

**THE HARPURSVILLE CENTRAL SCHOOL BOARD OF EDUCATION HELD
A REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING ON MONDAY, JANUARY 10, 2011
AT 7:00 P.M. IN THE HIGH SCHOOL LIBRARY
PUBLIC MEETING REGARDING BUS/VAN
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Superintendent Wood opened the meeting at 7:00PM by reviewing the process that the Transportation Ad-Hoc Committee uses when determining fleet replacement(s). Mrs. Jean Brennan, Transportation Supervisor, reviewed the proposed purchases which included a 66 passenger bus at a cost of \$111,594.37 and passenger van at an estimated cost of \$29,000.00.

Mr. Doug Rhodes addressed the Board at this time. He asked for a fleet update which was then handed out to interested audience members, as well as a specification sheet on the 66-passenger bus. Mrs. Brennan went into detail on the inspection process that buses undergo, as well as the State recommendation that buses be replaced every ten years.

Mr. Merritt Palmer addressed the Board at this time. He asked for clarification on information that he received that the bus garage would be taken over by a private company. Mrs. Wood and Board members assured Mr. Palmer that this option is not even on the table. Mrs. Wood explained that due to a retirement a few years ago, the mechanical portion of maintaining the fleet was turned over to a private company. Mrs. Wood asked Mr. Palmer to squelch any rumors that he hears pertaining to the privatization of the bus garage.

Mr. Doug Rhodes asked if the bus expense would come out of this years' budget to which Mr. Mertz replied that it would. Mr. Dauphinais asked if the 90% State Aid was a guarantee. Mrs. Wood responded that we have not been notified by the State that Transportation Aid has or will be cut. Mr. Rhodes asked what percent of the budget this purchase would represent. Mrs. Mertz responded that it would be about 1/3 of 1%. Mr. Burns added that the goal of the Board over the years has been to get as much State Aid back into our community as possible.

The meeting was called to order at 7:15PM by Board President Burns.

ROLL CALL

Roll call was taken with Mrs. Bassler, Mr. Burns, Mr. Dauphinais, Mrs. Groover, Mrs. Salisbury and Mrs. Snow in attendance. Mr. Austin was absent from the meeting. Also present was Superintendent Wood and Administrators Dopko, Jones, Quick and Rullo. Additional attendees are noted on the guest list.

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**MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER 20, 2010
REGULAR MEETING**

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11-0110-I

On a motion made by Mrs. Groover and seconded by Mrs. Bassler, the Board accepted the minutes of the December 20, 2010 meeting with a change to resolution #10-1220-IV-should read "Mrs." Groover.

Motion carried 6-0-0.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

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11-0110-II

On a motion made by Mrs. Salisbury and seconded by Mrs. Bassler, the Board agreed to go into Executive Session at 7:17PM for Personnel Issues and CSE Recommendations.

Motion carried 6-0-0.

11-0110-III

On a motion made by Mrs. Bassler and seconded by Mr. Dauphinais, the Board agreed to come out of Executive Session at 7:43PM.

Motion carried 6-0-0.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Superintendent Wood reports that it is anticipated that Hannah Kimmel will break the Section IV Girls scoring record this week. Also, a late addition of an energy supply quote and a resolution on a former BOE member will both need Board action this evening. In regard to our Oil tanks, M/E has provided Mike James, our School Architect, with a proposal which he will deliver to the District for review and approval. This will include development of plans and specs for replacement of the tank monitoring systems.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

Mr. Mike Lawler addressed the Board at this time. He asked for more information on the leaking roof at the elementary as well as when repairs were going to be made to the cafeteria as the floors are cracked and not maintained. Also, he asked if the buses can be parked differently since we have limited space for parking and it is also a hazard for students and parents walking in the lot. He suggested parking them at another location or having them enclosed by a fence.

Superintendent Wood shared that the District will be in discussion with the Town and Fire Company regarding a joint facility located off campus. If this were to come to fruition, the bus garage would be located off site which would address the issues that he described. As for the state of the elementary cafeteria, renovations would need to be a part of the five year plan. Cafeteria renovations would need to be included in a future Capital Project because of the magnitude of repairs, including removal of asbestos tiles, which cannot be done in-house. Mr. Lawler asked if the fire safety system/sprinklers would be included and also if there is testing for mold in the building. Mrs. Wood responded that there are no sprinklers in the elementary building, only the fire alarm system. Also, air sampling was completed in the building after the issue with flooding last year and those samples came back clean. She also added that the roof at the elementary is currently under warranty. Issues with drains thawing and seams separating have led to leaking. We deal with Weather Master for repairs to the roof.

ADDITION OF PARENT MEMBERS TO THE COMMITTEE ON SPECIAL EDUCATION/COMMITTEE ON PRESCHOOL SPECIAL EDUCATION

11-0110-IV

RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that Melissa Bombard and Jenni Austin be appointed as parent members to the Committee on Preschool Special Education and Committee on Special Education.

Motion made by Mrs. Bassler and seconded by Mrs. Salisbury.

Motion carried 6-0-0.

NEW POLICY – SCHOOL LUNCH: NON-

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NEW POLICY – SCHOOL LUNCH: NON-PAYMENT

PAYMENT FOR FULL OR REDUCED PRICE MEALS CHARGED BY STUDENTS# 5150-SECOND READING & ADOPTION

11-0110-V

RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that the second reading and adoption of Policy # 5150 School Lunch: Non-Payment for Full or Reduced Price Meals Charged by Students be approved.

Motion made by Mr. Dauphinais and seconded by Mrs. Groover.

Motion carried 6-0-0 with a grammatical change to the first paragraph, last sentence.

Motion carried 6-0-0.

DONATION

11-0110-VI

RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that the donation of \$2,000 from the Busfield Foundation be accepted.

Motion made by Mrs. Groover and seconded by Mrs. Salisbury.

Motion carried 6-0-0.

SURPLUS EQUIPMENT

11-0110-VII

RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that the enclosed list of computers, monitors, printers and miscellaneous hardware be surplus and disposed of in a manner consistent with Board of Education policy.

Motion made by Mrs. Snow and seconded by Mrs. Bassler.

Motion carried 6-0-0.

SURPLUS BID RESULTS

11-0110-VIII

RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that the following bid for the storage hut be accepted:

Jerry Dann \$111.50

*There were no other bidders.

Motion made by Mr. Dauphinais and seconded by Mrs. Snow.

Motion carried 6-0-0.

ELECTION OFFICIALS

11-0110-IX

RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that the following be appointed as clerks/inspectors for the January 11, 2011 referendum:

Mary Pines (Deputy Commissioner, Board of Elections)Karen Davis (Board of Elections)

Debbie Preston (Board of Elections)Stacy

McCabe(Board of Elections)Darlene Noyes

*Thomas Murphy-Machine Custodian, Board of Elections

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SURPLUS BID RESULTS-STORAGE HUT

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Mrs. Wood explained that the need for the Board of Elections to run our referendum is due to the fact that no training has been offered to Districts on operating the new machines. We are looking into the possible use of the Scantron machine as another alternative since there is a cost associated with ballots of \$0.46 each and a maintenance fee of \$250.00.

Motion made by Mrs. Salisbury and seconded by Mrs. Snow.

Motion carried 6-0-0.

SUBSTITUTES

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11-0110-X

RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that the following names be added to the substitute lists conditionally, pending NYS mandated fingerprinting clearance:

Teacher Substitute: Terry Williams
Support Staff Substitute: Joshua Lee

RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that the following name be added to the substitute list:

Support Staff Substitute: Alexa Potter-currently a High School student-no fingerprinting required

Motion made by Mrs. Groover and seconded by Mrs. Bassler.

Motion carried 6-0-0.

STUDENT WORKERS

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11-0110-XI

RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that the following student workers be approved:

Erin Andrews Jared Decker Breanna Stock

Motion made by Mr. Dauphinais and seconded by Mrs. Salisbury.

Motion carried 6-0-0.

HEALTH INSURANCE CONSORTIUM MEETING – FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 2011

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Mr. Burns indicated that he would be attending the Consortium meeting.

ENERGY SUPPLIER/BID QUOTE

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11-0110-XII

RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that Integrys Energy Services of New York, Inc. be awarded the Energy Supplier bid at the following fixed rates, 12 month fixed rate contract:

\$0.060387 per kWh for Utility POD ID #NO100000071423
\$0.060387 per kWh for Utility POD ID #NO100000293852
\$0.059386 per kWh for Utility POD ID #NO1000008436081

NYSEG Solutions Energetix was the other bidder.

Motion made by Mr. Dauphinais and seconded by Mrs. Bassler.

Motion carried 6-0-0.

PERMANENT APPOINTMENTS

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11-0110-XIII

RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that the following appointment be made permanent as a result of NYS mandated fingerprinting clearance:
Support Staff Substitute: Karlee Eberly-Robinson

Motion made by Mrs. Bassler and seconded by Mrs. Snow.

Motion carried 6-0-0.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

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Mrs. Wood asked that the Board accept the following resolutions, with a letter going out to both Carol Weissman and the family of Franklyn Cism.

RECOGNITION OF HENRY WEISSMANN

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11-0110-XIV

To recognize the passing of past Board of Education Member, Henry Weissmann, whose significant contributions have leant to the betterment of the students, faculty and staff during his tenure at the Harpursville Central School District.

Motion made by Mr. Dauphinais and seconded by Mrs. Bassler.

Motion carried 6-0-0.

RECOGNITION OF FRANKLYN P. CISM, JR.

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11-0110-XV

To recognize the passing of Franklyn P. Cism, Jr., whose contributions as a teacher, coach and Board of Education Member, enriched the lives of his students, colleagues and community of the Harpursville Central School District.

Motion made by Mrs. Bassler and seconded by Mrs. Groover.

Motion carried 6-0-0.

MERGED SPORTS TEAMS

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Superintendent Wood referred Board members back to a memo from Dave Groover regarding possible discussions with neighboring Districts on a merger of some of our sports teams. Due to low numbers, it may be advantageous for us to merge some of our teams with a neighboring District to provide a better overall experience for the student athletes as well as possible cost savings. As an example, we had only three students sign up for modified wrestling. Mrs. Wood asked for Board permission to canvass neighboring Athletic Director's to gauge interest. Mrs. Bassler asked if this concept would be much like that of our swim team merger with Afton to which Mrs. Wood responded that it would. She also noted that Afton no longer has a swim team. Mrs. Salisbury asked about the time spent traveling to other districts and well as the cost for transporting them. This could interfere with homework/studies. Mr. Dauphinais asked about a cost savings analysis and whether this would start in the Middle School or High School. Also, what would this mean as far as current Union contracts? Mrs. Wood responded that we first need to see if there is any

interest on behalf of the surrounding Districts. If so, those Districts that express an interest will then need to go to their Superintendent/ Boards. Sectional classes would be another issue that would need to be taken into consideration before merging a sport. Mrs. Snow added that she would hate to see any sport go by the wayside due to low enrollment. Mrs. Bassler also added that it could be just one sport that keeps a student interested in school. She feels that we should canvass other Districts for interest. Other Board members were in agreement with this as well. Mr. Bernie Scott added that low enrollments may be the result of a trickledown effect. We should not be cutting kids from sports. Mr. Merritt Palmer noted that there were only five pee-wee wrestlers at practice this past week. Low enrollment in wrestling may be a result of the feeder program.

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Board President Burns referred members to the memo contained in Board packets from Mrs. Brennan concerning background checks. Mr. Burns will be bringing this to the Legislative Committee for possible lobbying and Mrs. Wood will be sending a letter of support on behalf of the Board.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

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11-0110-XVI

On a motion made by Mrs. Bassler and seconded by Mrs. Salisbury, the Board agreed to go into Executive Session at 8:15PM for personnel matters.

Motion carried 6-0-0.

11-0110-XVII

On a motion made by Mr. Dauphinais and seconded by Mrs. Bassler, the Board agreed to come out of Executive Session at 8:55PM.

Motion carried 6-0-0.

ADJOURNMENT

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11-0110-XVIII

On a motion made by Mr. Dauphinais and seconded by Mrs. Bassler, the Board agreed to adjourn the meeting at 8:55PM

Respectfully Submitted,

Motion carried 6-0-0.

Darlene M. Noyes
District Clerk