

<u>January 23, 2006</u> Date	<u>Business Meeting</u> Type of Meeting	<u>M.E.S. M.S. Cafeteria</u> Where Held	<u>J. McCoy</u> Presiding Officer
Members Present:	<u>A. D'Alessandro</u>	Members Absent:	<u>P. Faigle</u>
	<u>M. Drexel</u>		<u>T. Perrino</u>
	<u>P. Harris</u>		
	<u>J. Miller</u>		

Also present: Dr. Bruno, T. Cole, D. Verboys, G. Pitruzzello, staff, community and press.

The meeting was called to order at 6:04 p.m. by Mrs. McCoy.

Motion by Mr. Miller, seconded by Mr. D'Alessandro that the Board convene into Executive Session at 6:05 p.m. to discuss contract negotiations.

5 aye 0 nay Motion carried

There was no action taken.

Motion by Mr. Miller, seconded by Mr. D'Alessandro that the Board return to open session at 7:12 p.m.

5 aye 0 nay Motion carried

Mrs. McCoy led the Board and community in the pledge to the flag.

Public Comment:

Ken Levy, Principal at Brookside School and President of Y.A.A.S. read a prepared statement on education and achieving personal excellence. On behalf of the Y.A.A.S. organization, Mr. Levy urged the Board to unanimously support the bond as presented by the Facilities Committee.

Jackie Carbone expressed concern about information related to full-day kindergarten and the lowering the age requirement. Mrs. Carbone was also concerned about presenting full-day kindergarten as a separate proposition in the upcoming bond vote.

Karen Corrado, speaking on behalf of the Families for a Smarter Yorktown, asked questions and made comments related to the proposed bond and full-day kindergarten. She asked if all the work that needs to be done has been addressed and included in the bond, specifically, air conditioning.

Cathy Russell asked questions and made comments related to the loss of power in the district last week and the impact on the use of phones at the administrative offices, Brookside and French Hill schools.

Mrs. McCoy asked the Board to proceed with reports at this time. The Board agreed.

Superintendent Reports:

Dr. Bruno announced that the Music Department Presentation was postponed until the business meeting in February.

Update on Alternative High School Program – Jim Emanuele gave an overview on the progress of the Alternative High School program. He reviewed changes in enrollment, core course offerings and electives, as well as daily schedules of all grade levels. Mr. Emanuele talked about the creative development of the senior schedule to avoid the need for attending summer or night school programs. Mr. Emanuele responded to questions from Board members; Mrs. McCoy thanked him for his presentation.

Board of Education Discussion Items:

PTSA Report – Cathy Russell discussed concern from parents on the number of days students are missing for the grading of state exams. This has been addressed with the Superintendent: the issue will be revisited by administration for the upcoming year.

Board Sub-Committee Progress Reports:

Health /Safety Committee – Tom Cole informed the Board that they will receive a recommendation from the committee on the Connect-Ed Telephone Communications System. He gave a brief overview of this system that can broadcast pre-recorded messages to several numbers at one time which will enable the district to communicate more effectively with schools, parents in the district and the community. This system has received a unanimous recommendation from the committee.

The Health & Safety Committee is taking up the use of green products of disinfectants in the schools. Mr. Cole addressed the high winds and power outages experienced last week and reported that the communication and sharing of information between the schools were great. He extended kudos to Brookside and French Hill staff. Mr. Cole reported that he has created the RFP (Request for Proposal) for security cameras which he will forward to the Board. He reminded the Board of the need to increase the budget for the grant received from Senator Leibell for the purchase of these cameras; a memo will be included in the next packet. The Board must also take this same action for the EMF grant that was also received from Senator Leibell. There is no tax impact on the budget due to the fact that these are one-time grants-in-aid costs.

Legislative Action Committee – In the absence of Mrs. Faigle, Dr. Bruno reported on an upcoming meeting with Senator Leibell and Assemblyman Willis Stevens. Issues on the agenda for discussion are unfunded mandates, state aid and full-day kindergarten.

Superintendent Search Update – Mrs. McCoy gave an update on the Superintendent's search. Representatives from the search firm are to meet with individual Board members and members of the entire district, tentatively scheduled for February 6th and 7th. Dr. Bruno and Mrs. McCoy will compose a letter and send it out to various constituency groups asking for their input and inviting

them to a meeting on February 7th. Mrs. McCoy reviewed the various constituency groups that would be included thus far.

Board of Education Discussion on Full-day Kindergarten:

The Board proceeded with discussion on whether or not to include full-day kindergarten with the infrastructure bond. The Board previously agreed to present it as a separate proposition. Mr. Miller commented on his support of full-day kindergarten even before the recommendation by the Board of Regents to the legislature that it become mandatory. He questioned if the Board now decided to merge full-day kindergarten with infrastructure work and had to go back to bond counsel for revision of the resolution language, that action could derail the vote on March 14th. The District Clerk confirmed that a March 14th vote would not be possible if changes are made at this time. Mrs. Harris supports full-day kindergarten being included as part of the construction bond. Mr. Drexel, D'Alessandro and Mr. Miller support the Board's previous action in presenting full-day kindergarten separate from the bond. Mrs. McCoy felt that, whether or not it is supported by the State, we should have full-day kindergarten; she would like to think the community would support it because it is the right thing to do. She also supports presenting it as a separate proposition. Dr. Bruno felt it would not be known if the community truly supports full-day kindergarten if it is included with the infrastructure bond. His recommendation was to keep the propositions separate.

Superintendent Reports:

Good News Items – Dr. Bruno reported on the good news that Gary Heller has agreed to stay on and provide continuity if the Board so agrees. This is his enthusiastic recommendation as well as that of the entire administrative staff. Other good news will be reported on at the next meeting. Several principals were present and reported the following: Susie Berry had an author visit their first graders who autographed books for the students. Ken Levy reported that the staff and students responded beautifully to the power crisis last week. Linda Grimm commented on new projects in the Middle School that include a new poetry wall, the home and career skills chef recipes, technology workshops using Smart Boards, and the invitation of her staff to do presentations at BOCES and in the Westchester area. Fio Nardone reported on: the success of the girls' Bowling team, varsity cheerleaders participating in competition in Florida; boys' Lacrosse being awarded the opportunity to play their sectional games at home, and Yorktown athletes having more teams designated NYS Scholar Athletes than any other school. Mr. Nardone reported that he is in the process of finalizing the Curry donation for the weight room equipment.

Monthly Budget Status Report – Tom Cole gave an update on the monthly budget report, noting there has been little change, and we are still on track to expend almost 100% of budget. It is somewhat remarkable that considerable additional expenses have been absorbed in the budget. He reviewed the status of expenditures, revenue and interest rates. Mr. Cole talked about a possible increase in fund balance and a possible increase in the governor's budget above last year's amount. Discussion followed on the impact that a failed bond would have on the operating budget, and the governor's proposed budget. Mr. Cole responded to questions from Board members.

Audit Committee – Mrs. McCoy reminded the Board that they must address the matter of adding citizens to the Audit Committee. Mr. Perrino is no longer on the committee; Mr. Miller stressed that fiscal accounting and auditing are areas of expertise he would like to bring to the committee. Mr. Miller and Mr. Drexel will discuss further and decide on a schedule.

2006-2007 Budget Assumptions – Mr. Cole reported that this will be run through the Finance Committee; Mr. Perrino is out of town.

School Resource Officer – Dr. Bruno reported on the progress of securing a resource officer; he referenced a January 11th meeting with Mr. Miller and the Chief Dan McMahon to understand the way the position will develop and to discuss the development of a contract. Legal counsel for both the Town and the District will review said contract. Dr. Bruno noted that Mr. Cole is looking at fiscal implications; he stressed this is a work in progress and asked the Board for any input or questions they might have. Dr. Bruno also is waiting for a review from our counsel. He referenced information previously distributed to the Board on an entry plan he prepared for the school resource officer. Much work still needs to be done. The same contract will be used by both the Town of Yorktown and the Lakeland and Yorktown School Districts. Mrs. McCoy asked Board members to refer any questions to her. Discussion followed on the funding for the resource officer.

RESOLUTIONS

Motion by Mr. Miller, seconded by Mrs. Harris to approve the Minutes from the Special Meetings of November 10, 2005, December 6; 2005 & December 15, 2005 and the Business Meetings of November 21, 2005 & December 19, 2005.

Mr. Miller made comments regarding 3 sets of Minutes and called for a motion to amend the previous motion.

Motion by Mrs. Harris, seconded by Mrs. McCoy to amend the previous motion to withdraw the Minutes of December 6, 2005, December 15, 2005 and December 19, 2005 and approve the Minutes from the Special Meeting of November 10, 2005 and the Business Meeting of November 21, 2005.

5 aye 0 nay Motion carried

Vote on the original motion, as amended:

5 aye 0 nay Motion carried

Motion by Mrs. Harris, seconded by Mr. Miller to approve the Extra-Classroom Funds as of October 31, 2005, and as of November 30, 2005.

5 aye 0 nay Motion carried

Motion by Mrs. Harris, seconded by Mr. Miller to approve the Substitute Lists.

5 aye 0 nay Motion carried

BOARD

SEQR Declaration

Motion by Mrs. Harris, seconded by Mr. Miller to accept the determination of the SEQR Act:

Whereas, the Yorktown Central School District Board of Education wishes to approve an approximately 1,000 gross square foot classroom addition at the Mohansic Elementary School; an approximately 4,000 gross square foot addition to house 2 classrooms at the French Hill Elementary School; additional parking at the High School, and building renovations and replacement in-kind of existing parking areas, driveways and curbs at all of the above schools and the following three schools: Mildred E Strang Middle School, Brookside Elementary School and Crompond Elementary School;

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 SED; and

Whereas, the Board of Education is lead agency for the review under SEQR; and

Whereas, the work includes an approximately 1,000 gross square foot classroom addition and bathroom addition at the Mohansic Elementary School; an approximately 4,000 gross square foot addition to house 2 classrooms at the French Hill Elementary School; additional parking at the High School, and building renovations and replacement in-kind of existing parking areas, driveways and curbs at all of the above schools and the following three schools: Mildred E Strang Middle School, Brookside Elementary School and Crompond Elementary School;

Now be it resolved, based on a review of the threshold criteria listed under SEQR Section 617.5, the Board of Education, acting as lead agency determines that the proposed action is a Type II and will not have a significant impact on the environment and no further review under SEQR is required. (*Attachment "A"*)

Mr. Drexel asked if the dredging that was added to the bond was considered in the SEQR review. Mr. Cole indicated that he believed it was covered and included in said review. Discussion followed. The District Clerk pointed out that verbiage related to a bathroom addition must be removed from paragraph 4. Discussion continued on the dredging issue. Mrs. Harris stated she was willing to move forward on this motion with the condition that the district verify that the dredging was included in the SEQR process.

Motion by Mr. Miller, seconded by Mrs. McCoy to amend the previous motion, Paragraph 4 to delete “and bathroom addition” to read as follows: “**Whereas**, the work includes an approximately 1,000 gross square foot classroom addition at the Mohansic Elementary School.”

5 aye 0 nay Motion carried

Discussion followed. Administrators made an attempt to contact the architects in an effort to verify that the dredging was included in the SEQR review.

Motion by Mr. Miller, seconded by Mr. Drexel that the Board take a brief recess at 9:02 p.m.

5 aye 0 nay Motion carried

The meeting resumed at 9:19 p.m.

Mr. Cole reported that he obtained an opinion from one of the architects but it is not a definitive answer. The architect’s opinion is that the dredging is considered remedial work and does not require special classification and that the SEQR review is valid. Mr. Miller recommended that the Board move forward with the SEQR declaration as is, based on the assumption that the dredging would not impact on what is being passed. If this is not confirmed, it would be incumbent upon the administration to so advise the Board immediately and an Emergency Meeting would have to be called to revisit the issue. Mr. Drexel was agreeable to the recommendation.

Vote on the original motion, as amended:

5 aye 0 nay Motion carried

Bond Resolution

Motion by Mr. Miller, seconded by Mrs. Harris to approve the following resolution:

Resolved, that the Board of Education of the Yorktown Central School District call for a Special Meeting on March 14, 2006 to authorize the expenditure of moneys for school purposes and the levy of a tax therefore as follows:

**NOTICE OF SPECIAL DISTRICT MEETING
YORKTOWN CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT,
IN THE COUNTY OF WESTCHESTER, NEW YORK**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a resolution of the Board of Education of the Yorktown Central School District, in the County of Westchester, New York, adopted on January 23, 2006, a Special District Meeting of the qualified voters of said School District will be held on

Tuesday, March 14, 2006

from 7:00 o'clock A.M. to 9:00 o'clock P.M. (Prevailing Time) in the Mohansic Elementary School, 704 Locksley Road, Yorktown Heights, New York for the purpose of voting upon the following two Bond Propositions:

BOND PROPOSITION NO. 1

- (a) That the Board of Education of the Yorktown Central School District, in the County of Westchester, New York (the "District"), is hereby authorized to undertake a school facilities improvement project (the "Project"), substantially as described in a report prepared for the District by Arris Contracting Company, Inc., and Perkins Eastman Architects, PC, entitled "Summary Breakdown for 2006 Infrastructure Bond," dated January 23, 2006 (the "Report"), which report is on file and available for public inspection at the office of the District Clerk; consisting of the construction of an addition and/or alterations and improvements to all District school buildings and the sites thereof, including (as and where required): the construction of a building addition to provide for new classroom space; improvements to the heating, ventilation, air conditioning, plumbing, electrical, fire safety and security systems; installation of new ceilings, doors, windows, casework and flooring; roof reconstruction and/or replacements; locker replacements and/or refurbishment; interior reconstruction and space reconfiguration; improvements to facilitate access by the physically challenged, including elevator installation; masonry improvements; and parking, sidewalk, fencing, drainage, recreational and auditorium improvements; all of the foregoing to include the original furnishings, equipment, machinery, apparatus and ancillary or related site, demolition and other work required in connection therewith; and to expend therefor, including preliminary costs and costs incidental thereto and to the financing thereof, an amount not to exceed the estimated total cost of \$51,615,498; provided that the detailed costs of the components of the Project as set forth in detail in the Report may be reallocated among such components if the Board of Education shall determine that such reallocation is in the best interests of the District and no material change shall be made in the scope of the Project;
- (b) that a tax is hereby voted in the amount of not to exceed \$51,615,498 to finance such cost, such tax to be levied and collected in installments in such years and in such amounts as shall be determined by said Board of Education; and
- (c) that in anticipation of said tax, bonds of the District are hereby authorized to be issued in the aggregate principal amount of not to exceed \$51,615,498 and a tax is hereby voted to pay the interest on said bonds as the same shall become due and payable.

BOND PROPOSITION NO. 2

RESOLVED:

- (a) That the Board of Education of the Yorktown Central School District, in the County of Westchester, New York (the "District") is hereby authorized to construct additions to various District elementary school buildings to facilitate a full-day kindergarten program, including the construction of new classroom space and interior reconstruction and space reconfiguration; the foregoing to include the equipment, machinery, apparatus and ancillary or related site, demolition and other work required in connection therewith; and to expend therefor, including preliminary costs and costs incidental thereto and to the financing thereof, an amount not to exceed the estimated total cost of \$2,475,330;
- (b) that a tax is hereby voted in the amount of not to exceed \$2,475,330 to finance such cost, such tax to be levied and collected in installments in such years and in such amounts as shall be determined by said Board of Education; and
- (c) that in anticipation of said tax, bonds of the District are hereby authorized to be issued in the aggregate principal amount of not to exceed \$2,475,330 and a tax is hereby voted to pay the interest on said bonds as the same shall become due and payable.

Such Bond Propositions shall appear on the ballot labels to be inserted in the voting machines used for voting at said Special District Meeting in substantially the following forms:

BOND PROPOSITION NO. 1

YES

NO

RESOLVED:

- (a) That the Board of Education of the Yorktown Central School District is hereby authorized to construct an addition and/or alterations and improvements to all District school buildings and the sites thereof, and to expend therefor not to exceed \$51,615,498; (b) that a tax is hereby voted in the amount of not to exceed \$51,615,498 to finance such cost, such tax to be levied and collected in installments in such years and in such amounts as shall be determined by said Board of Education; and (c) that in anticipation of said tax, bonds of the District are hereby authorized to be issued in the aggregate principal amount of not to exceed \$51,615,498 and a tax is hereby voted to pay the interest on said bonds as the same shall become due and payable.

BOND PROPOSITION NO. 2

YES

NO

RESOLVED:

- (a) That the Board of Education of the Yorktown Central School District is hereby authorized to construct additions to various District elementary school buildings to facilitate a full-day kindergarten program, and to expend therefor not to exceed \$2,475,330; (b) that a tax is hereby voted in the amount of not to exceed \$2,475,330 to finance such cost, such tax to be levied and collected in installments in such years and in such amounts as shall be determined by said Board of Education; and (c) that in anticipation of said tax, bonds of the District are hereby authorized to be issued in the aggregate principal amount of not to exceed \$2,475,330 and a tax is hereby voted to pay the interest on said bonds as the same shall become due and payable.

The voting will be conducted by ballot on voting machines as provided in the Education Law and the polls will remain open from 7:00 o'clock A.M. to 9:00 o'clock P.M. (Prevailing Time) and as much longer as may be necessary to enable the voters then present to cast their ballots.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN, that pursuant to Education Law §2014, personal registration of voters is required, and no person shall be entitled to vote at the Special District Meeting whose name does not appear on the register of the District.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the Board of Registration of the District will meet on Monday, March 6, 2006, from 4:00 o'clock P.M. to 9:00 o'clock P.M. (Prevailing Time) at the Mildred Strang Middle School, 2701 Crompond Road, Yorktown Heights, New York to prepare the register of the District.

FURTHER NOTICE IS GIVEN that any person entitled to have his/her name placed upon the register may register on any school day at the Business Office of the District, 46 Triangle Center, Yorktown Heights, New York between the hours of 9:00 o'clock A.M. and 3:00 o'clock P.M. (Prevailing Time) up until 5 days before the Special District Meeting.

Any person shall be entitled to have his/her name placed upon such register provided that at such time he or she is known or proven to be then or thereafter entitled to vote at the Special District Meeting.

The register of the qualified voters of said District prepared for the Annual Election held on May 17, 2005 shall be used as the basis for the preparation of the register for said Special District Meeting to be held on March 14, 2006. Any person whose name appears on such register or who shall have been previously registered for any annual or special District meeting or election and who shall have voted at any annual or special District meeting or election held or conducted at any time since January 1, 2002, will not be required to register personally for this Special District Meeting. In addition, any person otherwise qualified to vote who is registered with the Board of Elections of

Westchester County under the provisions of the Election Law shall be entitled to vote at said Special District Meeting without further registration.

Immediately upon its completion, said register will be filed in the Office of the District Clerk, 46 Triangle Center, Yorktown Heights, New York and will be open for inspection by any qualified voter of the District from 9:00 o'clock A.M. to 3:00 o'clock P.M. (Prevailing Time) on each of the five (5) days prior to the date set for the election, except Sunday, and on Saturday, March 11, 2006, from 9:00 o'clock A.M. to 12:00 o'clock Noon (Prevailing Time).

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that applications for absentee ballots may be applied for at the office of the District Clerk, 46 Triangle Center, Yorktown Heights, New York, weekdays from 9:00 o'clock A.M. to 3:00 o'clock P.M. (Prevailing Time). If the ballot is to be mailed to the voter, the completed application must be received by the District Clerk no later than March 7, 2006. If the ballot is to be delivered personally to the voter at the office of the District Clerk, the completed application must be received by the District Clerk no later than March 13, 2006.

A list of all persons to whom absentee ballots shall have been issued will be available for public inspection at the office of the District Clerk, 46 Triangle Center, Yorktown Heights, New York, from 9:00 o'clock A.M. 3:00 o'clock P.M. (Prevailing Time) on each of the five (5) days prior to the date set for the election, except Saturday and Sunday.

Only qualified voters who are registered to vote will be permitted to vote.

Mr. Drexel expressed concern about all projects in the bond being completed, cost overruns and allocating the spending of funds to each school. Discussion continued on following controls in place during the bidding process and establishing separate budgets and projects by school. Also discussed at length was who would be responsible for overseeing the spending of the bond.

Motion by Mrs. Harris, seconded by Mr. Drexel to table the previous motion until later on during this meeting to allow for consideration of another motion.

5 aye 0 nay Motion carried

Motion by Mr. Drexel, seconded by Mr. Miller that accounts or equivalent be set up to reflect the cost of infrastructure items identified by each school and district items in the proposed bond totaling \$51,615,498 that would require Board approval to transfer funds from one account to another.

5 aye 0 nay Motion carried

Motion by Mrs. Harris, seconded by Mr. Miller to take from the table the bond resolution that was previously stated by Mrs. McCoy.

5 aye 0 nay Motion carried

Discussion: Mr. Cole referenced the previous motion as it relates to obtaining Board approval prior to the processing of every change order because of the reallocation of funds between accounts. He reviewed what the past practice has been between administration and the professionals in making determinations in order to keep the critical path of construction going. Mr. Drexel clarified that the action taken by the Board would not allow for movement of funds from one school to another, but allows for the movement of funds within a school (i.e. accounts or equivalent.)

Point of Order: Mr. Miller requested that the District Clerk attempt to capture for the record the essence of what transpired.

Discussion followed on the wording for the presentation of Bond Proposition #1 and Bond Proposition #2.

Motion by Mrs. Harris, seconded by Mr. Miller to clarify that Bond Proposition #1 is for infrastructure construction and that Bond Proposition #2 is for full-day kindergarten and that the titles be changed.

Point of Order: Mr. Miller asked about the legal notice going to the papers without the title change.

The District Clerk pointed out that the notice has been sent to the newspapers. Mr. Miller asked if bond counsel approves the title changes, is there time to make the change with the newspapers. Discussion followed. He asked that we consult with counsel on approval for the title changes. The District Clerk will make every attempt to contact bond counsel for approval of the title changes in time to meet the publishing deadlines. If this issue has not been resolved in a timely manner, the propositions will be published as originally drafted. In the event the approval from bond counsel is not received, Mrs. Harris asked that administration devise an alternative plan to clarify the propositions for the public.

For clarification purposes the propositions would read as follows: **Bond Proposition #1 – Infrastructure Construction District-Wide, Bond Proposition #2 – Full-Day Kindergarten.**

Discussion continued. Mrs. Harris made comments on her feelings about the bond, the whole process and correcting mistakes of the past. She doesn't think all needs have been addressed.

There was a brief recess from 10:30 p.m. to 10:32 p.m. for a tape change.

Mr. D'Alessandro wanted to add air conditioning in the high school auditorium without increasing the bond. Mr. Cole believes that, if it is not in the summary report, it is not part of the plan document. Discussion followed on adding air conditioning to the plan. The Board could make a motion to consult with bond counsel on this matter. Mr. Miller expressed concern about the affordability of the bond. He believes it can pass if all those who support the bond go out and vote. Mr. Miller's greatest concern is that, if it does not pass, the reconfigured bond will not come close to addressing the true needs for infrastructure in the district. It is imperative to work diligently as a community to make certain the bond passes on March 14th.

The vote on the original motion as amended:

5 aye 0 nay Motion carried

Discussion followed on air conditioning at the high school.

Mr. D'Alessandro called for a motion to put air conditioning in the auditorium at the high school provided that counsel deems it legal to go into the resolution without raising the bond amount of \$51,615,498. The motion was moved by Mrs. Harris, seconded by Mr. Drexel.

5 aye 0 nay Motion carried

Bond Vote: Communications

Motion by Mr. Miller, seconded by Mrs. Harris to approve an expenditure in the amount not to exceed \$15,000 for communications costs related to the \$51, 615, 498 bond.

5 aye 0 nay Motion carried

POLICIES – Second Reading

Second reading of the following Yorktown Board of Education Policies in the “0000” series:

<u>Policy Number</u>	<u>Name of Policy</u>
0000	Educational Philosophy
0100	Equal Opportunity
0150	HIV/AIDS
0200	School District Goals & Objectives
0300	Accountability

Motion by Mr. Miller, seconded by Mrs. Harris to adopt Board of Education Policies in the “0000” series as listed above.

5 aye 0 nay Motion carried

2006-07 SCHOOL YEAR CALENDAR

Motion by Mr. Miller, seconded by Mr. D'Alessandro to approve the Yorktown Central School District Calendar for the 2006-07 school year.

5 aye 0 nay Motion carried

PERSONNEL

ADMINISTRATIVE

Motion by Mr. Miller, seconded by Mrs. Harris to authorize the Board President to sign a contract with Mr. Gary Heller to continue as Interim Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum, Instruction and Professional Personnel for the 2006-2007 school year at an annual salary of \$155,500, following Board and Counsel review of said contract.

5 aye 0 nay Motion carried

INSTRUCTIONAL

Motion by Mrs. Harris, seconded by Mr. Miller to accept the resignation, for purposes of retirement, of Edward O'Connor, elementary teacher, effective June 30, 2006. Mr. O'Connor is retiring after 36 years with the district.

4 aye 0 nay Motion carried*

Motion by Mrs. Harris, seconded by Mr. Miller to accept the resignation, for purposes of retirement, of Lois Burke, special education teacher, effective June 30, 2006. Ms. Burke is retiring after 34 years with the district.

4 aye 0 nay Motion carried*

*Mr. Drexel left the room at 10:50 p.m. and returned at 10:53 p.m.

Motion by Mrs. Harris, seconded by Mr. Miller to accept the resignation, for purposes of retirement, of Ed Harlow, elementary teacher, effective January 31, 2007. Mr. Harlow is retiring after 37 years with the district.

5 aye 0 nay Motion carried

Parental Leave

Motion by Mr. Miller, seconded by Mrs. Harris to approve a parental leave of absence for Jennifer Flynn, music teacher at Strang Middle School, effective March 17 through June 30, 2006.

5 aye 0 nay Motion carried

SUPPORT

Change in Appointment

Motion by Mrs. Harris, seconded by Mr. Drexel to approve a change in hours for Elisabeth Fox, TA/IA, from 4.5 hours per day to 6.17 hours per day, effective January 24, 2006. Ms. Fox is replacing Jessica Aubel at the Middle School who has resigned.

5 aye 0 nay Motion carried

Change in Salary

Motion by Mr. Miller, seconded by Mr. Drexel to approve a change in salary for Michele Fortini Manicchio, leave replacement elementary teacher at Strang Middle School, from 4MA+6 to 4MA+10, effective September 1, 2005, after review of her official transcripts.

5 aye 0 nay Motion carried

Creation of Position

Motion by Mrs. Harris, seconded by Mr. Miller to approve the creation of an Academic Intervention Services Teaching Assistant position from 7:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. This position is necessary to provide coverage at the Yorktown High Internal Suspension Room. This position will require a valid NYS teaching certificate.

Discussion followed on the need for this as a full-time position. Dr. Bruno recommended that this item be postponed.

Motion by Mr. Miller, seconded by Mrs. Harris to postpone the previous motion until the next meeting.

5 aye 0 nay Motion carried

Action on the original motion was postponed.

Extra Credits

Motion by Mrs. Harris, seconded by Mr. Miller to approve the following extra credits:

Effective September 1, 2005:

Increase

Charis Courtemanche – Crompond – 10 credits on the Bachelors
to 4BA+29

\$1,164.20

Fordham University:

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| Sociocultural & Developmental Dimensions of Literacy (4/04) | (1) |
| Microcomputers in Reading/Writing and Social Studies (12/04) | (3) |
| Second Language Acquisition (4/05) | (3) |
| Perspectives on Standardized Language & Literacy Assessment (6/05) | (3) |

Effective January 1, 2006:

Jeanne Interlicchio – Mohansic – 10 credits on the Masters to 6MA+50	\$2,062.20
Teacher Education Institute:	
Character Education in the Classroom (12/05)	(2)
Educating Special Needs Students (9/05)	(4)
Purchase Teacher Center:	
Making the Internet a Daily Part of your Reading Curriculum (11/05)	(1)
Developing Creative Problem Solving Skills (10/05)	(1)
NYSUT Effective Teaching:	
Successful Teaching for Acceptance of Responsibility (7/05)	(2)
 Jennifer Berkman – Mohansic – 5 credits on the Masters to 5MA+60	 \$1,031.10
Purchase Teacher Center:	
Creating Thematic Units Across the Curriculum (12/05)	(1)
Making the Internet a Daily Part of Your Reading Curriculum (11/05)	(1)
Classroom Collage (12/05)	(1)
Edith Winthrop Teacher Center:	
Storytelling With Flannel Boards (11/05)	(1)
Hudson River Teacher Center:	
Meeting the Needs of All Learners in a Literacy Classroom (11/05)	(1)
 Adrienne Cusano – Mohansic – 10 credits on the Masters to 4MA+40	 \$2,062.20
BOCES:	
Implementing Early Phonemic Awareness, Phonics and Reading Skills and Strategies Within a Comprehensive Literacy Program (7/04)	(3)
Hudson River Teacher Center:	
Neuro-Linguistic Programming Part I (7/05)	(3)
Edith Winthrop Teacher Center:	
An Introduction to the Special Needs Child (11/05)	(1)
Assessing Literacy Behavior (11/05)	(1)
Purchase College Teacher Center:	
Making the Internet a Daily Part of your Reading Curriculum (11/05)	(1)
Classroom Collage (12/05)	(1)

Sharon Larsen – French Hill – 8 credits on the Masters to 8MA+60		\$1,649.76
College of St. Rose:		
Teachers Discovering Computers (8/05)	(3)	
Teaching Creativity Creatively (12/05)	(3)	
Edith Winthrop Teacher Center:		
Storytelling With Flannel Boards (11/05)	(1)	
Practical Strategies for Challenging Behaviors (12/05)	(1)	
 Jennifer Strang – Crompond – 10 credits on the Masters to 7MA+26		 \$2,062.20
NYSUT Effective Teaching:		
M.A.G.I.C. (11/05)	(2)	
Teaching Students to be Peacemakers (3/04)	(3)	
Brain Based Ways We Think & Learn (4/05)	(3)	
Long Island Science Center:		
Interactive Multi-disciplinary Curriculum Development in Supporting the National Standards (7/04)	(2)	
 Allison Cook – Middle School – 10 credits on the Masters to 7MA+60		 \$2,062.20
Hudson River Teacher Center:		
Tracing the Ethnic Diversity of New York City (8/05)	(1)	
NWP Teacher Center:		
Website Building for Beginners (12/05)	(1)	
Teacher Education Institute:		
Reaching Today’s Students (9/05)	(4)	
Teacher and Parents (10/05)	(4)	
 Mark Papo – French Hill – 10 credits on the Masters to 5MA+30		 \$2,062.20
College of St. Rose:		
Teaching Gifted & Talented Students (7/05)	(1)	
Bully Prevention in Schools (10/05)	(3)	
Teaching and Learning With Groups (11/05)	(3)	
Effective Classroom Management (12/05)	(3)	

5 aye 0 nay Motion carried

SUPPORT

Resignation

Motion by Mr. Miller, seconded by Mrs. Harris to accept the resignation of Daniel Hocker, TA/IA at Strang Middle School, effective at the end of day on January 13, 2006.

5 aye 0 nay Motion carried

Motion by Mr. Miller, seconded by Mrs. Harris to accept the resignation, for purposes of retirement, of Maria Fama, IA at Yorktown High School, effective January 20, 2006. Ms. Fama is retiring after 11 years with the district.

5 aye 0 nay Motion carried

Change in Appointment

Motion by Mrs. Harris, seconded by Mr. Miller to approve a change in the appointment of Elizabeth Pezzulo, from 2.25 hours per day, non-instructional, to 6.5 hours per day teaching assistant, effective January 17, 2006, an increase of \$5,143.56. Ms. Pezzulo has Provisional N-6 certification. Her probationary period will expire January 17, 2009. She is replacing Daniel Hocker at Strang Middle School who has resigned.

5 aye 0 nay Motion carried

Motion by Mr. Miller, seconded by Mrs. Harris to approve a change in hours for Barbara Woska, teaching assistant/instructional assistant at Yorktown High School, from 7 hours per day to 6.5 hours per day, effective January 9, 2006. Ms. Woska is replacing Jayne Pastula who has resigned.

5 aye 0 nay Motion carried

Point of Order: Mrs. Harris asked about the hours of replacement for Daniel Hochoer in a previous motion, whether or not there is an increase in hours and if they have been budgeted. Mrs. Harris asked that this be noted in the future.

Creation of Positions

Motion by Mrs. Harris, seconded by Mr. Miller to approve the creation of a 4.5 hour per day non-instructional IA position at Yorktown High School. This position is to provide student supervision from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and will incorporate 2.5 hours per day of previously approved unfilled IA hours due to the retirement of Dolores Corini. The net yearly cost of this 4.5 hour position is approximately \$7,533 (\$9 hours x 4.5 hours x 186 days).

5 aye 0 nay Motion carried

Motion by Mrs. Harris, seconded by Mr. Miller to approve the creation of a 3 hour per day non-instructional IA position to assist the Technology Dept. with non-instructional work until such time as Technology Director-designate's position is filled. The daily cost will be approximately \$9 per hour x 3 hours per day = \$27 per day.

5 aye 0 nay Motion carried

Point of Order: Mr. Miller referred to the item pulled from the agenda. He referenced a memo from Mr. Heller which has addressed his concern. Mr. Miller also referenced the creation of a position in a previous motion; he is unclear what the motion is doing. He asked that, in the future, the wording of the motions be perfectly clear.

Motion by Mr. Miller, seconded by Mrs. Harris to extend the meeting past 11:00 p.m.

5 aye 0 nay Motion carried

Tenure Recommendation

Motion by Mrs. Harris, seconded by Mr. Miller to approve the tenure recommendation of Arlene Nigro, teaching assistant/instructional assistant, effective February 1, 2006, following successful completion of her probationary period.

5 aye 0 nay Motion carried

Civil Service Appointments

Motion by Mr. D'Alessandro, seconded by Mrs. Harris to approve the return to Civil Service appointment of Rosemarie Millan, Instructional Assistant at French Hill School, effective February 1, 2006, due to NYS certification requirements not having been met.

4 aye 0 nay Motion carried*

*Mr. Miller left the room at 11:10 p.m. and returned at 11:11 p.m.

Motion by Mrs. Harris, seconded by Mr. D'Alessandro to approve the return to Civil Service appointment of Michelle Morabito, Instructional Assistant at French Hill School, effective February 1, 2006, due to NYS certification requirements not having been met.

5 aye 0 nay Motion carried

Motion by Mrs. Harris, seconded by Mr. Miller to approve the permanent Civil Service appointment of Maria Manganelli as a Senior Office Assistant/Automated Systems, effective February 7, 2006, after successful completion of a 52 week probationary period.

5 aye 0 nay Motion carried

PROFESSIONAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

Instructional

Motion by Mrs. Harris, seconded by Mr. Miller to approve the following Yorktown Congress of Teachers Professional Improvement Program proposals (Contract Balance: \$30,000.00; Encumbered to date: \$19,137.92. Total to be approved: \$6,043.85.)

	<u>Cost</u>
Susan Zuckerman , teacher at Mohansic School, to attend “2006 International Conference Lindamood-Bell, The Sensory-Language Connection for Learning”, Anaheim, CA, March 29, 2006-April 2, 2006. (8:00 am – 4:30 pm).	\$1,763.00
Valerie Epstein , teacher at Mohansic School, to attend “2006 International Conference Lindamood-Bell, The Sensory-Language Connection for Learning”, Anaheim, CA, March 29, 2006-April 2, 2006. (8:00 am – 4:30 pm).	\$1,763.00
Betsy Flor , teacher at Brookside School to attend “6 Trait Writing: The Assessment Driven Framework for Writing Success”, Fishkill Holiday Inn, March 2, 2006. (7:30 am – 3:20 pm)	\$209.10
Mindy Spiridigliozzi , teacher at Brookside School, to attend “6 Trait Writing: The Assessment Driven Framework for Writing Success”, Fishkill Holiday Inn, March 2, 2006. (7:30 am – 3:20 pm)	\$180.00
Debra Lewis , teacher at Middle School, to attend “Teaching Holocaust and Its Lessons: The Fundamentals”, Reid Hall, Manhattanville College, Purchase, NY, February 8, 2006. (8:00 am – 2:45 pm)	\$35.00
John Falxa , teacher at Middle School, to attend “Technology, Reading, and Learning Difficulties” (24 th Annual Conference), Hyatt Regency, San Francisco in Embarcadero Center, January 26, 2006 – January 29, 2006. (8:30 am – 5:30 pm)	\$1,726.00
Seth Altman , teacher at Yorktown High School, to attend “68 th Annual Conference of the New York State Council for the Social Studies”, Rye Town Hilton, Rye, New York, March 2, 2006 – March 4, 2006. (8:30 am – 5:00 pm)	\$367.75

5 aye 0 nay Motion carried

Clerical

Motion by Mrs. Harris, seconded by Mr. Miller to approve the following Yorktown Congress of Teachers Professional Improvement Program proposals (Contract Balance: \$3,000.00; Encumbered to date: \$0. Total to be approved: \$726.56.)

	<u>Cost</u>
Filomena Odoardi , secretary at Administration, to attend “Microsoft Access: Level 1 & 2”, 3020 Westchester Avenue, Purchase, New York, February 27 & 28, 2006, (8:45 am – 4:00 pm)	\$726.56

5 aye 0 nay Motion carried

ATHLETICS

Spring 2006 Coaching Appointments

Motion by Mr. Miller, seconded by Mrs. Harris to approve the following coaching appointments for the 2005-2006 school year:

<u>Coach</u>	<u>Sport</u>	<u>Lvl</u>	<u>Base</u>	<u>Longevity</u>		<u>Total</u>
				<u>%</u>	<u>Amt.</u>	
Sean Kennedy	Baseball – Head	V	\$4,416.44	25%	1,104.1	\$5,520.55
						1
Steven D’Ascoli	Baseball – Co-Asst	V	1,766.58	0		1,766.58
Ernest Della Vecchia	Baseball – Co-Asst	V	1,766.58	0		1,766.58
Ron Nigro	Baseball – Head	JV	3,091.51	10%	309.15	3,400.66
Savino Gallinelli	Baseball – Head	F	2,208.22	0	-	2,208.22
Richard Lavino	Golf – Head	V	4,416.44	20%	883.29	5,299.73
David Marr	Lacrosse Boys – Head	V	4,416.44	25%	1,104.1	5,520.55
						1
Sean Carney	Lacrosse Boys-Asst.	V	3,533.15	15%	529.97	4,063.12
Mitchell Lieberman	Lacrosse Boys – Head	JV	3,091.58	0	-	3,091.58
Robert Ellis	Lacrosse Boys – Head	F	2,208.22	25%	552.06	2,760.28
Ellen Mager	Lacrosse Girls – Head	V	4,416.44	25%	1,104.1	5,520.55
						1
Melissa Alamprese	Lacrosse Girls – Asst	V	3,533.15	10%	353.32	3,886.47
Katie Frattarola	Lacrosse Girls – Head	JV	3,091.58	0	-	3,091.58
James Deans	Softball-Head	V	4,416.44	20%	883.29	5,299.73
Ronald Santavicca	Softball-Asst.	V	3,533.15	20%	706.63	4,239.78
Katy Connor	Softball-Head	F	2,208.22	0	-	2,208.22
Roger Dayer	Tennis Boys - Head	V	4,416.44	25%	1,104.1	5,220.55
						1
Theresa Loffredo	Tennis Boys -Head	JV	3,091.51	0	-	3,091.51
Keith Smith	Spring T&F Boys -Head	V	4,416.44	25%	1,104.1	5,520.55
						1
Paul Paradiso	Spring T&F B/G– Head	V	4,416.44	25%	1,104.1	5,520.55
						1
Daniel Amrick	Spring T&F B/G – Asst.	V	3,533.15	0	-	3,533.15
August Egan	Spring T&F B/G– Head	M	2,208.22	0	-	2,208.22

5 aye 0 nay Motion carried

SPECIAL EDUCATION

IEP Placement Recommendations

Motion by Mrs. Harris, seconded by Mr. Miller to arrange the following Special Education Placements:

3429, 3347, 1750, 1706, 3104, 2265, 2484, 3415, 3075, 3151, 3451, 3431, 3454, 3452, 1977, 3436, 1977, 3461, 3096, 3438, 3458, 3450, 3460, 3459, 2734, 1912, 1411, 2798. 2029

5 aye 0 nay Motion carried

BUSINESS OFFICE

Fund Transfers

Motion by Mrs. Harris, seconded by Mr. D'Alessandro to approve the following fund transfers:

<i>To reallocate funds for Middle School domestic hot water tank emergency repairs</i>			
Tuition: Devereux, Millwood	A2250470109923	31,017.00	
Tuition: Other School Placements	A2250470109999	48,516.00	
Tuition: May Institute	A2250470109934		79,533.00
<i>To reallocate funds for Special Education students per IEP.</i>			
Tuition: Devereux, Millwood	A2250470109923	26,411.00	
Tuition: Hen Hud	A2250470109961		26,411.00
<i>To reallocate funds for State Education Rate Increase.</i>			

5 aye 0 nay Motion carried

Health & Welfare Services

Motion by Mrs. Harris, seconded by Mr. Drexel to approve contracts for health and welfare services provided to resident pupils attending non-public schools in other districts.

<u>District</u>	<u># of Pupils</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Ossining	3	\$2,225.10
White Plains (04/05)	12	7,819.20
East Ramapo (04/05)	22	7,958.94

5 aye 0 nay Motion carried

OPERATIONS & MAINTENANCE

Change Order

Motion by Mrs. Harris, seconded by Mr. Miller to approve the following change orders:

	1	CPU	WIN	
	1	CPU		
	2	Hubs/ Switches	Mixed	
	23	Keyboards	Mixed	
	4	MAC	Apple	I-Macs
	2	Monitors	Dell	800m
	1	Monitor	Dell	
	6	Monitors	IBM	G50
	1	Monitor	Samsung	
	1	Printer	Apple	Imagewriter 2
	2	Printers	Epson	740
	2	Printers	Lexmark	
	3	Printers	Mixed	
French Hill	1	CPU	AOPEN	
	1	CPU	AST	BRAVO LC 4/25
	6	CPU	DELL	OPTIPLEX GXI
	1	CPU	DELL	DIMENSION XPS
	1	CPU	IBM	PC350
	2	CPU	IBM	NETVISTA
	1	CPU	IBM	PC300 GL
	1	CPU	IBM	PC300 PL
	1	CPU	THOROUGRED	
	1	CPU	WIN	
	1	Monitor	APPLE	A2M6040
	1	Monitor	DELL	D1025TM
	1	Monitor	DELL	M770
	6	Monitors	IBM	G50
	1	Monitor	IBM	G40
	4	Monitors	IBM	E74
	1	Monitor	IBM	G51
	1	Monitor	VIEWSONIC	15GA
	2	Printers	APPLE	IMAGE WRITER II
	1	Printer	EPSON	STYLUS 740
	1	Printer	HP	DESKJET 5650
	1	Printer	HP	DESKJET 840C
	1	Scanner	HP	SCANJET II CX

5 aye 0 nay Motion carried

GRANTS/GIFTS/DONATIONS

Yorktown High School

Motion by Mrs. Harris, seconded by Mr. Miller to approve the donation of 100 ft. of ½” PVC tubing, 50 elbows, 25 tees, 12 cross tees, and 25 @ 45° to be used by the Marine Science class at Yorktown High School.

Cost to District: None

5 aye 0 nay Motion carried

District

Motion by Mrs. Harris, seconded by Mr. Miller to approve the donation of turf blankets from the Yorktown Youth Soccer Club to be used on the soccer field. The blankets are reusable from year to year. The purpose is to maintain ground warmth to expediate turf growth through grass germination.

Cost to District: None

5 aye 0 nay Motion carried

Crompond

Motion by Mrs. Harris, seconded by Mr. Miller to approve the donation of \$352.80 through the Box Tops for Education Program to Crompond Elementary School.

Cost to District: N/A

5 aye 0 nay Motion carried

Public Comment:

Miriam Curtin made comments related to the bond resolutions that were passed this evening. She also commented on the retirement of Mr. Harlow.

Mrs. Harris reminded Board members about attending the Foundation for Excellence function honoring Mr. Curry for his donation of \$75,000. She asked that anyone interested in attending contact her.

Mrs. McCoy announced that there is a workshop scheduled by Putnam/Northern Westchester School Boards Association for prospective School Board candidates on Saturday, April 1, 2006 from 8:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the Education House in White Plains.

Motion by Mr. Miller, seconded by Mr. D'Alessandro to adjourn the meeting.

5 aye 0 nay Motion carried

The meeting was adjourned at 11:23 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Clerk