



## **Board of Education Discussion Items**

PTSA Report – Cathy Russell thanked the administration for sending out notices to the district about child safety concerns. She announced that there will be a child safety awareness night on March 29<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. at French Hill School. A guest speaker will be in attendance to talk to parents on how to keep their children safe.

Mrs. McCoy made announcements related to prospective Board candidates as well as .

### **Board Sub-Committee Progress reports:**

Legislative Committee - Mrs. Faigle reported on a meeting with Sandra Galef and Andrea Aboulaifa regarding various issues that included Wicks Law and the new wellness law mandated by the government on improving school lunches. Across the state there is a huge demand to reduce property taxes. Also discussed were health issues, nutrition and green products. Mrs. Harris will be reporting on that committee. Dr. Bruno indicated that the wellness committee asked for an extension from May to June to present their report. He will revise the charge of the committee and include it in the next packet.

Facilities Committee – Mrs. McCoy thanked Cathy Russell for reviewing and analyzing the exit poll. The Board will take a close look at it.

Audit Committee – Mr. Miller has been in contact with a board member from the Hendrick Hudson school district. There will be a meeting with other districts to discuss hiring an internal audit firm or individual. The members of our Audit Committee will plan to attend.

Superintendent Search – Mrs. McCoy reported things are moving along on schedule and are conducting a second round of interviews, adhering to the time schedule as established.

## **Superintendent Reports**

Good News Items – Dr. Bruno discussed the issue of snow days. With the full knowledge and support of the Board he recommended that the spring break remain intact as the district is still within the law of 180 days of instruction. Dr. Bruno will make the announcement to the community.

Gary Heller reported on good news items within the district. Mohansic School had a week of “Parents as Reading Partners” and “Kids on the Block” reading programs. Mrs. Berry brought in a representative from the Commerce Bank for students to start a banking program. French Hill School celebrated a “Hats off to Reading” –athon with guest readers and a poet. As part of their Bullying Prevention program, children put on a skit on issues of bullying. In addition, students celebrated “no junk food” week. Brookside School held a “self awareness” day on health theme; the Destination Imagination teams are fine-tuning their presentations. Crompond School Kivel Kids entered the Lego Robot tournament at Pace University and won a trophy first place for team spirit. Crompond received letters of appreciation for their assistance to benefit victims of Hurricane Katrina and for valentines sent to children who spent time in the hospital. Mr. Heller read a letter

of thanks from the superintendent of a school in Mississippi that was adopted by Crompond students for their donations and kindness in dealing with Hurricane Katrina. Middle School and elementary school students participated in several safety presentations led by our resource officers. Middle School students were involved in an internet presentation as well. The Food Patch and Timber Ridge Family Center thanked our students for various food items donated for Hurricane Katrina victims. Students and teachers continue to demonstrate compassion for others. Dr. Bruno announced there are several Science recipient awards which Michael Blueglass (Science teacher) will present to students at a meeting in April. Dr. Bruno commented on the fantastic performance of the High School musical production "Carnival". The Middle School will perform the musical "42<sup>nd</sup> Street" on March 29<sup>th</sup> and March 31<sup>st</sup> at 7:30 p.m.

Mrs. Harris commented on the snow day issue. She would like to revisit this if there is another cancellation of school due to snow.

District Curriculum Council Meeting of March 8, 2006 – Dr. Bruno extended his gratitude on the participation and attendance of Mrs. Faigle and Mrs. McCoy. He is working on his vision of a curriculum review cycle and will be presenting it at the next meeting in May. There has been discussion on the role of parents with the District Curriculum Council which is a work in progress and will require further work with the Board.

Mr. Miller referenced a report on Math Curriculum that the Board will receive in May. He asked about the impact on the budget if changes are made to how acceleration was conducted this year. Mr. Heller indicated that the numbers will be analyzed and shared with the Board. Mrs. McCoy expressed her concerns about the 8<sup>th</sup> grade and asked for some kind of statistical analysis; she would like some kind of evaluation done now for review at the May meeting. Discussion followed. Mrs. Harris asked how the committee came to the decision that there are no parents on it. This is a work in progress. Dr. Bruno expected that parents would be represented. Discussion continued on aspects of the Mission Statement and open candor on the part of committee members. Mrs. McCoy noted the general consensus of the Board to have parent participation and to move forward.

Monthly Budget Status Report – Mr. Cole reported on the current level of the budget. The forecasts he used this year are due to show some surplus. The budget is much as was projected in November. At this time we will not have to use the health insurance reserve of \$350,000; we can also keep in tact the health insurance reserve of \$700,000 we had at the beginning of the year. Mr. Cole has some concerns about the trends in substitute costs/overtime codes for Operations & Maintenance. Regarding revenue, it has substantially been increased largely due to increases in interest. Mr. Cole expects that revenue will be up by about \$400,000 in total. Grants in Aid for the security cameras the EMF remediation project at the Middle School are included; overall, there should be \$500,000 in fund balance and no reduction to the health insurance reserve of \$700,000. The current budget proposal of 5.9% for the Town of Yorktown which includes significant changes. Most notable, the push out of interest on the Phase 2 of the construction project was pushed to the 2007-08 school year (due to the failure of the bond vote) which totals \$425,000 worth of costs. Discussion followed.

Mr. Cole responded to questions from Board members. He feels the district is in good shape. He talked about savings due to a leave replacement; a general reduction to the evening school; a slight

increase in Athletics; the ERS & TRS rates have been adjusted to reflect the change in status of the instructional assistants; and a \$250,000 transfer to Capital Fund. The Finance Committee discussed and endorsed the use of \$325,000 of fund balance to reduce taxes. Mr. Cole reviewed various changes that have an impact on the Superintendent's proposed budget and reviewed changes to expenses and revenue. The estimated tax rate increase is currently 5.9%. The Finance Committee meets tomorrow for more discussion on instructional assistants, materials & supplies and any other matter that remains unresolved.

Mr. Perrino commented on the Curriculum Council, stating that this was the most effective committee he serve on. Input from members who did not have a finance background was extraordinary. Kathy Belardo and Fio Nardone was tremendous; insight from Cathy Russell was invaluable, as was that from Mr. Ciffone. No existing programs were removed from the existing budget to get to a 5.9% estimated tax rate; it was a great committee due to the divergent opinions of its members. Mr. Perrino acknowledged Dr. Bruno and his willingness to make his staff available; much information was provided and the committee is still working.

Mrs. McCoy would like input from Dr. Bruno in making this a standing committee of the Board; it was a much more effective way in dealing with the budget. Dr. Bruno would propose a resolution to accomplish that and possibly expand the charge of the committee. He feels the major goals of maintaining programs and coming in with a low tax rate have been accomplished. Dr. Bruno will work on a charge and resolution for the next meeting. Mrs. Harris commented that committees, once established, role forward from year to year at the Organizational Meeting.

Mr. Drexel asked if there are any items of contention with the Superintendent's budget that the Finance Committee has. Mr. Perrino indicated they had no outstanding issues; analyses still have to be done; the evening school was reduced but the program is still in tact. It is not the charge of committee to make those decisions. Discussion followed on the evening school. This needs to be revisited for the best, cost effective way to address this. Dr. Bruno will propose that the program be run through BOCES, offered in a more cost effective way. Mr. Drexel made recommendations to look at the program for ways to reduce the cost. Regarding additional staffing recommendations, Mr. Drexel recommended that they not be included and that the administration look for an alternative solution in the 06-07 budget. Dr. Bruno disagreed that they should be removed; he stands behind his recommendation that they are fully needed and justified. Mr. Perrino felt this is not the decision of the Finance Committee but that of the Board. Mr. Miller expressed concern about completely eliminating the evening school without knowing what the alternative is. Mrs. Faigle pointed out that there must be a plan so that we are not in the same place next year; she suggested some kind of monitoring of the program. Dr. Bruno discussed the possibility of using 9<sup>th</sup> period to eliminate some administrative costs. Discussion continued on the evening school.

Mrs. Harris said it was unfair that information was just received tonight for decisions to be made by April 3<sup>rd</sup> and that it had not been shared with the community. She asked how will be summarized for the public. Mr. Miller noted that, in the past, the budget was reviewed line by line; it was unfortunate that all the information was not available early enough. When the Finance Committee gets all the information there should be an executive summary. This would help the Board in voting for the budget on Aril 3<sup>rd</sup>. Mrs. Faigle's first assumption was a roll-over budget. She asked Mr.

Cole if he could put something together by April 3<sup>rd</sup> that captures each area (i.e. staffing). He will put something together. Mrs. McCoy will set aside additional time for the public to talk and come up to speak more than once. Mr. Perrino thought the budget should be on web site; the narrative should follow quickly; if members have questions they should say so post haste.

It was a consensus of the Board to schedule a meeting on March 27<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. for a budget work session.

Motion by Mr. Miller, seconded by Mr. D'Alessandro that the Board take a brief recess at 10:45 p.m.

7 aye 0 nay Motion carried

The meeting resumed at 10:55 p.m.

Point of Order – Mrs. McCoy asked that the Board take action on the resolutions at this time.

## **RESOLUTIONS**

Motion by Mrs. Harris seconded by Mrs. Faigle to approve the following:

Minutes from the Special Meetings of February 6, 2006; and the Business Meetings of January 23, 2006 & February 27, 2006.

Treasurer's Report as of January 31, 2006

Substitute Lists

7 aye 0 nay Motion carried

## **PERSONNEL**

### **INSTRUCTIONAL**

#### **Parental/Personal Leaves**

Motion by Mrs. Faigle seconded by Mr. Perrino to approve a parental/personal leave of absence for the following for the 2006-2007 school year:

**Joan Shiland** – Elementary teacher at Crompond School

**Allison Flynn** – English teacher at Strang Middle School

**Jennifer Flynn** – Music teacher at Strang Middle School

7 aye 0 nay Motion carried

## Appointments

Motion by Mrs. Faigle seconded by Mr. Miller to approve the appointment of **Fred Campisano**, as an AIS/Teaching Assistant at Yorktown High School, 30 hours per week, Step 4 of the Teaching Assistant salary schedule, at a prorated salary of \$8,074.08, effective March 21 through June 30, 2006.

7 aye 0 nay Motion carried

Motion by Mr. Perrino seconded by Mrs. Faigle to approve the appointment of **Mary Froats** as Teacher Coordinator for Mathematics at Yorktown High School, effective February 28 through the remainder of the 2005-2006 school year. Ms. Froats is replacing Ellen Mager who resigned.

7 aye 0 nay Motion carried

## Change in Salary

Motion by Mr. Perrino seconded by Mrs. Faigle to approve a change in salary for **Kea Carota**, ESL teacher with the district, from Step 3 of the Masters salary schedule to Step 3 of the Masters salary schedule plus 2 credits, after a review of her official transcripts.

7 aye 0 nay Motion carried

## Extra Credits

Motion by Mrs. Faigle seconded by Mr. Miller to approve the following extra credits effective January 1, 2006:

<b>Janine Bartko</b> – Middle School – 10 credits on the Masters to 12MA+40		\$2,062.20
Edith Winthrop Teacher Center:		
Creating Web-Based Activities for the Classroom (12/05)	(3)	
Integrating MS Office in the Classroom (1/06)	(3)	
Teacher Education Institute:		
Whole Brain Learning (11/05)	(4)	

7 aye 0 nay Motion carried

## Co-Curricular

Motion by Mrs. Faigle seconded by Mrs. Harris to approve the following co-curricular additions/changes:

- Marion Ricci** – Middle School Culture Club – increase from \$286.36 to \$859.08 – replacing **Marylou McIntosh** who is no longer doing this club
- Elizabeth Crescimanno** – Brookside School Destination Imagination \$1,145.44

<b>Angela DeVito</b> – Brookside School Destination Imagination	\$1,145.44
<b>Elizabeth Crescimanno</b> – Brookside School Shakespeare Program	\$ 286.36
<b>Elizabeth Flor</b> – Brookside School Shakespeare Program	\$ 286.36
<b>Anna Fazio</b> – Crompond School Destination Imagination	\$1,145.44
<b>Lauren Reid</b> – Crompond School Destination Imagination	\$1,145.44
<b>Anna Fazio</b> – Crompond School Shakespeare Program	\$ 286.36
<b>Jan Martino</b> – Crompond School Shakespeare Program	\$ 286.36

7 aye 0 nay Motion carried

## SUPPORT

### Technical Support Specialist

Motion by Mrs. Faigle seconded by Mr. Perrino to approve the vacated position of Network Support Specialist, previously held by Patrice Hatyjgeorge, to be redefined as Instructional Technology Facilitator as per the job description dated March 6, 2006; and that the incumbent of said position be an employee of the P/NW BOCES assigned full-time to the Yorktown Central School District.

Discussion followed at length on clarification of the title change for this position and the position of Director of Technology appointed by the BOCES Board. Mrs. Harris felt she was not granted an opportunity to discuss her concerns regarding the appointment for the position of Director of Technology prior to finalizing the appointment. Based on the position guide and information received Mr. Drexel did not feel the position of instructional Technology Specialist was necessary.

5 aye 2 nay Motion carried

(A. D'Alessandro P. Faigle J. McCoy J. Miller T. Perrino aye; M. Drexel P. Harris nay)

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

6 aye 1 nay Motion carried

(M. Drexel P. Faigle P. Harris J. McCoy J. Miller T. Perrino aye; A. D'Alessandro nay)

### Termination

Motion by Mr. Perrino seconded by Mrs. Faigle to approve the termination of **Michael Barrows**, teaching assistant/instructional assistant at Strang Middle School, effective March 13, 2006.

7 aye 0 nay Motion carried

### Civil Service Permanent Appointment

Motion by Mrs. Faigle seconded by Mr. Miller to approve the Permanent Civil Service appointment of **Laurie Schumacher**, Office Assistant-Automated Systems at the High School, after successful completion of a 52 week probationary period, effective April 27, 2006.

7 aye 0 nay Motion carried

### Coaches' Appointments

#### Spring 2006

Motion by Mrs. Harris seconded by Mrs. Faigle to approve the following coaching appointment for the 2005-2006 school year:

<u>Coach</u>	<u>Sport</u>	<u>Level</u>	<u>Base</u>	<u>Longevity</u>		<u>Total</u>
				<u>%</u>	<u>Amt.</u>	
Krista Bozzo	Girls Lacrosse-Asst.	V	\$ 3,533.15	15	529.97	\$ 4,063.12
Tracy A. Degl	Girls Lacrosse-Head`	F	\$2,208.22	--	--	\$ 2,208.22

7 aye 0 nay Motion carried

### SUPPORT

#### Appointments

Motion by Mr. Perrino seconded by Mrs. Faigle to approve the emergency appointment of Korn Chantravakin, as a computer technician, Step 2 of the Computer Technician salary schedule, at a prorated salary of \$7,475.25, effective April 3, 2006. This position is subject to a probationary period of a minimum of 12 weeks to a maximum of 52 weeks. Mr. Chantravakin is replacing Houman Khaleeli who has resigned.

7 aye 0 nay Motion carried

Motion by Mrs. Faigle seconded by Mrs. Harris to approve the appointment of Julio Deleg, as a cleaner, Step 3 of the appropriate Custodian salary schedule plus night differential, at a prorated salary of \$7,493.01, effective April 3, 2006. This position is subject to a probationary period of a minimum of 12 weeks to a maximum of 52 weeks. Mr. Deleg is replacing Donald DeSilva who was terminated.

7 aye 0 nay Motion carried

Motion by Mrs. Faigle seconded by Mr. Miller to approve e, at a prorated salary of \$6,722.37, effective March 21, 2006. This position is the appointment of Susan Mantione, as a 0.5 FTE float nurse, Step 1 of the Nurses salary schedule subject to a probationary period of a minimum of 12

weeks to a maximum of 52 weeks. Mr. Mantione is replacing Jacqueline Caffrey who has accepted another position with the district.

7 aye 0 nay Motion carried

## **PROFESSIONAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM**

### **INSTRUCTIONAL**

Motion by Mrs. Faigle seconded by Mrs. Harris to approve the following Yorktown Congress of Teachers Professional Improvement Program proposals (Contract Balance: \$30,000.00; Encumbered to date: \$24,078.90. Total to be approved: \$4,372.35.)

	<b><u>Cost</u></b>
<b>a. Julie Won</b> , teacher at French Hill School, to attend “LitLife: LitLink Reading & Writing Seminars: “Assessing Students as Writers”, The Castle, Manhattanville College, Purchase, NY, March 27, 2006. (8:30 am – 3:00 pm)	\$148.10
<b>b. Doreen Saccomano</b> , teacher at Crompond School, to attend “Great Teachers Inspire the World – International Reading Association 51 <sup>st</sup> Annual Convention”, Lakeside Center at McCormick Place, Chicago, Illinois, April 29/30, 2006 – May 4, 2006. (9:00 am – 5:00 pm)	\$1,895.00
<b>c. Linda Hatfield</b> , teacher at Brookside School, to attend “Great Teachers Inspire the World – International Reading Association 51 <sup>st</sup> Annual Convention”, Lakeside Center at McCormick Place, Chicago, Illinois, April 29, 2006 – May 4, 2006. (9:00 am – 5:00 pm)	\$1,009.65
<b>d. Virginia McElduff</b> , teacher at Strang Middle School, to attend “Current, Best Ideas for Making Inclusion Work”, Radisson, New Rochelle, May 18, 2006. (8:30 am-3:15 pm)	\$220.73
<b>e. Eleanor Badurski</b> , teacher at Strang Middle School, to attend “Current, Best Ideas for Making Inclusion Work”, Radisson, New Rochelle, May 18, 2006. (8:30 am-3:15 pm)	\$198.32
<b>f. Susan Sniffen</b> , teacher at Strang Middle School, to attend “NYS FBLA State Leadership Conference, Nevele Grande Hotel, Ellenville, NY, April 3-5, 2005. (8:00 am-10:30 pm)	\$460.75
<b>g. Jennifer McLean</b> , teacher at Yorktown High School, to attend “NYS FBLA State Leadership Conference, Nevele Grande Hotel, Ellenville, NY, April 3-5, 2005. (8:00 am-10:30 pm)	\$439.80

(Total to be approved: \$333.40 from PIP funds and \$330.00 from Staff Development Funds.)

	<u>Cost</u>
<b>h. Caitlin Brennan</b> , teacher at Yorktown High School, to attend “Health Education Curriculum and Assessment Core Training, Capital Region BOCES Administration Center in Albany NY, April 3 & 4 and May 1 & 2, 2006. (8:15 am – 4:00 pm)	\$663.40  (\$330.40 from PIP \$333.00 from Staff Dev.)

Mr. Miller made a motion to amend that portion of the agenda related to Professional Improvement Programs Instructional to include items A and H only, so moved by Mrs. Harris, seconded by Mrs. Faigle.

7 aye 0 nay Motion carried

The vote on the original motion as amended:

7 aye 0 nay Motion carried

## SUPPORT

### Registered Nurses’ Unit

Motion by Mrs. Harris, seconded by Mrs. Faigle to approve the following Yorktown Registered Nurses Professional Improvement Proposal for 2005-2006. (Contract Balance: \$5,000; Encumbered to date: \$600.75. Total to be approved: \$681.40):

<b>Victoria Sullivan</b> , District Nurse at Yorktown High School, to attend Conference on NYSED Updates; Immunization Updates, New Guideline Revisions at Westchester Marriott Hotel – May 22, 2006.	<u>Cost</u> \$ 74.40
<b>Elaine Goodwin</b> , District Nurse at Brookside Elementary School, to attend Pace University, Lienhard School of Nursing, - on March 29, 2006 to June 14, 2006. Course is to remain current with all aspects of school nursing.	\$ 567.00
<b>Elaine Goodwin</b> , District Nurse at Brookside Elementary School, to attend New York Medical College on May 25, 2006. Course covers 504 Plans – Students with Diabetes, obesity and nutrition, NYSED Updates and NYSDOH Updates. This is to remain current with updated NYS Recommendations and Guidelines regarding school health.	\$ 40.00

7 aye 0 nay Motion carried

## BOARD

### POLICIES: Second Reading

The second reading of the following Yorktown Board of Education Policies for fiscal accountability:

<u>Policy Number</u>	<u>Name of Policy</u>
2520	Board Member Training ( <i>new</i> )
2521	Board Member Attendance at Conferences ( <i>amended</i> )
6620	Fraud Waste and Abuse ( <i>new</i> )
6705	District-Owned Credit Cards ( <i>new</i> )
6715	District-Owned Cellular Telephones ( <i>new</i> )
6840	Food Purchases for District Meetings ( <i>new</i> )
9290	Staff Attendance at Conferences ( <i>new</i> )

### Adoption of Policies

Motion by Mrs. Harris, seconded by Mrs. Faigle to adopt Board of Education Policies as listed above.

7 aye 0 nay Motion carried

## SPECIAL EDUCATION

### IEP Placement Recommendations

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

2560, 2437, 2278, 1579, 2029, 2215, 3485, 3088, 3233, 3365, 1977, 3159, 2105, 2120, 2736, 3493, 2744, 3493, 3449, 2422, 3094, 2618

7 aye 0 nay Motion carried

## BUSINESS OFFICE

### Increase in 2005-06 Operating Budget

Motion by Mrs. Harris, seconded by Mr. Miller to increase the 2005-2006 operating budget by \$56,000. Said funds to be deposited in to account A2010 200 08 7175 – Equipment Project S.A.V.E. This action is taken to reflect the grant-in-aid received from Senator Liebell to be used to purchase security cameras for the school district. ***This action does not impact taxes, nor will it increase the basis of the budget for determination of the 2006-2007 operating budget.***

7 aye 0 nay Motion carried

**STAR Refund**

Motion by Mr. Perrino, seconded by Mrs. Harris to approve the following resolution regarding the Star Exemption:

**RESOLVED**, that the application for refund of real property tax, pursuant to Section 550-559 of the Real Property Tax Law, of the person(s) for the property described below be hereby approved:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Property Description</u>	<u>STAR Exemption</u>	<u>STAR Refund</u>
Marie Sclafani	583 Waverly Rd.	27.17-2-31	\$3,340	\$1,317
Barbara Fischer	2821 Hemlock St.	27.09-2-26	\$3,340	\$1,317
Stacey Serino & James Pomponi	122 Friends Rd.	35.15-1-62	\$1,983	\$1,983

**And RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education of the Yorktown Central School District authorizes the Assistant Superintendent for Business to approve and execute applications and issue said refunds as indicated.

7 aye 0 nay Motion carried

**Health & Welfare Services**

Motion by Mrs. Faigle, seconded by Mrs. Harris 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>
Somers	34	\$19,545.92
Greenburgh	2 (additional)	1,485.82

7 aye 0 nay Motion carried

**Fund Transfers**

Motion by Mrs. Faigle, seconded by Mr. Miller to approve the following fund transfers:

		<u>FROM:</u>	<u>TO:</u>
Tuition: Devereux, Millwood	A2250470109923	\$20,355.00	
Tuition: Devereux, Mapleton	A2250470109916		\$20,355.00
Tuition: Westchester Exceptional	A2250470109997	11,063.00	
Tuition: Hawthorne	A2250470109932		11,063.00
Tuition: The Center for Discovery	A2250470109962	15,700.00	
Tuition: Hillcrest	A2250470109944		15,700.00

Tuition: Contractual Tutors	A2250470107775	20,700.00	
Tuition: Somers	A2250470109958		20,700.00
Tuition: Green Chimneys	A2250470109930	6,300.00	
Tuition: Somers	A2250470109958		6,300.00
<b><i>To reallocate funds for School Placement IEP Mandated.</i></b>			

7 aye 0 nay Motion carried

## GRANTS/GIFTS/DONATIONS

### Mildred E. Strang Middle School

Motion by Mrs. Faigle, seconded by Mr. Miller to accept a Macintosh G3 computer with monitor and software to the music department in the Mildred E. Strang Middle School from Michelle Marchetti. *This computer has been checked and deemed acceptable by our technology department.*  
**Cost to District:** None

7 aye 0 nay Motion carried

### Discussion on the Bond – Next Steps

Mrs. McCoy referenced a list of projects for infrastructure as a result of input from Mr. Perrino, Mr. Drexel and building principals. This is a work in progress that the Board must decide if they want to do it and at what amount, or not do it, and if so, do they want to repackage it for a vote in May.

Point of Order – Mr. Miller wanted to clarify that Mr. D’Alessandro, Mr. Verboys and Mr. Gagnon worked with Mrs. McCoy on the revised plan, in addition to input from those previously mentioned, which was reviewed and supported by Dr. Bruno.

Mrs. Harris commented she just received information tonight as well as the tabulation of the exit poll. Mr. D’Alessandro gave a brief synopsis of the exit poll which was mixed. Mr. pointed out that having a fall vote would delay work by several months, depending on when S.E.D. approval is received. A whole year could be lost and it would cost more; it’s a heavy price to pay for a delay. Mr. Miller would like to try to go to the public in May. Mrs. Harris asked about an October vote and whether or not work could begin the following summer. Dennis Gagnon said possibly the Crompond roof could be done but that’s about all. It typically takes one year between the design submission to S.E.D. and approval. Mrs. Harris also asked a fast turn-around of the bond would jeopardize passing the budget. Mrs. Faigle asked if it were possible to have the vote in the month of June. Mr. Drexel cited 3 possibilities: reconfigure the original bond, split it into different bonds or presenting the original bond. Mr. D’Alessandro noted that, according to the exit poll, the least likely choice would be to resubmit the original bond. A reduced bond seems to be the most palatable. Mr. Drexel expressed concern about having the money in the right pot and not moving it back and forth. Mrs. McCoy stated that this is a working document; the Board could split emergency issues now. Discussion followed on the air conditioning and the expansion of the weight room. It was the recollection of Mr. D’Alessandro and Mrs. McCoy that the weight room

expansion was to be included in the bond. Mr. Perrino asked questions and expressed concern about reductions to the French Hill courtyard renovations, corridor locker upgrades and air conditioning in the high school auditorium. Mr. Perrino felt the weight room has to be included whereas the air conditioning does not.

Mrs. McCoy asked what the Board wants to put out there. Mr. Perrino had no problem with the list as presented but also had no problem splitting the bond into multiple propositions. He did feel that the Board needs to act and the bond had to be put on the May ballot. Mrs. Harris feels auditorium upgrades where children spend so much time is not a luxury but a necessity and should be left in. Pool upgrades must be done and we need to reach out to the town. Regarding universal access safety and code issues, Mrs. Harris didn't feel that they all had to be addressed and that an analysis is needed. The exterior door projects should be left in and the fire and p.a. systems are imperative. Mrs. Harris agreed with a percentage decrease in corridor locker upgrades. The softball field is a health & safety issue (drainage) and the high school and middle school locker rooms should be left in. Mr. Drexel has a list of items that he will send to Mrs. McCoy. Fire security p.a. master clock upgrades include redundancy; paving reconstruction could be reduced. Mr. Drexel wanted an opportunity to digest the information and look it over before finalizing the bond.

Mr. Miller commented on the amount of time it took to put the bond together. Over time we will do less for more money. Building principals prioritized their projects, discussed them with the construction manager, the director of Operations & Maintenance and Dr. Bruno. What was in the bond was not frivolous. At a suggestion by the Facilities Committee Dr. Bruno had asked administration to put together a "what if" list to be prepared for this discussion tonight. It pained him not to include new projects; air conditioning cannot be included. Adding the weight room corrects a mistake that was made and it should be included. More thought and examination has been done on this project. Mr. Miller pointed out that the exit survey said to cut the bond significantly or make minor cuts; he is comfortable with the document as revised (although he would included air conditioning if there is money left over) and embraces it in its entirety.

Mrs. Faigle talked about the universal access safety code issues that could possibly be reduced; reduce any duplication in wiring for fire and p.a. systems; clocks are needed. She asked questions about a French Hill cafeteria exit door to the courtyard/handicap access and the softball field. The weight room expansion was supposed to be included. If there's money left over, then include air conditioning. Mr. Verboys noted that drainage for the softball field was left in. Mr. Gagnon talked about the universal codes and access; the weight room was erroneously left out.

Mr. D'Alessandro said the fire security p.a. master clock upgrades could probably be reduced. The Board must decide about relocating the softball field. Regarding air conditioning, it should be left as is unless there is extra money and the weight room should be added. Mr. Drexel was not willing to go through his list at this time. Mr. D'Alessandro felt the Board must have this bond vote in May. Mr. Miller said the Board must either do it tonight or have a meeting before Friday with less than a full Board. It would be a tragic error if the Board doesn't vote on this in May; he is willing to vote tonight. Discussion continued.

Mr. Perrino asked what the bond amount would be by including the softball field and removing the air conditioning. Mr. Miller felt he could support that. Mr. Cole calculated that the amount of the bond would then be \$37,648,000.

Motion by Mr. Perrino, seconded by Mr. Miller to approve the revised bond project (as outlined in the formal reading of the bond resolution) in the amount of \$37,648,000.

Discussion followed. Mr. Drexel reiterated that he felt the money is in the wrong pot and there is no opportunity to weigh in on the details. There are things that should be done that were deleted, things included that should not be; there is no time to do it and he opposed the action the Board is about to take. Mrs. Harris felt there are things in the bond that do not need to be done and are not necessary; she will not vote in favor of a \$37 million bond.

Call to Question by Mr. Miller (to vote on the resolution)

Mr. D'Alessandro didn't want to vote now. Mr. Miller pointed out that unanimity is not always possible; the Board would be derelict in its duty if it refuses to vote tonight and meet a May deadline. Mrs. Harris wanted to go through the list of projects to see if it could be reduced further. She expressed concern that a \$37 million bond will not pass along with the annual budget.

4 aye 2 nay 1 abstained

(A. D'Alessandro, P. Faigle, J. Miller, T. Perrino, aye; M. Drexel, P. Harris, nay; J. McCoy abstained)

### **Public Comment**

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

Cathy Russell made comments regarding the Curriculum Council and having parents volunteer as members, with the understanding that meetings would be held during the day. Mrs. Russell hopes Board supports having parents on the Curriculum Council.

Ed Ciffone made comments related to the legislative committee and on items included in the revised bond proposition and the list of projects. He also commented on capital projects, the demolition of the farm house, classrooms for enrollment that were deleted, and a ball field that shouldn't be done. He indicated that he wouldn't argue with an \$8 million bond and 5.9% tax increase.

Peter Bisaccia commented that the Board perpetuates mis-trust by going out with a \$37 million bond, stating that the original bond was inflated. He also commented on keeping the girls' softball field in the bond; girls have been slighted for along time and there are Title IX issues in this district.

Karen Corrado felt that the community will think all necessary work will be done in a bond at \$38 million. It may have been better to have broken up the bond. Mrs. Corrado didn't think that the Board worked together tonight; she hopes community supports the decision that was made.

Mrs. McCoy read the following bond resolution for the benefit of the public and for the record.

**Bond Resolution**

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE YORKTOWN CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT, NEW YORK, ADOPTED MARCH 20, 2006, DIRECTING SUBMISSION OF A BOND PROPOSITION AT THE ANNUAL DISTRICT MEETING OF THE QUALIFIED VOTERS OF SAID SCHOOL DISTRICT, TO BE HELD MAY 16, 2006, AND PRESCRIBING THE FORM OF SUCH PROPOSITION TO BE INSERTED IN THE NOTICE OF SUCH ANNUAL DISTRICT MEETING AND ELECTION.

RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE YORKTOWN CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT, IN THE COUNTY OF WESTCHESTER, NEW YORK, AS FOLLOWS:

**Section 1.** At the Annual District Meeting and Election of the qualified voters of Yorktown Central School District, in the County of Westchester, New York (the "District"), to be held on May 16, 2006, a Bond Proposition in substantially the form as hereinafter set forth shall be submitted to the qualified voters of said District. Said Bond Proposition shall appear in the Notice of Annual District Meeting and Election to be held May 16, 2006, and the District Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to include such Bond Proposition in said Notice by inserting therein substantially the following paragraph:

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that a Bond Proposition in substantially the following form shall be presented to the qualified voters of the District at such Annual District Meeting and Election:

**BOND PROPOSITION**

**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 undertake a project providing for various building and site improvements throughout the District (the "Project"), consisting of the partial reconstruction of, and construction of improvements to, all District buildings and the sites thereof, including (as and where required): parking, sidewalk and curb improvements and/or construction; improvements to the heating, ventilating, air conditioning, public address, clock, electrical, plumbing, drainage and fire safety systems; locker room renovations; improvements to enhance accessibility by the physically challenged; recreation improvements, including track and field replacements and weight room expansion; auditorium improvements; replacement of floors, ceilings, doors, windows, lockers and lighting fixtures; exterior masonry improvements and brick repointing; swimming pool and site lighting improvements; and classroom casework improvements and/or replacement; 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 \$38,364,733; substantially as set forth and described in a revised report prepared for the District by Arris Contracting Company, Inc., and Perkins Eastman Architects, PC, entitled "Revised 2006 Infrastructure Bond Project," (the "Revised Report"), which report is on file and available for public inspection at the office of the District Clerk, provided that the detailed costs of the components of the Project as set forth in detail in the Revised 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 \$38,364,733 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 \$38,364,733 and a tax is hereby voted to pay the interest on said bonds as the same shall become due and payable.

Such Bond Proposition shall appear on the ballot labels to be inserted in the voting machines used for voting at said Annual District Meeting in substantially the following condensed form:

**BOND PROPOSITION**

**YES**

**NO**

**RESOLVED:**

- (a) That the Board of Education of the Yorktown Central School District is hereby authorized to partially reconstruct and construct improvements to all District buildings and the sites thereof, and to expend therefor not to exceed \$38,364,733; (b) that a tax is hereby voted in the amount of not to exceed \$38,364,733 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 \$38,364,733 and a tax is hereby voted to pay the interest on said bonds as the same shall become due and payable.

Motion by Mr. Miller, seconded by Mrs. Faigle to adjourn the meeting.

6 aye 0 nay Motion carried

The meeting was adjourned at 12:55 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Clerk