

HYDE PARK CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

MINUTES: BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
5:30 p.m. EXECUTIVE SESSION
7:00 p.m. REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2011
VIOLET AVENUE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

MEMBERS PRESENT: Ms. Sharon Matyas, President
 Mr. Daniel Duffy, Vice President
 Mr. Douglas Hieter
 Mr. Timothy Liebrand, Sr.
 Mr. Steven Mittermaier (Arrived at 5:58 p.m.)
 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. Aviva Kafka, Assistant Superintendent for Pupil Services
 Ms. Deborah Brosen, District Clerk
 Staff and members of the community

The regular meeting of the Board of Education was called to order at 5:32 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. Watson, seconded by Mr. Liebrand and carried to discuss confidential matters pertaining to the employment/future 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 7:04 p.m. on a motion made by Mr. Watson, seconded by Mr. Hieter and carried.

Ayes: 6,0 **MOTION CARRIED**

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

An addendum to the agenda was announced. The Board adopted the agenda with the modification noted, on a motion made by Mr. Duffy, seconded by Mr. Mittermaier and carried. **AGENDA ADOPTION**

Ayes: 6,0 **MOTION CARRIED**

Dr. Fischer commended the staff and students on the performance at the first Winter concert held at Haviland. She also announced the New York Theatre **PRIDE**

Organ Society's (NYTOS) Holiday Spectacular Concert which will be held on Saturday at 3:00 p.m. at the high school, and added that some of Hyde Park's students would be performing at it.

Ms. Stempel shared information on the Artist in Residence Program, which was just completed at the Netherwood Elementary School. She introduced Andres San Millan, Artist from the CoCoon Theatre in Rhinebeck. Mr. Millan did charcoal portraits of the students. He described the program as a treat which provided a unique experience for the Artist and student, and the ability to get to know each other. Mr. Millan thanked Ms. Stempel and the District for the opportunity to work with the students.

NES ARTIST IN RESIDENCY

Ms. Stempel thanked Mr. Millan and indicated that meeting a working artist is a very important part of the art curriculum. She was pleased that the students were able to not only experience an original piece of art and the process of making it, but also were able to be the subject as well.

Several students showed their portrait and shared their experience with the program.

Violet Avenue Elementary School Principal, Deanna Gonzalez, presented information on student scores. Ms. Gonzalez also shared information on projects students are involved with. She was pleased to announce that Violet Avenue students combined efforts with students from Haviland, Netherwood, and Ralph R. Smith to collect almost \$4,000 for UNICEF. They surpassed their goal of reaching last year's collection of \$1,400.00.

VAS SCHOOL PRIDE

Ms. Matyas announced that the reports would be given after public participation. On a motion made by Mr. Watson, seconded by Mr. Duffy and carried, the Board entered public participation at 7:40 p.m.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Ayes: 6,0 MOTION CARRIED

Dr. Fischer shared that three propositions were put up before the voters on December 6th. The first two propositions were to replace boilers and heating systems, and both of them passed. The first proposition was at no cost to the District, and the second was at no increase in the tax levy. The third proposition to upgrade the athletic facility did not pass, and was voted down by 64 votes.

SUPT'S REPORT

Dr. Fischer indicated the District would continue to look at areas that involve safety.

Comments/concerns were shared on the following two topics:

- 1) Enrollment criteria for Math Honors Class --

The District was asked to consider more flexibility in the enrollment requirements surrounding grading and the Regents exam scores.

2) The Board was asked to consider holding a re-vote for failed proposition III for the following reasons:

- Safety issues
- PRIDE
- To provide students a place to train
- Handicap access for graduation
- The ability to hold “home” athletic events

Ms. Matyas thanked everyone for their comments. Public participation was closed at 8:26 p.m. on a motion made by Mr. Watson, seconded by Mr. Duffy and carried.

**REGULAR
SESSION**

Ayes: 6,0 MOTION CARRIED

Dr. Fischer responded that administrative staff will explore options for more flexibility with the criteria for the Math Honors course.

**BOARD
DISCUSSION
/COMMENTS**

Ms. Stempel thanked staff and students for their comments. She informed them that the Regents requirement had been put in place to provide multiple measures to determine student readiness for the Math honors course. Ms. Stempel indicated the District has been reviewing many of the issues mentioned and will continue to address the concerns noted. Information on a challenge opportunity will be provided to the Board in early February.

The following responses were given to questions/concerns regarding the reason for proposing an upgrade to the athletic facility during tough economic times:

- To address safety issues surrounding the track and bleachers.
- To enable the District to take advantage of state aid on capital projects, which might not be available after the State budget is passed.
- The Facilities Steering Forum (FSF) ranked this project as a priority.

Options for a re-vote will be reviewed at the January 12th Board meeting.

Mr. Duffy suggested people email the Board concerns and requests related to a possible re-vote.

Dr. Fischer and Assistant Superintendent for Business, Wayne Kurlander, presented a tax cap estimate. The tax cap limits districts' ability to raise the tax levy over 2% from the previous year with certain excludable expenses and exemptions.

**SUPT'S REPORT:
TAX CAP
ESTIMATE &
MANDATE RELIEF
INITIATIVE**

Dr. Fischer reported she is on a State legislative committee with other superintendents who are working to do whatever possible to develop tangible ways to address the tax cap and unfunded mandates. Dr. Fischer shared the Lower Hudson Council of School Superintendent's Mandate Relief Initiative summary sheet.

The power point presentation and Mandate Relief Initiative Summary Sheet can be viewed at **www.hydeparkschools.org** and clicking on the link to the BOE meetings link and the date of the Board meeting.

Mr. Kurlander indicated the District will need to look at reducing services.

Mr. Hieter indicated that the District will likely have to make painful cuts. Mr. Liebrand questioned whether retirement incentives would be offered.

Dr. Fischer informed the Board that she had met with unit leaders to formally ask if they would be willing to freeze salaries and/or step increases. She added that she anticipated being able to have information for discussion by the end of January for a broad spectrum of cuts.

The presentation was postponed due to time constraints. Dr. Fischer commented that updates will be provided when received. The power point presentation can be viewed at **www.hydeparkschools.org** and clicking on the link to the BOE meetings link and the date of the Board meeting.

**NEW PRINCIPAL
EVALUATIONS:
APPR**

The Board entered public participation at 9:50 p.m. on a motion made by Mr. Hieter, seconded by Mr. Watson and carried.

**PUBLIC
PARTICIPATION**

Ayes: 6,0 **MOTION CARRIED**

Community members shared additional comments on the Math honors course, retirement incentives and longevity payments, and the proposed athletic facility. A further comment was added that future improvements to facilities will need to be made, regardless of whether or not state aid is available.

The Board closed public participation and returned to regular session at 10:06 p.m. on a motion made by Mr. Watson, seconded by Mr. Liebrand and carried.

**REGULAR
SESSION**

Ayes: 6,0 **MOTION CARRIED**

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

**CONSENT AGENDA
RESOLUTION**

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

Ayes: 6,0 **MOTION CARRIED**

a. Accept minutes of the December 1 and December 6, 2011 Board of Education Meetings

ACCEPT MINUTES:

**December 1 and
December 6, 2011**

Resolved, that the Board of Education accept the minutes of the **December 1 and December 6, 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:

Warrant Number Fund – Date (2011-12)	AMOUNT	Check Count	Pages
CAP 11/02	\$3,325.00	1	1
FED 11/03	\$31,385.11	6	1
GF 11/03	\$189,664.18	108	18
TA 11/03	\$237.68	3	1
CAP 11/09	\$174.03	1	1
CAP 11/09	\$156,589.42	2	1
FS 11/09	\$88,766.41	23	4
GF 11/09	\$172,204.15	67	11
FED 11/10	\$16,286.31	7	2
PR 11/10	\$37,130.68	13	2
CAP 11/17	\$17,085.88	4	2
FED 11/17	\$8,946.35	4	1
GF 11/17	\$1,741,674.69	83	17
PR 11/22	\$54,311.58	15	2

c. Accept treasurer's report

**ACCEPT
TREASURER'S
REPORT**

Resolved, that the Board of Education hereby accepts the **treasurer's report, interest statement, trial balance report, comprehensive budget status**

report, revenue status report, and report on the general fund for the month of **June 2011** AND reports on the Food Service Fund, Special Aid Fund, Capital Fund, Debt Service Fund, and Trust & Agency Fund for the month of, **June 2011** based on information provided to the Board of Education and placed on file.

d. Accept donation

**ACCEPT
DONATION**

Be it resolved, the Board of Education hereby accepts the following donation:

- 1) To accept a donation to the Hyde Park Central School District from **Paul Marino** of a **delta triple duty grinder, Model @4 ½ hp** and **assorted 2" Sch 80 PVC fittings** valued at **\$650.00**.

e. Approve correction and refund of taxes

**APPROVE
CORRECTION AND
REFUND OF TAXES**

MOTION: To approve the following refund of taxes due to a reduction in assessment as noted in the Stipulation received by the Dutchess County of Supreme Court provided to the Board and placed on file.

1) Applicant: Dogra Mohan
Grid #: 6164-02-541548

Town of: Hyde Park

Year	Amount Levied	Adjusted Levy	Refund Due
2011	\$5,193.07	\$3,994.67	\$1,198.40
		TOTAL	\$1,198.40
		REFUND DUE	

2) Applicant: Doreen Miller
Grid #: 6166-04-741347

Town of: Hyde Park

Year	Amount Levied	Adjusted Levy	Tax Bill Reduction
2011	\$10,043.55	\$5,449.67	\$4,593.88
			(not a refund)

f. 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 **November, 2011**.

g. Approve out-of-town field trip

**APPROVE OUT OF
TOWN FIELD TRIPS**

MOTION: Upon recommendation of the Superintendent and under the direction of the Board of Education, to approve the following out-of-town field trip pursuant to board policy #4531, based on information provided to the Board of Education:

- 1) Haviland 8th Grade Trip – February 16 – 19, 2012, Washington, D.C.

Per student costs will be \$469.00 each for the trip, common carrier transportation will be used. There are no hidden costs that require reimbursement to the district, and no eligible student will be denied the opportunity to participate for financial reasons.

h. Approve disposal of obsolete vehicles

**APPROVE
DISPOSAL OF
OBSOLETE
VEHICLES**

Resolved, that the Board of Education hereby approves the disposal of the following equipment, based upon information provided to the Board and placed on file:

- 1996 F350 Ford Pick-up truck
- 1995 F150 Ford Pick-up truck

Both vehicles will be put out for public bid.

i. Approve personnel matters (See Attachment 12-8-11A)

**APPROVE
PERSONNEL
MATTERS**

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

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 as reviewed by the board's sub-committee on special education on a motion made by Mr. Duffy, seconded by Mr. Liebrand, and carried.

**APPROVE SPECIAL
EDUCATION
PLACEMENTS**

Mr. Duffy recommended approval of the package as submitted.

Ayes: 6,0 **MOTION CARRIED**

On a motion made by Mr. Hieter, seconded by Mr. Watson and carried, the Board approved the appointment of **Linda Steinberg** to handle **funds and applications (Section 8002- Impact Aid)** for the 2011/2012 school year, to serve as part of her regular duties.

**APPROVE
AUTHORIZED
REPRESENTATIVE**

Ayes: 6,0 **MOTION CARRIED**

On a motion made by Mr. Watson, seconded by Mr. Duffy and carried, the Board approved the appointment of **Heidi Holfeld** as **Deputy Treasurer** to serve in the absence of the Treasurer, as part of her regular duties.

**APPROVE
 APPOINTMENT OF
 DEPUTY
 TREASURER**

Ayes: 6,0 **MOTION CARRIED**

On a motion made by Mr. Liebrand, seconded by Mr. Watson and carried, the Board authorized **Linda Steinberg, District Treasurer** to sign checks on behalf of the District; with **Heidi Holfeld, Deputy Treasurer**, authorized to sign in the treasurer's absence; and with the **President of the Board of Education** authorized to sign in the absence of either of the aforementioned. Ms. Steinberg and Ms. Holfeld will serve in this capacity, as part of their regular duties.

**APPROVE
 AUTHORIZATION
 TO SIGN CHECKS**

Ayes: 6,0 **MOTION CARRIED**

AGENDA ADDENDUM ITEMS

On a motion made by Mr. Hieter, seconded by Mr. Mittermaier and carried, the Board approved the correction and refund of taxes as listed below:

a. MOTION: To approve the following refund of taxes due to a reduction in assessment as noted in the Stipulation received by the Dutchess County Supreme Court, provided to the Board and placed on file.

1) Applicant: Tori L. Smith **Town of:** Poughkeepsie
Grid #: 6262-01-045865

Year	Amount Levied	Adjusted Levy	Refund Due
2011-12	\$3,466.81	\$3,274.21	\$192.60
		TOTAL	\$192.60
		REFUND DUE	

b. MOTION: To approve the following reduction in assessment and refund of taxes, due to an error by the Dutchess County Office Of Real Property Tax Service, which resulted in the omission of the grid number for this parcel from the Supreme Court's Order for payment. This information has been provided to the Board and placed on file.

1) Applicant: Christopher E. & Linda A. Obszarny **Town of:** Hyde Park
 (c/o Hyde Park Greens)
Grid #: 133200-08-766893-0000

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Year	Amount Levied	Adjusted Levy	Refund Due
2010-11	\$936.96	\$796.44	\$140.52
		TOTAL	\$140.52
		REFUND DUE	

Ayes: 6,0 **MOTION CARRIED**

The Board entered public participation at 10:10 p.m. on a motion made by Mr. Hieter, seconded by Mr. Duffy and carried.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Ayes: 6,0 **MOTION CARRIED**

Public participation was closed at 10:10 p.m. on a motion made by Mr. Watson, seconded by Mr. Duffy and carried.

REGULAR SESSION

Ayes: 6,0 **MOTION CARRIED**

The next Board of Education meeting was announced:

INFORMATION

Thursday, January 12, 2012, 7:00 p.m., FDR High School, 154 South Cross Road, Hyde Park

NEXT BOARD MEETING DATE

➤ Enrollment and Capacity Study Report

The meeting was adjourned at 10:10 p.m. on a motion made by Mr. Liebrand, seconded by Mr. Watson and carried.

ADJOURN

Ayes: 6,0 **MOTION CARRIED**

Respectfully Submitted,

Deborah A. Brosen

Deborah A. Brosen, District Clerk

Attachments: 12-8-11A (Personnel Listing)