



Dr. Fischer opened PRIDE by congratulating Margaret Robelee, physical education teacher at North Park Elementary School. Ms. Robelee was nominated for, and successfully awarded the commendation of Elementary Physical Education Teacher of the Year Award, by the NYS Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance, Inc.

**PRIDE**  
**Elementary**  
**Physical Education**  
**Teacher of the Year**  
**Award**

North Park Elementary School Principal Lisa Hecht congratulated Ms. Robelee. Ms. Hecht shared the letter of nomination she wrote on Ms. Robelee's behalf, as well as several outstanding contributions she has made to the school and District.

Ms. Robelee will be honored at the Jay B. Nash Awards Dinner in November and will be joined by Dr. Fischer, Ms. Hecht, and several colleagues.

Dr. Fischer asked Haviland Middle School Principal, Matt Latvis to share the impact the newly constructed bus loop has had on the school. Mr. Latvis thanked the Board, staff and community for approving the creation of the bus loop and a safe way to dismiss students. He indicated that dismissal was unsafe for many years, and took 15 to 20 minutes every day.

Student dismissal is now handled in a safe manner in approximately 6 minutes. A new sidewalk and parking assignments for buses enable students to wait in one designated spot to meet their bus, rather than wandering the parking lot looking for late arriving buses that had to find a parking spot.

Mr. Latvis thanked Mr. Treadwell, Dr. Fischer, and Mr. Crandall for their oversight in the bus loop construction project. Every detail of the construction was handled well, and there were no glitches due to the thorough planning of the project. Mr. Latvis also commented that the athletic facility should be just as great, since the same care and planning is being devoted to this project.

Ms. Matyas followed up by commenting that the parking at Haviland is much smoother. With more parking now available, people are now not parking on the front lawn. Ms. Matyas added that new lighting will soon be installed.

Dr. Fischer made the following announcements:

Haviland Middle School student government classes and North Park Elementary third grade students are doing donation drives for school supplies. They are accepting donations of toys and clothing for the families in the Catskill area that experienced losses due to flooding. A trip is being scheduled to drop off these items.

North Park Elementary students participate in a community outreach project each month. Although opportunities are provided to students, they often come up with their own ideas for these projects.

Each year, transportation driver Donna Van Leuven organizes a golf tournament called Hyde Park Kids in Need. Proceeds from the tournament are used to supply students in need of back to school items. Dr. Fischer, a few of her family members, and several employees were among the 87 participants this year with. Dr. Fischer thanked Donna and all who sponsored or contributed to the event, which raised \$6,000.

Dr. Fischer reported successful open houses for Haviland Middle School and the elementary schools. Ms. Matyas added that it was wonderful to see parents participate in these important events.

Dr. McArdle-Rausenberger congratulated Margaret Robelee, and indicated the athletic teams are off to a very good fall season.

The following two announcements were shared by Dr. Fischer:

Two important events will occur the first weekend in October – Homecoming and the Fall Festival, which is being spearheaded by the Town of Hyde Park Recreation Department. The event will include a narrated bus tour hosted by the Hyde Park Historical Society. There is no fee for the tour, however, donations are welcome.

Superintendent's roundtable discussions were planned for October 3<sup>rd</sup>. However, due to a recent State training in Albany on the new requirements for teacher evaluations that Dr. Fischer must attend, the roundtable discussions have been moved to October 24<sup>th</sup>. Information will be placed on the District's website.

Mr. Duffy shared the victory of the boys' soccer team who played in the Joel Thompson Memorial Tournament. The tournament is a great tribute to the former teacher, and it is commendable to note that the team won for the fifth year in a row.

Ms. Matyas thanked the Poughkeepsie Journal for the continuous coverage of the District's athletics.

Dr. Fischer thanked Chuck Bastian for joining the meeting to present information to the Board.

Mr. Bastian, financial advisor from BP Donegan, Inc. shared estimates on the proposed options for a Phase III capital project referendum. Three options were presented for the referendum. Mr. Bastian indicated that it would cost the District approximately an additional \$20,000 more per year if the propositions were spread out between two votes. He referred to debt service schedules and calculations, noting that some of the District's debt will drop off in the 2012-13 school year. He also noted that the District would receive state aid (58.3 ¢ per dollar) if the project is approved by the voters this year. It is uncertain at this point whether the State will continue to provide aid in the future.

**Phase III Budget  
Information**

Mr. Bastian indicated that the figures he shared would need to be modified to include the amount from reserve funds that would be used to offset the cost of the project, since the information was not available to him when he prepared the presentations.

Mr. Bastian explained that interest rates for bonds are determined by the District's credit rating, with the value of the District used as collateral. The District will benefit from having reserves and a fund balance established.

A timeline for the December referendum was shared with the Board. Dr. Fischer thanked Mr. Bastian for his presentation.

Assistant Superintendent for Business Wayne Kurlander presented three options for propositions regarding boiler replacements and an upgrade to the athletic facilities. The options offered a scenario for having one vote in May, or for adding a second referendum vote in December.

**PHASE III DECISIONS**

Mr. Hieter recommended having the boiler replacement for Violet Avenue and Hyde Park Elementary listed as proposition I. He indicated that since this would be completed with fund balance and at no cost to the District, it should be listed first.

Mr. Kurlander shared information and the additional cost of approximately \$8 million to replace the piping as well.

Mr. Hieter indicated that additional information regarding the efficiencies that would occur by replacing the piping should be made available and discussed. Although Mr. Mittermaier indicated the piping should be replaced, he and Mr. Duffy agreed that an efficiency analysis on the piping should be reviewed and discussed before moving forward on this portion of the project.

Mr. Mittermaier favored "Option C", and the remainder of the Board favored "Option A." As a result, the Board granted approval to move forward with the referendum, with two propositions for the boilers, and one for the athletic facilities. As requested earlier, the propositions will be re-numbered as follows:

Proposition I – VAS and HPE boiler replacement, including oil to gas conversion paid with fund balance (at no cost to tax payers).

Proposition II – Replace the remaining 5 boilers under separate proposition.

Proposition III – Athletic Upgrades

Mr. Duffy emphasized that the proposed athletic facility will support the community, not just the high school.

Assistant Superintendent for Business, Wayne Kurlander presented information on the effect the 2% tax cap will have on school district real property tax levies. Mr. Kurlander's presentation can be viewed on the District's website under the Board of Education, meeting presentations tab.

**TAX CAP EXERCISE**

Dr. Fischer referred to a community members' suggestion that conversations on the budget should be done at least one Board meeting per month. She indicated that the District is being as fiscally responsible as possible, but that projects still must get done. Upgrades to facilities need to occur for student safety.

Mr. Duffy commented that the roofing was replaced on all school buildings through a previous capital project. If this had not been done, the District would not have fared so well during the recent storms.

Mr. Kurlander added that one positive thing is that all capital project expenditures are deducted from the 2% cap.

Several comments related to the serious impact the 2% tax cap will have on the budget were shared. Significant reductions will need to be made.

Mr. Kurlander indicated that if a budget over the 2% tax cap were presented to the voters, it would have to pass by a 60% margin. If not, and the District were to go to a contingency budget, it would go straight to 0%.

Dr. Fischer indicated that it is important that districts send information to their legislators to make them aware of the drastic effect the 2% cap will have on school districts' ability to operate. She will be participating on a legislative committee with the NYS Council of School Superintendents and will recommend that all districts send information to their legislators.

The Board entered public participation at 9:26 p.m. on a motion made by Mr. Hieter, seconded by Mr. Liebrand and carried.

**PUBLIC  
PARTICIPATION**

Ayes: 5,0 **MOTION CARRIED**

Doug Eglinton suggested that a following face to face meeting with legislators rather than just sending information. He also recommended requesting give back from employees.

John Vanderlee also stressed the importance of making concerns known via face to face meetings with legislators. He also shared follow-up comments on the discussion regarding the replacement of pipes at the same time boilers are replaced.

Public participation was closed at 9:33 p.m. on a motion made by Mr. Liebrand, seconded by Mr. Mittermaier and carried.

**REGULAR SESSION**

Ayes: 5,0 **MOTION CARRIED**

**9. CONSENT AGENDA RESOLUTION**

**CONSENT AGENDA**

On a motion made by Mr. Liebrand, seconded by Mr. Hieter and carried, the following resolution was adopted:

**Resolved** that the Board of Education of the Hyde Park Central School District does hereby adopt the following consent agenda items: 9 a-f

Ayes: 5,0 **MOTION CARRIED**

**a. Accept minutes of the September 01, 2011 and September 08, 2011 Board of Education Meetings**

**ACCEPT MINUTES:**

September 1 and  
September 8

**Resolved**, that the Board of Education accept the minutes of the **September 01 and September 08, 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 9/01	\$844,966.19	8	3
FED 9/01	\$103.62	2	1
GF 9/01	\$702,418.18	38	5
PR 9/02	\$1,698.37	2	1

FED 9/08	\$6,591.80	4	1
GF 9/08	\$109,729.84	61	8
GF 9/09	\$42,922.62	2	1

**c. Approve budget transfers**

**APPROVE BUDGET TRANSFERS**

**Resolved**, that the Board of Education hereby approves budget transfers dated **June 30, 2011 and September 1, 2011** based on information provided to the Board and placed on file.

**d. Approve refund of taxes**

**APPROVE REFUND OF TAXES**

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

<b><u>TOWN OF</u></b> Poughkeepsie	<b><u>APPLICANT</u></b> Oak Crest Apartments	<b><u>GRID NO.:</u></b> (See Consent Order)
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<b><u>TAX YEAR</u></b>	<b><u>AMOUNT LEVIED</u></b>	<b><u>ADJUSTED LEVY</u></b>	<b><u>REFUND</u></b>
2007-2008	\$308,933.86	\$264,800.45	\$44,133.41
2008-2009	\$291,478.56	\$271,290.06	\$20,188.50
2009-2010	\$301,464.38	\$280,584.24	\$20,880.14

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**e. Acknowledge receipt of claims auditor report**

**ACKNOWLEDGE RECEIPT OF CLAIMS AUDITOR REPORT**

**Be it resolved**, that the Hyde Park Central School District Board of Education does hereby acknowledge receipt of the report of the **Claims Auditor** for the month of **August 2011**.

**f. Approve personnel matters (See Attachment 01-13-11A)**

**APPROVE PERSONNEL MATTERS**

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

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 acceptance of the package of materials submitted to the Board.

Ayes: 5,0 **MOTION CARRIED**

The Board approved contracts for special education services on a motion made by Mr. Mittermaier, seconded by Mr. Duffy and carried.

APPROVE  
CONTRACTS FOR  
SPECIAL  
EDUCATION  
SERVICES

**a. Approve contract for Nursing Services**

**Be it resolved,** the Board of Education hereby approves the **amended** contract with **Hillside Healthcare** to provide **Nursing Services** to a particular student in accordance with the student's IEP, during the **2011-2012 school year**. Hillside HealthCare shall be compensated based on information provided to the Board of Education and placed on file with the District Clerk.

**b. Approve contract for Equipment Repair**

**Be it resolved,** the Board of Education hereby approves the contract with **St. Francis Hearing Works** to provide **equipment repair** for those students requiring the use of hearing devices in accordance with their individual IEPs during the **2011-2012 school year**. St. Francis Hearing Works shall be compensated based on information provided to the Board of Education and placed on file with the District Clerk.

**c. Approve contract for Translation Services**

**Be it resolved,** the Board of Education hereby approves the contract with **Felipa Gallo** to provide **Language Translation Services** to the district during the **2011-2012 school year**. Felipa Gallo shall be compensated based on information provided to the Board of Education and placed on file with the District Clerk.

**d. Approve contract for Nursing Services**

**Be it resolved,** the Board of Education hereby approves the contract with **C.A.P.E.** to provide a **Student Assistance Counselor** to the district during the **2011-2012 school year**. C.A.P.E. shall be compensated based on information provided to the Board of Education and placed on file with the District Clerk.

Ayes: 5,0 **MOTION CARRIED**

The Board approved the following resolution for reimbursement of licensing fees on a motion made by Mr. Mittermaier, seconded by Mr. Liebrand and carried:

APPROVE  
REIMBURSEMENT  
OF LICENSING  
FEES

**Be it resolved**, the Board of Education hereby approves the reimbursement of licensing fees as follows:

a. To approve the reimbursement of the licensing fee of \$76.33 to **Susan Beaudry, Speech/Language Pathologist**, who needs to retain her license in order for the District to receive Medicaid reimbursement.

b. To approve the reimbursement of the licensing fee of \$79.67 to **Karin Sonntag, Speech/Language Pathologist**, who needs to retain her license in order for the District to receive Medicaid reimbursement.

c. To approve the reimbursement of the licensing fee of \$59.67 to **Marla Sherman, Licensed Clinical Social Worker**, who needs to retain her license in order for the District to receive Medicaid reimbursement.

Ayes: 5,0 **MOTION CARRIED**

The Board adopted the following resolution on a motion made by Mr. Mittermaier, seconded by Mr. Duffy, and carried:

ADOPT APPR  
REGULATIONS

Ayes: 5,0 **MOTION CARRIED**

**Whereas**, in May 2011, the Board of Regents adopted, on an emergency basis, new regulations governing annual professional performance reviews ("APPR") of classroom teachers and building principals;

**Whereas**, these regulations implement Education Law Section 3012-c (added by Chapter 103 of the Laws of 2010), which establishes a new statewide comprehensive evaluation system for teachers and building principals;

**Whereas**, the evaluation system is designed to measure teacher and principal effectiveness based on performance, including measures of achievement and evidence of educator effectiveness in meeting New York State teacher standards;

**Whereas**, the evaluation system is designed to measure teacher and principal effectiveness based on performance, including measures of achievement and evidence of educator effectiveness in meeting New York State teacher standards;

**Whereas**, the Board of Education must adopt an APPR plan for classroom teachers in the common branch subjects who teach English Language Arts and/or Mathematics to students in grades 4 through 8, and the building principals of the schools in which those teachers are employed;

**Be It Hereby Resolved** by the Board of Education of the Hyde Park Central School District that the attached document shall constitute the District's annual professional performance review plan for teachers and principals subject to Education Law Section 3012-c.

The Board approved the Comprehensive Educational Plan via the following resolution on a motion made by Mr. Mittermaier, seconded by Mr. Liebrand and carried:

**APPROVE  
COMPREHENSIVE  
EDUCATIONAL  
PLAN**

**Be it resolved**, the Board of Education hereby approves the Comprehensive Educational Plan (CEP), based upon information provided to the Board and placed on file with the District Clerk.

Ayes: 5,0 **MOTION CARRIED**

The Board approved the following resolution to amend tax warrants for the towns of Hyde Park and Pleasant Valley on a motion made by Mr. Mittermaier, seconded by Mr. Liebrand and carried:

**AMEND TAX  
WARRANTS FOR  
THE TOWNS OF  
HYDE PARK AND**

**Whereas**, the Board set the tax levy for the Hyde Park Central School District and adopted a resolution to approve the signing of Tax Warrants on August 25, 2011 in order to begin the collection of taxes,

**Whereas**, updated information received has created the need for an adjustment to the Tax Warrants for Hyde Park and Pleasant Valley,

**Therefore, be it resolved**, the Board of Education hereby adopts the amended resolution for the collection of taxes for the Towns of Hyde Park and Pleasant Valley.

Ayes: 5,0 **MOTION CARRIED**

**\*\*The resolution listed below was added to the agenda:\*\***

On a motion made by Mr. Mittermaier, seconded by Mr. Duffy and carried, the following resolution was adopted:

**APPROVE  
CERTIFIER OF  
PAYROLL**

**Be it resolved**, the Board of Education hereby approves the appointment of **Sylvia Erlandson** to serve as **Certifier of Payroll** for the 2011/2012 school year when Mr. Kurlander is not available, as part of her regular duties. Ms. Erlandson replaces Greer Fischer, who was previously appointed as a back-up person to certify payroll.

Ayes: 5,0 **MOTION CARRIED**

**AGENDA ADDENDUM ITEMS:**

On a motion made by Mr. Duffy, seconded by Mr. Liebrand, the Board approve the following confidential / managerial staff personnel matter:

**ACCEPT  
RESIGNATION**

Accept the resignation of **Edward Barr**, from his position of Assistant School Business Administrator in the **business office** effective the close of business September 16, 2011. (Code: 1310000 15000)

Ayes: 5,0 **MOTION CARRIED**

The Board approved the following stipends for the Business Office on a motion made by Mr. Mittermaier, seconded by Mr. Liebrand and carried:

**APPROVE  
STIPENDS FOR  
BUSINESS OFFICE**

Approve the stipend of \$500 per month for **Christine Tompkins**, principal account clerk in the business office, effective September 19, 2011. Ms. Tompkins is being paid this stipend for being the interim treasurer until a permanent appointment is made. (Code: 13100000 16000)

Approve the stipend of \$500 per month for **Terri Sheftic**, senior account clerk in the business office, effective September 19, 2011. Ms. Sheftic is being paid this stipend for additional payroll duties as assigned. (Code: 13100000 16000)

Ayes: 5,0 **MOTION CARRIED**

The Board approved the following authorization to sign checks on a motion made by Mr. Mittermaier, seconded by Mr. Liebrand and carried:

**AUTHORIZATION  
TO SIGN CHECKS**

**MOTION:** To authorize that the **President of the Board of Education** be the official signatory of checks on behalf of the District until the appointment of a Treasurer is made; and further, to authorize **Greer Fischer** to sign checks in the absence of the **President of the Board of Education** as part of her regular duties.

Ayes: 5,0 **MOTION CARRIED**

On a motion made by Mr. Mittermaier, seconded by Mr. Duffy and carried, the following was approved:

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

<b><u>TOWN OF</u></b> Clinton	<b><u>APPLICANT</u></b> James & Lori Brands	<b><u>GRID NO.:</u></b> 132400-6266-00-92093
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<b><u>TAX YEAR</u></b>	<b><u>AMOUNT LEVIED</u></b>	<b><u>ADJUSTED LEVY</u></b>	<b><u>REFUND</u></b>
2009	\$897.87	\$467.70	\$430.17
2010	\$1,183.36	\$558.00	\$625.36

Ayes: 5,0 **MOTION CARRIED**

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

**PUBLIC  
PARTICIPATION**

Ayes: 5,0 **MOTION CARRIED**

Public participation was closed at 9:40 p.m. on a motion made by Mr. Hieter, seconded by Mr. Mittermaier and carried.

**REGULAR  
SESSION**

Ayes: 5,0 **MOTION CARRIED**

A summary of the Technology Subcommittee Meeting was provided by both Mr. Mittermaier and Mr. Hieter.

**COMMITTEE  
REPORTS**

Mr. Mittermaier shared the following:

**Technology**

- The committee viewed a live demonstration of BoardDocs. A report will be provided to Board members with the next agenda packet.
- A request will be made to place a BoardDocs as a discussion item on the next agenda, with a potential vote to fund the purchase of it.

Mr. Hieter shared the following:

The committee discussed the need to move the District's website to a design that is easier to manage and that will enable each building to update their own information. The committee received information on SchoolWorld, a program that would enable the "look and feel" to be the same for each building.

Dr. Fischer added that most districts are using a similar product. In response to a question raised on the security level of the product, Dr. Fischer reported that SchoolWorld offers a high level of security. It is password driven and has numerous layers for assigning rights and authority.

Mr. Hieter reported on the policy committee's review of the Field Trip Policy and Regulations. After careful review and consideration, it was determined that the existing policy and regulations are fine as written.

**Policy**

Ms. Matyas questioned how the roll-out of SchoolMessenger would take place.

Mr. Addor reported that a test call had been performed on September 1<sup>st</sup> to families listed in the eSchool data system. A roll-out schedule is being planned to share information at each individual building, which will provide a contact manager option to allow parents to input the numbers they wish to be contacted on. Currently, there is a place for people to sign up to be placed in a general list that will be used for basic notifications. Mr. Addor recommended that anyone who had previously been signed up to receive notifications do this through the new system, since the "old e-mail notification" system is no longer being used.

An update will be provided at the end of October.

The next Board of Education meeting will be held:

**INFORMATION**

Thursday, October 13, 2011, 7:00 p.m., Ralph R. Smith Elementary School

Topics:

- Physical Education Course Proposal
- Discussion on Phase III Resolution

The meeting was adjourned at 9:56 p.m. on a motion made by Mr. Liebrand, seconded by Mr. Mittermaier and carried.

**ADJOURN**

Ayes: 5,0 **MOTION CARRIED**

*Respectfully submitted,*

*Deborah A. Brosen*

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**Deborah A. Brosen, District Clerk**

**Attachments: 09-22-11A (Personnel Listing)**