

**MINUTES: SPECIAL BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
THURSDAY, MARCH 20, 2003 - 5:30 p.m.
HAVILAND MIDDLE SCHOOL**

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Motion made by Mr. Kinne, seconded by Mr. Sheehan, and carried, to return to regular session at 7:10 p.m. Ayes: 7 **REGULAR SESSION**

The Board meeting reconvened in the School's auditorium, where the Pledge of Allegiance was recited by those in attendance. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Mrs. Greenly announced that she will not seek re-election to the Board of Education at the expiration of her term of office in June based on personal family reasons. She expressed her sincere thanks to everyone, as it has been honor to serve the students, staff and community during her past six years on the Board. Mrs. Greenly received a standing ovation from those in attendance. **MRS. GREENLY WILL NOT SEEK RE-ELECTION TO THE BOE**

PRIDE IN HPCSD was postponed this evening **PRIDE IN HYDE PARK CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT**

Mrs. Greenly suggested that the Board extend the Public Participation segment of the meeting as the meeting tonight was originally scheduled as a budget workshop session. It was decided to limit the session to non-budget related topics, to extend the comment period to 45 minutes and then revisit it at that point in time. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: NON-BUDGET RELATED**

Motion made by Mr. Seagren, seconded by Mr. Kinne, and carried, for *Public Participation* at 7:15 p.m. Ayes: 7

The following people addressed the Board of Education:

Mr. Paul Prentice (Resident): Stated that he still has not received a response to his *FOIL request on five simple items* and encouraged the Board to see that he is given an answer.

Mr. Dan Kuffner (President of the Hyde Park Teachers' Association): Thanked Mrs. Greenly for six years of dedicated service. Mr. Kuffner also advised that there will be a rally for public education on May 3rd in Albany. He will be providing the Board with information as it develops.

Motion made by Mr. Duffy, seconded by Mr. Kinne, and carried, to return to regular session at 7:17 p.m. Ayes: 7 **REGULAR SESSION**

Mr. Burpee commented on the following:

- # Roosevelt High School students scored third in the DUSO Math League and qualified four students for the state tournament.
- # Information has been sent home to parents concerning the District's action plan during this time of war. Any additional information can be obtained by viewing the District's website and/or calling the weather phone line.
- # Recent developments and news regarding State aid and the State budget were provided.

REPORTS

**SUPERINTENDENT'S
COMMENTS**

Mr. Burpee presented a listing of the additional personnel positions at a total cost impact of \$477,982, the reductions of positions totaling \$654,562 and other expenditure reductions of \$1,092,191 that are being considered for the 2003/2004 school year budget. These changes would reflect an expenditure increase of 4.40%, with a tax levy increase of 11.99%. Mr. Burpee also provided a summary of the proposed budget of approximately \$54.2 million.

**PROPOSED
PERSONNEL
CHANGES FOR THE
2003/2004
SCHOOL YEAR**

The impact of an austerity (contingency) budget was also reviewed, which would mean an additional \$1.3 million expenditure reductions in the proposed budget, reflecting a tax levy increase of 7.97%.

Motion made by Mr. Sheehan, seconded by Mr. Seagren, and carried, for Public Participation at 8:10 p.m. for the audience to comment on the presentation. Ayes:
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**PUBLIC
PARTICIPATION:
BUDGET RELATED**

Many comments were received from parents, who spoke in support of full-day kindergarten and the Extended Day programs and from students regarding their support for sports and co-curriculum activities. All speakers noted the benefits derived from these programs and the rationale for keeping them in next year's budget.

Mrs. Dianne Knapp (Ralph R. Smith Elementary School teacher)

Mr. Dan Kuffner (Hyde Park Teachers' Association president)

Addressed the Board regarding the importance of keeping a quality educational program for students.

PUBLIC
PARTICIPATION

Mrs. Megan Cirrincione (Hyde Park Elementary School teacher): Spoke in support of the school secretary position at the School that was also listed as a reduction in the personnel presentation this evening.

Mrs. Mary Pat Sternberg (Hyde Park Elementary School teacher, resident, parent): Stated that the cuts presented impact kids and to look in other areas for reductions; i.e., administration. She spoke in support of the areas previously mentioned, as well as the flex nurse.

Ms. Pamela Woodward (Netherwood Elementary School library media specialist) and

Mrs. Alice Dawson (North Park Elementary School library media specialist)

Both spoke about the library program and asked the Board to keep the library aides.

Mrs. Terri Hein (Violet Avenue Elementary School PTA president): Spoke in support of full-day kindergarten, the Extended Day program, summer school and custodial staff for the buildings.

Mrs. Lisa Foster (Resident, Employee, Member of the District Arts Parents): Would like to see the District give the voters an opportunity to vote on a quality educational budget.

Mrs. Betsey Shea (Hyde Park Elementary PTA): Also feels it is important to get the taxpayers behind the budget.

Mr. Tim Liebrand (Former Board member): Stated that people should look at the small difference in the costs of the different options presented.

Mrs. Miriam Strauss (Parent): Spoke about her lobbying efforts in Albany and suggested that people write to Senator Saland.

Mrs. Linda Marquis (Parent): Stated that *the kids are getting hit the hardest with the budget reductions*, talked about the impact of cutting sports and urged the Board to support the kids.

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REGULAR SESSION

The Board thanked everyone for coming out this evening to speak about the proposed budget and urged them to attend future Board meetings to hear discussions about the budget.

Mrs. Greenly left the meeting at 9:10 p.m.

MRS. GREENLY
LEAVES THE
MEETING

Mr. Kinne presided over the remainder of the meeting.

MR. KINNE
PRESIDES

A five-minute recess was held.

RECESS

Ms. Kimberly Hunt provided a presentation regarding summer school and covered the areas of eligibility, enrollment, duration and staffing. The overall estimated cost of the summer school program for Summer 2002 was \$101,625 vs. \$99,250 for Summer 2003. Ms. Hunt also reviewed various considerations, such as: less number of student retentions, complies with the AIS state mandate, and generates the interest of the High School staff in teaching summer school.

SUMMER SCHOOL
BUDGET:
MS. KIMBERLY
HUNT, ROOSEVELT
HIGH SCHOOL
PRINCIPAL

The Board thanked Ms. Hunt for the report.

Mr. Stephen Hughes provided an introduction to the new Comprehensive Attendance Policy regulations, with the objectives *to ensure sufficient pupil attendance at all periods of instruction and study to enable students to succeed in school; to establish a practical mechanism for accounting for the whereabouts of each student throughout the school day; and to maintain adequate records to satisfy Education Law (Section 3205) and to facilitate detecting trends in the attendance of individual students and groups of students.*

DISTRICT
ATTENDANCE
POLICY AND COST
IMPACT:
MR. STEPHEN
HUGHES
AND
MR. VICTOR
DEBONIS

Mr. Hughes reviewed the time line for adoption and the implementation during the 2003/2004 school year and the various elements and components of the Policy.

Mr. Victor DeBonis reviewed the cost impact of implementing the policy in terms of staffing, equipment (computers and wiring) and software for the 2003/2004 and 2004/2005 school years.

Various considerations and decisions need to be made relative to the financial impact during the development of next year's budget and the adoption / implementation of the policy.

Mr. Douglas Mayen presented an overview of the Facilities & Operations budget for the 2002/2003 school year vs. the proposed 2003/2004 budget, which reflect a -2% decrease in the custodial area (\$1,012,780) and a -1% in the Maintenance budget (\$524,445).

**FACILITIES &
OPERATIONS
BUDGET FOR THE
2003/2004
SCHOOL YEAR:
MR. DOUGLAS
MAYEN,
SUPERVISOR OF
FACILITIES AND
OPERATIONS**

Mr. Mayen also provided a listing of the Capital project work which was approved by the voters over the past several years.

Mr. Mayen requested Board consideration of the following equipment items to be presented to the voters in the second proposition (to be included with the transportation purchases and bus replacements):

2 3500 Dodge Ram 1-ton cargo vans (gas-powered)	\$ 39,600.
1 65-HP tractor with loader/cab/snow plow/power take-off	36,802.
1 Toro Ground-master mower/tractor with cab & snow blower	25,232.
<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>\$101,634.</u>

Mr. Victor DeBonis provided a revised analysis of the fixed costs for the 2003/2004 budget and highlighted the following noteworthy areas: reduced energy costs and increased debt service reflect the impact of the energy performance contract project, total salaries have been reduced as a result of the changes reported in the additions/deletions of personnel positions, and the significant increase in employee benefits. Based on the information presented, the proposed 2003/2004 school year budget amounts to \$54,280,626, or a spending 4.40% increase.

**STATUS REPORT -
- FIXED COSTS:
MR. VICTOR
DEBONIS**

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Motion made by Mr. Seagren, seconded by Mr. Sheehan, to approve the extension of the agreement between the Hyde Park Central School District and Pepsi, based on previous information provided to the Board of Education.

**UNFINISHED
BUSINESS**

A question was raised regarding a contract vs. going out to bid for the beverage contract and also distribution of the monies.

**APPROVE
EXTENSION OF THE
AGREEMENT
BETWEEN THE
HYDE PARK
CENTRAL SCHOOL
DISTRICT AND
PEPSI**

VOTE

Ayes: 5 Mr. Duffy, Mr. Hughes, Mr. Kinne, Mr. Seagren, Mr. Watson

No: 1 Mr. Sheehan

Absent: 1 Mrs. Greenly

MOTION CARRIED.

Motion made by Mr. Sheehan, seconded by Mr. Hughes, and carried, to approve the following "New Business" matters:

NEW BUSINESS

1. To accept the minutes of the following Board meetings, based on information provided to the Board of Education, and place same on file.

**MINUTES:
FEBRUARY 27
AND
MARCH 12, 2003**

**February 27, 2003
March 12, 2003**

**Regular Monthly Meeting
Special Meeting / Executive Session**

2. To acknowledge receipt of the following Check Warrants, based on information provided to the Board of Education, and place same on file:

CHECK WARRANTS

FUND	WARRANT NO.	DATE	AMOUNT
General Fund (A)	115	02/20/03	\$199,352.08
General Fund (A)	116	02/25/03	\$ 50,417.42
General Fund (A)	117	02/27/03	\$136,027.29
Trust & Agency (TA) 118		02/27/03	\$ 84,338.82

Ayes: 6

Motion made by Mr. Seagren, seconded by Mr. Duffy, and carried, to approve / arrange for 38 special education placements, classifications and related services, as recommended by the Committee on Special Education and/or the PreSchool Committee on Special Education, and as reviewed by the Board's Sub-Committee on Special Education.

SPECIAL
EDUCATION
PLACEMENTS

Ayes: 6

Motion made by Mr. Sheehan, seconded by Mr. Watson, and carried, to approve the following New Business matters:

APPROVE COURT
ORDERED
PAYMENT OF TAX
ADJUSTMENT
REFUNDS

1. To approve the following court ordered payment of tax adjustment refunds, based on information provided to the Board of Education, and place same on file:

Town of Poughkeepsie

<u>Tax Year</u>	<u>Applicant</u>	<u>Refund</u>
1998	Herbert H. & Sue Ann Redl	\$ 3,522.10
1999	"	\$ 4,745.71
2000	"	\$ 4,872.26
	TOTAL	\$13,140.07

2. To accept the following monies for insurance recovery:
 - a. **\$9,903.34 from Zurich American Insurance Company** for bus damage that occurred on April 24, 2002, and further to appropriate such funds to Account Code A5510.410.10.9000; and
 - b. **\$4,805.46 from New York School Insurance Reciprocal** for bus damage that occurred on November 25, 2002, and further to appropriate such funds to Account Code A5510.412.10.9000.

ACCEPT MONIES
FOR INSURANCE
RECOVERY FROM
INSURANCE
COMPANIES

Ayes: 6

Motion made by Mr. Sheehan, seconded by Mr. Duffy, and carried, to approve the out-of-state field trip for 5th grade students at Ralph R. Smith Elementary School to the Maritime Center/Aquarium in Norwalk, Connecticut, on May 8, 2003, with approximately 84 students participating and accompanied by 3 teachers and 6 parent chaperones, with the admission fees and food funded through the Ralph R. Smith Elementary School PTA, at a cost to the District of two school buses.

APPROVE OUT-OF-STATE FIELD TRIP BY RALPH R. SMITH ELEMENTARY SCHOOL FIFTH GRADE STUDENTS

(Please note: This field trip is subject to current world events.)

The Board Policy Sub-Committee will be meeting on Monday, March 24th, at 4:45. Any suggestions from Board members regarding the field trip policy should be provided to Mr. Hughes or Mr. Kinne prior to the meeting.

Ayes: 6

Motion made by Mr. Sheehan, seconded by Mr. Seagren, and carried, to adopt the following resolutions relative to confidential student matters, based on information previously provided to the Board of Education:

ADOPT THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTIONS RELATIVE TO CONFIDENTIAL STUDENT MATTERS

a. **WHEREAS**, the parent of **Student No.1890**, a student with a disability, commenced impartial hearings on or about March 23, 2002 and August 12, 2002 with regard to the educational program and placement offered to that student: and

**STUDENT #1890
and
STUDENT #14972**

WHEREAS, the Board of Education is desirous of resolving the issues raised by that request for impartial hearing;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Hyde Park Central School District does hereby agree to appropriate the sum of \$76,250 in full settlement of all claims asserted in relation to that hearing, subject to suitable terms and conditions being negotiated by its attorneys; and further authorizes the Superintendent to execute any and all documents in connection with the settlement of that hearing.

b. **WHEREAS**, the parent of **Student No. 14927**, a student with a disability, commenced an impartial hearing on or about November 7, 2002 with regard to the educational program and placement offered to that student: and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education is desirous of resolving the issues raised by that request for impartial hearing;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Hyde Park Central School District does hereby agree to appropriate the sum of \$6,750 in full settlement of all claims asserted in relation to that hearing, subject to suitable terms and conditions being negotiated by its attorneys; and further authorizes the Superintendent to execute any and all documents in connection with the settlement of that hearing.

Ayes: 6

Motion made by Mr. Sheehan, seconded by Mr. Seagren, and carried, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve the following personnel matters:

**TEACHING
PERSONNEL**

TEACHING PERSONNEL

APPOINTMENTS

1. Approve the following teacher appointment:

NAME:	ELIZABETH LISKEY
Commencement Date:	March 14, 2003 – June 30, 2003
Tenure Area:	N/A
Tenure Date:	N/A
Certification Area:	Pre K, K and Grades 1-6/Special Education
Certification Status:	Provisional
Probationary/Perm. Sub:	Permanent Substitute
Salary:	A1 (\$36,960) <i>prorated</i>
Anticipated Location:	Hyde Park Elementary School
Assignment/FTE:	Elementary teacher/1.0 FTE
Replacing:	Jolene Plant (Disability/child care leave)

TEACHING PERSONNEL (Continued)

**TEACHING
PERSONNEL**

2. Approve the appointment of the following individual to be added to the list of **tutors** on an as needed basis for the 2002/2003 school year, at an hourly rate of \$21.00:

Robert J. Rice Certification Area: Pre K, K and Grades 1-6/Special Education

3. Amend the permanent substitute teaching appointment of **Meghan Conrad, special education teacher at Ralph R. Smith Elementary School:**

Commencement Date: From: March 10, 2003
To: February 24, 2003

LEAVES OF ABSENCE

1. Amend the disability leave of **Mary Jo Perrino, special education teacher at Ralph R. Smith Elementary School**, based on receipt of Physician's certification:

Original Start date: From: March 10, 2003
Changed: To: February 24, 2003, and

Original FMLA leave: From: March 10, 2003 – May 30, 2003
Changed: To: February 24, 2003 – May 23, 2003

2. Amend the disability leave of **Jolene Plant, elementary teacher at Hyde Park Elementary School**, based on receipt of Physician's certification:

Original Start date: From: March 19, 2003
Changed: To: March 3, 2003

Original FMLA leave: From: March 19, 2003 – June 18, 2003
Changed: To: March 3, 2003 – May 30, 2003

Ayes: 6, on all Teaching Personnel matters

Motion made by Mr. Sheehan, seconded by Mr. Watson, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve the following Support Staff personnel matter:

**SUPPORT STAFF
PERSONNEL**

SUPPORT STAFF PERSONNEL

APPOINTMENT

1. Approve the emergency conditional* appointment of the following out-of-district individual for the Extended Day program, effective March 17, 2003 for the remainder of the 2002 - 2003 school year:

NAME	Program	School	Hourly Rate
Trisha Johnson	SOAR	RRS	\$10.70

NOTE: *Emergency Conditional: Such appointments are subject to and shall not constitute employment by the District unless, and until, clearance for employment has been received relating to the fingerprinting and criminal history record check of the prospective school employee.

Ayes: 6, on the above Support Staff personnel matter.

Motion made by Mr. Sheehan, seconded by Mr. Seagren, and carried, for Public Participation at 11:07 p.m. Ayes: 6

**PUBLIC
PARTICIPATION**

Mrs. Fran White (Parent) asked: *Why didn't the Board have any discussion on the budget tonight?*

Motion made by Mr. Duffy, seconded by Mr. Seagren, and carried, to return to Regular Session at 11:08 p.m. Ayes: 6

**REGULAR SESSION
INFORMATION /
DISCUSSION**

The next Board of Education meeting is scheduled for Thursday, March 27th, at Haviland Middle School to discuss the budget and other agenda topics

**TOPICS FOR NEXT
BOARD MEETING**

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Two seats will be available this year as a result of the expiration of the terms of office of trustees: **Margaret A. Greenly and Stephen C. Hughes**. Term of office will commence July 1, 2003 and end June 30, 2006. Petitions may be picked up between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. at the office of Rose Mancuso, District Clerk, at the Administration Offices, and must be returned by 5:00 p.m. on Monday, April 21st with 51 signatures of qualified voters of the District. The District budget vote and Board member election is Tuesday, May 20th, 12 noon - 9:00 p.m. at Haviland Middle School gymnasium.

**NOMINATION
PETITIONS ARE
NOW AVAILABLE
FOR PERSONS
INTERESTED IN
SEEKING A THREE-
YEAR TERM OF
OFFICE ON THE
HYDE PARK BOARD
OF EDUCATION**

The Board scheduled **Monday, March 24th, 6:00 p.m. at the District Office**, to conduct an Executive Session to discuss the Superintendent's evaluation.

**SPECIAL MEETING
SCHEDULED:
MONDAY, MARCH
24th - BOE
EXECUTIVE
SESSION**

Being no further business, motion made by Mr. Duffy, seconded by Mr. Sheehan, and carried, to adjourn the meeting at 11:20 p.m.

ADJOURN

Ayes: 6

Respectfully Submitted,

Rose F. Mancuso, District Clerk