

**Harrison Central School District
Minutes of the Regular Business Meeting
Of the Board of Education
Wednesday, August 26, 2015**

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Abby Mendelsohn at 7:15 PM.

Motion: Tiburzi Second: Sullivan Carried: 7 to 0

The meeting was adjourned at 7:15 PM to executive session for the purpose of discussion regarding employment/termination of specific individual employees; recommendation of the Committee of Special Education; and/or contractual matters.

Motion: Estroff Second: Wolverton Carried: 7 to 0

The Business meeting was called to order at 8: 22 PM.

Motion: DiLorenzo Second: Wolverton Carried: 7 to 0

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PRESENT

Abby Mendelsohn, Dennis DiLorenzo, Rachel Estroff, , Kelly Mangan, Robert Sullivan, Joan Tiburzi, Lindy Wolverton, Louis N. Wool, Ed.D., Superintendent of Schools, Christine Beitler, District Clerk

ALSO PRESENT

Michael Greenfield, Brian Ladewig, Robert Salierno

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

August 12, 2015

Motion: Tiburzi Second: Wolverton Carried: 7 to 0

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None

PERSONNEL REPORT

BE IT RESOLVED that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves Items IA-G of the Personnel Report.

Motion: DiLorenzo Second: Wolverton Carried: 7 to 0

BE IT RESOLVED that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves Items IIA-D of the Personnel Report.

Motion: DiLorenzo Second: Wolverton Carried: 7 to 0

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

ACCEPTANCE OF DONATIONS FOR THE JOHN MALONIS SCHOLARSHIP FUND

BE IT RESOLVED that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education, in accordance with Policy Number 5230 (Gifts and Private Grants) accepts various donations to be utilized for the John Malonis Scholarship Fund and extends deep appreciation for their generosity.

Peter & Kim Barry		\$500.00
Terrence Day & Carolyn Hammonds		\$100.00
Robert & Alice Price		\$25.00
Jeffrey Steward & Kristin Bierfelt		\$25.00
Motion: DiLorenzo	Second: Tiburzi	Carried: 7 to 0

AUTHORIZATION OF APPEAL OF NEW YORK STATE REVIEW OFFICER DECISION NUMBER 15-024

BE IT RESOLVED that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby authorizes an appeal of a determination of the New York State Review Officer (Decision Number 15-024, dated May 1, 2015); and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, the Board of Education hereby authorizes School District counsel, Ingerman Smith, L.L.P., to proceed as necessary to file and pursue such appeal on behalf of the School District.

Motion: DiLorenzo Second: Tiburzi Carried: 7 to 0

APPROVAL OF CSE/CPSE MINUTES

BE IT RESOLVED that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves CSE/CPSE minutes for the following case numbers: 3200104, 3100054, 3100075

Motion: DiLorenzo Second: Tiburzi Carried: 7 to 0

APPROVAL OF CSE/CPSE RECOMMENDATIONS

BE IT RESOLVED that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves CSE/CPSE recommendations for the following case numbers: 3400170, 3500023, 3400159, 3400160, 3400127, 504341

Motion: DiLorenzo Second: Tiburzi Carried: 7 to 0

APPROVAL OF CSE/CPSE ANNUAL REVIEWS

BE IT RESOLVED that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves CSE/CPSE annual reviews for the following case numbers: 3200086, 3300171

Motion: DiLorenzo Second: Tiburzi Carried: 7 to 0

BOARD OF EDUCATION POSITION ON ANNUAL PROFESSIONAL PERFORMANCE REVIEW (“APPR”)

WHEREAS, the Annual Professional Performance Review (“APPR”) process was first introduced to New York public schools in 2000 with an original focus upon improving professional practice and enhancing student growth/achievement; and

WHEREAS, more recently, there have been attempts to improve teaching practices (i.e. *Marzano, Danielson*, etc.), with this information forming the basis for the State Education Department’s creation of the so-called “HEDI-bands” (which represent the following ratings as they relate to teacher performance: *H- “Highly Effective”, E- “Effective”, D- “Developing” and I- “Ineffective”*); and

WHEREAS, the State Education Department (“SED”) has attempted to “formularize” the relationship between key variables and student achievement by combining various elements into an algorithm which SED believes can be used to understand the relationship between teaching performance and student achievement; and

WHEREAS, said algorithm has not been tested and/or validated to ensure that it represents an appropriate measure for understanding the relationship between teaching performance and student achievement; and

WHEREAS, in the Spring of 2015, there was a noticeable outcry of concern regarding certain aspects of the APPR process ranging from parent complaints over testing to various other issues raised by teachers, administrators, the Regents, the Legislature and Boards of Education; and

WHEREAS, notwithstanding this public outcry the Governor sought to sidestep these concerns and instead use the budgetary process in an effort to require local school districts to implement an APPR model that has been called into question by various constituent groups; and

WHEREAS, the Governor’s APPR model has not been duly validated to ensure that it: 1) informs instruction; 2) supports student learning; 3) assists local school districts in supporting the professional development of teachers; and 4) assists local school districts in making critical personnel decisions; and

WHEREAS, at the recently convened “Learning Summit”, the only agreement that was reached amongst the experts present was that there is no agreement at this time regarding the validity of the so-called “Value-Added-Model” (VAM) and notable concerns were raised with respect to the number of errors associated with this model; and

WHEREAS, Boards of Education owe a fair method of accountability to all of our constituents and most especially our students;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education herewith recommends the following:

- 1) that a two year moratorium be created with respect to the implementation of APPR (this was a common suggestion supported by Amy Paulin and the Mid-Hudson Assembly group, NYSCOSS, and a number of Regents); and
- 2) that an expert panel (that balances both technical and practical expertise) be created to provide guidance to those involved in the APPR process; and
- 3) that a scientifically defensible validation procedure be created; and
- 4) that the New York State School Boards Association (“NYSSBA”) actively support legislation which would require the design and validation of an APPR process that truly informs instruction and thereby promotes student learning.

Motion: DiLorenzo

Second: Tiburzi

Carried: 7 to 0

FINANCE REPORT

TREASURER’S REPORT: JULY 2015 (Attachment #1)

BE IT RESOLVED that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the Treasurer’s report for the month of July 2015.

Motion: DiLorenzo

Second: Mangan

Carried: 7 to 0

CONTRACT AGREEMENT: KJK PRODUCTIONS, INC.

BE IT RESOLVED that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the contract with KJK Productions, Inc. for the production of *Wizard of Oz* and *Peter Pan* with the students of Harrison Avenue, Parsons, Preston and Purchase Elementary Schools.

Motion: DiLorenzo Second: Mangan Carried: 7 to 0

CONTRACT EXTENSION: RFB #14/15-11: RECONDITIONING AND STORAGE OF ATHLETIC EQUIPMENT

BE IT RESOLVED that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education authorizes that the contract with Riddell All American for Reconditioning and Storage of Athletic Equipment be extended for one year, July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016. All contract terms, conditions and rates remain unchanged.

Motion: DiLorenzo Second: Mangan Carried: 7 to 0

DISPOSAL OF EQUIPMENT

BE IT RESOLVED that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education authorizes the safe disposal of obsolete and irreparable cell phones and accessories.

Motion: DiLorenzo Second: Mangan Carried: 7 to 0

DISPOSAL OF FURNITURE:

BE IT RESOLVED that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education authorizes the disposal of the following furniture located at Samuel J. Preston School:

- 15 – Folding chairs
- 15 – Student chairs
- 4 – Computer lab tables

Motion: DiLorenzo Second: Mangan Carried: 7 to 0

DISPOSAL OF EQUIPMENT

BE IT RESOLVED that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education authorizes the disposal of a HCSD tag #010252 Amigo R12 Receiver.

Motion: DiLorenzo Second: Mangan Carried: 7 to 0

DISPOSAL OF TEXTBOOKS

BE IT RESOLVED that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education authorizes the disposal of the obsolete 2008 Edition Investigations Student Handbooks Grade 1 – 5.

Motion: DiLorenzo Second: Mangan Carried: 7 to 0

The meeting was adjourned at 9:17 PM.

Motion: DiLorenzo Second: Estroff Carried: 7 to 0

Respectfully submitted,



Christine Beitler

**HARRISON CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
TREASURER'S REPORT
JULY 2015**

GENERAL FUND**J.P. MORGAN CHASE - CHECKING**

Opening Balance 7/01/15			\$801,012.02
Receipts:	Interest Earnings	\$26.76	
	Misc. Revenues	\$292,269.07	
	State/Federal Aid	\$46,818.72	
	Transfer from Other Funds/Accounts	\$4,793,000.00	\$5,132,114.55
Disbursements:	Transfer to Other Funds	(\$5,413,590.16)	
	Transfer - NY Power Authority	(\$53,356.78)	(\$5,466,946.94)
Closing Balance 7/31/15			<u>\$466,179.63</u>

J.P.MORGAN CHASE - MONEY MARKET

Opening Balance 7/01/15			\$5,247,937.53
Receipts:	Interest Earnings		\$210.54
Disbursements:	Transfer to Other Funds		(\$525,000.00)
Closing Balance 7/31/15			<u>\$4,723,148.07</u>

WEBSTER BANK

Opening Balance 7/01/15			\$8,558,819.04
Receipts:	Interest Earnings		\$1,744.59
Closing Balance 7/31/15			<u>\$8,560,563.63</u>

SIGNATURE BANK

Opening Balance 7/01/15			\$22,488,086.92
Receipts:	Interest Earnings		\$5,185.74
Disbursements:	Transfer to Other Funds		(\$3,988,000.00)
Closing Balance 7/31/15			<u>\$18,505,272.66</u>

SCHOOL LUNCH PROGRAM**J.P.MORGAN CHASE - CHECKING**

Opening Balance 7/01/15			\$281,549.28
Receipts:	Interest Earnings	\$11.49	
	Misc. Revenues	\$187.69	\$199.18
Disbursements:	Transfer to Other Funds		(\$280,000.00)
Closing Balance 7/31/15			<u>\$1,748.46</u>

EXPENDABLE TRUST FUND**J.P. MORGAN CHASE - MONEY MARKET**

Opening Balance 7/01/15			\$159,799.74
Receipts:	Interest Earnings	\$6.90	
	Misc. Revenues	\$59,378.66	\$59,385.56
Closing Balance 7/31/15			<u>\$219,185.30</u>

PAYROLL ACCOUNT - TRUST & AGENCY**J.P.MORGAN CHASE - CHECKING**

Opening Balance 7/01/15			\$2,729.33
Receipts:	Interest Earnings	\$4.96	
	Transfer from Gen.Fund	\$1,140,928.32	\$1,140,933.28
Disbursements:	Payroll expenditures		(\$1,140,928.32)
Closing Balance 7/31/15			<u>\$2,734.29</u>

TRUST & AGENCY FUND**J.P.MORGAN CHASE - CHECKING**

Opening Balance 7/01/15			\$62,222.07
Receipts:	Interest Earnings	\$2.87	
	Misc. Receipts	\$6,217.10	\$6,219.97
Closing Balance 7/31/15			<u>\$68,442.04</u>

MULTI FUND ACCOUNT

- (maintains a zero balance - checks are covered as presented)

J.P.MORGAN CHASE - CHECKING

OUTSTANDING CHECKS AT 6/30/15	\$1,604,641.87
CHECKS ISSUED JULY 2015	\$3,116,922.58
PAID (CASHED) CHECKS JULY 2015	<u>(\$4,272,661.84)</u>
OUTSTANDING CHECKS AT 7/31/2015	<u><u>\$448,902.61</u></u>

RECAP OF CASH BALANCES AT 7/31/15:

General Fund	\$32,255,163.99
School Lunch Fund	\$1,748.46
Trust & Agency Fund	\$71,176.33
Expendable Trust Fund	<u>\$219,185.30</u>
TOTAL CASH	\$32,547,274.08
Less: Multifund outstanding checks	<u>(\$448,902.61)</u>
Book Balance Cash	<u><u>\$32,098,371.47</u></u>

JULY INTEREST EARNINGS - ALL ACCOUNTS	\$7,193.85
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I certify that the above balances are in agreement with the bank reconciliations and the balances are collateralized as required for the month ending July 31, 2015.



Treasurer's Signature

8/19/15

Date