

**Harrison Central School District
Minutes of the Regular Business Meeting
Of the Board of Education
Wednesday, January 6, 2016**

CALL TO ORDER

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

Motion: DiLorenzo Second: Wolverton 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: Mangan Second: Estroff Carried: 7 to 0

The Business meeting was called to order at 8:43 PM.

Motion: DiLorenzo Second: Mangan 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

December 16, 2015

Motion: Wolverton Second: Sullivan 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-E of the Personnel Report.

Motion: Tiburzi 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-C of the Personnel Report.

Motion: Tiburzi 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 of the Personnel Report.

Motion: Tiburzi Second: Wolverton Carried: 7 to 0

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION FOR NYS UNDERFUNDING OF PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICTS

Whereas,
New York State, despite its promises, is underfunding our public school districts.

Whereas,
Highly publicized increases in state aid to education over the past two years have not made up for draconian cuts in State aid due to the Gap Elimination Adjustment (GEA) and the Foundation Aid freeze. This year, 20% of the school districts in Westchester and Putnam Counties still receive less State education funding than they did in 2008, and another 28% have been increased by only 7% or less.

Whereas,
Over the past six years, the State raided \$430 million in funds due Westchester and Putnam districts, and withheld \$9 billion GEA dollars statewide. This year alone, the Harrison Central School District lost \$420,000 due to the GEA, for a total GEA state aid loss of \$4,203,997 since 2010. It is ironic that 72% of the districts in our region are still being shortchanged by over one-third of the GEA money due them while NY State runs a surplus.

Whereas,
The multi-year freeze in Foundation Aid funding has deprived districts in our two-county region of \$186 million dollars in 2015-16 alone, most of which is being taken from the highest need districts. To point, this year the State is shortchanging neighboring districts, Yonkers by \$40 million, Port Chester by \$16 million, and Mount Vernon by \$22 million. The formula must be reinstated to reflect current need and enrollment changes.

Whereas,
These cuts and freezes have been put in place despite a 2007 court order REQUIRING the State to increase its funding of high need school districts over several years.

Whereas,
School districts have been eliminating programs, teachers, support personnel, administrative staff, course offerings including art, music and other non-mandated courses, as well as student extra-curricular offerings such as team sports. They have also had to increase class size and student to adult ratios in key areas such as guidance counselors.

Whereas,
Since 2009, NYS has postured that it doesn't have the revenue to pay its share for public education; this simply is not the case. Comptroller Thomas DiNapoli stated in his October 2015 State Cash Report, "*State tax collections through October totaled \$42.3 billion and were just under \$4 billion or 10.3 percent higher than the same period last year. Year-to-date tax collections were \$5.4 million over the latest projections (released Nov. 5) and nearly \$1.7 billion over initial projections from the Enacted Budget.*"

Whereas,
The State promise that reductions in costly state-mandated expenditures would be paired with the Tax Levy Limit (aka, the tax cap) has NOT been kept. State action is needed to reduce key expenditure mandates and provide local flexibility and local accountability; the era of one-size-fits-all initiatives must end. School districts have been saddled with new unfunded/underfunded expenditures despite the static revenue flow. Race to the Top (RTTT), Common Core Learning Standards (CCLS) and Annual Professional Performance Review (APPR) requirements are the

largest underfunded mandates in recent history. While school districts continue to find ways to share services and reduce expenditures, significant State mandate relief is long overdue.

Whereas,

Given a 2016-17 tax levy limit based on a projected 0% CPI, and given the current State aid parameters, public school districts will continue to move towards educational and fiscal insolvency, and will continue to erode the programs and resources needed to provide a sound, basic education to every student. Some will reach a critical level sooner than others, but every district is traveling down that same path. Districts that have provided exemplary examples of quality education will have to level down their services, while they should be setting the bar for others.

Whereas,

School Board members believe that: public education is a New York State constitutional right; every child has the right to a sound, basic education; and New York State has an unconditional obligation to adequately fund our public school districts.

Therefore, be it resolved that,

Public Education must be a top priority item in New York State, not one that is adjusted to make ends meet or satisfy political expediency. The GEA must be relegated to history and the Foundation Aid formula must be reinstated. Adequate and appropriate State funding to ensure every child has access to a quality public school districts is long overdue. School districts are relying on elected officials to take action to put students ahead of politics and make public education whole.

Motion: DiLorenzo

Second: Wolverton

Carried: 7 to 0

APPROVAL OF MEMORANDUM

BE IT RESOLVED that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby approves the memorandum of agreement between the District and the Harrison Association of Teachers dated January 5, 2016, as discussed in executive session.

Motion: DiLorenzo

Second: Sullivan

Carried: 7 to 0

APPROVAL OF HARRISON HIGH SCHOOL DEBATE TEAM FIELD TRIP TO NEWARK, NEW JERSEY FOR A DEBATE TOURNAMENT

BE IT RESOLVED that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves a field trip for the Harrison High School Debate Team to travel the Newark Science High School in Newark, New Jersey on Friday, January 8, 2016. Departure will be at 2:30 PM on January 8, 2016 from Harrison High School and students will return to Harrison High School at 11:00PM on Friday, January 8, 2016.

Motion: DiLorenzo

Second: Sullivan

Carried: 7 to 0

APPROVAL OF HARRISON HIGH SCHOOL DEBATE TEAM FIELD TRIP TO NEWARK, NEW JERSEY FOR A DEBATE TOURNAMENT

BE IT RESOLVED that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves a field trip for the Harrison High School Debate Team to travel the Newark Science High School in Newark, New Jersey on Saturday, January 9, 2016. Departure will be at 6:30 AM on January 9, 2016 from Harrison High School and students will return to Harrison High School at 9:00PM on Saturday, January 9, 2016.

Motion: DiLorenzo

Second: Sullivan

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: 3200076, 3100108, 3300157, 3100048, 3200130, 3300196, 3400048, 3400145, 900004, 3300183, 21137, 3300179, 3200086, 3300070, 3400173, 3400138

Motion: DiLorenzo

Second: Sullivan

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: 3500029, 900006, 900007, 900008, 3400076, 900010, 3500053, 3500043

Motion: DiLorenzo Second: Sullivan Carried: 7 to 0

FINANCE REPORT

2015/16 APPROPRIATION TRANSFERS (Attachment #1)

BE IT RESOLVED that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the 2015/16 appropriation transfers as listed.

Motion: DiLorenzo Second: Wolverton Carried: 7 to 0

TREASURER’S REPORT: NOVEMBER 2015 (Attachment #2)

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 November 2015.

Motion: DiLorenzo Second: Wolverton Carried: 7 to 0

AGREEMENT BETWEEN CLUB GETAWAY AND LMK MIDDLE SCHOOL

BE IT RESOLVED that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the agreement between Club Getaway and LMK Middle School to host LMK students at Club Getaway’s facilities on Monday, May 9, 2016 at their Kent, CT location.

Motion: DiLorenzo Second: Wolverton Carried: 7 to 0

AGREEMENT WITH IMAGES PHOTOGRAPHY FOR PHOTOGRAPHY SERVICES FOR LMK MIDDLE SCHOOL

BE IT RESOLVED that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the agreement between Images Photography and LMK Middle School to provide photography services for the 2016/17 school year.

Motion: DiLorenzo Second: Wolverton 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 the following items located at Harrison High School Science Department.

- 5 Hot Plates from The Capitol Products Co., Model UL 080T dated 1984
- 2 Hot Plates from The Capitol Products Co., Model UL 280 dated 1996
- 6 Hot Plates, Thermolyne Type 15500, Model#HP15515B dated 2000
- 7 Hot Plates, Thermolyne, Model#HP2305B dated 1998/2000
- 8 Hot Plates, Precision Scientific Co., Cat# 61725
- 1 Magnetic Stirrer, Fisher Scientific Cat#14-511 - IV2
- Kenmore refrigerator, Model 225336601898, HCSD tag # 000028

Motion: DiLorenzo Second: Wolverton 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 one desk and one bookshelf located at the Purchase School.

Motion: DiLorenzo Second: Wolverton 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 the following equipment located at Purchase School.

- 1 Marist Adult Cuff/sphygmomanometer
 - 1 Taylor Adult Cuff/sphygmomanometer
 - 1 Taylor Pediatric Cuff/sphygmomanometer
 - 1 Compmist nebulizer: Model #40-105-000
- Motion: DiLorenzo Second: Wolverton Carried: 7 to 0

DISPOSAL OF BOOKS

BE IT RESOLVED that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education authorizes the disposal of damaged books located in the Louis M. Klein library:

- A Girl Named Disaster by Farmer
 - God is in the Pancakes by Epstein
 - Baby-Sitting is Dangerous by Fusco
 - How I Came to be a Writer by Roberts
 - The Sea of Monsters by Naylor
 - On the Devil’s Court by Deuker
 - The Hero and the Crown by McKinley
 - Harry Potter and the Sorcerer’s Stone by Rowling
 - Outside Looking In by Collier
 - The Boy in the Striped Pajamas by Boyne
 - The Book Thief by Zusak
 - Adventures of Huckleberry Finn by Twain
 - Diary of a Young Girl Anne Frank by Frank
 - Left Behind by Jenkins
 - Of Mice and Men by Steinbeck
 - Night by Wiesel – 2 copies
 - When the Road Ends by Thesman
 - Our World of Mysteries by Lord
 - You Be the Jury by Miller
 - Cat on a Hot Tin Roof by Williams
 - The World Social Studies textbook – 8 copies
- Motion: DiLorenzo Second: Wolverton Carried: 7 to 0

DISPOSAL OF FURNITURE AND EQUIPMENT

BE IT RESOLVED that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education authorizes the disposal of furniture and equipment located at Parsons Memorial School.

- 2 overhead projectors
- 2 4x8 marble slabs
- 4 large kidney shape wood tables
- 3 round tables
- 1 couch
- 5 classroom easels
- 12 single bulb hanging ceiling fixtures (OLD)
- 3 computer carts
- Misc. handicap chairs and equipment
- 49 child size wood classroom chairs
- 1 small refrigerator

- 4 4-drawer vertical file cabinet
- 1 cd rack
- 13 adult chairs
- 71 student desks
- 3 various wooden magazine racks
- 22 old wood chairs, various sizes
- 13 various 6 ft. tables
- 5 teacher's desks
- 41 plastic chairs
- wood kitchen playset
- 12 foot green chalkboard
- 5 small trapezoid tables
- 5 stackable plastic storage boxes
- old Christmas tree
- 3 milk glass light globes
- 3 classroom rugs

Motion: DiLorenzo

Second: Wolverton

Carried: 7 to 0

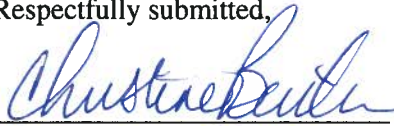
The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 PM.

Motion: DiLorenzo

Second: Mangan

Carried: 7 to 0

Respectfully submitted,



Christine Beitler
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2015-16 BUDGET TRANSFERS
 JANUARY 6, 2016

ACCOUNT		TO	DESCRIPTION		Reason For Transfer
FROM					
A2070.400.09.0000			Prof. Devel.	(905.00)	C.V.
A2110.403.09.0003			Teacher Conf. HAS	905.00	
A2110.403.09.0001			Teacher Conf. HHS	(239.00)	C.J.
			Boces Svcs.	239.00	
A2250.470.22.0000			Tuition-Public School	(6,500.00)	To transfer funds for Therapeutic Crisis Intervention costs
			Contractual	6,500.00	
A1620.160.09.0000			DW Custodial	(3,500.00)	
			Treasurer	3,500.00	
A2020.160.01.0009			Sect'y. HHS OT	(500.00)	
			Sect'y. HHS Subs	500.00	
A2250.134.01.0000			TA Sal. HHS	(6,000.00)	To transfer funds as needed between high school salary
			Instr. Sal. HHS	6,000.00	lines
A2110.403.09.0002			Teacher Conf. LMK	(50.00)	R.G.
			Boces Svcs.	50.00	
CAPITAL					
H1501.295.01.1620			Plumbing	(1,484.00)	To transfer funds between budget codes for closeout
H1501.296.01.1620			Electrical	(1,187.00)	of HHS field restrooms
		H1501.245.01.1620	Architects	2,671.00	
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Approved at BOE Meeting _____

Entered By _____

Entry Number _____

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

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

Opening Balance 11/01/15			\$586,128.32
Receipts:	Interest Earnings	\$20.65	
	Property Tax Collections	\$3,071.17	
	Misc. Revenues	\$75,239.17	
	State/Federal Aid	\$418,381.71	
	Transfer from Other Funds/Accounts	\$6,710,000.00	\$7,206,712.70
Disbursements:	Transfer to Other Funds	(\$4,776,011.77)	
	Transfer - Teachers' Retirement	(\$2,905,164.32)	
	Transfer - NY Power Authority	(\$52,889.57)	(\$7,734,065.66)
Closing Balance 11/30/15			<u><u>\$58,775.36</u></u>

J.P.MORGAN CHASE - MONEY MARKET

Opening Balance 11/01/15			\$10,072,166.76
Receipts:	Interest Earnings	\$606.51	
	Westchester County Sales Tax	\$364,217.00	
	Property Tax Collections	\$9,502,873.29	\$9,867,696.80
Disbursements:	Transfer to Other Funds/Accounts		(\$6,710,000.00)
Closing Balance 11/30/15			<u><u>\$13,229,863.56</u></u>

WEBSTER BANK

Opening Balance 11/01/15			\$6,965,248.73
Receipts:	Interest Earnings		\$1,373.97
Closing Balance 11/30/15			<u><u>\$6,966,622.70</u></u>

SIGNATURE BANK

Opening Balance 11/01/15			\$27,811,431.38
Receipts:	Interest Earnings		\$6,715.24
Disbursements:	Transfer to Other Funds		(\$2,488,714.87)
Closing Balance 11/30/15			<u><u>\$25,329,431.75</u></u>

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

Opening Balance 11/01/15			\$270,236.43
Receipts:	Interest Earnings	\$13.11	
	Misc. Revenues	\$104,796.57	\$104,809.68
Closing Balance 11/30/15			<u>\$375,046.11</u>

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

Opening Balance 11/01/15			\$135,350.47
Receipts:	Interest Earnings	\$5.76	
	Misc. Revenues	\$3,181.77	\$3,187.53
Closing Balance 11/30/15			<u>\$138,538.00</u>

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

Opening Balance 11/01/15			\$2,123.06
Receipts:	Interest Earnings	\$8.89	
	Transfer from Gen.Fund	\$4,983,665.03	\$4,983,673.92
Disbursements:	Payroll expenditures		<u>(\$4,983,665.03)</u>
Closing Balance 11/30/15			<u>\$2,131.95</u>

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

Opening Balance 11/01/15			\$144,622.54
Receipts:	Interest Earnings	\$7.90	
	Misc. Receipts	\$70,224.00	\$70,231.90
Closing Balance 11/30/15			<u>\$214,854.44</u>

MULTI FUND ACCOUNT

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

J.P.MORGAN CHASE - CHECKING

OUTSTANDING CHECKS AT 10/31/15	\$639,395.40
CHECKS ISSUED NOVEMBER 2015	\$1,768,140.24
PAID (CASHED) CHECKS NOVEMBER 2015	<u>(\$2,281,061.61)</u>
OUTSTANDING CHECKS AT 11/30/2015	<u>\$126,474.03</u>

RECAP OF CASH BALANCES AT 11/30/15:

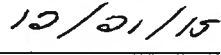
General Fund	\$45,584,693.37
School Lunch Fund	\$375,046.11
Trust & Agency Fund	\$216,986.39
Expendable Trust Fund	<u>\$138,538.00</u>
TOTAL CASH	<u>\$46,315,263.87</u>
Less: Multifund outstanding checks	<u>(\$126,474.03)</u>
Book Balance Cash	<u>\$46,188,789.84</u>

NOVEMBER INTEREST EARNINGS - ALL ACCOUNTS	\$8,752.03
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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 November 30, 2015.



Treasurer's Signature



Date