

**THE HARPURSVILLE CENTRAL SCHOOL BOARD OF EDUCATION HELD
A REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING ON MONDAY, MAY 9, 2011 AT 7:00
P.M. IN THE HIGH SCHOOL LIBRARY**

The meeting was called to order at 7:00PM 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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BUDGET HEARING

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Superintendent Wood opened the Budget Hearing with a Power Point presentation of the proposed 2011-2012 budget. The total proposed budget is \$16,688,037 which represents a 3.94% tax levy increase and a 3.32% budget to budget increase. Mrs. Wood added that the District lost 4.5% or \$508,000 in State aid revenues. Twelve positions have been eliminated, either through attrition or leaving the area, which resulted in a savings of \$316,000.

Mrs. Wood also noted that since the County has scrapped the lever voting machines, paper ballots would be utilized during the vote as a cost saving measure.

Mr. Bernie Scott addressed the Board at this time. He asked for clarification of the Superintendent's salary. It is noted in the budget newsletter at \$124,384 but it was reported by the Press at \$129,000. Mrs. Wood and Mrs. Mertz explained that the difference was a result of Mrs. Wood being paid for un-used vacation days, allowable by her contract. This paid vacation time does not count towards retirement. Mr. Scott also noted that the diesel fuel budget has increased to \$150,000 from \$116,288. He feels we are losing money by the way in which we run our buses during field trips and sporting events. He reports that we pay a driver to go to the event, drop off the students, drive back to Harpursville and then return to pick them up. He knows that the drivers would be in agreement to be paid \$10.00 per hour sit-time to wait at these events, saving fuel. Mrs. Wood responded that she would discuss this with Mrs. Brennan. Mr. Scott shared that he did not know how he would be able to come up with the money to cover a 3.94 tax levy increase. Between him and his wife, they only make an average of \$21,000 per year, which barely covers utilities, gas, groceries and taxes. He is trying to live the American dream by owning his own home but he would be better off renting.

Mr. Gary Chandler addressed the Board at this time. He has a son that attends Harpursville and he is also a retiree of Frito-Lay. He notes that employee benefits and salaries represent a huge portion of the budget. He asks why we can't reduce the budget, even from one year to the next. He also feels the newsletters are very nice but he doesn't know of anyone who really cares about them. In times like these, who funds it- grants? He knows that it is well intentioned but something needs to change.

MINUTES OF THE APRIL 25, 2011 REGULAR MEETING

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11-0509-I

On a motion made by Mrs. Bassler and seconded by Mrs. Snow, the Board accepted the minutes of the April 25, 2011 meeting.

Motion carried 6-0-0.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

11-0509-II

On a motion made by Mrs. Groover and seconded by Mrs. Salisbury, the Board agreed to go in to Executive Session at 7:21PM for CSE Recommendations and Personnel Matters.

Motion carried 6-0-0.

11-0509-III

On a motion made by Mrs. Salisbury and seconded by Mrs. Snow, the Board agreed to come out of Executive Session at 7:57PM.

Motion carried 6-0-0.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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Board President Burns reported on the President/Vice-President meeting that he recently attended at Broome BOCES. He has several NYSSBA resolutions, including seat time and pensions, that he will be asking the Board to review at a future meeting.

Superintendent Wood reports that although we have many good things happening with our Sports teams, there seems to be a lack of coverage by the media. In speaking with Charlie Jaworski from the Press & Sun Bulletin, Harpursville is on the fringe of their coverage area. Mrs. Wood added that teacher submissions frequently don't get published. We are currently exploring other venues such as the web page and League Minder to get this information publicized.

Mr. Quick noted that ELA testing took place last week with Math ELA testing this week. Official results will not be available for some time. Mr. Jones added that his students are finishing up the State Math tests.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

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Mr. Scott asked if we had looked into a lighted board for the front of the school as a way of advertising sports news. Mrs. Wood responded that we have already explored that option but found it to be too costly - \$40,000.

Mrs. Wood noted that we are reducing staff and electives and that she and the Board are not ignoring what is going on. Mr. Chandler added again that he was just venting and that we need to look under rocks for cost savings.

Mr. Dauphinais asked how the Board seats are determined. Mrs. Wood explained that they are by seat but that some districts have seats at large. A vote would need to be held and approved by at least 2/3 of the voters in order to change that.

BUSINESS OFFICE REPORTS

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11-0509-IV

RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that the Treasurer's Report for March 1-31, 2011 be accepted.

TREASURER'S REPORT

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

Motion carried 6-0-0.

Informational: Claims Auditing Report for March

CLAIMS AUDITING FOR MARCH 2011

2011

Informational: Cash Flow Projection

Informational: Fund Balance Calculation as of March 31, 2011

BOCES FINAL REQUEST FOR SERVICES FOR THE 2011-2012 SCHOOL YEAR

11-0509-V

RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that the Harpursville School District will participate in the above services during 2011-2012 to the extent indicated. The Board of Education agrees to pay Broome-Tioga BOCES the charges identified on the base contract according to the following schedule - (8) equal payments beginning October 1, 2011 and ending May 1, 2012. Also, BE IT RESOLVED, that payments on supplemental contracts will be implemented by the district in consonance with the payment schedule stipulated on the contract.

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

Motion carried 6-0-0.

BOCES AS-7 AMENDMENT

11-0509-VI

RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that BOCES Amendment III in the amount of \$10,378.84 be approved. This brings the total BOCES contract to \$3,505,545.46.

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

Motion carried 6-0-0.

SUBSTITUTES

11-0509-VII

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

Teacher Substitute: Dianne Hufford (N.C.) Lauren Ramos (Cert. pending)

*Ms. Hufford & Ms. Ramos have both rec'd NYS fingerprinting clearance.

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

Motion carried 6-0-0.

RESIGNATIONS

11-0509-VIII

RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that the resignation for the purpose of retirement from Vicki Milunich, Foreign Language Teacher, be accepted effective July 1, 2011.

RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that the resignation for the purpose of retirement from Barbara Van Abs, teacher aide, be accepted effective June 25, 2011.

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

CASH FLOW PROJECTION

FUND BALANCE CALCULATIONS

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Motion carried 6-0-0.

APPOINTMENTS

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11-0509-IX

RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that Keith Johnson be appointed to a full time Maintenance position.

*Mr. Johnson was a former employee and has rec'd NYS mandated fingerprinting clearance.

RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that Christopher Benfatta be appointed to a full time, civil service Head Custodian position.

*Mr. Benfatta is a current employee and has rec'd NYS fingerprinting clearance.

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

Motion carried 6-0-0.

CLERKS/INSPECTORS FOR MAY 17, 2011 REFERENDUM

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REFERENDUM

11-0509-X

RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that the following be appointed as clerks and inspectors for the May 17, 2011 referendum:

1:30-5:00 Betty Burns, Hilda Baldauf, Sandy Schnurbusch; Students - Cole Canfield(1:30-2:15), Jesse Repchick(2:15-3:00)
5:00-9:00 Kim Quick, Arlene Noyes, Darlene Noyes

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

Motion carried 6-0-0.

SEQRA PROJECT-FUEL TANKS - BUS GARAGE

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11-0509-XI

RESOLVED, that the Harpursville Central School District Board of Education, hereby declares the Harpursville Central School District Board of Education as the lead agency for purposes of the State Environment Quality Review Act and Regulations (SEQRA), associated with the Capital Project #03-05-01-04-5-008-002;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Ashley McGraw Architects, P.C. consultant for the Harpursville Central School District has recommended to the Board of Education that the Board determine that the project # 03-05-01-04-5-008-002 is a Type II action as that term is defined in the State Environmental Quality Review Act and will not have a significant impact on the environment. The project is therefore not subject to further review under SEQRA. On a motion of Mr. Dauphinais and seconded by Mrs. Bassler it is RESOLVED, that the Harpursville Central School District Board of Education acting as lead agency for purposes of the state Environmental Quality Review Act and Regulations and upon the recommendation of the School District's architect hereby determines that the project # 03-05-01-04-5-008-002 is Type II action which will not have a significant impact on the environment and is not subject to further review under the State Environmental Quality Review Act.

Motion carried 6-0-0.

SEQRA PROJECT-FUEL TANKS - JR. SR. HIGH SCHOOL

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11-0509-XII

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Ashley McGraw Architects, P.C. consultant for the Harpursville Central School District has recommended to the Board of Education that the Board determine that the project # 03-05-01-04-0-001-012 is a Type II action as that term is defined in the State Environmental Quality Review Act and will not have a significant impact on the environment. The project is therefore not subject to further review under SEQRA. On a motion of Mr. Dauphinais and seconded by Mrs. Salisbury it is RESOLVED, that the Harpursville Central School District Board of Education acting as lead agency for purposes of the state Environmental Quality Review Act and Regulations and upon the recommendation of the School District's architect hereby determines that the project # 03-05-01-04-0-001-012 is Type II action which will not have a significant impact on the environment and is not subject to further review under the State Environmental Quality Review Act.

Motion carried 6-0-0.

SEQRA PROJECT-FUEL TANKS - W. A. OLMSTED ELEMENTARY

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TANKS - W. A. OLMSTED
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11-0509-XIII

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Ashley McGraw Architects, P.C. consultant for the Harpursville Central School District has recommended to the Board of Education that the Board determine that the project # 03-05-01-04-0-006-004 is a Type II action as that term is defined in the State Environmental Quality Review Act and will not have a significant impact on the environment. The project is therefore not subject to further review under SEQRA. On a motion of Mrs. Snow and seconded by Mrs. Groover it is RESOLVED, that the Harpursville Central School District Board of Education acting as lead agency for purposes of the state Environmental Quality Review Act and Regulations and upon the recommendation of the School District's architect hereby determines that the project # 03-05-01-04-5-008-002 is Type II action which will not have a significant impact on the environment and is not subject to further review under the State Environmental Quality Review Act.

Motion carried 6-0-0.

**ENVIRONMENTAL COMPLIANCE
RESOLUTION TO MAKE FINDINGS AND
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11-0509-XIV

RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the

Superintendent of Schools, that
WHEREAS, Ashley McGraw Architects, P.C., duly licensed by the State of New York (the "Architect/Engineer"), has at the instance of the Board of Education of the Harpursville Central School District (the "School District"), a school district of the State of New York, located in the counties of Broome and Chenango, prepared architectural and engineering studies for (i) fuel tank monitoring system and said architectural and engineering studies have been filed in the office of the School District Clerk and are on file for public inspection; and

WHEREAS, the School District has determined that upon the examination of an environmental assessment form ("EAF") prepared by the Architect/Engineer, the Project is a "Type II", as that term is defined in 6 NYCRR §617.2(aj), and therefore the School District caused the EAF to be prepared and promptly filed with the School District Clerk; and

WHEREAS, it is proposed that the maximum amount estimated to be expended for the Project in its entirety is \$50,000 and that the costs of the Project, in whole or in part, are to be financed by the use of the Repair Reserve Fund; and

NOW THEREFORE, pursuant to proceedings prescribed in 6 NYCRR at §617 of the State Environmental Quality Review Act ("SEQRA") regulations, BE IT RESOLVED, BY THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE HARPURSVILLE CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT, NEW YORK, as follows:

Section 1. The School District, by and through its Board of Education, hereby declares and designates itself to be the "lead agency" as that term is defined in 6 NYCRR §617.2(u), with respect to the continuing environmental review of the Project.

Section 2. It is hereby determined that the Project as aforesaid, is a "Type II", as that term is defined in 6 NYCRR §617.2(aj).

Section 3. No other agency other than the School District is involved in said environmental review and no coordinated review is necessary or required.

Section 4. No hearing as set forth in 6 NYCRR §617.9(a)(4) is required in making the determinations contained herein with respect to the costs of the Project.

Section 5. Taking into account the criteria set forth in 6 NYCRR §617.7(c) upon review of all pertinent information, including taking a hard look at all the facts and circumstances, it is determined that the Project will not have a significant effect on the environment and no unidentified adverse effects are anticipated with respect thereto and is precluded from further review under the Environmental Conservation Law.

Section 6. It is hereby determined that for purposes of the SEQRA regulations the Project shall not be or be deemed to be an "action", as that term is defined in 6 NYCRR §617.2(b), until such resolution is approved by the Board of Education of the School District or the qualified voters of the School District, as the case may be.

Section 7. The School District shall include a true copy of this resolution in the file maintained, readily accessible to the public, in the office of the School District Clerk containing the EAF.

Section 8. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption by the Board of Education of the School District.

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

Motion carried 6-0-0.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

No issues were brought before the Board at this time.

ADJOURNMENT

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11-0509-XV

On a motion made by Mr. Dauphinais and seconded by Mrs. Salisbury, the Board agreed to adjourn the meeting at 8:08PM. Respectfully Submitted,

Motion carried 6-0-0.

Darlene M. Noyes
District Clerk