BOARD OF EDUCATION

HALF HOLLOW HILLS CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 23, 2002

APPROVED AS WRITTEN - OCTOBER 21, 2002 - OFFICIAL COPY

MEMBERS PRESENT: Alissa Sue Taff, President

Steve Noskin, Vice President

Fran Greenspan

Bradley Kessler, M.D.

Jay Marcucci

Anne Marie Sorkin

MEMBERS ABSENT: Carole Catapano

ALSO PRESENT: Sheldon Karnilow, Superintendent

Michael DeStio, Assistant Superintendent for Secondary Education

Kelly Fallon, Assistant Superintendent for District-wide Administration

Lawrence Light, Assistant Superintendent for Finance and Facilities

Gloria Smith, Assistant Superintendent for Elementary Education

Renée Wagenberg, Assistant Superintendent for Research, Assessment

and Special Services

Jack Feldman, Esq., Board Counsel

District Clerk, and Guests

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting, held at High School East, was called to order by Mrs. Taff at 7:00 p.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: A Motion was made by Mrs. Greenspan, seconded by Mr. Noskin, and carried unanimously (6-0) to convene into Executive Session at 7:00 p.m. in order to discuss personnel and contractual issues.

OPEN SESSION: The meeting convened into Open Session at 8:15 p.m.

PLEDGE OF

ALLEGIANCE: Mrs. Taff commenced the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

High School East student, Melissa Zimmerman, sang the *National Anthem*, acappella.

Mr. Kindelmann, Principal of High School East, welcomed everyone. He thanked the PTSA for providing the wonderful refreshments this evening. He thanked the Board and Central Office Administration for the many improvements to High School East this summer such as new ceiling tiles and lighting, etc. He reported a smooth opening of school this month, with a win at Homecoming this past weekend. He spoke about the continued academic growth at High School East and introduced eight Semifinalists in the 2003 Merit Scholarship Competition:

Cecilia Lero

Stefanie Low

Pooja Murthy

Gabriella Pinto

Laura Sheinkopf

Tiffany Teng

Joshua Wiener

Melissa Zimmerman

Dr. Karnilow thanked Mr. Kindelmann for the auspicious beginning to the school year. He also congratulated the eight Semifinalists introduced this evening.

The Board of Education and Administration introduced themselves to the audience.

SPECIAL GUESTS: Representatives from KeySpan addressed the Board regarding their proposed power plant on Spagnoli Road, in Melville. Mrs. Taff asked them to discuss issues affecting the Half Hollow Hills school community. In attendance representating KeySpan were David Manning, Chris Carrado, Tom DeJesus, and Steve Zelkowitz. Several of these representatives explained combined cycle technology and environmental issues.

Questions and comments from the Board were as follows:

- Are there any epidemiology studies of these type of facilities within a specific square mile?
- What do the environmental impact studies show?
- How many stacks will there be?
- The Facility looks like an office building.
- How do you judge the need for a power plant this large, and do you have a guaranteed buyer for power?
- Is there a guaranteed pricing on power?
- The school district did not participate in any negotiations between KeySpan and the Town of Huntington.
- Can we attract and keep business on the 110 Corridor with this power plant?
- How much water usage is expected?
- What are the safety plans?
- Is there a guarantee on safer air emissions?

Questions and comments from the audience were as follows:

- Comparision of air quality between SUV's on the Long Island Expressway and the stacks.
- Where will the power go?
- Why is a densely populated area being chosen for this site?
- How does KeySpan ensure the numbers that are being presented.
- How frequently are readings taken?

Mrs. Taff thanked the representatives from KeySpan for their presentation and the audience for showing their hospitality.

The meeting took a break for refreshments and to celebrate Dr. Karnilow's birthday at 10:30 p.m.

The meeting returned to open session at 10:40 p.m.

Mr. Ted Freedman thanked the Board for their cooperation in allowing children to use indoor and outdoor facilities for soccer. He said he would continue to work with the District to upkeep the soccer fields. He also thanked Ronnie O'Meally for her work and the work of individual clubs in maintaining our soccer fields.

Mrs. Taff thanked Mr. Freedman and the Dix Hills Soccer Club for providing sprinkler systems in soccer fields at both Candlewood Middle School and Chestnut Hill Elementary School. He has devoted countless hours towards athletics in Half Hollow Hills and is always there when we need him.

MINUTES: A Motion was made by Mr. Noskin, seconded by Mr. Marcucci, and carried unanimously (6-0) to approve the Minutes of September 9, 2002 as written.

CORRESPONDENCE: The District Clerk highlighted the letters received by the Board:

8/5/02 - Letter from the Signal Hill PTA Re: Terra Nova results, District summer closing, and the District website.

8/9/02 - An appeal to a determination of the Superintendent in a complaint case.

9/8/02 - Letter from the Dix Hills Soccer Club Re: Sprinkler Systems at Candlewood Middle School.

9/10/02 - Letter from the West Hollow PTA commending their head custodian.

BOARD COMMITTEES: The Board discussed Nassau-Suffolk School Boards Association's Annual Resolutions Dinner Meeting to be held on October 1, 2002.

Mrs. Greenspan reported on a Nassau-Suffolk School Boards Meeting where they spoke about the future of state revenues, the Physics Regents, and waiting for final regulations for the No Child Left Behind Act.

Mrs. Greenspan reported on the first BOE Education Committee Meeting where they discussed topics of concern and organization.

Mr. Noskin reported on the BOE Facilities Committee Meeting:

- High School East interior is scheduled to receive SED approval by the end of October.
- High School West fire walls are scheduled to be approved in two weeks.
- Phase II roof construction at Manasquan and Chestnut Hill is complete.
- Phase I window reconstruction is complete.
- Board approved six new classrooms at Sunquam and eight new classrooms at West Hollow.
- Received Bids for Candlewood

RESOLUTION: **BE IT RESOLVED** that Bids for Additions and Alterations at Candlewood Middle School be awarded as follows to the lowest responsible bidder meeting specifications:

1) General Construction

E.W. Howell Co., Inc. $11,625,500

2) Plumbing Contract

ARA Plumbing and Heating $576,317

3) Mechanical Contract

ARA Plumbing and Heating $2,265,717

4) Electrical Contract

Gordon L. Seaman, Inc. $2,616,000

A Motion was made by Mr. Noskin, seconded by Mrs. Greenspan, and carried unanimously (6-0) to approve the above Resolution.

Construction Managers, Sullivan and Nickel, will provide a time line to be posted on our website so the community can be informed as to the progress at each school.

Mrs. Taff reported on Transportation for Mrs. Catapano, who could not be here this evening. The ride on the school bus is considered to be an extension of the school day. The Committee is working with central office to look at alternate ways of improving discipline on the school bus, including the use of cameras. There was also discussion on the extra bus stops that have been causing delays on the bus routes. We will be strictly adhering to the designated bus stops.

PENDING/UNFINISHED

BUSINESS: Mr. Noskin asked for follow-up on receiving certificates for the playgrounds and having inspections of all equipment. The Bubble on the Chestnut Hill playground has a jagged edge.

The High School West track is under construction.

After hearing presentations from SHARED and KeySpan, Mrs. Taff asked board members to get back to her as to how or if the Board would like to proceed further.

COMMENTS FROM

VISITORS: Sabrina Frazer addressed the Board about school performance as reported in the *New York Times*.

Ellen Rosengard asked about security at Candlewood with the construction starting.

ACTION ITEMS: **PERSONNEL**

CERTIFICATED PERSONNEL

A Motion was made by Mr. Marcucci, seconded by Mrs. Sorkin, and carried unanimously (6-0) to take the Personnel Report in its entirety.

A Motion was made by Mr. Noskin, seconded by Mr. Marcucci, and carried unanimously (6-0) to adopt the Personnel Report as follows:

Resignations

Thomas Cordero Lang. Arts/HSW Sept. 30, 2002

Appointments/Probationary

Jeff Finch 7I Bus/HSE Sept. 24, 2002

9/24/02-9/23/04 NYS Perm. Bus.

Amanda Gulli 4D Sp. Ed/VAN Sept. 24, 2002

9/24/01-9/23/04 NYS Perm. Sp. Ed.

Karen Whitney 3D Lang. Arts/HSW Sept. 30, 2002

9/30/02-9/29/05 NYS Prov. Lang. Arts

Appointments/Part-Time

Douglas Hecker 1A .1 Phys. Ed/CH

9/24/02-6/30/03 NYS Prov. Phys. Ed.

Laura Rizzi 1A .2 Soc. Stud./HSW

9/24/02-6/30/03 NYS Prov. Soc. Stud.

Changes

Robert D'Agostino Elementary to Dr. Ed. Sept. 24, 2002

Substitutes

Nancy Hanna

Melissa Mazzie

Melissa Perrone

Debra Russo

NON-CERTIFICATED PERSONNEL

Resignations

Catherine Barcia Monitor/OTS Sept. 13, 2002

Catherine Cavaliere Monitor/CH Sept. 3, 2002

Carol Doscher Monitor/VAN Aug. 31, 2002

Diana Lazarus Monitor/HSE Sept. 13, 2002

Catherine Scarfi Monitor/SUN Aug. 30, 2002

Susan Sorrentino Paraprofessional/OTS Sept. 25, 2002

Leaves of Absence

Susan McKinley Paraprofessional/SH 9/3/02-1/2/03

Appointments/Probationary

Linda Gallo Data Entry Operator/ Sept. 24,2002

Personnel $25,471

Stephen Garstka Bus Driver/Trans. $15.83 Sept. 24, 2002

Katy Kaywood FSW/WH $10.04 Sept. 24, 2002

Darlene Kumer Bus Driver/Trans. $15.83 Sept. 24, 2002

Robin Miller FSW/HSW $10.04 Sept. 24, 2002

Jameela Sohrawardy FSW/WH $10.04 Sept. 24, 2002

Changes

Lisa Bosch Paraprofessional/VAN $8.41 Sept. 24, 2002

Sandy Grech Clerk Typist/Facilities & Operations to

Supervisors' & Directors'

Angela Scotto-Lavino Monitor/Otsego from Candlewood

Sept. 4, 2002

Substitutes

Mary Caroleo Sub Paraprofessional, Monitor Sept. 24, 2002

Maria Meglio Sub Clerical Sept. 24, 2002

Stephanie Santo Sub Clerical Sept. 24, 2002

Rose Spatafora Sub Clerical, Paraprofessional Sept. 24, 2002

Michael Underwood Sub Custodian Sept. 24, 2002

Paul Varvaro Sub Paraprofessional Sept. 24, 2002

Appointments/Permanent

Karen Camerlengo Bus Driver/Trans. Sept. 24, 2002

Lucien Ceran Jr. Bus Driver/Trans. Sept. 24, 2002

Appointments - Monitors/Paraprofessionals/Etc.

Kelly-Ann Adams Paraprofessional/CH $11.29 Sept. 24, 2002

Aldrina Arshravan Paraprofessional/FP $11.29 Sept. 24, 2002

Nancy Barreca Paraprofessional/WH $11.29 Sept. 24, 2002

Jennifer Boltmann Homebound/PPS $15.00 Sept. 24, 2002

Catherine Cavaliere Paraprofessional/CH $8.41 Sept. 24, 2002

Rose Ann Cavallo Paraprofessional/SH $8.41 Sept. 24, 2002

Christine Chandler Paraprofessional/PAU $11.29Sept. 24, 2002

Elizabeth DeChristian Monitor/CH $8.38 Sept. 24, 2002

Maureen Dolan Paraprofessional/WH $8.41 Sept. 24, 2002

10. Michele Findel Monitor/CH $8.38 Sept. 24, 2002

11. Tevya Forbes Paraprofessional/HSW $11.29Sept. 24, 2002

12. Sheryl Harryram Monitor/SUN $8.38 Sept. 24, 2002

13. Dolores Hazard Paraprofessional/SH $11.29 Sept. 24, 2002

14. Donna Hopkins Paraprofessional/WH $8.41 Sept. 24, 2002

15. Elia Jacobellis Monitor/PAU $8.41 Sept. 24, 2002

16. Jill Jacow Paraprofessional/PAU $11.29 Sept. 24, 2002

17. Genevive Keel Monitor/PAU $8.38 Sept. 24, 2002

18. Kevin Keeley Paraprofessional/OTS $11.29 Sept. 24, 2002

19. Kelly Leader Paraprofessional/SUN $11.29 Sept. 24, 2002

20. Roswitha Lipman Paraprofessional/FP $8.41 Sept. 24, 2002

21. Elise Margolin Paraprofessional/OTS $11.29 Sept. 24, 2002

22. Deborah McPhillips Paraprofessional/OTS $8.41 Sept. 24, 2002

23. Mamata Pandya Paraprofessional/SH $11.29 Sept. 24, 2002

24. Joann Romeo Monitor/FP $8.38 Sept. 24, 2002

25. Kim Saks Paraprofessional/SH $11.29 Sept. 24, 2002

26. Vimaljeet Salaria Paraprofessional/VAN$11.29 Sept. 24,2002

27. Catherine Scarfi Paraprofessional/SUN $8.41 Sept. 24, 2002

28. Rita Ann Smith Paraprofessional/ $9.98 Sept. 24, 2002

Park Shore

29. Roseann Smith Paraprofessional/PAU $11.29 Sept. 24, 2002

30. Tara Viola Paraprofessional/VAN$11.29 Sept. 24, 2002

31. Kathleen Woodworth Paraprofessional/FP $8.41 Sept. 24, 2002

32. Philomena YarussoParaprofessional/PAU$11.29 Sept. 24, 2002

A Motion was made by Mr. Marcucci, seconded by Mr. Noskin, and carried unanimously (6-0) to approve the following Leave of Absence:

Leave of Absence

Unpaid

Katherine Ford September 2002 - June 2003

APPROVAL OF BILLS: A Motion was made by Mr. Noskin, seconded by Mr. Marcucci, and carried unanimously (6-0) to accept the Approval of Bills for $3,791,401.71.

BID AWARDS: A Motion was made Mr. Noskin, seconded by Mr. Marcucci, and carried unanimously (6-0) to approve the following Bid Awards:

Bid #03-10: Music Equipment

SCHEDULE OF

INVESTMENTS: A Motion was made by Mr. Noskin, seconded by Mr. Marcucci, and carried unanimously (6-0) to approve the Schedule of Investments for the period ending August 31, 2002.

A copy of the Treasurer's Report for the period ending August 31, 2002 has been forwarded to the Board.

NEW BUSINESS: None

COMMENTS FROM

VISITORS: Harriet Halsten asked about a rumor she heard about Wyandanch schools coming to Half Hollow Hills.

Mrs. Taff responded that the rumor is not true.

ADJOURNMENT: A Motion was made by Mrs. Sorkin, seconded by Mr. Marcucci, and carried unanimously (6-0) to adjourn the meeting at 11:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Rosanne Marini, District Clerk