

## HYDE PARK CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

**MINUTES:                   BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING**  
**5:30 p.m.     EXECUTIVE SESSION**  
**6:30 p.m.     RIBBON CUTTING AT NORTH PARK BRIDGE**  
**7:00 p.m.     REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING**  
**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 08, 2011**  
**NORTH PARK ELEMENTARY**

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

**MEMBERS ABSENT:**    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. Deborah Brosen, District Clerk

The regular meeting of the Hyde Park Central School District was called to order at 5:31 p.m. by Board President, Sharon Matyas. **CALL TO ORDER**

The Board entered executive session at 5:32 p.m. on a motion made by Mr. Mittermaier, seconded by Mr. Liebrand and carried to discuss confidential matters pertaining to the employment of a particular person or persons, and confidential matters pertaining to collective bargaining negotiations. **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Ayes: 6, 0    **MOTION CARRIED**

The Board came out of executive session at 6:28 p.m. on a motion made by Mr. Duffy, seconded by Mr. Liebrand and carried. **REGULAR SESSION**

Ayes: 6, 0    **MOTION CARRIED**

The Board was joined by administrators, community members and staff, and the District's architects for a special ribbon cutting at the newly constructed bridge at North Park Elementary School (NPE). Elyssa Liguoria, NPE student, cut the ribbon after Anthony Crandall, Director of Facilities & Operations shared comments and thanks for the work done on the bridge. **RIBBON CUTTING**

The meeting was reconvened in the cafetorium. All in attendance recited the Pledge of Allegiance. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

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**NORTH PARK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

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The agenda for the **September 8, 2011** Board meeting was adopted without modification on a motion made by Mr. Mittermaier, seconded by Mr. Hieter and carried.

**ADOPTION OF  
BOARD AGENDA**

Ayes: 6, 0 **MOTION CARRIED**

Ms. Matyas welcomed Alexa Ligouria to the meeting and thanked her for an outstanding job cutting the ribbon at the bridge.

**PRIDE**

Dr. Fischer shared a special portion of PRIDE for the meeting. In the Spring, the District nominated school board member John Seagren for the Mid-Hudson School Study Council's Excellence in School Board Service Award. The selection criteria for this prestigious award are extremely competitive.

**MID-HUDSON  
SCHOOL STUDY  
COUNCIL AWARD  
RECIPIENT – JOHN  
SEAGREN**

The Board of Education, former superintendent Carole Pickering, and District Clerk, Deborah Brosen provided supporting letters to accompany the nomination. A lot of research and collective energy went into preparing the nomination form to ensure Mr. Seagren's extensive contributions to the District and Dutchess County BOCES were included. Dr. Fischer was pleased to announce that Mr. Seagren had been selected to receive the award and will be honored at an award ceremony on October 12<sup>th</sup>. She shared the letter sent to Mr. Seagren, noting that over 800 people attend the ceremony annually.

Board President Matyas applauded Mr. Seagren and noted that he was unable to attend the Board meeting due to ill health. Dr. Fischer introduced Mr. Seagren's son and daughter-in-law, J.V. and Laura, who attended the meeting on his behalf.

J.V. Seagren expressed appreciation and thanks for the support and nomination his father received. He added that his father had been involved with the District for 25 years, starting as PTA President. He served on the Dutchess County School Boards Association and on several committees for the District.

Ms. Matyas added that Mr. Seagren had served on the Board for 28 years, with several terms as both President and Vice President. He also served on the Dutchess County School Boards Association for 15 years. Ms. Matyas noted that there are not many people who commit that much time to volunteerism.

Dr. Fischer reported a successful, heartwarming first day of school. All central administrators were present as the buses arrived, throughout the day, and at dismissal. She noted that buildings were in excellent shape for the opening of school.

**SUPERINTENDENT'S  
REPORT**

Dr. Fischer began early conversations with Mr. Treadwell, Director of Transportation on the second day of school to make decisions based on road conditions and flooding. The information used in the decision making is based on a collaborative effort between the highway supervisor, police department and all directors of transportation throughout Dutchess County schools. Weather forecasts for the day are also used in making these decisions.

It was determined early that morning that students could be transported to school and home safely at the end of the day. Dr. Fischer added that there were very few absences from school that day. She worked closed with the Director of Facilities & Operations and toured each building that day. Although there were some minor leaks and some water in the basements of some of the buildings, there was no impact on the buildings to function.

Dr. Fischer attended the first home football game and girls' Varsity volleyball games. Both teams were victorious and the athletic season is well underway.

A second meeting regarding "Fleet Week" was held. This event, which is held in Manhattan, brings naval ships from around the country to celebrate Fleet Week. Hyde Park students are highly involved with projects surrounding the service men and women of the USS Roosevelt DDG80, which will be coming up for Fleet Week. We will have year-long plans to commemorate the ship's coming up for this event. There will be several events that will involve the community. More information on this will be provided as received.

Dr. Fischer added that the final DVD of the Hyde Park Goodwill Trip is now available. Dr. Fischer and some members of the community made this trip on a volunteer basis to visit the USS Roosevelt DDG80 ship. One copy will be available in each building. Connections with the service men and women on the ship were made with Hyde Park students as a result of the trip.

In recognition of the 10 year anniversary of 911, there will be a moment of silence at the middle and high school. A reading prepared by the late Tom Hess will be done at Haviland Middle School. The high school recognition of this memorial will be through the Social Studies classes.

Dr. Fischer thanked Bill Wisbauer and Lou Rodriguez for presenting information to the Board. She indicated that she has heard comments from community members through the Facilities Steering Forum (FSF) that it is time to address the athletic facilities and boilers. She added that although the economic times are difficult, the boilers need to be replaced, and the athletic track has been deemed unsafe, inadequate and a disservice to our students.

Mr. Wisbauer presented two options to complete the scope of work needed. Option one involved having one date to receive voter approval, and option two included a vote in December and then including a proposition in May for the

other boiler replacements. Mr. Wisbauer reviewed estimated costs and savings for each proposition. He also shared the reason to convert from oil to gas.

The proposal to upgrade the track facility was presented. The design was reviewed in detail. He shared it was important to note that the football team would not have access to the field for an entire season once the work began.

Comments and discussion with the Board included:

- Mr. Watson shared a concern that the piping would need to be replaced when the boilers were upgraded to prevent future breaking of pipes.
- Mr. Liebrand questioned whether the “home bleachers” could be moved to the left side of the field so the bleachers would not be facing the setting sun.
- Mr. Mittermaier questioned whether the existing steam boilers could be converted to hot water.

Mr. Wisbauer shared information to address each concern. His presentation can be found on the District’s website under Board presentations.

The financial advisor will present information at the September 22<sup>nd</sup> Board meeting. A public forum will be scheduled once a decision on the proposed project scope has been made.

Based on declining enrollment and the economic climate, Dr. Fischer recommended having a capacity and enrollment study done by an outside consultant. The purpose of the study would be to provide objective data to the Board and superintendent to aid in a decision making process on the most effective and efficient use of the District’s buildings.

**CAPACITY AND  
ENROLLMENT STUDY**

Based upon the research and references of two consultants, Dr. Fischer recommended Educorps to conduct the study. She stressed that the study would be done to provide objective data, and that no decisions regarding the buildings have been made at this time. Dr. Fischer’s presentation can be found on the District’s website under Board presentations.

Assistant Superintendent for Instruction & Personnel, Cora Stempel, presented information on the new requirements for teacher and principal evaluations imposed by the State Education Department. She indicated that several items will need to be negotiated. Ms. Stempel’s presentation can be found on the District’s website under Board presentations.

**TEACHER AND  
PRINCIPAL  
EVALUATION  
REQUIREMENTS**

The Board entered public participation at 9:20 p.m. on a motion made by Mr. Hieter, seconded by Mr. Watson and carried.

**PUBLIC  
PARTICIPATION**

Ayes: 6, 0 **MOTION CARRIED**

Mr. Jim Rogers read a letter from John Seagren in response to the award he will be receiving. Mr. Seagren thanked the Board and administrators for their support.

Brian Halling, Track Coach, shared comments in support of the proposal to upgrade the track.

As a follow-up to the presentation on Phase III, Barbara Sweet shared concerns relating to lighting on the fields.

Bobbi Goodman expressed thanks and appreciation for the time and effort put into the Phase III presentation. She shared she was in favor of having one vote for the propositions, and that a new track could generate revenue for the District.

The Board followed up on all comments made.

**FOLLOW UP  
COMMENTS**

The Board closed public participation at 9:28 p.m. on a motion made by Mr. Liebrand, seconded by Mr. Watson and carried.

**REGULAR SESSION**

Ayes: 6, 0 **MOTION CARRIED**

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

**APPROVE  
CONSENT AGENDA**

**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 25, 2011 Board of Education Meeting**

**ACCEPT MINUTES:**

**Resolved**, that the Board of Education accept the minutes of the **August 25, 2011** Board of Education meeting, based on information provided to the Board and placed on file.

**August 25, 2011**

**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>
FED 8/18	\$6,307.35	3	1
GF 8/18	\$1,369,030.08	53	7

TA 8/18	\$108.67	1	1
PR 8/19	\$3,955.28	3	1
CAP 8/25	\$22,718.12	3	1
FED 8/25	\$7,541.36	5	1
FS 8/25	\$1,052.00	1	1
GF 8/25	\$232,348.26	67	8
TA 8/25	\$60.00	1	1

**c. Approve budget transfers**

**APPROVE BUDGET TRANSFERS**

**Resolved**, that the Board of Education hereby approves budget transfers dated **August 17 and 30, 2011** based on information provided to the Board and placed on file.

**d. Accept donation**

**ACCEPT DONATIONS**

**Resolved**, that the Board of Education accept the following donation:

1. To accept a donation to the Hyde Park Central School District of **miscellaneous school supplies** from the Hyde Park and LaGrangeville offices of **Edward Jones**, valued at **\$244**, to be used by the student at Violet Avenue Elementary School.

**e. Approve correction of taxes and refund**

**APPROVE CORRECTION OF**

**MOTION:** To approve the following correction and refund of taxes due to a reduction in assessment and Consent Judgement for payment by the Supreme Court of Dutchess County, as provided to the Board and placed on file:

**TAXES AND REFUND**

**TOWN OF** Poughkeepsie      **APPLICANT** Oak Crest Apartments      **GRID NO.:** (See Consent Order)

<b><u>TAX YEAR</u></b>	<b><u>AMOUNT LEVIED</u></b>	<b><u>ADJUSTED LEVY</u></b>	<b><u>REFUND</u></b>
2010-2011	\$1,889,800	\$1,511,840	\$7,030.30
2009-2010	\$2,084,500	\$1,667,600	\$6,498.69
2008-2009	\$2,084,600	\$1,667,600	\$6,283.32
2007-2008	\$2,267,100	\$1,813,700	\$6,669.95

f. Award bids (See Attachment 09-08-11A)

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 09-08-11A** and placed on file.

Ayes: 6, 0 MOTION CARRIED

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

APPROVE /  
ARRANGE  
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 and recommended the motion for adoption.

Ayes: 6, 0 MOTION CARRIED

On a motion made by Mr. Duffy, seconded by Mr. Liebrand and carried, the following resolutions were approved:

APPROVE  
CONTRACTS FOR  
SPECIAL  
EDUCATION  
SERVICES

a. Approve contract for Occupational Therapy Services

**Be it resolved**, the Board of Education hereby approves the contract with **Advanced Therapy** to provide **Occupational Therapy Services** to particular students in accordance with individual student's IEPs during the **2011-2012 school year**. Advanced Therapy shall be compensated based on information provided to the Board of Education and placed on file with the District Clerk.

b. Approve contract for Physical Therapy Services

**Be it resolved**, the Board of Education hereby approves the contract with **Therapy in Motion** to provide **Physical Therapy Services** to particular students in accordance with individual students IEPs during the **2011-2012 school year**. Therapy in Motion shall be compensated based on information provided to the Board of Education and placed on file with the District Clerk.

Ayes: 6, 0 MOTION CARRIED

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

APPROVE  
AMENDMENT TO  
2011-12 BUDGET

**Be it resolved**, the Board of Education hereby authorizes an amendment to the 2011-12 budget in the amount of \$98,000. The District will receive up to 80% reimbursement for these costs. This amendment is due to an unanticipated increase in tuition rates, and in the number of students attending private schools (OTP) in the summer special education program (ESY).

Ayes: 6, 0 **MOTION CARRIED**

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

**APPROVE  
RESOLUTION FOR**

**Be it resolved**, that the Board of Education ("Board") of the Hyde Park Central School District ("District") hereby ratifies the execution of and by doing so approves, the Service Agreement with the OMNI Financial Group, Inc. ("OMNI"), for OMNI to provide services to the District as a third party administrator of the District's 403(b) Plan for the 2011-12 school year, and authorizes the execution of said agreement by the Board President.

Ayes: 6, 0 **MOTION CARRIED**

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

**APPROVE  
CONSULTANT  
CONTRACT**

**Be it resolved**, that the Board of Education hereby authorizes the Superintendent to enter into and execute a contract between the District and Educorps, per the information contained in the proposal provided to the Board and placed on file.

Ayes: 6, 0 **MOTION CARRIED**

The Board entered public participation at 9:40 on a motion made by Mr. Watson, seconded by Mr. Liebrand and carried.

**PUBLIC  
PARTICIPATION**

Ayes: 6, 0 **MOTION CARRIED**

Carole Pickering shared support for the Phase III capital project proposal.

Public participation was closed at 9:42 p.m. on a motion made by Mr. Liebrand, seconded by Mr. Watson and carried.

**REGULAR  
SESSION**

Ayes: 6, 0 **MOTION CARRIED**

The following meetings were announced:

**INFORMATION**

- Friday, September 09, 2011, 1:00 p.m., Administration Office – Policy Sub-committee Meeting

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Next Board of Education meeting:

- Thursday, September 22, 2011, 7:00 p.m., Administration Office
- Presentation on Financial Portion of Phase III: Chuck Bastian
- Tax Cap Exercise: Wayne Kurlander

The meeting was adjourned at 9:45 p.m. on a motion made by Mr. Liebrand, **ADJOURN** seconded by Mr. Watson and carried.

Ayes: 6, 0 **MOTION CARRIED**

*Respectfully Submitted,*

*Deborah A. Brosen*

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**Deborah A. Brosen, District Clerk**

**Attachment: 09-08-11A (Bid Awards)**