

**THE HARPURSVILLE CENTRAL SCHOOL BOARD OF EDUCATION HELD
A REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING ON MONDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2010
AT 7:00 P.M. IN THE HIGH SCHOOL AUDITORIUM**

The meeting was called to order at 7:00PM by Board President Burns. ROLL CALL

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

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**MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 25, 2010
REGULAR MEETING**

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10-1108-I

On a motion made by Mrs. Groover and seconded by Mrs. Salisbury, the Board accepted the minutes of the October 25, 2010 meeting.

Motion carried 4-0-0.

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Mr. Bernie Scott addressed the Board at this time. He noted that the Board did a tour of the new band storage area prior to the meeting. He feels that it is a mistake to have the storage area in the bus garage for the following reasons: Bus fumes will get on the uniforms; moisture issues during the winter months; bus garage cell phones and vehicle keys are accessible to anyone; and keys are left in buses parked in the garage. He asked who would be responsible for the students when they are in the Bus Garage. Bus drivers are held responsible for the keys and cell phones and if they come up missing, they will be the ones blamed.

Superintendent Wood explained that students would not be unattended in the bus garage. The Marching Band has many volunteers that will monitor the students as well as Mr. Cragle and Mrs. Knapp, who both have a key to the Bus Garage. Mrs. Brennan has assured her that the storage area is dry and kept at the same temperature all year. As for fumes, garment bags will be purchased for the uniforms out of the General Fund. Mr. Scott added that by having a tour at 6:30PM, the fumes would not be as noticeable as they are in the morning and afternoon. Mrs. Wood noted that with the proper care and good equipment, storage issues can be overcome. Mr. Scott noted that he was concerned that if instruments are stored in the Bus Garage and rust, they would need to be replaced. Mrs. Wood shared that she was appalled by the condition of the instruments we currently have. Many are broken and rusted and a discussion of their replacement will need to occur. Mr. Scott asked why taxes were raised to build the Band Room and now we can't store instruments in it. Board President Burns explained that due to space issues and a combination of classrooms, it was necessary to find other available storage. He noted that many pieces of equipment are still stored in the Band Room.

Mr. Scott asked why a teacher was able to wash a pig roaster by the Bus Garage when the DEC has said that we cannot wash buses in bays. Mrs. Wood explained that she was not aware of a teacher using a pig roaster on school grounds but a machine is on order, which is DEC approved, that will enable us to

wash buses on campus. Mrs. Ida Knapp explained that there was a pig roast on campus and part of the contract for the rental of the roaster was that it be cleaned before it was returned. Mr. Scott asked about a large piece of wood that was left as a result of cleaning the roaster and also a hose that was left out. He felt that the bus drivers would be blamed.

Mr. David Riegel addressed the Board at this time. He asked for more information on the materials the storage room is constructed of. Mr. Burns responded that it is a cement block building. Mrs. Wood added that it has been recently inspected as well. Mr. Steve Knapp asked about the flammable storage cabinet that was located in the storage area. Mrs. Wood responded that the cabinet had been removed several days ago. She also assured audience members that no water drains into the storage area from buses. Audience members asked the Board what their thoughts were after the tour. Mrs. Groover felt that it is worth a try.

Ms. Chrissy Andrews addressed that Board at this time. She asked why they have been banned from the band room and why file cabinets have replaced instruments. Mrs. Wood explained that over time, situations do change and all marching band storage should be in one spot that is secure. She shared that the file cabinets contain music which is needed for instruction. Mr. Riegel asked why we are at this point now. A room should have been ready this summer. Mrs. Wood responded that it was discussed this summer but the parties involved didn't realize the enormous amount of band equipment that we possessed. Also, Mr. Ehrensbeck needed all of his teaching material in place by September 1 so that instruction could occur.

Mrs. Joanna Riegel shared that she was encouraged by the letter that Mrs. Wood sent to parents. She is also glad to see that Mr. Cragle and Mr. Ehrensbeck are working as a team for the good of the Music Program. Mrs. Wood asked for input from band parents. She also plans on monthly meetings with Mr. Cragle and Mr. Ehrensbeck.

Ms. Chrissy Andrews reports that Mr. Cragle is giving lessons to students who have dropped out of music class. She asked why we are paying Mr. Cragle when we already pay a music teacher. Mrs. Wood responded that we aren't paying Mr. Cragle to give lessons and if we were to ask Mr. Cragle to provide that service, it would need Board approval. Ms. Andrews asked why we weren't addressing the fact that students don't like Mr. Ehrensbeck. Mrs. Wood explained that there may indeed be students who dislike Mr. Ehrensbeck but some students choose not to participate in band for a variety of other reasons. Mrs. Wood added that if the Board directed her to investigate this, she would, but she could not single out Band. This investigation would be carried over to other electives such as Art or Computer classes.

Mr. Riegel asked how Mr. Cragle is being paid to which Mrs. Wood explained he receives a stipend, paid in installments and is also evaluated at the end of the season.

Mr. Steve Knapp asked if we were being fair to Mr. Ehrensbeck by giving him so many students. Possibly a reason for students dropping band could be that students aren't given enough teaching time. You now have one man taking the place of two. Mrs. Wood explained that Mr. Ehrensbeck has not complained about his caseload and we have had no

student complaints. If the District feels that we are turning students away from Band, we would re-evaluate. Mr. Rullo added that Mr. Dalpiaz had other classes besides band including study halls and a college level music course. Mr. Rullo went on to explain that he sat down with all four music teachers in the Spring to review what works for them instructionally and scheduling wise. In order to offer students flexibility in their schedules, we were able to increase practice rooms so that we didn't sacrifice students' music. As for the college level music class, we did not have any students elect to take this course this year. Mr. Rullo feels that it is like many electives, it may re-populate itself over the next few years.

Mr. Riegel asked about the status of the cloth inventory. Mrs. Wood responded that it has not yet been completed.

Mrs. Wood announced that a Volleyball parent meeting has been scheduled for November 17th @ 5:30pm. All Volleyball coaches will be in attendance. Mrs. Wood noted that she met with all of the Volleyball coaches this past Friday morning.

Mr. Knapp shared that students receive detention when they are receive a referral. He asked what type of discipline the coach would receive. Mrs. Wood explained that there are different levels of discipline which could include a reprimand or a counseling memo but this would all be confidential. She assured Mr. Knapp that this would be wrapped up by the 17th. Mr. Knapp said that his next steps would be to go the State and to the Newspapers. He feels the Coach dismissed him and his wife when they tried to approach her after a game. He wants to know that something has and will be done. Mrs. Wood shared that she has received calls from other parents giving a differing view of the volleyball situation. Mr. Knapp added that it is a team divided and the Coach has her favorites.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

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10-1108-II

On a motion made by Mrs. Salisbury and seconded by Mrs. Snow, the Board agreed to go into Executive Session at 7:40PM for Personnel Issues.

Motion carried 4-0-0.

10-1108-III

On a motion made by Mrs. Snow and seconded by Mrs. Salisbury, the Board agreed to come out of Executive Session at 8:02PM.

Motion carried 4-0-0.

PRESENTATION-CYBERBULLYING

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At this time, Board members, Administration and audience members were invited to attend a brief presentation on Cyber bullying given by Mrs. Vicki Milunich in her classroom.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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Board President Burns shared information from the Business Meeting held during the NYSSBA Convention. Mrs. Wood reports that the Race To The Top submission deadline was today. Reports have been sent to the State and will be rolled-out to Department Chairs next week, then to the faculty.

BUSINESS OFFICE REPORTS

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10-1108-IV

RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that the Treasurer's Report for August 1-31, 2010 be accepted.

RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that the Treasurer's Report for September 1-30, 2010 be accepted.

RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that the Quarterly Budget Transfer Report as of September 30, 2010 be accepted.

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

Motion carried 4-0-0.

Informational: School Lunch Profit & Loss for June 2010

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EXTRACLASSROOM ACTIVITY ACCOUNT REPORT

10-1108-V

RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that the Extraclassroom Activity Account Report for the period ending September 30, 2010 be accepted.

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

Motion carried 4-0-0.

UNIT METHODOLOGY FOR BOCES SERVICES FOR 2011-2012

10-1108-VI

RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that the unit cost methodology for shared services with the Broome-Tioga Board of Cooperative Educational Services for the 2011-2012 school year be approved.

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

Motion carried 4-0-0.

SUBSTITUTES

10-1108-VII

RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that the following support staff substitutes be approved: *Gerald Michie Jr., Ashley Hall
*both students - no fingerprinting needed

RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that the following name be removed from the teacher substitute list:
Catherine Congdon

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

Motion carried 4-0-0.

TREASURER'S REPORTS-
AUGUST & SEPTEMBER 2010

QUARTERLY BUDGET
TRANSFER REPORT-
SEPTEMBER 2010

SCHOOL LUNCH PROFIT &
LOSS-JUNE-SEPTEMBER
2010

EXTRACLASSROOM
ACTIVITY ACCOUNT
REPORT

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SURPLUS ITEMS

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10-1108-VIII

RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that the following items be declared surplus and disposed of in a manner consistent with Board of Education policy:

- 1 - Fisher Full Angle Snow Plow, serial #: 14023 23080A
- 2 - Glass Backboards & Rims
- 2 - Metal Backboards & Rims
- 10 - Assorted Tables
- 25 + Children's School Desks
- Children's Play Sets

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

Motion carried 4-0-0.

AED PROGRAM – REVISION TO PLAN

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10-1108-IX

RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that the revised AED Program Plan be accepted.

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

Motion carried 4-0-0.

POLICY AMENDMENT – PETTY CASH #3525

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10-1108-X

RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that the first reading of the policy amendment to Policy #3525-Petty Cash be approved.

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

Motion carried 4-0-0.

RESIGNATION

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10-1108-XI

RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that the resignation from Jeanine Birtch from her position as teacher aide be accepted, effective November 8, 2010.

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

Motion carried 4-0-0.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

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10-1108-XII

PROPOSED TRANSPORTATION PURCHASES/REFERENDUM

At the October 25, 2010 meeting, Mr. Dauphinais asked for a cost savings of a bus with a plain roof versus that with a white roof. Mrs. Wood reported that the cost of white bus roof versus a plain roof is \$786.00. Mrs. Wood noted that she would not support a full fleet of buses with air conditioning but feels that we maintain a few since they are used for transportation during the Summer Programs. Superintendent Wood recommends that the Board support the proposed transportation purchases put

before the Transportation Committee.

On a motion made by Mrs. Groover and seconded by Mrs. Salisbury, the Board agreed to put up for voter approval, the purchase of one-66 passenger bus and 1-passenger van, total cost not to exceed \$141,000.00. District cost after State Aid would total \$14,100. The Proposed Bus Vote to occur on January 11, 2011 from 1:30-8:00PM. The Informational Meeting on be held on January 10, 2011.

Motion carried 4-0-0.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

No issues were brought before the Board at this time.

ADJOURNMENT

10-1108-XIII

On a motion made by Mrs. Salisbury and seconded by Mrs. Snow, the Board agreed to adjourn the meeting at 8:38PM.

Motion carried 4-0-0.

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ADJOURNMENT

Respectfully Submitted,

Darlene M. Noyes
District Clerk