

## HYDE PARK CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

**MINUTES:**            **BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING**  
**5:00 p.m.    EXECUTIVE SESSION**  
**6:00 p.m.    REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING**  
**THURSDAY, AUGUST 25, 2011**  
**ADMINISTRATION OFFICE**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**    Mr. Daniel Duffy, Vice President  
                                 Mr. Douglas Hieter  
                                 Mr. Timothy Liebrand, Sr.  
                                 Mr. Steven Mittermaier  
                                 Mr. Glenn Watson

**MEMBERS ABSENT:**    Ms. Sharon Matyas, President  
                                 Mr. John Seagren

**OTHERS PRESENT:**    Dr. Greer F. Fischer, Superintendent of Schools  
                                 Mr. Wayne Kurlander, Assistant Superintendent for Business  
                                 Ms. Cora Stempel, Assistant Superintendent for Instruction  
                                 & Personnel  
                                 Ms. Aviva Kafka, Assistant Superintendent for Pupil Services  
                                 Ms. Deborah Brosen, District Clerk

The regular meeting of the Board of Education was called to order at 5:05 p.m. by Mr. Daniel Duffy, Vice President of the Board. **CALL TO ORDER**

On a motion made by Mr. Hieter, seconded by Mr. Liebrand and carried, the Board entered executive session at 5:05 p.m. to discuss confidential matters pertaining to the employment of a particular person(s) and confidential matters pertaining to collective bargaining negotiations. **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Ayes: 5,0    **MOTION CARRIED**

The Board came out of executive session at 6:02 p.m. on a motion made by Mr. Liebrand, seconded by Mr. Watson and carried. **REGULAR SESSION**

Ayes: 5,0    **MOTION CARRIED**

One modification to the agenda was announced. The textbook adoption proposal was moved to immediately follow the Superintendent's report. The agenda was adopted as modified on a motion made by Mr. Liebrand, seconded by Mr. Watson and carried. **AGENDA ADOPTION**

Ayes: 5,0    **MOTION CARRIED**

Dr. Fischer was pleased to announce that the North Park Bridge officially opened earlier in the day. A special ribbon cutting at the bridge will be planned early in September. **PRIDE**

The paving of the Haviland bus loop has begun and will be completed before the opening of school.

The FDR High School experienced some flooding last week due to the failure of a drainage pipe. The 300 and 400 pod sections were affected. The damage was assessed and all damaged items were inventoried. Mr. Kurlander thanked the Facilities & Operations staff for their hard work and efficient clean up.

Facilities staff will be checking the District's buildings following "the eye of the storm" of Hurricane Irene to ensure any possible items caused by the storm are immediately addressed.

Dr. Fischer announced that a test of SchoolMessenger, the parent notification system, is being planned for September 1<sup>st</sup>. Information on this will be posted to the District's webpage at the beginning of that week. Anyone who does not receive the message should contact their child's school directly.

**SUPT'S REPORT**

A special Board meeting will be held on Thursday, September 1<sup>st</sup> at 5:30 p.m. for final personnel appointments.

Director of Math and Science, Kim Knisell, presented information on two textbooks for consideration, one for Environmental Science and one for Algebra. The textbooks are being offered in hard copy format, since a revision will need to be made to the District's policy on the acceptable use of technology before "e-texts" can be offered. It is anticipated, and hopeful, that next year's Environmental Science students will be able to utilize "e-texts."

**TEXTBOOK  
ADOPTION  
PROPOSALS**

Both classes allow students to take more rigorous courses. Through Dutchess Community College (DCC), students will have the opportunity to take an assessment test that will result in tutoring options for them. In turn, the District will be provided with data indicating how well prepared students are.

Ms. Knisell informed the Board that the District is obligated to use the Algebra textbook that the College uses. Although it is possible that the course may not be offered this year, she would still like to receive approval to move forward with the adoption of the book. Ms. Knisell added that the book contains updated, real work case studies which will be beneficial to students.

Mr. Liebrand questioned whether the Board would want to take more time to review the Math books, since the course may not be offered this year. Mr. Hieter commented that he would prefer to approve both books, so there would be no delay in receiving them.

Comments were provided on the possible use of “on-line” texts. Ms. Knisell informed the Board that more work needs to be done before this can become a possibility, and referenced the need for updating the District’s acceptable use policy.

Ms. Jennifer Criser-Eighmy, Director of Humanities, presented information on an AP Psychology textbook proposed for adoption. The book, which was reviewed by the Psychology teacher at the summer institute, was identified as the most beneficial book for students in this course. Students will also be able to view the entire book on the internet.

Mr. Duffy introduced Assistant Superintendent for Business, Wayne Kurlander. The District is required to set the tax levy in order to begin the collection of school taxes. Mr. Kurlander presented information on the process of setting the tax levy, the changes in STAR and the tax cap. He emphasized the importance of noting that the tax value changed differently per town, and provided an explanation of how this occurs. Mr. Kurlander’s presentation can be viewed under the Board meeting section or the budget development tab of the District’s website.

**TAX LEVY, RATES,  
STAR & PROPERTY  
TAX CAP  
PRESENTATION**

Holly Peters-Heady, Director of Food Services presented an update on the use of new equipment in the kitchens, and the healthy food choices now being offered to students. She thanked the “upper level girl scouts” for sharing recipes last year, which resulted in offering vegetable choices to students. Ms. Peters-Heady reported that in addition to school menus, the Food Service Department’s website also includes recipes, and will include a nutritional guideline for parents in September. She also provided information on the process of providing gluten-free foods to children who require them.

**UPDATE ON FOOD  
SERVICES**

The Board entered public participation at 7:59 p.m. on a motion made by Mr. Watson, seconded by Mr. Liebrand and carried.

**PUBLIC  
PARTICIPATION**

Ayes, 5,0      **MOTION CARRIED**

Mr. Doug Eglinton provided written comments to the Board and asked that the “record show” that home owners are faced with many financial burdens and need relief. He suggested the Board should begin to publicize the problems they face in developing the budget, and what the District needs are.

The Board closed public participation at 8:03 p.m. on a motion made by Mr. Liebrand, seconded by Mr. Watson and carried.

**REGULAR  
SESSION**

Ayes, 5,0      **MOTION CARRIED**

Mr. Hieter responded that the Board should publicize what it is trying to do with the budget.

Mr. Duffy added that revenues will change and, therefore, the District should identify what had to be done last year when developing the budget, and what the District will be faced with this year. He also indicated that, to keep the community informed, information should be shared as it is received.

#### Board Agenda Timelines

#### **BOARD DISCUSSION**

Discussion was held on the revisions/additions made to recent Board agendas. Mr. Liebrand asked to have a hard deadline instituted for items sent to the Board to provide the Board with sufficient preparation time for meetings.

Dr. Fischer commented that several out-of-the ordinary legal, or other constraints, drove the need for additions/changes to some Board agendas. She indicated that a schedule is in place for presentations and board agenda items, and that a commitment will be made for staff to adhere to the schedule.

Mr. Watson added that the amount of work being done in the District could also have added to the request for some changes.

Mr. Duffy indicated that the District often has deadlines imposed by the State and does not receive the necessary information timely in order to comply with the deadlines.

#### Boiler Replacement

Dr. Fischer informed the Board that the District's architect, Bill Wisbauer, would be providing information on boilers and athletic fields at the September 8<sup>th</sup> meeting. The District's options will be clarified at this meeting.

She indicated that state aid is currently available, but may not be in the future. If the District were to move forward with boiler replacements, a December referendum would be needed to receive voter approval if the District were to meet the timeline it is considering.

Mr. Watson commented that replacement of the piping system should be considered if the boilers are replaced.

#### Katie's Garden

Dr. Fischer indicated the Board would be acting on a resolution to accept a donation for "Katie's Garden," and wanted an opportunity to discuss some of the features of the donation. She thanked Louise McGarrill, Debbie St. Onge, and Dan Houssain for assisting in the coordination of the donation.

Netherwood Elementary Principal, Rick Wert, stated the garden will be in memory of Katie Filiberti, noting that the Filiberti family has been a part of the Netherwood family for many years. He indicated that Netherwood students would benefit from its use as a possible outdoor classroom. The garden will encompass a 12 ft. gazebo with benches, perennial plantings and trees, and a small sign identifying the location as "*Katie's Garden.*"

Mr. Wert added that the location of the garden had been changed, and would now be located closer to the road, providing a quieter location.

The consent agenda resolution was approved on a motion made by Mr. Watson, seconded by Mr. Librand, and carried.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

*Discussion* - Dr. Fischer informed the audience that the Board's approval of the consent agenda solidified the acceptance of the donation for Katie's Garden in the amount of \$7,592.43. She thanked the committee members for making this donation possible. Dr. Fischer indicated it will be an honor to have Katie's Garden and looks forward to announcing a ribbon cutting ceremony for it.

Ayes, 5,0      **MOTION CARRIED**

**Resolved** that the Board of Education of the Hyde Park Central School District does hereby adopt the following consent agenda items: 10 a-f

**a. Accept minutes of the August 11, 2011 Board of Education Meeting**

**ACCEPT MINUTES:  
August 11, 2011**

**Resolved**, that the Board of Education accept the minutes of the **August 11, 2011** 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:

<b>Warrant Number Fund – Date (2011-12)</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>	<b>Check Count</b>	<b>Pages</b>
CAP 8/04	\$224,479.75	5	2
FED 8/04	\$97,696.16	10	2
GF 8/04	\$376,953.72	46	6
TA 8/04	\$103.03	1	1

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CAP 8/05	\$27,597.50	1	1
GF 8/05	\$303,621.88	3	1
PR 8/05	\$1,732.83	2	1

**c. Accept donation**

**ACCEPT  
DONATION OF  
KATIE'S GARDEN**

**Be it resolved**, the Board of Education hereby accepts the following donation, based on information provided to the Board of Education and placed on file:

1. Donation of a **12' gazebo with interior benches, stone bench, two wooden benches, and landscaping including 3 trees, perennial plants, and mulch**, valued at **\$7,592.43**, from the **Filiberti family and friends** (Katie's Garden Committee), for the creation of a garden at the Netherwood Elementary School in memory of Katie Filiberti.

**d. Approve out-of-town athletic trips**

**APPROVE OUT-OF-  
TOWN ATHLETIC  
TRIPS**

**Be it resolved**, that upon recommendation of the superintendent and under the direction of the Board of Education, to approve the following out-of-town athletic special event field trips pursuant to board policy #4531, based on information provided to the Board of Education: (Information will be provided to the district once it is determined that students qualify for the activity).

**Fall**

Boys and Girls Cross Country – November 12, Verona-Sherrill High School  
Football (East Semi-finals) – November 18-19, Dietz Stadium, Kingston  
Football (Finals) – November 25 & 27, Carrier Dome, Syracuse  
Boys Soccer – November 19-20, Middletown High School  
Girls Soccer – November 19-20, SUNY Cortland, Homer High School,  
Tompkins Cortland Community College  
Girls Swimming/diving – November 18-19, Erie Community College, Buffalo  
Girls Tennis – November 5-7, Eastside Racquet Club, Manlius  
Volleyball – November 19-20, Civic Center, Glens Falls

**Winter**

Boys Basketball – March 16-18, Civic Center, Glens Falls  
Girls Basketball – March 16-18, Hudson Valley Community College, Troy  
Boys and Girls Bowling – March 3-4, Valley Bowling Center, Waverly  
Gymnastics – March 3, Shaker High School, Latham

e. Approve personnel matters (See Attachment 08-25-11A)

APPROVE  
PERSONNEL  
MATTERS

- 1) ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF PERSONNEL
- 2) TEACHING STAFF PERSONNEL
- 3) SUPPORT STAFF PERSONNEL
- 4) CONFIDENTIAL/MANAGERIAL STAFF PERSONNEL

f. Award bids (See Attachment 08-25-11B)

AWARD BIDS

**Resolved**, that the Board of Education award bids to the lowest responsible bidder, based on information provided to the Board of Education in **attachment 08-25-11B** and placed on file.

The Board approved the following, on a motion made by Mr. Duffy, seconded by Mr. Liebrand and carried:

APPROVE SPECIAL  
EDUCATION  
PLACEMENTS

MOTION: 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.

Mr. Duffy provided a brief summary.

Ayes, 5,0      MOTION CARRIED

The Board approved the following resolution on a motion made by Mr. Liebrand, seconded by Mr. Hieter and carried:

ADOPT 2011-12  
BOARD GOALS

**Be it resolved**, the Board hereby adopts the Board of Education goals for the 2011-12 school year as shown in **attachment 08-25-11C**.

Ayes, 5,0      MOTION CARRIED

The Board approved the following on a motion made by Mr. Hieter, seconded by Mr. Watson and carried:

ADOPT TAX LEVY  
AND APPROVE  
SIGNING OF TAX

MOTION: To set the tax levy for the Hyde Park Central School District and to approve the signing of Tax Warrants for the Townships of Hyde Park, Poughkeepsie, Rhinebeck, Clinton and Pleasant Valley, New York, in order for the District to begin collection of taxes on September 12, 2011 through November 3, 2011 based on information provided to the Board of Education and placed on file.

WARRANTS TO  
BEGIN  
COLLECTION OF  
SCHOOL TAXES

**NOTE:** The amount of STAR may need to be adjusted based on any information that becomes available to the District regarding new legislation and the 2% rule.

Ayes, 5,0      **MOTION CARRIED**

The following resolution was approved on a motion made by Mr. Liebrand, seconded by Mr. Mittermaier, and carried:

**APPROVE  
MODIFIED  
CONSULTANT  
AGREEMENT: C.  
Taylor**

**Be it resolved,** that the Board of Education hereby approves the modified Consultant Agreement between Charles Taylor and the Hyde Park Central School District. (This Agreement was previously approved on July 11, 2011 and has been modified to reflect a change in the mileage reimbursement rate.)

Ayes, 5,0      **MOTION CARRIED**

The following resolution was approved on a motion made by Mr. Watson, seconded by Mr. Liebrand and carried:

**WAIVE FIRST  
CONSIDERATION  
AND APPROVE  
ADOPTION OF  
TEXTBOOKS:**

**Be it resolved,** the Board of Education hereby waives first consideration of and approves the following textbooks for adoption, based upon information provided to the Board of Education:

**AP Psychology  
Environmental  
Science  
Algebra**

**AP Psychology Textbook**

Title: Myers' Psychology for AP  
ISBN: 1-4292-4436-4  
Author: David G. Myers  
Published by: Bedford, Freeman, and Worth  
Cost: \$118.95 per book (student text)  
No. of Copies: 60 copies  
Total Cost: \$7,137.00, plus shipping

**Environmental Science Textbook**

Title: Living in the Environment, 17<sup>th</sup> Edition (2012)  
ISBN: 9780538735346  
Author: Miller & Spoolman  
Publisher: Brooks/Cole Cengage Learning  
Cost: \$150.41  
No. of Copies: 30  
Total Cost: \$4,512.30, plus shipping

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**Algebra Textbook**

Title: Functions and Change – A Modeling  
Approach to College Algebra  
2010- 4<sup>th</sup> Edition  
ISBN: 9780547156699  
Author: Crauder, Evans, Noell  
Published by: Houghton Mifflin  
Cost: \$180.45  
No. of Copies: 30  
Total Cost: \$5,413.50, plus shipping

Ayes, 5,0 **MOTION CARRIED**

The Board entered public participation at 8:41 p.m. on a motion made by Mr. Liebrand, seconded by Mr. Watson and carried:

**PUBLIC  
PARTICIPATION**

Ayes, 5,0 **MOTION CARRIED**

Debbie St. Onge thanked the Board for their support and acceptance of the donation for Katie's Garden.

Public participation was closed at 8:42 p.m. on a motion made by Mr. Liebrand, seconded by Mr. Watson and carried.

**REGULAR  
SESSION**

Ayes, 5,0 **MOTION CARRIED**

The next Board meeting will be held on Thursday, September 8, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. The meeting location has been moved from the Administration Office to North Park Elementary School.

**NEXT MEETING**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m. on a motion made by Mr. Liebrand, seconded by Mr. Watson and carried.

**ADJOURN**

Ayes, 5,0 **MOTION CARRIED**

***Respectfully Submitted,***

***Deborah A. Brosen***

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**Deborah A. Brosen, District Clerk**

**Attachments: 08-25-11A (Personnel Listing)  
08-25-11B (Bid Awards)  
08-25-11C (2011-12 Board of Education Goals)**