BOARD OF EDUCATION
HALF HOLLOW HILLS CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 21, 2009

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MEMBERS PRESENT: Jay Marcucci, President
Jeanine Bottenus, Vice President
Carole Catapano
Frank Grimaldi
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 Service
Victor Manuel, Assistant Superintendent for Finance and Facilities
Mary Rettaliata, Assistant Superintendent for Elementary Education
Jack Feldman, Esq., Board Counsel
Rosanne Marini, District Clerk, and Guests

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting, held at High School East, was called to order by
Mr. Marcucci at 6:30 p.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: A Motion was made by Mrs. Bottenus, seconded by Mr. Ptucha, and
carried unanimously (6-0) to convene into Executive Session at 6:30 p.m.
in order to discuss contractual and personnel issues.

OPEN SESSION: The meeting convened into Open Session at 8:05 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Mr. Marcucci 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 tremendous pleasure to be at High School East this evening and introduced Dr. Jeff Woodberry, Principal of High School East.
PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE: Dr. Jeff Woodberry, Principal of High School East, welcomed everyone to High School East. He announced exciting changes at East with 2 new Administrators; Mr. Catapano and Mr. Trigosso, 20 new teachers, and 4 new District Security Guards. The building has new security cameras, remodeled bathrooms, a wheelchair lift for the auditorium and a new sound system in the West Gym. School spirit abounds with the Pep Rally not only sports focused but a celebration of High School East. New football helmets designed by Ms. Corazon and Ms. Uttendorfer and assembled by National Art Honor Society. Regents Exams have a 90% passing rate with the exception of Earth Science which was 89%. 1041 AP Exams were administered with 83% at 3+. College acceptances are exceptional and Newsweek ranked East 384 of the top 1500 schools in the nation. We are proud to have 5 semi finalists in the 2010 National Merit Scholarship Program and 1 semi finalist in the National Achievement Scholarship Program. Dr. Woodberry thanked the Board of Education and Central Office Administration for their continued support, especially Dr. Karnilow. Dr. Woodberry presented the Board of Education with 2009-2010 Agenda Books. Dr. Woodberry also invited everyone to High School East’s Homecoming, Saturday, October 3rd, parade at 10:00 a.m. and kick off at 1:30 p.m.

AMERICAN STATISTICAL ASSOCIATION 2009 PROJECT COMPETITION
WINNERS: Dr. Karnilow and the Board of Education recognized the following students and their advisor for their winning poster, *How Does Optimism Affect Use of Common Sense?*

Students: Jane Hung  
Lekha Grandhi  
Hannah Kenagy  
Connie Long

Advisor: Ms. Rose Suarez

CONGRATULATIONS
OFFICE OF FINANCE AND FACILITIES
ON AUDIT REPORT: Dr. Karnilow proudly announced that Half Hollow Hills has received a positive audit from the NYS Office of the State Comptroller. A positive audit rarely occurs. These audits are designed to report on areas that are not done correctly or recommend areas that need improvement. We had no such finding or recommendation. Our financial operation was found to be in excellent condition!

Dr. Karnilow said that this distinction begins with an extraordinarily talented Assistant Superintendent for Business. In making decisions for the benefit of our educational program, Mr. Victor Manuel fully
understands the necessity of making certain that all aspects of the financial operation are adhered to.

The primary reason we accomplished this excellence is due to the people here tonight that we are recognizing. The people who work day in and day out to make sure the proper procedures are followed. We have without question the very best Business Office staff. They are intelligent, loyal, and professional in all aspects. It is a true team effort with the goal of getting the job done and done the right way. Dr. Karnilow thanked the entire Business Office Team for all of their efforts, and congratulated them on a job done to perfection!

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Legislator Steve Stern is here this evening to recognize the Half Hollow Hills Business Office Staff for their outstanding efforts. He presented the Business Office Staff with a Proclamation honoring their work to maintain fiscal integrity, promote responsibility and ensure that taxpayer dollars are used to the maximum benefit of the children of the half Hollow Hills Central School District.

Dr. Karnilow, along with Members of the Board of Education and Legislator Steve Stern, presented certificates to each individual in our Business Department.

CORRESPONDENCE: None

BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS: Mr. Marcucci asked the District Clerk to post the 2009-2010 Board Committee Assignments on the website.

PENDING/UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Dr. Karnilow remarked on his decision not to show President Obama’s address to school children live on the first day of school, September 8, 2009. His comments are attached.
COMMENTS FROM VISITORS:

Vanessa Streeter said she expected President Obama’s speech would be shown live in the District.

Claudia Negron feels our children missed an opportunity to hear President Obama’s speech live in school.

Sandy Thomas is concerned and feels it was censorship to not show President Obama’s speech live in school. She would like students K-5 to be shown the speech in school.

Denise Ham thanked Dr. Karnilow for all of the wonderful things he has done for the District. She asked if the decision not to show the speech was Dr. Karnilow’s decision alone or did he consult with the Board of Education.

Mrs. Sorkin shared the conversation she had with Dr. Karnilow regarding the decision-making. Setting up District-wide venues for a two minute viewing was an exciting and feasible prospect. When the news was released that the speech was to be up to 18 minutes long, she felt that no feasible venue that was respectful and educationally appropriate could be planned, especially because this was in the middle of period changes and lunch, especially in the elementary schools. She thought it would be better to have the administration view it, prepare talking points, and present it in a more focused, educational and still timely manner.

Jill Kaufman said she doesn’t understand why the speech was not shown to children K-5. She feels it should be shown to all K-12. Mrs. Kaufman also asked about Board Committee Meetings.

Jolaine Harris said she was shocked and disappointed that President Obama’s speech was not shown live.

Lystra Gaddy said she was disappointed that the President’s speech was not shown live.

Leslie Vaughan-Wilson said she is concerned with the decision not to show the President’s speech live. She was pleased with the decision to show the speech to students 6-12 on Thursday and Friday but not all 6-12 students saw the entire speech. She also feels the speech should be shown to students K-5.

Jim McDonald said he was upset the President’s speech was not shown live.
Faith Woodard is a High School East student and agrees that President Obama’s speech should not have been shown live on the first day of school. She feels it is not the District’s job to have shown the speech; it is the job of parents. She watched the speech on the internet when she got home from school.

Georgette Poukamissas said she is upset about the Ichtus Club being cancelled at High School East.

Mr. DeStio explained that the Ichtus Club is not the only club that was cancelled for fiscal management of the District. There were quite a number of other clubs cancelled due to lack of participation at High School East. The Ichtus Club at High School West is available to any student at either high school and has over 100 students who participate.

Sabrina Frazer hopes the District can offer the Ichtus Club at High School East again.

**ACTION ITEMS:**

**PERSONNEL REPORT**

A Motion was made by Mrs. Sorkin, seconded by Mr. Marcucci, and carried unanimously (6-0) to take the Personnel Report in its entirety.

A Motion was made by Mrs. Catapano, seconded by Mrs. Bottenus, and carried unanimously (6-0) to approve the Personnel Report as follows:

**CERTIFICATED PERSONNEL**

**Resignations**
1. Susan Aviza  CH/Elementary  9/1/09

**Leaves of Absence**
1. Margarita Bellofatto  HSE/Math  12/21/09-6/30/10
2. Melissa Mulvey  PAU/Elem.  10/19/09-1/30/10
3. Christine Russo  SH/Elem.  10/5/09-1/30/10

**Family Medical Leaves**
2. Michelle Gill  FP/Special Ed. 10/26/09-1/22/10
3. Christine Zureick  CH/Special Ed.  10/5/09-1/1/10

**Appointments Part-Time**
1. Marc Trama  2B  CW/Science  9/16/09-6/30/10

**Changes**
1. Lauren Barlow  2D  HSE/.9 Science  Change from .3 HSE to .9 HSE – Effective 9/16/09
2. Bryan Cloke  1D  WH/1.0 Science
   Change from .8 Science (CW/HSE) to 1.0 Probationary (WH)
   Effective 9/16/09
   Change from .6 to .8 HSW (Additional Class)
   Effective 9/8/09-6/30/10

Substitutes
1. Nicole Corea
2. Maria D’Agostino
3. Kellie DeRosa
4. Carolyn Dreyer
5. Doris Lewis
6. Victoria Lombardi
7. Patricia Lucci
8. Jessica Maltz
9. Jodi Nadler
10. Caitlin Nicol
11. Christopher Romano
12. Andrew Salomon
13. Salvatore Santoro
14. Gina Sileno
15. Anne Tellefsen-Savaree
16. Jillian Terembes
17. Nicole Walsh

Substitutes for FMLA/Long Term
1. Teri Kindelmann  $244.72 (1/200 of Step 1A)
2. Elizabeth Maro  $244.72 (1/200 of Step 1A)

NON-CERTIFICATED PERSONNEL

Retirements
1. Paul Bonfiglio  Custodian/HSE  8/28/09
   (Article 15 Disability Retirement)

Resignations
1. Julio Cruz  Monitor/WH  9/8/09
2. Giuseppa Femia  Lunchroom Monitor/CH  8/27/09
3. Deborah Guida  Lunchroom Monitor/CH  9/8/09
4. Amany Hamed  Lunchroom Monitor/FP  9/8/09
5. Jill Lauro  Special Education Para/HSW  8/27/09
6. Lisa Ross  Special Education Para/HSE  8/31/09
7. Meredith Smolen  Special Education Para/CW  8/21/09
Terminations
1. Danielle Raff  Special Education Para/OTS  9/3/09
2. Denise Tanksley  Monitor/HSW  9/8/09

Appointments/Probationary
1. Donna DeFilippis  Food Service Worker/WJ  9/22/09

Changes
1. Louise Achtzger  Monitor/WH  9/8/09

Substitutes
1. Patricia D’Antonio  Substitute Lunchroom Monitor/OTS  9/22/09
2. Heather D’Arrigo  Substitute Para, Monitor  9/22/09
3. Gina DeLuise  Substitute Para  9/22/09
4. Michele Fisk  Substitute Lunchroom Monitor/OTS  9/22/09
5. Diana Jones  Substitute Lunchroom Monitor/PAU  9/22/09
6. Dan Kanchanarin  Substitute Para  9/22/09
7. Danielle Marquina  Substitute Lunchroom Monitor/VAN  9/22/09
8. James Norberg  Substitute Para  9/22/09

Appointments – Monitors/Paraprofessionals/Etc.
1. Tara Castagna  Step 5/$14.77  Special Ed. Para/VAN  9/22/09
2. Jessica Faibish  $10.27  Lifeguard/HSW  9/22/09
3. Tara Francis  Step 1/$11.89  Paraprofessional/PPS  9/22/09
5. Leah Jarmon  Step 1/$11.89  Special Ed. Para/SH  9/22/09
7. Loretta Nieves  Step 1/$11.89  Special Ed. Para/HSW  9/22/09
9. Camille Ramos  Step 1/$11.86  Teacher Clerical Para/WH  9/22/09
12. Michael Votta  Step 1/$11.89  Special Ed. Para/WH  9/22/09
13. April Yeomans  Step 5/$14.77  Special Ed. Para/WH  9/22/09

ADDITIONAL COMPENSATION
A) Audio/Visual Technician Stipend
B) Coaching Position Changes
C) Curriculum Writing Compensation (c1-c2)
D) Intramurals
E) NYS Selection Classification
F) PDP
G) Pupil Personnel (g1-g7)
BUDGET TRANSFERS: A Motion was made by Mrs. Bottenus, seconded by Mrs. Sorkin, and carried unanimously (6-0) to approve the Budget Transfers.

BID AWARDS: A Motion was made by Mr. Marcucci, seconded by Mrs. Bottenus, and carried unanimously (6-0) to approve Bid #10-06: Interscholastic Athletic Awards.

GROUP TERM LIFE AND LONG TERM DISABILITY INSURANCE AGREEMENT: BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Half Hollow Hills Central School District approves the issuance of policies to Sun Life for Group Term Life and Long Term Disability insurances from September 1, 2009 through September 1, 2012.

A Motion was made by Mrs. Sorkin, seconded by Mr. Marcucci, and carried unanimously (6-0) to approve the above Resolution.

AMERICAN RED CROSS AGREEMENT: BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education authorizes the Board President to execute the agreement with American Red Cross, as previously reviewed and approved by District’s counsel, James Pyun, of Frazer and Feldman.

A Motion was made by Mrs. Bottenus, seconded by Mr. Grimaldi, and carried unanimously (6-0) to approve the above Resolution.

DONATION FROM HBC SOCCER: BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of Half Hollow Hills Central School District hereby accepts two complete sets of goals with nets, from HBC Soccer Club for use at West Hollow Middle School.

A Motion was made by Mrs. Catapano, seconded by Mr. Grimaldi, and carried unanimously (6-0) to approve the above Resolution.

DISPOSITION OF SURPLUS AND OBSOLETE EQUIPMENT: EMAC COMPUTERS

BE IT RESOLVED, upon recommendation of Corinne Carriero, Director of Instructional Technology, that the eMac computers listed in her memorandum are old and no longer work effectively on our school networks. Thereby these computers are to be declared surplus and are to be disposed of in a manner that is in the best interest of the Half Hollow Hills Central School District.

A Motion was made by Mrs. Catapano, seconded by Mr. Grimaldi, and carried unanimously (6-0) to approve the above Resolution.
SEQRA TYPE II, NEGATIVE DECLARATIONS

CANDLEWOOD PROPOSED IMPROVEMENTS

WHEREAS, the Board of Education of the Half Hollow Hills Central School District is proposing to reconstruct interior restrooms (for ADA-compliance) at the Candlewood Middle School (hereinafter the “proposed project”); and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education of the Half Hollow Hills Central School District has retained VHB Engineering, Surveying and Landscape Architecture, P.C. to review the proposed project, the State Environmental Quality Review Act and its implementing regulations at 6 NYCRR Part 617, and to make a recommendation to the Board of Education of the Half Hollow Hills Central School District as to the proper classification of the proposed project;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Half Hollow Hills Central School District, as lead agency, after review of the action proposed at the Candlewood Middle School, 6 NYCRR §617.5, and the opinion provided by VHB Engineering, Surveying and Landscape Architecture, P.C., hereby determines that the proposed action is a Type II Action pursuant to 6 NYCRR §617.5(c)(2) of the implementing regulations of the State Environmental Quality Review Act, and will, therefore, by definition, have no significant adverse impact on the environment.

FRAN GREENSPAN ADMINISTRATIVE CENTER (MANASQUAN) PROPOSED IMPROVEMENTS

WHEREAS, the Board of Education of the Half Hollow Hills Central School District is proposing to reconstruct interior restrooms (for ADA-compliance) at the Fran Greenspan Administrative Center (Manasquan School)/Central Office (hereinafter the “proposed project”); and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education of the Half Hollow Hills Central School District has retained VHB Engineering, Surveying and Landscape Architecture, P.C. to review the proposed project, the State Environmental Quality Review Act and its implementing regulations at 6 NYCRR Part 617, and to make a recommendation to the Board of Education of the Half Hollow Hills Central School District as to the proper classification of the proposed project;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Half Hollow Hills Central School District, as lead agency, after review of the action proposed at the Fran Greenspan Administrative Center (Manasquan School)/Central Office, 6 NYCRR §617.5, and the opinion provided by VHB Engineering, Surveying and Landscape Architecture, P.C., hereby determines that the proposed action is a Type II Action pursuant to 6 NYCRR §617.5(c)(2) of the implementing regulations of the State Environmental Quality Review Act, and will, therefore, by definition, have no significant adverse impact on the environment.
SIGNAL HILL PROPOSED IMPROVEMENTS

WHEREAS, the Board of Education of the Half Hollow Hills Central School District is proposing to reconstruct interior restrooms (for ADA-compliance), install new playground equipment, demolish an existing 30,000-square-foot asphalt playground area (including fencing and curbing) for the construction of a new 30,000-square-foot asphalt parking area, with pavement markings, curbing, fencing and drainage structures, at the Signal Hill Elementary School (hereinafter the “proposed project”); and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education of the Half Hollow Hills Central School District has retained VHB Engineering, Surveying and Landscape Architecture, P.C. to review the proposed project, the State Environmental Quality Review Act and its implementing regulations at 6 NYCRR Part 617, and to make a recommendation to the Board of Education of the Half Hollow Hills Central School District as to the proper classification of the proposed project;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Half Hollow Hills Central School District, as lead agency, after review of the action proposed at the Signal Hill Elementary School, 6 NYCRR §617.5, and the opinion provided by VHB Engineering, Surveying and Landscape Architecture, P.C., hereby determines that the proposed action is a Type II Action pursuant to 6 NYCRR §617.5(c)(2) and (7) of the implementing regulations of the State Environmental Quality Review Act, and will, therefore, by definition, have no significant adverse impact on the environment.

A Motion was made by Mrs. Sorkin, seconded by Mrs. Bottenus, and carried unanimously (6-0) to approve the above SEQRA Type II, Negative Declarations.

MONTHLY BUDGET TRANSFERS
INFORMATION REPORT: A Report of the Budget Transfers for the month of August has been forwarded to the Board.

ARRA (AMERICAN RECOVERY AND REINVESTMENT ACT) STABILIZATION (STIMULUS) FUNDING APPLICATION: The ARRA Stabilization Funding Application has been forwarded to the Board.

CLAIMS AUDIT REPORT: A copy of the Claims Audit Report for the period ending August 31, 2009 prepared by Michael Kearns, Claims Auditor, has been forwarded to the Board.

WARRANTS: Bills pending Claims Auditor approval totaling $2,437,530.72. The Claims Audit Report for these bills will be provided at the next board meeting.
CSE RECOMMENDATIONS: A Motion was made by Mrs. Catapano, seconded by Mr. Marcucci, and carried unanimously (6-0) to approve the September 21, 2009 CSE Recommendations.

CPSE RECOMMENDATIONS: A Motion was made by Mrs. Catapano, seconded by Mr. Grimaldi, and carried unanimously (6-0) to approve the September 21, 2009 CPSE Recommendations.

CONSULTANT CONTRACTS: A Motion was made by Mr. Marcucci, seconded by Mrs. Catapano, and carried unanimously (6-0) to take the Consultant Contracts all together.

A Motion was made by Mr. Grimaldi, seconded by Mrs. Sorkin, and carried unanimously (6-0) to approve the following Consultant Contracts:

- Gersh Academy
- Island Tutoring Center
- Dr. Barry McNamara
- Smithtown Central School District (District of Residence 2009-2010)
- Smithtown Central School District
- St. James Tutoring, Inc.

REAUTHORIZATION OF IDEA: A Motion was made by Mrs. Bottenus, seconded by Mrs. Sorkin, and carried unanimously (6-0) to appoint each general education teacher to serve as a member on the Committee on Special Education.

REQUESTS FROM THE BOARD OF EDUCATION: A Motion was made by Mrs. Sorkin, seconded by Mr. Marcucci, and carried unanimously (6-0) to approve the attendance of Mrs. Bottenus to the 2009 NYSSBA Board Officers Academy to be held on September 25, 2009.

COMMENTS FROM VISITORS: Sabrina Frazer feels that the Ichtus Club provides an essential service to our students and should be reinstated.

Kesha Woodard said she agrees with the Superintendent’s decision regarding President Obama’s speech. She commented on how the Board votes on issues during the meeting.

Nathaniel Ham said he does not agree with the Superintendent’s decision regarding President Obama’s speech.
ADJOURNMENT: A Motion was made by Mrs. Sorkin, seconded by Mrs. Catapano, and carried unanimously (6-0) to adjourn the meeting at 10:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Rosanne Marini, District Clerk