BOARD OF EDUCATION
HALF HOLLOW HILLS CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 11, 2006

APPROVED AS WRITTEN – SEPTEMBER 18, 2006 – OFFICIAL COPY

MEMBERS PRESENT: Fran Greenspan, President
Jay Marcucci, Vice President
Jeanine Bottenus
Carole Catapano
Jill Kaufman
James Ptucha
Anne Marie Sorkin

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

ALSO PRESENT: Sheldon Karnilow, Superintendent
Mike DeStio, Assistant Superintendent for Secondary Education
Kelly Fallon, Assistant Superintendent for District-wide Administration
Patrick Harrigan, Assistant Superintendent for Research, Assessment
And Special Services
Victor Manuel, Assistant Superintendent for Finance and Facilities
Gloria Smith, Assistant Superintendent for Elementary Education
Jack Feldman, Esq., Board Counsel
Rosanne Marini, District Clerk and Guests

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting, held at Manasquan Central Office, was called to
order by Mrs. Greenspan at 5:00 p.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: A Motion was made by Mrs. Bottenus, seconded by Mrs. Sorkin,
and carried unanimously (7-0) to convene into Executive Session
at 5:00 p.m. in order to discuss personnel and contractual issues.

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

PLEDGE OF
ALLEGIANECE: Mrs. Greenspan commenced the meeting with the Pledge of
Allegiance.

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

Mrs. Greenspan welcomed everyone to this evening’s Board of
Education Meeting.
Mrs. Greenspan made the following remarks:

On September 11, 2001, nearly 3,000 people were murdered when terrorists hijacked four airplanes, crashing two of them into the World Trade Center, one into the Pentagon and one in Pennsylvania. Each of these innocent victims was someone special: a father or mother, son or daughter, grandmother or grandfather, sister or brother, husband or wife, a friend. Each one of them counted so much in the lives of those they left behind. So many lives shattered by this senseless act of evil.

Of those killed that terrible day, 26 had a close connection to our Half Hollow Hills community – to our families, to our staff, to our schools. Half Hollow Hills continues to mourn the loss of these members of our family and remains committed to “Helping Our Own.” We will always remember the fallen, honor their bravery and offer comfort to their friends and family. On the 5th anniversary of that horrific day, we commemorate those who perished. On this day – and forever – know that you are loved – and sorely missed – by so many.

Members of the Board of Education took turns reading the names of those from the community who were lost:

Matthew Benanati  Karen Klitzman  Michael T. Russo
Thomas Collins     Martin Lizzul          Matthew L. Ryan
Charles Gregory Costello  Brian MacAlese  Paul Sarle
Debra Ann DiMartino  Peter Milano          Dennis Scauso
Ron Fazio            Patrick Sullivan       Brian Thompson
Edward Fergus        Christopher Panatier  John Vigiano
Anthony Gallagher    Robert Parro          Joseph Vigiano
Rodney C. Gillis     Matt Rogan            Scott Weingard
Jeff Goldflam        Sherril Rosenbaum

Please talk about each of these wonderful people; tell their stories so that their memory and spirit will live on. And as we confront our fears, our anger, our sorrow and grief, hear the words of President John F. Kennedy “We are not here to curse the darkness, but to light the candle that can guide us through that darkness to find a safe and sane future.” God Bless Us All.

Dr. Karnilow said there were several remembrances throughout the District today including a ceremony in our Memorial Garden at Central Office. A special program called “Six Bells and Silence” featuring students from High School East and High School West
was presented in the High School East Lecture Hall. Additionally, High School West Senior Sean Owczarek created a memorial to the Memory of the Innocent as part of an Eagle Scout project. It is installed on the grounds of High School West. Dr. Karnilow presented Sean with a certificate of recognition to acknowledge his efforts to remember all of the people who were affected on 9/11. The High School East Class of ’83 built a Memorial Garden in memory of their three graduates that also perished on 9/11.

Mrs. Greenspan thanked Sean and all of the people who have given their time to honor and remember the victims of 9/11.

Mrs. Greenspan recognized Mr. Mel Stern, President of the Half Hollow Hills Teachers’ Association, in the audience this evening and Suffolk County Legislator Steve Stern also in the audience this evening. Mr. Steve Stern thanked the community for electing him to represent the 16th Legislative District of Suffolk County. His new office is now open for business and is located at 1842 E. Jericho Turnpike, Huntington, NY 11743. His phone number is (631) 854-5100. Please contact him for any questions or concerns you may have.

Dr. Karnilow stated that the new school year has had a successful start. There were some transportation details that had to be ironed out and he thanked Mr. Manuel for his help with those issues. Summer School was also a success and we look forward to a tremendous school year. The Board of Education and Administrators have visited all of our buildings which were all ready for the new school year. Dr. Karnilow thanked everyone who assisted with preparing our buildings for the 2006-2007 school year.

**MINUTES:**

A Motion was made by Mrs. Catapano, seconded by Mrs. Kaufman, and carried unanimously (7-0) to approve the Minutes of August 21, 2006 as written.

**ACTION ITEMS:**

**PERSONNEL**

A Motion was made by Mr. Marcucci, seconded by Mrs. Sorkin, 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

**Resignations**

1. Nurije Kerimi  WH/Elementary  8/18/06
2. Lindsay Nickerson  DW/Adp. Phys. Ed.  8/31/06
3. LuAnne Silva  HSW/Special Ed.  8/20/06
4. Kevin Sison  SH/Elementary  9/11/06

**Leaves of Absence**

2. Rayna Goldberg  DW/Occup. Therapist  9/1/06-6/30/07
3. Aliyah Pirzada  CW/Science  10/30/06-6/30/07

**Appointments/Leave of Absence Replacements**

2. Estelle Fimbel 1B  DW/Elementary  9/1/06-1/26/07  NYS Prov. Pre K - Gr. 6
4. Carol Powers 4H  DW/Health  9/1/06-1/26/07  NYS Perm. Health
6. Michael Terlizzi 1D  DW/Elementary  9/11/06-6/30/07  NYS Initial Elem. Gr. 1-6

**Appointments Part-Time**

3. Maureen O’Connell 7D  DW/.5 Health  9/1/06-6/30/07  NYS Perm. Health

**Substitutes**

1. Kim Criscuola
2. Cheryl Keller
3. Dianne Lassiter
4. Jacqueline Levine
5. Kristen Ohlenschlaeger
6. Kristin O’Mahony
7. Alison Rosoff
8. Lawrence Schultz
9. Judy Schweitzer
10. John Snow

**NON-CERTIFICATED PERSONNEL**

**Resignations**
1. Dawn Bodrogi  Paraprofessional/CW  8/22/06
2. Kathy Calderon  Paraprofessional/OTS  9/1/06
3. Phyllis Eichner  Paraprofessional/SUN  8/22/06
4. Desiree´ Gibson  Paraprofessional/CW  8/29/06
5. Cheryl Keller  Paraprofessional/VAN  8/25/06
6. Darlene Kline  Lunchroom Monitor/OTS  8/31/06
7. Agnes Okoli  Paraprofessional/OTS  8/22/06
8. Alison Rosoff  Paraprofessional/CH  8/31/06
9. Nicole Rosselli  Paraprofessional/SH  8/16/06
10. Sharon Stummer  Paraprofessional/SH  8/21/06

**Terminations**
1. Constance Georghakis  Lunchroom Monitor/CH  9/5/06
2. Phyllis Natoli  Bus Driver/Transportation  9/6/06

**Leaves of Absence**
1. Michael Linsalata  Bus Driver/Transportation  9/1/06-11/27/06

**Appointments/Probationary**
1. Gary Giglio $17.90  Bus Driver/Transportation  9/12/06
2. Kenneth Welch $17.90  Bus Driver/Transportation  9/12/06

**Appointments/Leave of Absence**
1. Keren Krinick  $45,483 Occupational Therapist/Pupil Personnel  9/1/06-6/30/07
2. Theodore Parker  $45,483 Occupational Therapist/Pupil Personnel  9/18/06-6/30/07

**Substitutes**
1. Joanne Cona  Substitute Monitor  9/12/06
2. Carolann DiBaro  Substitute Monitor  9/12/06
3. John Vierling, III  Substitute Clerical/Transp.  9/12/06
4. Terence Vierling  Substitute Clerical/Transp.  9/12/06
5. Sean Wisniewski  Substitute Clerical/Transp.  9/12/06

**Appointments/Permanent**
1. Brenda Schmieder $29,800  Occupational Education Aide/ Pupil Personnel  9/5/06
Appointments – Monitors/Paraprofessionals/Etc.

1. Sandra Agoglia $13.23 Paraprofessional/WH 9/12/06
2. Sandra Albanese $13.23 Paraprofessional/SH 9/12/06
3. Kristen Berrios $13.23 Paraprofessional/SUN 9/12/06
4. Margo Blatt $13.23 Paraprofessional/SUN 9/12/06
5. Nancy Blinder $13.23 Paraprofessional/SH 9/12/06
6. Roxanne Bockelman $10.32 Lunchroom Monitor/OTS 9/12/06
7. Christopher Carr $13.23 Paraprofessional/CW 9/12/06
8. Cynthia Celt $13.23 Paraprofessional/CW 9/12/06
9. Mary Cigliano $13.23 Paraprofessional/PAU 9/12/06
10. Annmarie Comba $13.23 Paraprofessional/SH 9/12/06
11. Amy Cooperman $13.23 Paraprofessional/SUN 9/12/06
12. Andrea Delp $13.23 Paraprofessional/SH 9/12/06
13. Peter Formica $13.23 Paraprofessional/SH 9/12/06
14. Lindsey Furnari $13.23 Paraprofessional/WH 9/12/06
15. Deborah Galati $13.23 Paraprofessional/SH 9/12/06
16. Sharon Geiselmam $13.23 Paraprofessional/CW 9/12/06
17. Susan Gerber $13.23 Paraprofessional/SH 9/12/06
18. Gina Gregory $10.32 Lunchroom Monitor/SUN 9/12/06
19. Lauren Grillo $13.23 Paraprofessional/HSW 9/12/06
20. Edward Johntry $13.23 Paraprofessional/CW 9/12/06
21. Colleen Kaplan $10.35 Paraprofessional/VAN 9/12/06
22. Graceann Kieffer $25.00 Extended Day ABA 9/12/06
23. Darlene Kline $10.35 Paraprofessional/OTS 9/12/06
24. Stephanie Klorman $13.23 Paraprofessional/SH 9/12/06
25. Lori Levine $10.35 Paraprofessional/CW 9/12/06
26. Lauren Lichte $13.23 Paraprofessional/SH 9/12/06
27. Cathy Lyons $13.23 Paraprofessional/WH 9/12/06
28. Kristin Mameli $13.23 Paraprofessional/OTS 9/12/06
29. Katlyn McBrearty $13.23 Paraprofessional/SUN 9/12/06
30. Sara Nappe $13.23 Paraprofessional/FP 9/12/06
31. Nasim Noosha $13.23 Paraprofessional/CW 9/12/06
32. Jasmin Obelar $11.92 Paraprofessional/PAU 9/12/06
33. James O'Shea $13.23 Paraprofessional/WH 9/12/06
34. Mario Palencia $10.32 Lunchroom Monitor/CH 9/12/06
35. Stephanie Ponzini $13.23 Paraprofessional/PAU 9/12/06
36. Shana Robinson $11.92 Paraprofessional/HSW 9/12/06
37. Allison Saber $10.35 Paraprofessional/SH 9/12/06
38. Stacy Solomon $13.23 Paraprofessional/FP 9/12/06
39. Jeetendra Sookhanan $10.35 Paraprofessional/FP 9/12/06
40. Heather Susser $13.23 Paraprofessional/SUN 9/12/06
41. Denise Tanksley $10.32 Monitor/HSW 9/12/06
42. Anne Votta $10.35 Paraprofessional/VAN 9/12/06
43. Joanne Weder $10.32 Lunchroom Monitor/OTS 9/12/06
44. Jessica Weiss $13.23 Paraprofessional/SUN 9/12/06
ADDITIONAL COMPENSATION

➢ PDP
➢ Summer Curriculum

APPROVAL OF BILLS: A Motion was made by Mr. Marcucci, seconded by Mrs. Sorkin, and carried unanimously (7-0) to accept the Approval of Bills for $3,848,031.49.

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

BID AWARDS: A Motion was made by Mr. Marcucci, seconded by Mrs. Sorkin, and carried unanimously (7-0) to approve Bid #07-06: Blacktop Work & Repair.

CHANGE ORDERS – TROMEL CONSTRUCTION: BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education moves to accept the change orders for work done by Tromel Construction on the General Construction of Additions and Alterations at West Hollow Middle School. The Change Order for the unused allowance on the Toilet Renovations at West Hollow Middle School was forwarded to the Board and the District was credited with the balance of $16,195.00.

A Motion was made by Mrs. Catapano, seconded by Mrs. Sorkin, and carried unanimously (7-0) to approve the above Resolution.

DESIGNATION OF 2005/2006 FUND BALANCE: BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of the Half Hollow Hills Central School District, pursuant to General Municipal Law 6-r and Education Law 3651, designates the 2005-06 excess fund balance in the amount of $356,076 to be applied to the Workers’ Compensation Reserve Fund.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of the Half Hollow Hills Central School District, pursuant to General Municipal Law 6-r and Education Law 3651, designates the 2005-06 excess fund balance in the amount of $359,886 to be applied to the Retirement Contribution Reserve Fund.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of the Half Hollow Hills Central School District, pursuant to General Municipal Law 6-r and Education Law 3651, designates the 2005-06 excess fund balance in the amount of $80,234 to be applied to the Unemployment Insurance Reserve Fund.
BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of the Half Hollow Hills Central School District, pursuant to General Municipal Law 6-r and Education Law 3651, designates the 2005-06 excess fund balance in the amount of $7,137,613 to be applied to the Employee Benefit Accrued Liability Reserve Fund.

A Motion was made by Mrs. Sorkin, seconded by Mr. Marcucci, and carried unanimously (7-0) to approve the above Resolutions.

HIGH SCHOOL EAST AND WEST HOLLOW MIDDLE SCHOOL LEAD AGENCY DESIGNATIONS:

WHEREAS, the Board of Education of the Half Hollow Hills Central School District is considering certain renovations and alterations at High School East and West Hollow Middle School; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to 6 NYCRR §617.4 and §617.5, the Board of Education of the Half Hollow Hills Central School District has reviewed the proposed action and has preliminarily determined that each is a Type II action; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Half Hollow Hills Central School District hereby designates itself as lead agency pursuant to the implementing regulations of the State Environmental Quality Review Act, specifically 6 NYCRR §617.6(b)(4), with respect to the above-described proposed action.

A Motion was made by Mrs. Sorkin, seconded by Mr. Marcucci, and carried unanimously (7-0) to approve the above Resolution.

HIGH SCHOOL EAST TYPE II NEGATIVE DECLARATIONS:

WHEREAS, the Half Hollow Hills Central School District is the Lead Agency for the State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA) DETERMINATION OF CAPITAL PROJECTS UNDERTAKEN BY THIS District; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education has reviewed the description for the Half Hollow Hills High School East capital construction project for renovations and alterations to the science rooms, Project No. 58-04-05-06-0-006-027, which is a component project of the May 2006/2007 budget vote; and
WHEREAS, the Board of Education has reviewed the environmental assessment of the Half Hollow Hills High School East Project No. 58-04-05-06-0-006-027 pursuant to DEC regulation:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that upon said recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Half Hollow Hills High School East Project No. 58-04-05-06-0-006-027 is determined to be a Type II capital project action with a Negative Declaration pursuant to Section 6 NYCRR §617.5©(8); and, therefore, the SEQRA review is completed.

A Motion was made by Mrs. Sorkin, seconded by Mrs. Catapano, and carried unanimously (7-0) to approve the above Resolution.

WEST HOLLOW MIDDLE SCHOOL
TYPE II NEGATIVE DECLARATIONS:

WHEREAS, the Half Hollow Hills Central School District is the Lead Agency for the State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA) determination of capital projects undertaken by this District; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education has reviewed the description for the West Hollow Middle School capital construction project for alterations to the auditorium, Project NO. 58-04-05-06-0-017-012, which is a component project of the May 2006/2007 budget vote; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education has reviewed the environmental assessment of the West Hollow Middle School Project No. 58-04-05-06-0-017-012 pursuant to DEC regulation;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that upon said recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the West Hollow Middle School Project No. 58-04-05-06-0-017-012 is determined to be a Type II capital project action with a Negative Declaration pursuant to Section 6 NYCRR §617.5©(8); and, therefore, the SEQRA review is completed.

A Motion was made by Mr. Marcucci, seconded by Mrs. Kaufman, and carried unanimously (7-0) to approve the above Resolution.

SCHEDULE OF INVESTMENTS:

A Motion was made by Mrs. Bottenus, seconded by Mrs. Catapano, and carried unanimously (7-0) to approve the Schedule of Investments for the period ending July 31, 2006.
A copy of the Treasurer’s Report for the period ending July 31, 2006 has been forwarded to the Board.

A Budget Transfer Information Report has been forwarded to the Board. These transfers were processed accordance with Board Policy #6150.

ADDENDUM ITEM

PLAYGROUND PROJECT FOR OTSEGO ELEMENTARY SCHOOL:

DONATION FROM THE HILLS FOUNDATION

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education moves to accept the generous donation from The Hills Foundation in the amount of $40,000 for the Playground Project at Otsego Elementary School, and

STATE LEGISLATIVE GRANT

BE IT ALSO RESOLVED that the Board of Education authorizes the Superintendent to accept funds from The Hills Foundation, under the State Legislative grant in the amount of $50,000, for the Playground Project to Otsego Elementary School, and

BUDGET AMENDMENT

WHEREAS, the Board of Education has accepted the donation from The Hills Foundation in the amount of $40,000 and a State Legislative grant, through The Hills Foundation, in the amount of $50,000,

BE IT ALSO RESOLVED that the Board of Education authorizes the following expense be added to the current 2006/2007 budget by increasing the appropriation as detailed below:

Appropriation
A1620-200-24 Playground Equipment – Otsego Elementary School $78,632
A1620-400-24 Playground Surfacing – Otsego Elementary School $11,368

This action accepts funds for the purpose of Playground Construction at the Otsego Elementary School.

A Motion was made by Mr. Ptucha, seconded by Mr. Marcucci, and carried unanimously (7-0) to approve the above Resolution.
CONSULTANT CONTRACTS:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of the Half Hollow Hills Central School District hereby approves the terms of the following consultant agreements between the District and the consulting firms or individuals listed below to provide the services described; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the President of the Board is authorized to execute said agreements on behalf of the Board of Education.

Consultant Contracts
1. The Rehabilitation Institute (TRI)
2. Rebecca Golia
3. Brennen Bierwiler
4. Karen Calandra
5. Erica Pecorale
6. Grace Gorman

A Motion was made by Mr. Marcucci, seconded by Mrs. Bottenus, and carried unanimously (7-0) to approve the above Resolution.

APPOINTMENT OF PARENT REPRESENTATIVE FOR CSE:

A Motion was made by Mr. Marcucci, seconded by Mrs. Catapano, and carried unanimously (7-0) to appoint Susan Friedman as a Parent Representative for the Committee on Special Education.

DISTRICT PLAN FOR SPECIAL EDUCATION:

A Motion was made by Mr. Marcucci, seconded by Mrs. Kaufman, and carried unanimously (7-0) to approve the District’s Plan for Special Education for the two year period September 2006 to September 2008.

ADOPTION OF TEXTBOOKS:

A Motion was made by Mrs. Catapano, seconded by Mr. Marcucci, and carried unanimously (7-0) to adopt the following textbooks:

- *Crime & the Law: A Look at the Criminal Justice System*
  The Peoples Publishing Group, Inc.
- *Intermediate Algebra Graphs and Functions*
  Houghton Mifflin Publishing Group
- *Algebra and Trigonometry: Structure & Method – Book 2*
  McDougal Little Publishing Group
COMMENTS FROM VISITORS:

Carolina Schaefer addressed the Board about the Ruland Road property and a transportation issue.

Kesha Woodard asked about a transportation discipline policy, the Achievement Gap Committee and teachers on maternity leave.

Gina Clark addressed the Board about a transportation issue.

Barbara Calvet addressed the Board about a transportation issue.

Lisa Laporen addressed the Board about legal residency and how the District investigates this issue.

Lisa Mulbauer addressed the Board about the Chestnut Hill expansion and playground.

Mrs. Sorkin said that her son had a wonderful experience entering middle school and she thanked the Administration and Mr. Stern.

ADJOURNMENT:
A Motion was made by Mrs. Catapano, seconded by Mr. Marcucci, and carried unanimously (7-0) to adjourn the meeting at 9:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Rosanne Marini, District Clerk