

YORKTOWN CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
Yorktown Heights, New York

November 21, 2005

Mildred E. Strang Middle School

EXECUTIVE SESSION
6:00 PM

BUSINESS MEETING
7:00 PM

A G E N D A

- A. Meeting Called to Order
- B. Executive Session – 6:00-7:00 p.m.
 - Negotiations Parameters
 - Letters of Agreement (Continued)
- C. Pledge of Allegiance
- D. Recognition of National Merit Scholars

NOTE: Jeff Smith, K-12 Music Coordinator, has arranged for several All-State student musicians to play for several minutes at 7:00 p.m.

- E. Public Comment

• ***NOTE:** Please limit comments to three minutes (Total maximum time allowed: **30 mins.**)

- F. Board of Education Discussion Items
 - Presentation of 2004/05 Final Audit Report – Ray Preusser, CPA
 - PTSA Report
 - Board Sub-Committee Progress Reports
 - Superintendent Search
- G. Superintendent Discussion Items
 - Good News Items
 - Report on Administrative Internship Projects
 - Action Plans to Implement Strategic Plan
 - Medicaid Audit Follow-Up
 - Monthly Budget Status Report
 - Cablevision Update
 - Before School K-2 Enrichment Center Program
 - Anti-Bullying
 - Destination Imagination

H. RESOLUTIONS

1. Motion to approve the following:
 - a. Minutes from the Special Meetings of October 1, 2005, October 11; 2005, October 19, 2005 & October 26, 2005, and the Business Meetings of September 26, 2005 and October 24, 2005.
 - b. Extra-Classroom Funds as of August 31, 2005 and September 30, 2005.
 - c. Treasurer's Reports as of September 30, 2005.
 - d. Substitute Lists

PERSONNEL

ADMINISTRATIVE

New

Appointment

2. Motion to approve the appointment of Joseph Cassarini as Interim Supervisor of Pupil Services, Grades Pre-K-12, at a salary of \$102,000, prorated to \$73,950.00, effective November 22, 2005 through June 30, 2006. Mr. Cassarini has Provisional certification in School Administration and Supervision.

INSTRUCTIONAL

Resignation

New

3. Motion to accept the resignation, for purposes of retirement, of Frank Fornario, special education teacher at the High School, effective June 30, 2006. Mr. Fornario is retiring after 31 years with the district.

Leaves of Absence

New

4. Motion to approve a parental leave of absence for Andrea Servedio, science teacher at Yorktown High School, effective December 20, 2005 through June 30, 2006.

New

5. Motion to approve a personal leave of absence for Joseph Cassarini, special education teacher at Yorktown High School, effective November 22, 2005 through June 30, 2006. Mr. Cassarini has accepted an interim position in the district.

Appointments

- 6. Motion to approve the appointment of Kevin McElroy as a leave replacement/permanent substitute Chemistry teacher, Step 1 of the Masters salary schedule plus 12 credits, effective December 6, 2005 through June 30, 2006, at a prorated salary of \$36,085.52. Mr. McElroy’s Transitional “C” certification is pending. He is replacing Sheila Rowley at Yorktown High School, who has been granted a parental leave of absence.

Change in Salary

- 7. Motion to approve a change in the salary of Cecelia Taylor, leave replacement at Crompond School, from 3BA+6 to 3BA+9, after a review of her official transcript.
- 8. Motion to approve a change in salary for Marilee Sorrentini-Velez, leave replacement English teacher at Yorktown High School, from 3BA+10 to 3BA+27, after a review of her official transcript.

New

Extra Credits

- 9. Motion to approve the following extra credits:

Increase

Effective September 1, 2005:

- a. **Pauline Quinones** – Crompond – 10 credits on the Masters

New

to 10MA+52		\$2,062.20
NYSUT Effective Teaching		
Guided Reading (6/05)	(1)	
Writing as Learning (7/05)	(3)	
M.A.G.I.C. (7/05)	(3)	
Proactive Strategies for all Students (7/05)	(3)	

- b. **Jessica LiCalzi** – French Hill – 5 credits on the Masters

to 2MA+30		\$1,031.10
College of St. Rose:		
Teachers & Parents: Winning & Keeping Parental Support (6/05)	(1)	
Teachers Discovering Computers (8/05)	(3)	
Edith Winthrop Teachers Center:		
Recipes for Literacy (7/05)	(1)	

c. Anthony Marucci –Middle School – 10 credits on the Bachelors
to 2BA+25

\$1,164.20

New

Mount Saint Mary College

Teaching Language Arts Through Literacy (3)

Instruction (12/04)

Literacy for Special Needs Pupils, Gr. 3-6 (12/04) (3)

Collaboration with Professionals & Parents (5/05) (3)

NWP Teacher Center

The Tips in Critical Thinking & Project-Based (1)

Learning (5/05)

Co-Curricular Activities

10. Motion to approve the following co-curricular activities:

New

High School

<u>Activity</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>\$ Amount</u>
a. Weightlifting - Fall	Steve Veteri	1,632.25
b. Weightlifting - Winter	Ron Santavicca	2,434.06
c. Weightlifting - Spring	Michael Rescigno	1,947.25

SUPPORT STAFF

Tenure Recommendations

New

11. Motion to approve tenure recommendations for the following Teaching Assistants/Instructional Assistants, effective December 16, 2005, after a two year probationary period:

a. Brookside School

Lorraine Ahearn

Arlene Chin

Ellen McCannon

Margaret Saggese

Susan Taylor

Linda Belanger

Catherine DiLiberto

Angela Nigro

Brenda Sichling

Roberta Budetti

Carol McAleer

Fran O'Connor

Judy Spindler

b. Crompond School

Rosemarie Bizarro

Barbara Franceschini

Kathleen McNamee

Isabelle Scherpf

Mary Walsh

Lisa Camia

Amilda Goldberg

Karol Pernicano

Linda Semmeles

Phyllis Warshay

Patricia Faulborn

Donna Iennaco

Johanna Racioppo

Susan Serio

c. French Hill School

Barbara Bernstein
Lenore Feld
Carmela LoBrutto
Judy Romero
Michele Villano

Maria Buonagurio
AnneMarie Gerhard
Barbara Loftus
Elizabeth Solow
Sharon Wenderoth

Vita DiRosa
Mary Giangrande
Linda Nicolosi
Denise Stabile

d. Middle School

Dorothy Abbruzzi
Deborah Drapala
Susan Maise
Elizabeth Musso
Karen Rustad
Denise Vignola

Marie Beers
Elaine Ferone
Joan Mellusi
Maureen O'Keefe
Judee Stole
Millie Voss

Michele Colabatistto
Faith Goldstein
Shirley Murphy
Patricia Paolicelli
Debra Vecchiolla
Linda Weber

e. Mohansic School

Dawn Benevento
Angela Capogna
Elvira Costello
Grace Gibney
JoAnna Leute
Victoria Paces
Kathleen Voyez

Josephine Bianco
Tina Cerar
Carol Fabrizio
Mary Hayes
Sharon Longyear
Lori Rampa

Laura Cairns
Ellen Conn
Gale Gertner
Mary-Lynn Kolby
Jane O'Sullivan
Janet Summers

f. High School

Linda Bucello
Mara Galassi
Paula Morrissey
Barbara Woska

Linda Degl
Reinout Hunningher
Jayne Pastula

Mary-Lynn Flannigan
Mary Lindner
Linda Serra

g. St. Patrick's School

Deborah Panebianco

Extension of Probationary Period

New

12. Motion to extend the probationary period of the following Teaching Assistants/Instructional Assistants, from December 16, 2005 through January 31, 2006, pending completion of their Continuing Teaching Assistant certification:

- a. Rosemary Millan – French Hill School
- b. Michelle Morabito – French Hill School
- c. Arlene Nigro – Yorktown High School

Appointments

13. Motion to approve the appointment of Thomas Dunnings as groundsman/cleaner in the O&M Department, Step 5 of the Groundsman salary schedule without night differential, at a prorated salary of \$22,549.15, effective November 22, 2005. Mr. Dunnings is currently a cleaner at Brookside School. This is an internal change in title and does not require a new Civil Service probationary period. He is replacing Gumercindo Cabrera who has resigned.

New

14. Motion to approve the provisional appointment of Edward Frederick as a Senior Custodian, Step 5 of the Senior Custodian salary schedule, at a prorated salary of \$28,018.01, effective November 22, 2005. Mr. Frederick is currently a custodian in the district. He is replacing Michael Carpenter who was transferred to a Custodial position. His initial placement will be at Yorktown High School. This appointment is subject to successful completion of the appropriate Civil Service exam.

New

15. Motion to approve the appointment of Robert DeRosso, as a School Monitor, at a salary of \$20,000, prorated to \$14,537.65, effective November 22, 2005. His initial placement will be at Yorktown High School. This position is subject to a probationary period of a minimum of 12 weeks to a maximum of 52 weeks.

Civil Service Appointments

New

16. Motion to approve the permanent appointment of Valerie Solomon, Senior Office Assistant in the Special Education Office, effective December 21, 2005, after successful completion of a 52 week probationary period.

New

17. Motion to approve the probationary appointment of Noreen Boyle as a Senior Typist, from Eligible List #02-408, effective November 22, 2005. This position is subject to a probationary period of a minimum of 12 weeks to a maximum of 52 weeks.

New

18. Motion to approve the return to Civil Service appointment of Ann Marie Catalano, Instructional Assistant at French Hill School, effective December 16, 2005. Ms. Catalano has chosen not to complete her Teaching Assistant certification, and requested to remain in a non-instructional assignment.

PROFESSIONAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

Instructional

19. Motion to approve the following Yorktown Congress of Teachers Professional Improvement Program proposals (Contract Balance: \$30,000.00; Encumbered to date: \$11,188.97. Total to be approved: \$5,386.51.)

	<u>Cost</u>
a. Joan Colsey , ESL teacher at Crompond/Mohansic Schools, to attend “Helping English Language Learners Meet with Success in the Mainstream Classroom,” P/NW BOCES Curriculum Center, Yorktown Heights, NY – December 5, 2005.	\$157.00
b. Joan Colsey , ESL teacher at Crompond/Mohansic Schools, to attend “Strategies for Success with English Language Learners,” P/NW BOCES Curriculum Center, Yorktown Heights, NY – April 5, 2006.	\$157.00
c. Cena Hampden , psychologist at French Hill School, to attend “New York Special Education After Re-Authorization – What’s New? What’s Not?” Medical Educational Services, Inc. Professional Development Network, White Plains, NY – December 6, 2005.	\$180.00
d. Helen Klein , psychologist at Brookside School, to attend “New York Special Education After Re-Authorization – What’s New? What’s Not?” Medical Educational Services, Inc. Professional Development Network, White Plains, NY – December 6, 2005.	\$186.34
e. Valerie Epstein , teacher at Mohansic School, to attend “New York Special Education After Re-Authorization – What’s New? What’s Not?” Medical Educational Services, Inc. Professional Development Network, White Plains, NY – December 6, 2005.	\$204.25
f. Nancy Ferrari , teacher at Mohansic School, to attend “New York Special Education After Re-Authorization – What’s New? What’s Not?” Medical Educational Services, Inc. Professional Development Network, White Plains, NY – December 6, 2005.	\$187.76
g. Jeffrey Smith , music teacher at Mohansic School, to attend “New York State School Music Association Winter Conference,” Rochester, NY – December 1-4, 2005.	\$965.00
h. Allison Cook , teacher at MESMS, to attend “Technology, Reading & Learning Difficulties Conference 2006” – Hyatt Regency, San Francisco, CA – January 26-28, 2006.	\$1,175.00
i. Cathy Stanton , teacher at Mohansic School, to attend “Technology, Reading & Learning Difficulties Conference 2006” – Hyatt Regency, San Francisco, CA – January 26-28, 2006.	\$1,600.00
j. Denise Sandor , psychologist at MESMS, to attend “Using Curriculum Based Measurement to Measure Response to Intervention,” P/NW BOCES Curriculum Center, Yorktown Heights NY – December 9, 2005.	\$140.00

- k. **Karyn Hornick**, psychologist at MESMS/YHS, to attend “Using Curriculum Based Measurement to Measure Response to Intervention,” P/NW BOCES Curriculum Center, Yorktown Heights NY – December 9, 2005. \$140.00
- l. **Suzanne McGannon**, psychologist at YHS, to attend “Using Curriculum Based Measurement to Measure Response to Intervention,” P/NW BOCES Curriculum Center, Yorktown Heights NY – December 9, 2005. \$140.00
- m. **Gayle Leaversuch**, teacher at YHS, to attend “Social Studies: For Literacy and Life” Westchester Council for the Social Studies Annual Conference, Crowne Plaza, White Plains, NY – December 9, 2005. \$89.25
- n. **Sabrina Bieloski**, teacher at YHS, to attend “Social Studies: For Literacy and Life” Westchester Council for the Social Studies Annual Conference, Crowne Plaza, White Plains, NY – December 9, 2005. \$65.00

ATHLETICS

Rescission of Appointment

20. Motion to approve the rescission of the appointment of Toma Gojcevic as Junior Varsity Girls’ Basketball Head Coach, effective immediately. Mr. Gojcevic has resigned the position.

Appointments

Winter Coaches 2005-06

21. Motion to approve the following coaches for the winter season of the 2005-06 school year:

New

	<u>Coach</u>	<u>Sport</u>	<u>Level</u>	<u>Base</u>	<u>Longevity</u>		<u>Total</u>
				\$	%	Amt.	\$
a.	Cerar, Jeff	Basketball/Boys	Frosh Head	2,653.75	-	-	2,653.75
b.	Battista, Danielle R.	Cheerleading	JV Head	3,715.24	-	-	3,715.24

Swim Team Participation – Hendrick Hudson Students

22. Motion to allow two students, Alex Prosser and William Schwab, from the Hendrick Hudson School District to participate as individual, independent swimmers with the Yorktown High School Varsity Boys Swim Team for the 2005-06 winter sports season. Transportation to/from practices and competitions will be the responsibility of the students’ parents.

New

SPECIAL EDUCATION

IEP Placement Recommendations

23. Motion to arrange the following Special Education Placements:

3389, 2560, 2900, 3415, 3412, 2930, 3414, 3154, 3423, 3369, 3057, 3241, 3221, 2621, 3288, 3235, 2806, 2069, 3061, 2473, 2906, 1513, 1978, 3012, 2786, 1944, 2109, 2705, 1970, 2819, 1812, 1628, 1828, 1706, 3191, 3430, 3434, 2977, 3306, 3357, 2901, 3422, 3361, 3098, 1969, 3076,3177, 1894, 2936, 3064, 1881, 1721

Speech/Language Pathologist

24. Motion to approve a contract for Christine Somma, Speech/Language Pathologist, at the rate of \$60 per session, for up to 3 weekly sessions and monthly consultation for the 2005-2006 school year. This is mandated service as per the IEP. Contract is not to exceed \$8,000.

BUSINESS OFFICE

Auditor’s Report

25. Motion to accept the Independent Auditor’s Report for the Yorktown Central School District prepared by Raymond G. Preusser, CPA, P.C. for the 2004/2005 fiscal year.

Fund Transfers

26. Motion to approve the following fund transfers:

		<u>FROM:</u>	<u>TO:</u>
Equipment – H.S.	A2110200010000	6,000.00	
Salaries: Monitor	A2020167100099		6,000.00
Contractual Expense	A2110400010000	9,000.00	
Salaries: Monitor	A2020167100099		9,000.00
<i>To reallocate funds for YHS Security Monitor Position: HS Principal transferred money from equipment & contractual expense to pay for new hire security position approved by the Board of Education.</i>			
Tuition : Green Chimney	A2250470109930	22,373.00	
Tuition: Eastchester	A2250470109928		22,373.00
<i>To reallocate funds for 3 Special Education students per IEP.</i>			
Tuition : St. Anne	A2250470109959	27,925.00	
Tuition: Bronxville	A2250470109918		27,925.00
<i>To reallocate funds for a Special Education student per IEP.</i>			

Bid Award – Transportation Service

- New** 27. Motion to award the bid for Ambulette Transportation Service to CLC Transportation Inc. as the lowest responsible, responsive bidder meeting specifications for the daily A.M. and P.M. transportation of a student to Pinesbridge School, from November 22, 2005 through June 23, 2005 at a daily rate of \$152.00. The Board of Education hereby authorizes and empowers the President of the Board of Education to execute an agreement with CLC Transportation Inc. for same.
(Three bids were solicited; two bids were received. The original bid in October resulted in no responses.)

OPERATIONS & MAINTENANCE/FACILITIES

SEQR

- New** 28. Motion to approve the following resolution:

Whereas, the Yorktown Central School District Board of Education wishes to approve the remediation of PCB (Polychlorinated Biphenyl) laden soils at French Hill Elementary School including excavation, soil sampling and testing, air monitoring, dust control, tree protection, disposal, restoration of disturbed areas, any final seeding and grading; and

Whereas, the New York State Education Department (SED) relinquished the lead agency status to the Board of Education by revising Commissioner of Education Regulation § NYCRR Section 155.9 while this action was before the SED; and

Whereas, the Board of Education is lead agency for coordinated review under SEQR pursuant to Section 617.6 of Title 6 of the NYCRR; and

Now be it resolved, that based on the Environmental Assessment Fore (EAF) prepared for the proposed project, the Board of Education, acting as lead agency pursuant to the State Environmental Quality Review Act considers the work to have no significant environmental impact and requires no further review under SEQR. Thus, the Board of Education further directs the Superintendent to cause the Negative Declaration to be filed and noticed in accordance with the referendum particulars.

SED RESCUE: Building Condition Survey – Update of Five Year Capital Facilities Plan

- New** 29. Motion to approve engineering and inspection services with ECG, Inc. (Environmental & Construction Group), to perform the Building Condition Survey and other state mandated data to New York State Education Department (SED) including updating the Five Year Capital Facilities Plan, and School Facility Report Card in accordance with SED RESCUE regulations (8 NYCRR 155.6) for an amount not to exceed \$30,160. The Board of Education hereby authorized and empowers the President of the Board to execute an agreement with ECG for same.
Note: *School districts are reimbursed for these services.*

Yorktown High School

- 32.** Motion to accept a mini-grant for the Adventure Club at Yorktown High School from the George Candreva Environmental Foundation.

New

Cost to District: None

- 33.** Motion to approve a donation of a portable theater lighting system to the Yorktown Central School District for use in the Yorktown High School auditorium and throughout the District from the Harrison Apar Field of Dreams Foundation.

Cost to District: None.

Middle School/High School

- 34.** Motion to approve the donation of two Roland HP145 digital Pianos to the Yorktown Central School District for use by the secondary music department – one to be used at the middle school and one for the high school – from The First Nighters of Yorktown.

Cost to District: None.

French Hill School

- 35.** Motion to approve the following donations to French Hill School:

- a. donation of services to excavate and plant seven (7) trees at French Hill School from Rok-Built Construction. (Trees were donated by the Yorktown Youth Soccer Club and previously approved by the Board of Education at the October 24, 2005 Business Meeting.)

Cost to District: None.

- b. donation of two (2) two-seat sofas and one (1) three-seat sofa for the main lobby of French Hill School from The Enrichment Center.

Cost to District: None

H. Public Comment

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I. Adjournment