

HYDE PARK CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

**MINUTES: BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
5:30 p.m. EXECUTIVE SESSION
7:00 p.m. REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING
MARCH 27, 2008
FDR HIGH SCHOOL**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Ms. Sharon Matyas, President (left at 9:31 p.m.)
Mr. Daniel Duffy, Vice President
Mr. Douglas Hieter
Mr. Stephen Hughes
Mr. Timothy Liebrand, Sr.
Ms. Sharon Myers
Mr. Glenn Watson

MEMBERS ABSENT: NONE

OTHERS PRESENT: Mrs. Carole Pickering, Superintendent of Schools
Mr. Wayne Kurlander, Assistant Superintendent for Business
Ms. Cora Stempel, Assistant Superintendent for Instruction
& Personnel
Mr. Daniel Seyler-Wetzel, Assistant Superintendent for Pupil
Services
Ms. Deborah Reutzel, District Clerk
Staff and members of the community

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Education was called to order at 5:32 p.m. by Ms. Sharon Matyas, President of the Board. **CALL TO ORDER**

Motion made by Mr. Duffy, seconded by Mr. Liebrand, and carried for executive session at 5:32 p.m. to discuss confidential matters pertaining to the employment history/future employment of a particular person(s) and a confidential student matter pertaining to discipline. **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Ayes: 7 **MOTION CARRIED**

Motion made by Mr. Liebrand, seconded by Mr. Watson, and carried for regular session at 6:50 p.m. **REGULAR SESSION**

Ayes: 7 **MOTION CARRIED**

Those in attendance recited the Pledge of Allegiance. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The following modifications to the agenda were noted: **AGENDA MODIFICATIONS**

- The addition of a donation under item 12 (c)(5)

- Amendment to the appointment date of Dawn D'Elia, page 2 of attachment A
- Modification to agenda item 20

The agenda was adopted as modified on a resolution made by Mr. Liebrand, seconded by Mr. Duffy, and carried.

Ayes: 7 **MOTION CARRIED**

Barbara Marrine, FDR principal shared highlights of the school. She expressed pride in the professionalism and caring among faculty in helping students grow into respectful adults. She introduced the SOAR Program through a brief slide show. Participating teachers of the SOAR Program introduced students who shared some of their works from creative writing, art, debating and music.

**PRIDE IN HYDE
PARK**

Superintendent Pickering thanked all of the engineers who worked with the students in the past couple of weeks.

The superintendent's report will be reflected in presentations.

**SUPERINTENDENT'S
REPORT**

Motion made by Mr. Liebrand, seconded by Mr. Duffy, and carried for public participation at 7:41 p.m.

**PUBLIC
PARTICIPATION**

Ayes: 6 **MOTION CARRIED** (Mr. Hughes was unable to vote due to setting up video equipment for the taping of the meeting.)

Five community members, (two of whom are employed by the district) addressed the board. Topics included:

- Support for an additional administrator at the high school
- Support for playground equipment at the Ralph R. Smith Elementary School
- The need for further breakdown in the budget

Motion made by Mr. Duffy, seconded by Mr. Watson, and carried for regular session at 7:54 p.m.

**REGULAR
SESSION**

Ayes: 7 **MOTION CARRIED**

Presentations on a revised budget, the administrative, program and capital components of the budget and school bus replacement plan were given. Discussion was held on the budget. Specific areas discussed were:

**PRESENTATIONS

BOARD
DISCUSSION**

Fuel consumption and the lack of energy efficiency of heating systems
Proposed addition of positions – dean of students, guidance counselor, data specialist.

Board members requested additional information on budgeting for fuel. Mr. Duffy suggested using a portion of budgeted funds for heating oil to be used to have a heating analysis done

The board moved to new business at 9:58 p.m. The following board policies were discussed:

**NEW Business
BOARD
DISCUSSION**

- #2122 – Board Member Oath of Office – No changes recommended.
- #2130 – Board Member Resignation – No changes recommended.
- #2140 – Board Member Removal from Office – Referred to the board policy subcommittee for changes.
- #2150 – Unexpired Term Fulfillment – No changes recommended.
- #2160 – School Board Member Ethics – The regulation for the policy was referred to the board policy subcommittee for changes.
- #2170 – Board Member Conflict of Interest – Referred to the board policy subcommittee for changes to check for duplication of policy #2160 or inclusion in that policy.
- #2210 – Board Reorganizational Meeting – Referred to the board policy subcommittee for changes.

Motion made by seconded by Mr. Hughes, seconded by Mr. Hieter, to approve the consent agenda resolution for items listed under number 12:

**CONSENT AGENDA
RESOLUTION**

Mr. Hughes requested removal of the last line of donation item 12(c)(5). Mr. Hughes noted that the source of installation was not necessary for accepting the donation.

Vote taken to remove last line of donation:

Ayes: 6 **MOTION CARRIED**

Mr. Hughes motion to table moving the merger of the football team (item 12 d1) pending receipt of additional information from the athletic director. Mr. Hughes seconded the motion.

Vote taken to table the motion on the merger of the football team:

Ayes: 2 (Mr. Hughes, Mr. Hieter)
Opposed: 4 (Mr. Liebrand, Mr. Duffy, Ms. Myers, Mr. Watson)

MOTION DEFEATED

Mr. Hughes asked to remove item 12 d1, football merger. Mr. Liebrand motioned to move the consent agenda with the modification made to the donation and the football merger removed. Mr. Hughes seconded the motion.

Ayes: 6 **MOTION CARRIED**

a. Accept minutes of the March 6, 2008 special Board of Education Meeting and the March 13, 2008 regular Board of Education Meeting

ACCEPT MINUTES:

Resolved, that the Board of Education accept the minutes of the **March 6th and March 13th Board of Education Meetings**, based on information provided to the board and placed on file.

b. Acknowledge receipt of check warrants

**ACKNOWLEDGE
RECEIPT OF
CHECK WARRANTS**

Resolved, that the Board of Education acknowledges receipt of the following **check warrants**, based on information provided to the Board of Education and placed on file:

<u>FUND</u>	<u>WARRANT NO.</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
General Fund (A)	086	03/06/08	\$101,418.93
Capital (H) & Federal (F)	087	03/06/08	\$ 4,168.17
Trust & Agency (TA)	088	03/06/08	\$113,782.03
Federal, Capital, T&A & General	089	03/13/08	\$808,872.68
Food Service (C)	090	03/13/08	\$ 69,808.03

c. Accept donations

**ACCEPT
DONATIONS**

- 1) To accept a donation to the Hyde Park Central School District in the amount of **\$96.83** from **Target** to the **Ralph R. Smith Elementary School**; and further to increase the appropriated revenue code A510.2705 and expend funds from account code A2110.500031000.
- 2) To accept a donation to the Hyde Park Central School District in the amount of **\$442.00** from the **Netherwood PTA**; and further to increase the appropriated revenue code A510.2705 and expend funds from account code A2630.500045600.
- 3) To accept a donation to the Hyde Park Central School District from in the amount of **\$124.31** from **Target** to the **North Park Elementary School**; and further to increase the appropriated revenue code A510.2705 and expend funds from account code A2110.500091000.
- 4) To accept a donation to they Hyde Park Central School District in the amount of **\$255.00** from the **Hyde Park Music Parents Association, Inc.**; and further to increase the appropriated revenue code A510.2705 and expend funds from account code A960.2110490150000.

5) To approve a donation to the Hyde Park Central School District from **André and Janice Clarke and Stephen and Beth Ackerman** of a new sound system and its installation in the **North Park Elementary School cafetorium**, valued at **\$3,200**, based upon information received by the Board of Education and placed on file.

d. Accept athletic mergers

ATHLETIC
MERGERS

- 2) To accept the proposed boys swimming merger between the FDR High School and the Highland High School for the 2008-09 winter athletic season, based on information provided to the Board of Education and placed on file.

e. Accept financial reports

ACCEPT
FINANCIAL
REPORTS

MOTION: To accept the **treasurer's report, interest statement, trial balance report, comprehensive budget status report, revenue status report, and report on the general fund** for the months of **February 2008**, AND reports on the Food Service Fund, Special Aid Fund, Capital Fund, Debt Service Fund, and Trust & Agency Fund for **February 2008** based on information provided to the Board of Education and placed on file.

f. Approve Budget Transfers

MOTION: To approve budget transfers dated **September 4, 2007, December 7, 2007, January 3, 10, 17 and 29, 2008, and February 6, 12, 13, 14, 21, and 25,2008** Based on information provided to the Board of Education and placed on file.

g. APPROVE PERSONNEL MATTERS (See Attachment 3-27-08A)

- 1) ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF PERSONNEL
- 2) TEACHING STAFF PERSONNEL
- 3) SUPPORT STAFF PERSONNEL
- 4) CONFIDENTIAL/MANAGERIAL STAFF PERSONNEL (none on this agenda)

h. AWARD BIDS

MOTION: To award bids to the lowest responsible bidder, based on information provided to the Board of Education in **attachment 03-27-08B**, and placed on file.

Ayes: 6 MOTION CARRIED

Motion made by Mr. Liebrand, seconded by Mr. Watson, to approve accept the proposed football merger between the FDR High School and the Rhinebeck High School for the 2008-09 fall athletic season, based on information provided to the Board of Education and placed on file.

**FOOTBALL
MERGER**

Ayes: 5 Abstention: 1 (Mr. Hughes abstained due to a lack of information)
MOTION CARRIED

Motion made by Mr. Hieter, seconded by Mr. Watson, and carried to approve / arrange for 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.

**APPROVE /
ARRANGE
SPECIAL
EDUCATION
PLACEMENTS**

Ayes: 6 **MOTION CARRIED**

Motion made by Mr. Liebrand, seconded by Mr. Watson, and carried to approve the resolution for Stipulation of Settlement between the district and Civil Service Employees Association as follows:

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, by the Board of Education of the Hyde Park Central School District that the Stipulation of Settlement between the Hyde Park Central School District and the Civil Service Employees Association, Local 1000, AFSCME, AFL-CIO, ("the CSEA"), relative to the donation of paid leave accruals from CSEA unit members to Sandy Costakis is hereby approved. Said Stipulation of Settlement shall be kept on file in the office of the District Clerk.

Ayes: 6 **MOTION CARRIED**

Motion made by Mr. Liebrand, seconded by Ms. Myers, and carried to approve the Side Agreement between the Hyde Park Central School District and the Hyde Park Teachers Association as follows:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Hyde Park Central School District and the Hyde Park Teachers Association (HPTA) hereby agree that Joann Wood will be granted one-half day leave without loss of pay to cover her absence of January 28, 2008.

Ayes: 6 **MOTION CARRIED**

(This agreement will be kept on file in the district clerk's office.)

Motion made by Mr. Liebrand, seconded by Mr. Hughes, and carried to adopt propositions to be presented to the qualified voters of the Hyde Park Central School District at the district vote: Tuesday, May 20, 2008:

a. PROPOSITION NO. 1 (to be determined)
ESTIMATED EXPENDITURES OF THE DISTRICT
2008/2009 SCHOOL YEAR (The Budget)

b. PROPOSITION NO. 2
REPLACEMENT OF SCHOOL BUSES & DISTRICT
VEHICLES

Shall the following proposition be adopted:

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Hyde Park Central School District, Dutchess County, New York, be and it hereby is authorized to replace the following school buses and vans and to purchase the following transportation and maintenance vehicles/equipment:

Two (2) 30 passenger vans, one **(1) wheel chair van**, and **four (4) 22 passenger vans**; not to exceed an estimated maximum amount of **\$343,089**; a **transportation plow truck**; not to exceed an estimated maximum of **\$115,000**; **four (4) dodge 1 ton 4 x 4 trucks with plows**; not to exceed an estimated maximum amount of **\$155,000** and **grounds equipment (1 Jacobsen production mower and 1 seedavator)**, not to exceed an estimated maximum amount of **\$71,252**; and that the total sum of **\$684,341**, or so much thereof, as may be necessary, shall be raised by the levy of a tax upon the taxable property of the school district, and collected in annual installments as provided by Section 416 of the Education Law, and in anticipation of such tax, obligations of said school district shall be issued and a tax levied to pay the interest on said obligations when due.

Ayes: 6 MOTION CARRIED

Motion made by Mr. Liebrand, seconded by Mr. Hieter, and carried to adopt the notice for calling the annual meeting

MOTION: To adopt the **resolution calling for the annual meeting of the qualified voters of the Hyde Park Central School District on Tuesday, May 20, 2008**, the election of two (2) members to the Board of Education and the **Legal Notice on the Budget Hearing** to be held on **Monday, May 12, 2008**, based on the resolution / information provided to the Board of Education by the district clerk.

(Please note the following: The vote on the proposed 2008/2009 school year budget will be presented as *Proposition #1*. The voting location is the Haviland Middle School gymnasium between the hours of 6 a.m. to 9 p.m.)

(Further note: A copy of the resolution in its entirety will be appended to the

minutes of this meeting and placed on file in the official minute book of the District.)

Ayes: 6 **MOTION CARRIED**

Motion made by Ms. Myers, seconded by Mr. Watson, and carried to adopt the resolution requesting the printing of poll books for the May 20, 2008 budget vote/Board of Education member election

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Hyde Park Central School District hereby authorizes the district clerk to request NTS Data Services to print the poll books, with signatures, listing the registered voters in the Hyde Park Central School District for the May 20, 2008 budget vote/Board of Education member election, based on data provided to NTS from the Dutchess County Board of Elections,

WHEREAS, the Hyde Park Central School District Board of Education has received information that the Dutchess County Board of Elections will provide NTS with the necessary data and NTS has agreed to print the books, with signatures, listing the registered voters in the Hyde Park Central School District for the May 20, 2008 budget vote and Board of Education member election,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Education of Hyde Park Central School District, that the district clerk is hereby authorized to request the printing of the poll books with signatures from the Dutchess County Board of Elections for the May 20, 2008 budget vote.

Ayes: 6 **MOTION CARRIED**

Motion made by Mr. Liebrand, seconded by Mr. Watson, and carried to approve the following resolution regarding a student suspension:

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, by the Board of Education of the Hyde Park Central School District that, upon review of the record from the superintendent's suspension, involving student #03-27-08, who was identified to the board in executive session, the board sustains the decision of the superintendent of schools.

Ayes: 6 **MOTION CARRIED**

Motion made by Mr. Hieter, seconded by Mr. Hughes, and carried to approve the agreement between the NYS Schools Boards Association and the Hyde Park Central School District for the purpose of providing the following services for the district at a sum of \$12,500, payable over a two year period, as per information provided to the Board of Education and placed on file:

- a) Developing an essential policy manual
- b) Placing the completed policy manual on the internet in electronic format
- c) Providing the district with the policy update subscription service

Mr. Hieter commented that this process will save money in the long run. (Mr. Hughes noted approval of the agreement providing the amount was payable over a two year period.) Discussion was held on whether the board should continue its policy review at board meetings. This topic will be placed on a future agenda for discussion.

Ayes: 6 **MOTION CARRIED**

Motion made by Ms. Myers, seconded by Mr. Liebrand, and carried for public participation at 10:31 p.m.

**PUBLIC
PARTICIPATION**

Ayes: 6 **MOTION CARRIED**

Motion made by Ms. Myers, seconded by Mr. Watson, and carried for regular session at 10:31p.m.

**REGULAR
SESSION**

Ayes: 6 **MOTION CARRIED**

The academic subcommittee met to continue the development of the district measurement tool. A direction has been defined and Assistant Superintendent Cora Stempel has been charged with doing research to provide data that can be used.

INFORMATION

The next Board of Education meeting will be held at 7:00 p.m. at April 10, 2008 at the Hyde Park Elementary School. Continued presentations and discussion will be held on budget development.

Additional meetings noted:

- REACH – (Rigor, Excellence & Academic Challenge)
Monday,
March 31, 2008, 6:00 p.m., district office
- BIG/BAG – (Budget Input Group/Budget Advisory Group)
Tuesday, April 1, 2008, 6:00 p.m., district office
- Facilities Steering Forum – April 2, 2008, 5:00 p.m., district office

The annual budget vote/board member election will be held on Tuesday, May 20, 2008 from 6:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. at the Haviland Middle School. Voter registration forms and nominating petitions for those seeking election to the board are available from the district clerk's office.

Motion made by Mr. Hughes, seconded by Mr. Hieter, and carried to adjourn the meeting at 10:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Deborah A. Reutzell, District Clerk