

HYDE PARK CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

**MINUTES: BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 2011
5:00 p.m. EXECUTIVE SESSION
6:00 p.m. PUBLIC HEARING ON PHASE III REFERENDUM
7:00 p.m. REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING
HYDE PARK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mr. Daniel M. Duffy, Vice President
Mr. Douglas Hieter
Mr. Timothy Liebrand, Jr.
Mr. Steven Mittermaier
Mr. Glenn Watson (arrived at 5:20 p.m.)

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

ALSO PRESENT: Dr. Greer F. Fischer, Superintendent of Schools
Ms. Cora Stempel, Assistant Superintendent of Instruction & Personnel
Mr. Wayne Kurlander, Assistant Superintendent for Business
Ms. Aviva Kafka, Assistant Superintendent for Pupil Services
Ms. Anthony Crandall, Director of Facilities & Operations
Ms. Ann Fadgen, Clerk Pro Tem
Staff and members of the community

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Daniel Duffy, Vice President, at 5:11 p.m. **Call to Order**

On a motion by Mr. Hieter, seconded by Mr. Liebrand and carried, the Board entered into executive session at 5:12 p.m. 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: 4, 0 **Motion carried.**

At 6:20 p.m., the Board returned from Executive Session, on a motion made by Mr. Hieter, seconded by Mr. Liebrand and carried. **Close Executive Session**

Ayes: 5, 0 **Motion carried.**

Mr. Duffy turned the meeting over to Superintendent Fischer to open the Public Hearing regarding the Phase 3 Bond Referendum. **Open Public Hearing**

Dr. Fischer provided an overview of the referendum items, and introduced Wayne Kurlander and William Wisbauer, District architect, who provided a

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presentation on all items proposed for public vote, and a three-dimensional representation of the track reconstruction. The presentation will be available for public view on the District's website.

There were no questions from the community.

In response to a question from Mr. Mittermaier, Mr. Wisbauer indicated that the adjacent watershed would be protected from runoff by planned dispersal areas on FDR High School property. He also indicated that there would still be some maintenance costs associated with the artificial turf field, although these are projected to be lower than those the District absorbs with the current fields. In response to a question from Mr. Mittermaier on sanitation, Mr. Crandall indicated that there would be no need for regular sanitation, which would be necessary only in cases of gross contamination.

Dr. Fischer announced the next events leading to the referendum vote: an opportunity to walk the track on Saturday, November 12, a second public hearing on November 29. Dr. Fischer encouraged anyone with questions to contact either her, or Wayne Kurlander. The vote will be held at Haviland Middle School on Tuesday, December 6. The polls will be open from 6:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Dr. Fischer closed the Public Hearing at 7:00 p.m., and turned the meeting over to Mr. Duffy.

**Close Public
Hearing**

On a motion from Mr. Hieter, seconded by Mr. Liebrand and carried, the Board returned to the regular meeting at 7:00 p.m.

Regular Meeting

Motion from Mr. Watson, seconded by Mr. Hieter and carried, the Board appointed Ann Fadgen Clerk Pro Tem.

**Appoint Clerk
Pro Tem**

Ayes: 5, 0 **Motion carried.**

Those present recited the Pledge.

**Pledge of
Allegiance**

One modification, an addendum, was announced for the agenda. On a motion by Mr. Hieter, seconded by Mr. Watson and carried, the modified agenda for the November 10, 2011 meeting was adopted.

**Adopt
Amended
Agenda**

Ayes: 5, 0 **Motion carried.**

Dr. Fischer introduced Mr. William Frandino, principal of Hyde Park Elementary School, who provided the Board and community with a presentation on the academic gains by the Hyde Park Elementary School students over the past two years. Mr. Frandino's presentation made reference to the contributions of Dr. Irv Miller, who provides math support to Hyde Park students, and both Dr. Fischer and Mr. Hieter complimented Dr. Miller's work.

**PRIDE
Presentation
on Hyde Park
Elementary
School**

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Dr. Fischer introduced Michael Haas, from the Hyde Park Rotary, who provided information regarding the Rotary's third annual donation of dictionaries to Hyde Park District students. Mr. Haas thanked students from the FDR Interact Club, who had assisted with distributing the donated dictionaries at North Park Elementary School.

**Rotary
Dictionary
Donation**

Mr. Watson announced two members of the FDR Girls Swimming team who had made it to the NYS Championships, Danielle Fergus and Carrie Watson. Those meets will be held on November 17 and 18 in Buffalo.

**FDR Girls
Swim Team**

Ms. Stempel congratulated the FDR President's Players for their production of "Our Town."

FDR Drama

Mr. Duffy indicated that the Rotary donation was part of a growing set of associations and collaborations between the District and various community groups that are benefitting both the groups and District students. Dr. Fischer added that the Violet Avenue Elementary students collaborated with their peers at Ralph R. Smith and Netherwood Elementary Schools to exceed their goal with a Halloween donation to UNICEF in the amount of \$3,800.

Other PRIDE

Dr. Fischer announced that the District's instructional staff had benefitted from a virtual keynote address on the common core standards from New York State Education Commissioner John B. King on Teacher Training Day, Tuesday, November 8.

**Superintendent's
Report**

Dr. Fischer had traveled with eight members of the FDR Interact Club to the United Nations, along with students from Pawling and the Dutchess BOCES Salt Point Alternative School. Interact is the only non-profit organization with a seat at the United Nations.

Interact Club

Dr. Fischer reminded the community about "Walk the Track" on Saturday, November 12.

**Walk the
Track**

She also reminded the community that the District would hold its third annual Veterans Day Luncheon at Haviland Middle School on Friday, November 11. The event is coordinated by Food Service Director Holly Peters-Heady, with donations from a variety of vendors. Lunch will be served from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. by District employees. There is no charge for veterans.

**Veterans
Day Luncheon**

On a motion from Mr. Hieter, seconded by Mr. Watson and carried, the Board opened the meeting for public participation at 7:48 p.m.

**Public
Participation**

Ayes: 5, 0 **Motion carried.**

Mr. Doug Eglinton addressed the Board with a concern about the lack of comments during the public hearing.

Regular Session

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On a motion from Mr. Watson, seconded by Mr. Hieter and carried, the Board returned to public session at 7:50 p.m.

Mr. Duffy and Dr. Fischer addressed Mr. Eglinton's concerns by stating that the community is receiving multiple mailings regarding the referendum vote. Dr. Fischer also indicated that various presentations were being made to groups throughout the District, and information is available on the District's website. Mr. Duffy also referenced the televised Board meetings as a source of information.

The consent agenda was approved on a motion from Mr. Liebrand, seconded by Mr. Hieter and carried.

**Consent
Agenda**

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, including the personnel item on the Agenda Addendum

a. Accept minutes of the October 27, 2011 Board of Education Meeting

**Accept Minutes:
October 27, 2011**

Resolved, that the Board of Education accept the minutes of the October 27, 2011 Board of Education meeting, 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:

Warrant Number Fund – Date (2011-12)	AMOUNT	Check Count	Pages
FED 10/20	\$104,084.81	8	2
GF 10/20	\$231,617.41	111	19
CAP 10/27	\$223,159.22	5	2
FED 10/27	\$5,131.26	4	1
FS 10/27	\$144.57	1	1
GF 10/27	\$198,013.26	84	14
TA 10/27	\$56.49	1	1

PR 10/28 \$54,334.13 15 2

c. Approve budget transfers

**Approve Budget
Transfers**

Resolved, that the Board of Education hereby approves budget transfers dated October 13 and 17, and November 1 and 3, 2011 based on information provided to the Board and placed on file.

d. Accept donations

Accept Donations

Resolved, the Board of Education hereby accepts the following donations:

- 1) To accept a donation to the Hyde Park Central School District from Target in the amount of \$109.63, and further to increase the appropriated revenue code A510.2705 and expend funds from code A2110080050000 for the purchase of supplies for use at the Hyde Park Elementary School.
- 2) To accept a donation to the Hyde Park Central School District in the amount of \$125.00 from Cynthia Petrovits, and further to increase the appropriated revenue code A510.2705 and expend funds from the Arts-in-Education code A2110 51 50000 for the purchase of a potter's kick wheel.
- 3) To accept a donation to the Hyde Park Central School District from the Hyde Park Rotary of 269 dictionaries valued at \$504.00 to be provided to all third grade students.

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 October, 2011.

f. Approve personnel matters (See Minutes Attachment 11-10-11A)

**Approve
Personnel Items**

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

Addendum Item Approved:

CONFIDENTIAL / MANAGERIAL

Approve the emergency conditional probationary appointment of **Heide Hohlfeld**, accountant in the **business office** effective December 1, 2011 at a prorated salary of \$65,000. Ms. Hohlfeld will be in the confidential unit. Ms. Hohlfeld sat for the civil service test, passed it and is reachable for appointment. (Code: 13100000 16000)

On a motion Mr. Liebrand, second by Mr. Hieter and carried, the Board approved the following:

**Approve
Termination:
Howard, Jerry**

Be it hereby resolved, by the Board of Education of the Hyde Park Central School District, that effective at the close of business on November 14, 2011, the services of Jerry Howard are hereby terminated pursuant to the provisions of New York State Civil Service Law Section 71. (Code: A1621000016000)

Ayes: 5, 0 **Motion carried.**

On a motion by Mr. Hieter, seconded by Mr. Mittermaier and carried, the Board approved the following:

**Approve Recall of
Non-instructional
Employees**

Be it resolved, the following non-instructional employee is hereby recalled in accordance with the parties' collective bargaining agreement, effective October 28, 2011.

- April Butts, teacher aide, full-time (temporary)
(Code: A2250000016500)

Butts, April

Be it resolved, the following non-instructional employee is hereby recalled in accordance with the parties' collective bargaining agreement, effective October 11, 2011.

- **Antoinette Fiorenza, teacher aide, full-time (permanent)**
(Code: A2250000016500)

**Fiorenza,
Antoinette**

Ayes: 5, 0 **Motion carried.**

On a motion by Mr. Liebrand, seconded by Mr. Watson and carried, the Board approved / arranged 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 reviewed by the board's sub-committee on special education.

**Approve Special
Education
Placements**

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Mr. Duffy provided a brief summary.

Ayes: 5, 0 **Motion carried.**

On a motion by Mr. Watson, seconded by Mr. Mittermaier and carried the board approved the following:

**Approve
Settlement
Agreement and
Termination of
Contract:
Driscoll Food**

WHEREAS, on or about June 23, 2011, the Board of Education (“Board”) of the Hyde Park Central School District (“District”) awarded the 2011-2012 Food Service Department Meat and Grocery Bid and Government Commodities to Driscoll Food (“Driscoll”); and

WHEREAS, Driscoll is unable to fulfill its obligations under the contract; and

WHEREAS, all of the items provided by Driscoll under the bid are used by Food Service almost daily; and

WHEREAS, it is the intent of the Board, to re-bid the Meat and Grocery items, except for the government commodities; and

WHEREAS, upon the termination of Driscoll and prior to the rebid and an award of a new vendor, the Board must implement emergency interim measures to secure the food items; and

WHEREAS, the vendors who bid, but were not awarded the 2011-2012 bid have agreed to honor the pricing submitted on their previous bid.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Hyde Park Central School District, hereby approves the Settlement Agreement and Release with Driscoll to be on file in the District Clerk’s office,

which among other terms and conditions terminates the Agreement with Driscoll; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Hyde Park Central School District, after review by counsel for the District, authorizes the Superintendent to execute the Settlement Agreement and Release with Driscoll.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board hereby authorizes the following:

- 1) Pending the re-bid, authorizes the purchase of the Meat and Grocery items on an emergency temporary basis from the following lowest bidders on the June 2011 bid for the items as noted on the list attached to this resolution: Ginsberg's, Thomas O Miller, Mivila, Nardone, Roberts Food, APPCO and Perkins; and

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- 2) Due to the US Government's restrictions on awarding government commodity items, the government commodity awarded to Driscoll is transferred to Ginsberg for the remainder of the 2011-2012 school year, also in accordance with the attached list of items.

Ayes: 5, 0 **Motion carried.**

On a motion by Mr. Hieter, seconded by Mr. Mittermaier and carried, the Board adopted parameters for developing the 2012-2013 budget, based upon information provided to the Board and placed on file with the District Clerk.

Adopt Budget Parameters

*This document will be appended to the minutes as attachment 11-10-11B

Ayes: 5, 0 **Motion carried.**

On a motion by Mr. Watson, seconded by Mr. Mittermaier and carried the Board adopted the Budget Development Calendar for planning purposes of the May 15, 2011 Annual District Meeting, based upon information provided to the Board and placed on file with the District Clerk.

Adopt Budget Development Calendar

Ayes: 5, 0 **Motion carried.**

On a motion by Mr. Mittermaier, seconded by Mr. Watson and carried the Board authorized the District Clerk to appoint a permanent chairperson, election officials and chief inspector for the Special District Meeting to be held on December 6, 2011, based upon information provided to the Board and placed on file with the District Clerk.

Appoint Election Officials

Ayes: 5, 0 **Motion carried.**

On a motion by Mr. Mittermaier, seconded by Mr. Watson and carried, the Board opened the meeting for public participation at 7:55 p.m.

Public Participation

Ayes: 5, 0 **Motion carried.**

Public Session

No community member addressed the Board.

On a motion by Mr. Liebrand, seconded by Mr. Mittermaier and carried, the Board returned to public session at 7:56 p.m.

Ayes: 5, 0 **Motion carried.**

Mr. Duffy indicated that the Special Education subcommittee had met and that the minutes would be provided to Deborah Brosen, District Clerk.

Information

Mr. Hieter announced a Policy subcommittee meeting on November 18, if all parties are available.

Subcommittee Meetings

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Ms. Stempel announced the first public meeting of the Strategic Planning Committee on November 15, 6:00 – 8:00 p.m., at the District Office.

**Strategic
Planning
Committee**

The next meetings of the Board of Education meetings will be held as follows:

- Thursday, December 1, 2011, 6:00 p.m., Special Board of Education Meeting, Administration Office
- Thursday, December 8, 2011, 7:00 p.m., Regular Board of Education Meeting, Violet Avenue Elementary School

**Board of
Education
Meetings**

Important events

Important Events

- Saturday, November 12, 2011, 11:00 a.m., “Walk the Track”, FDR High School
- Tuesday, November 29, 2011, 4:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m., Voter Registration, Administration Office (**Last Day to Register to Vote**)
- Tuesday, November 29, 2011, 6:30 p.m., Administration Office, Public Hearing on Phase III Capital Project Improvements
- Tuesday, December 6, 2011, 6:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m., Special District Meeting to Vote on Phase III Propositions, Haviland Middle School Gymnasium

The Board discussed the need for a second executive session; none was deemed necessary.

**Executive
Session**

On a motion by Mr. Watson, seconded by Mr. Mittermaier and carried, the meeting was adjourned at 7:59 p.m.

Adjournment

Ayes: 5, 0 **Motion carried.**

Respectfully submitted,

Ann S. Fadgen

Ann S. Fadgen, Clerk Pro Tem

Deborah A. Brosen

Deborah A. Brosen, District Clerk

**Attachments: 11-10-11A (Personnel Listing)
11-10-11B (Budget Parameters)**