Smith announced that the Westchester Putnam School Boards Association Anniversary Dinner will be held on Thursday, May 17th. He indicated if anyone is interested in attending, please inform the District Clerk.

Dr. Smith announced the following good news items:

- The Sleepy Hollow Jazz Fest is scheduled for Friday, April 13th at 7:00PM at the Tarrytown Music Hall.
- Sleepy Hollow High School junior, Melissa Melendez, was named Youth of the Year by the Northern Westchester Boys and Girls Club. She will compete in the state recognition in Albany next week.
- The superintendent now has a blog.
- Delegates to this years Angelo del Toro Puerto Rican Hispanic Youth Leadership Institute are Juan Rodriguez and Emily Santana, who will serve as an alternate.
- The following Sleepy Hollow High School students received awards:
 - Jenny Aguilar took 2nd place in the Upstate Junior Science and Humanities Symposium in the area of Biology/Medicine.
 - Gabe Plano became a finalist at the New York State Science and Engineering Fair at Columbia University in NYC. He will be competing at the Intel ISEF in New Mexico in May.

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- Chelsea Schoen and Rosa Bauer-Moshi took 2nd place in the team category at the New York State Science and Engineering Fair and are alternates to the Intel ISEF competition. Trustee Conklin commented that the courses that the students participate in is a college credit course through SUNY Albany.
- Some of the college acceptances for the class of 2007 include the following: Cornell, Brown, Boston College, VASSAR, Northwestern, Dartmouth, Princeton, NYU, Stanford, MIT.

Dr. Smith gave a PowerPoint presentation on the proposed budget for 2007-2008. He reported that the budget process began last fall and culminated with three budget work sessions in March 2007. The Board will be voting tonight to adopt the budget. Topics included:

- Current vs Proposed Budgets
- Current vs Projected Revenue
- Contract for Excellence
- Estimated Property Tax Impact
- Budget Increase Breakdown
- Budget Increase Comparisons
- Tax Rate Impact Factors
- Enrollment Growth
- Proposed Staffing Changes
- Enrollment vs Staffing Increases 2001-02 to 2006-07
- Budget Notes
- Standards Supported by Budget
- Measures Necessary to Reduce Budget Further
- Propositions
- Synthetic Turf Field Rationale
- Synthetic Turf Fields: Projected Budget and Tax Impact
- Per Pupil Expense Rankings - Westchester/Putnam Counties
- Cost Per Pupil: Trend from 2001 to 2006
- Regional Per Pupil Revenue Rankings
- Tax Burden vs Tax Rate Rankings: Trend from 2001 to 2006
- Greenburgh Assessables
- Mt. Pleasant Assessables
- Improving Tax Base
- Budget Process

Discussion followed.

Dr. Smith gave an update on the Sleepy Hollow facilities project. The steel framework is going up for the new gymnasium and the steel framework for the auditorium will be done next. The concrete slabs are complete in the gymnasium and auditorium areas. Electrical work and pipe work is being done. The contractors are working on the front retaining walls and the areas that will become the stairs and ramps in the building. Construction of the masonry walls for the exterior of the building will begin in May. The contractors completed the work of connecting the feeder drains to the main drains and into the front retention basin during the April break. Overall, the project is approximately one month behind schedule.

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President Godwin commented that it is exciting to see the construction taking place. Trustee Rode commented that the project appears to be going well.

A citizen commented that the Board should consider noting the length of time that consultants need to make presentations by listing it on the agenda.

CARRIED 5-0

In accordance with Policy #9020

Trustee Conklin 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 Personnel Motions, as listed:

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

Noriko Sueyoshi, Teacher Aide – W.L. Morse, effective April 2, 2007, after one year of service.
Jennifer Siciliano, English Teacher – SHHS, effective August 31, 2007, after one year of service.

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:

Rebecca O' Brien	Teacher	\$80 per diem
Maria DeMaio	Teacher	\$80 per diem
Heydi Rodriguez	Teacher	\$80 per diem
Katie Naber	Teacher	\$80 per diem

RESOLVED: That, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby grants an unpaid childcare leave of absence to Jennifer DalCeredo, Reading Teacher – W.L. Morse School, effective June 20, 2007 through January 1, 2008.

RESOLVED: That, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby grants an unpaid child care leave of absence to Luz Guzman, teaching assistant – TH, effective May 15, 2007 through June 30, 2007 and September 1, 2007 through September 28, 2007.

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 Mayerlin Strippoli, Elementary Teacher – WI, effective September 1, 2007 through November 30, 2007.

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 Robin Suarez, Special Education Teacher – TH, effective September 1, 2007 through June 30, 2008.

RESOLVED: That, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby extends the probationary period of Vanessa Franco, Spanish Teacher – W.L. Morse School, through August 31, 2008.

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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 2006/2007 school year (21st Century Grant funded):

Washington Irving School
Lyn Dalton Teacher \$35 per hour

CARRIED 5-0

Trustee Conklin 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 Student Personnel Motions, as listed:

RESOLVED: That the Board of Education accepts the recommendations from the Committee on Special Education (CSE) at its February 28; March 7, 14, 21, 2007 meetings, and the Committee on Preschool Special Education (CPSE) at its March 2, 9, 2007 meetings, as attached (Appendix #1).

RESOLVED: That the Board of Education accepts the recommendations from the Committee on Special Education (CSE) at its April 10, 2007 meeting, as attached (Appendix #2).

RESOLVED: That the Board of Education hereby appoints the members of the attached list of Building Sub-Committees on Special Education for the purpose of conducting annual reviews. (Appendix #3)

CARRIED 5-0

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 Finance and Facilities Motions, as listed:

RESOLVED: That the Board of Education will place the following proposition on the ballot for this year's annual election and budget vote to be held on May 15, 2007.

Shall the Board of Education of this school district be authorized to expend the sums set forth in the 2007-2008 annual budget in the amount of \$55,584,650, and to levy the necessary tax thereof?

CARRIED 5-0

Trustee Nadile 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 General Motions, as listed.

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RESOLVED: That the President of the Board of Education is authorized and empowered to execute an Inter-Municipal agreement between the Union Free School District of the Tarrytowns and Westchester County for access to telecommunications services through the County's agreement with Cablevision Lightpath, Inc., dated March 2, 2000, subject to the approval of district's counsel. Discussion followed.

RESOLVED: That, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby approves the merger of the Sleepy Hollow and Irvington High Schools Girls' Swimming Team for the 2007-2008 school year and authorizes the President of the Board of Education and the Superintendent of Schools to sign the appropriate Section One merger form.

RESOLVED: That the Board of Education is authorized and empowered to execute an agreement with Vivian Sebastian, to serve as the Health Services Partnership Coordinator, at a rate of \$30 per hour, not to exceed \$1,950, for the 2006-07 school year. (Funded by the Westchester County Health Grant)

RESOLVED: That the Board of Education is authorized and empowered to execute an agreement with Rocio Castenada, to provide childcare services through the Health Services Partnership, at a rate of \$15 per hour, not to exceed \$1,540, for the 2006-07 school year. (Funded by the Westchester County Health Grant)

RESOLVED: That the Board of Education is authorized and empowered to execute an agreement with Lourdes Parra to provide the following services through the Health Services Partnership:

Childcare services, at a rate of \$15 per hour, not to exceed \$540, for the 2006-07 school year. (Funded by the Westchester County Health Grant)

Outreach services, at a rate of \$20 per hour, not to exceed \$500, for the 2006-07 school year. (Funded by the Westchester County Health Grant)

Clerical services, at a rate of \$20 per hour, not to exceed \$3,320, for the 2006-07 school year. (Funded by the Westchester County Health Grant)

CARRIED 5-0

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

CARRIED 5-0

9:35PM
Respectfully submitted,

Nelly Valentin
District Clerk

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Appendices:

#1 – CSE/CPSE Reports

#2 - CSE Report

#3 - Members of Building Sub-Committees for Special Education