Call to Order: The meeting, held at Paumanok Elementary School, was called to order by Mrs. Greenspan at 7:00 p.m.

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

Open Session: The meeting convened into Open Session at 8:10 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance: Mrs. Greenspan commenced the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Dr. Karnilow said it was a pleasure to be at Paumanok which holds special memories for him since his children grew up and went to school here.
PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE: Mrs. Kendra Cooper, Principal of Paumanok Elementary School, welcomed everyone to Paumanok. As the school year is at its halfway point, we find ourselves at a reflective spot. Each year, as principal, I set goals we work together to meet. This year, one of our goals involves Character Education. We want our students to know people are inherently good. We want our students to understand we are the sum of our parts, bigger and stronger together. And most importantly, we want our students to be able to treat each other with respect, tolerance, generosity, empathy and cooperation. Another goal is the integration and advancement of technology. Joining these two building-wide goals is how we came up with tonight’s presentation. We asked our students four questions: What is your favorite thing about Paumanok? What do you love most about our new playground? What is the most important thing you have learned at Paumanok? And, How can we best prepare each other for the future? Mrs. Cooper presented a video of Paumanok students answering these questions. She thanked everyone for coming tonight and allowing Paumanok to shine in the spotlight.

Dr. Karnilow is pleased to acknowledge Legislator Steve Stern, an advocate for our schools, who is here this evening to join us in honoring many of our students for their wonderful accomplishments.

PRESENTATIONS: 2008 PTA Reflections Award Winners

The following students have won awards at the Suffolk County Level:

Adam Baet/Film Production
Emily Baet/Dance/Choreography
Emily Chong/Dance/Choreography
Francisco Chong/Photography
Casey Chung/Musical Composition
Ilana Grossman/Musical Composition
Zach Zadek/Musical Composition
Joshua Hong/Photography
Julianna Hong/Photography

2008 High School West Trailblazer

Congratulations to the 2008 High School West Trailblazer Staff under the direction of David Riccuiti, Yearbook Advisor. The Yearbook Staff received the following awards:
Intel Semi-Finalists 2009

Dr. Karnilow congratulated the following students on being named one of only 300 2009 Intel Semi-Finalists nationwide:

Kavya Desai  High School West
Matthew Klein  High School West

MINUTES:

A Motion was made by Mr. Marcucci, seconded by Mrs. Sorkin, and carried unanimously (7-0) to approve the Minutes of January 12, 2009 with an amendment on page 3: “Alternate Windows at West Hollow are being approved tonight” and on page 7: Add the words “concrete work” to the work that needs to be done to the batting cage.
CORRESPONDENCE: The District Clerk highlighted the letters received by the Board:

12/29/08 – Letter from Supervisor Steve Bellone Re: The exodus of young people to other areas of the country because of the high cost of housing on Long Island.

1/6/09 – Letter from Cintas Corp. Re: A Grant offering AED’s at no cost to schools nation-wide.


COMMITTEE REPORTS: Mrs. Catapano reported that the Health and Safety Committee met and discussed the Health Curriculum and Physical Education Requirements. We would like to add visual aids to the curriculum to help students better understand nutritional requirements.

Mrs. Kaufman reported that the BOE Legislation Committee and the PTA Legislation Committee are planning for the Legislative Brunch to be held on February 6th. The Albany trip is rescheduled to February 24th and we are in the process of making those appointments. Additionally, the Legislative Rally is being planned and we will be giving out details shortly.

Mrs. Kaufman also mentioned that Saturday night was the Half Hollow Hills Idol Semifinals. Over 700 people were in attendance and the talent was incredible. Idol Finals will be held on February 28th.

COMMENTS FROM VISITORS: Allen Kovesdy addressed the Board about the Budget.

Mel Stern announced that the Executive Board of the United Teachers Association has voted to bestow upon Fran Greenspan the New York State Friend of Education Award. This is an annual award presented at a dinner on April 23rd at the Woodbury Country Club. There is not a more deserving person for this award. We invite Fran to be our guest that evening to thank her for all that she has done and continues to do for our school district.

Kesha Woodard addressed the Board about how some adults speak to children involved in the Hills On Stage production.
ACTION ITEMS: PERSONNEL REPORT

A Motion was made by Mr. Marcucci, seconded by Mrs. Catapano, and carried unanimously (7-0) to take the Personnel Report in its entirety.

A Motion was made by Mr. Marcucci, seconded by Mrs. Catapano, and carried unanimously (7-0) to approve the Personnel Report as follows:

CERTIFICATED PERSONNEL

Mrs. Fallon said there are twelve retirements this evening and she congratulated those individuals for dedicating their careers to the children and community of Half Hollow Hills.

Retirements
1. Gerard Byrne VAN/Elementary 10/31/09
2. Peter Comneck WH/Health 6/30/09
3. Stephen Dickson HSE/Science 6/30/09
4. James Haefele HSE/Music 6/30/09
5. Frances Hugunine HSE/Science 6/30/09
6. Ellen Keuling WH/Elementary 6/30/09
7. Linda Kaplan Levine VAN/Reading 6/30/09
8. Merele Milim CH/Elementary 6/30/09
9. Lou Ann Roche FP/Elementary 6/30/09
10. Janet Rogove SUN/Elementary 6/30/09
11. Janet Ruggiero FP/Elementary/Math 6/30/09
12. Roberta Scheuerman CH/Elementary 6/30/09

Family Medical Leaves
1. Elizabeth McDermott OTS/Elementary 2/23/09-5/22/09

Employees Returning to Regular Status
1. Jill Belz 9H WH/Elementary 2/2/09
2. Carol Callaghan 8J SH/Elementary 2/2/09
3. Erin Caulfield 15G PAU/Elementary 2/2/09
4. Taryn Cuoco 6E FP/Elementary 2/2/09
5. Samantha Gutleber 10J FP/Elementary 2/2/09
6. Laura Haggerty 8D WH/Foreign Lang. 2/2/09
7. Kristin Napolitano 6G SH/Special Ed. 2/2/09
8. Christina Papachristou 10H WH/Elementary 2/2/09
9. Kim Polak 13E DW/Special Ed. 2/2/09
10. Christina Zanoletti 12F SUN/Elementary 2/2/09
Appointments/Leave of Absence Replacements
1. Adam Nixon 2D HSW/Science 2/2/09-6/30/09
   NYS Initial Bio/Chem.
2. Suzanne Popolizio 1D WH/Phys. Ed. 2/2/09-6/30/09
   NYS Initial Phys. Ed.
3. Sayward Robinson 1D PAU/Elementary 2/2/09-6/30/09
   NYS Initial Elem.

Changes
1. David Michal 2A HSE/Math
   Additional Class (.2) Effective 1/12/09 – 2/6/09
2. Katrina Stanisci 11F PAU/Elementary
   Revised FMLA Dates 1/12/09 – 4/3/09
3. Brian Strack 3A HSE/Math
   Additional Class (.2) Effective Dates 1/12/09-2/6/09

Substitutes
1. Aldrina Arshravan

Substitutes for FMLA
1. Joanne Burghard $237.59 (1/200 of Step 1A)
2. Helene Siegel $237.59 (1/200 of Step 1A)

NON-CERTIFICATED PERSONNEL

Retirements
1. Michael Prisco Groundmen/Facilities & Operations 2/20/09

Resignations
1. Lauren Grillo Special Ed. Para/HSW 2/2/09
2. Ricky Guido Special Ed. Para/SH 1/5/09
3. Donna Iezzoni Lunchroom Monitor/CH 1/26/09
4. Allison Machold Special Ed. Para/SUN 1/5/09

Leaves of Absence

Appointments/Probationary
1. Sandra Allen $19.09 Bus Driver/Transportation 1/27/09
2. Eva Oszkinis Step 1/$31,965 Senior Clerk Typist/
   Main Office/HSE 2/2/09
3. Mary Utter Step 1/$31,965 Senior Clerk Typist
   Guidance/HSE 1/27/09

Changes
1. Veronica Carley Food Service Worker/HSE 1/27/09
2. Maureen Harbeck Senior Clerk Typist/HSW 1/15/09
Substitutes
1. Robin Colacicco Substitute Paraprofessional 1/27/09
2. Sean Needham Substitute Lifeguard Instructor/HSW 1/27/09
3. Andrea Novotney Substitute Lunchroom Monitor/VAN 1/27/09
4. Edward Valenti Substitute Bus Driver/Transportation 1/28/09

Appointments – Monitors/Paraprofessionals/Etc.
2. Emily Morris Step 4/$13.01 Special Ed. Para/WH 1/27/09
3. Debra Sidoti Step 1/$11.44 Special Ed. Para/SUN 1/27/09

ADDITIONAL COMPENSATION
(On file in the District Clerk’s Office)

A) Aerobics Club
B) Athletic Trainer
C) Environmental Recorder Club
D) Musicals (d1 – d2)
E) PDP
F) Pupil Personnel (f1 – f7)
G) RCT
H) Spanish Club

BUDGET TRANSFER: A Motion was made by Mr. Marcucci, seconded by Mrs. Bottenus, and carried unanimously (7-0) to approve the Budget Transfer.

BID AWARDS: A Motion was made by Mr. Marcucci, seconded by Mrs. Catapano, and carried unanimously (7-0) to approve the following Bid Awards:

1. Bid Co-Op: Dairy
2. Bid Co-Op: Meat
3. RFP #09-18: Financial Advisory Services

DONATION: MUSIC INSTRUMENTS
BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education moves to accept the generous donation from Lauren DeMatteo, of an Alto Saxophone and Guitar to the Music Department. These instruments have been inspected by Sal Randazzo, Director of Fine Arts, and he has recommended acceptance of this donation.
A Motion was made by Mrs. Kaufman, seconded by Mrs. Catapano, and carried unanimously (7-0) to approve the above Resolution.

Mrs. Greenspan suggested an article in the Herald about generous donations and to encourage others to consider the same.

LONG RANGE PLAN: The Long Range Plan for the Office of Finance and Facilities, updated for the period 2008-2012, has been forwarded to the Board.

WARRANTS: Bills pending Claims Auditor approval totaling $3,642,216.42. The Claims Audit Report for these bills will be provided at the next board meeting.

CSE RECOMMENDATIONS: A Motion was made by Mr. Marcucci, seconded by Mrs. Catapano, and carried unanimously (7-0) to approve the January 26, 2009 CSE Recommendations.

CPSE RECOMMENDATIONS: A Motion was made by Mr. Marcucci, seconded by Mrs. Catapano, and carried unanimously (7-0) to approve the January 26, 2009 CPSE Recommendations.

ROTATIONAL LIST OF IMPARTIAL HEARING OFFICERS: We have been notified by the New York State Education Department that Mr. Eugene Arcery has been removed from the District-specific rotational selection list of Impartial Hearing Officers.

A Motion was made by Mrs. Catapano, seconded by Mr. Marcucci, and carried unanimously (7-0) to approve the amended List of Impartial Hearing Officers.

CONSULTANT CONTRACTS: A Motion was made by Mr. Marcucci, seconded by Mrs. Catapano, and carried unanimously (7-0) to approve the following Consultant Contracts:

- Great Neck Public Schools
- Smithtown Central School District
TEXTBOOK ADOPTION: A Motion was made by Mrs. Sorkin, seconded by Mrs. Kaufman, and carried unanimously (7-0) to adopt the textbook series *Chinese Made Easy (2nd Ed.)* by Yamin Ma and Xinying Li.

ADJOURNMENT: A Motion was made by Mr. Marcucci, seconded by Mrs. Catapano, and carried unanimously (7-0) to adjourn the meeting at 9:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Rosanne Marini, District Clerk