

**YORKTOWN CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT  
Yorktown Heights, New York**

**BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING  
Mildred E. Strang Middle School Cafeteria**

**April 24, 2007**

**EXECUTIVE SESSION  
5:00 PM**

**TAX EXEMPTIONS PUBLIC HEARING  
6:45 p.m.**

**BUSINESS MEETING  
7:00 PM**

**A G E N D A**

**A. Meeting Called to Order**

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

- Anticipated for the purpose of discussing matters pertaining to the work history of particular individuals
- Tenure Track Review

**PUBLIC HEARING** (See separate Agenda)

**BUSINESS MEETING**

**B. Pledge of Allegiance**

**C. Moment of Silence for our troops and the students and families of the Virginia Tech University tragedies**

**D. “Good News” Presentation by Students:**

- French Hill Elementary School as told by Tommy Cole and Alexa Del Bene; and French Hill students honored by the South Eastern Zone Physical Educations teachers: Sam Arno, Tommy Cole, Ciaran Colgan, Alexa Del Bene, Tanner Dyslin, Marin Goodstein, Emma Karnes, Kathryn Keiling, Anna Nuccio, and Amanda Vecchio
- Mohansic Elementary School as told by Kayla Caputa and Thomas Carson; and Mohansic students honored by the South Eastern Zone Physical Educations teachers: Abigail Sciarra, Kirina Petkun, Anna Casino, Julia Ciarcia, Richie Heckett, Thomas Hynes, Bernard McGoey, Justin Cavallo, Emily Hirsch and Steven Veteri – Mr. DellaVecchio, physical education teacher will speak to the award.

**E. Senator Vincent Leibell and Yorktown High School Students regarding the Yorktown High School Memorial Park**

**F. TENURE RECOMMENDATION/RESOLUTIONS**

**ADMINISTRATIVE**

1. Motion to approve the following tenure recommendations:
  - a. **Susan Berry**, as an elementary principal, effective July 1, 2007. Ms. Berry has Permanent SDA certification.
  - b. **Deirdre Amerling**, as an assistant principal, effective July 1, 2007. Ms. Amerling has Provisional SAS certification.
  - c. **James Emanuele**, as Director of the Alternative High School, effective August 9, 2007. Mr. Emanuele has Provisional SAS certification.

**INSTRUCTIONAL**

2. Motion to approve the following tenure recommendations, effective September 1, 2007:
  - a. **Sheila Rowley**, as a science teacher. Ms. Rowley has Provisional certification in Biology 7-12 and Chemistry 7-12.
  - b. **Nicole Cindrich**, as an elementary teacher. Ms. Cindrich has Provisional N-6 certification.
  - c. **Pamela Lichtig**, as a special education teacher. Ms. Lichtig has Provisional certification in Special Education.
  - d. **Marilee Sorrentini-Velez**, as an English teacher. Ms. Sorrentini-Velez has Provisional certification in English.
  - e. **Michael Goetz**, as a music teacher. Mr. Goetz has Permanent certification in Music.
  - f. **Christine Orlando**, as a special education teacher. Ms. Orlando has Permanent certification in special education.
  - g. **Tina Trainor**, as a reading teacher. Ms. Trainor has Permanent certification in Reading.
  - h. **Rachel Millen Thomas**, as a speech/language pathologist. Ms. Millen has Provisional certification in Speech & Hearing Handicapped.
  - i. **Janet Toto**, as a special education teacher. Ms. Toto has Permanent certification in Special Education.
  - j. **Sharon DeBrino**, as a special education teacher. Ms. DeBrino has Provisional certification in Special Education.
  - k. **Joan Colsey**, as an ESOL teacher. Ms. Colsey has Permanent certification in ESOL.
  - l. **Jessica LiCalzi**, as a special education teacher. Ms. LiCalzi has Permanent certification in Special Education.
  - m. **Sabrina Bieloski**, as a social studies teacher. Ms. Bieloski has Initial certification in Social Studies 7-12.

- n. **Jeffrey Konis**, as a social studies teacher. Ms. Konis has Initial certification in Social Studies 7-12.
  - o. **Caitlin Brennan**, as a health teacher. Ms. Brennan has Initial certification in Health.
  - p. **Allyn Heald**, as a social studies teacher. Mr. Heald has Initial certification in Social Studies 7-12.
  - q. **Gerry Alterbaum**, as a social studies teacher. Ms. Alterbaum has Permanent certification in Social Studies 7-12.
  - r. **Melissa Deans**, as a mathematics teacher. Ms. Deans has Provisional certification in Mathematics 7-12.
  - s. **Maria Pastore**, as a science teacher. Ms. Pastore has Provisional certification in Biology 7-12.
  - t. **Dianne Sunkel**, as a second language teacher. Ms. Sunkel has Initial certification in Spanish 7-12.
  - u. **Andrea O'Connell**, as a mathematics teacher. Ms. O'Connell has Permanent certification in Mathematics 7-12.
  - v. **Diane Peragine**, as a reading teacher. Ms. Peragine has Permanent certification in Reading.
  - w. **Jessica Lopez**, as a reading teacher. Ms. Lopez has Permanent certification in Reading.
  - x. **Michele Manicchio**, as an elementary teacher. Ms. Manicchio has Permanent N-6 certification.
  - y. **Anthony Marucci**, as a special education teacher. Mr. Marucci has Provisional certification in Special Education.
  - z. **Maura Haggerty**, as a special education teacher. Ms. Haggerty has Permanent certification in Special Education.
  - aa. **Ellen Stolper**, as a special education teacher. Ms. Stolper has Permanent certification in Special Education.
  - bb. **Joanne Cardona Silverman**, as a guidance counselor. Ms. Silverman has Permanent certification as a School Counselor.
3. Motion to approve the following tenure recommendations, effective dates as noted:
- a. **Susan Whitney**, as a special education teacher, effective October 4, 2007. Ms. Whitney has Permanent certification in Special Education.
  - b. **Donna Morales**, as a mathematics teacher, effective October 9, 2007. Ms. Morales has Provisional certification Pre-K – 6 with Mathematics 7-9 extension.
  - c. **Jane Amato**, as a science teacher, effective November 16, 2007. Ms. Amato has Permanent certification in Biology/General Science 7-12.

***### BREAK FOR REFRESHMENTS ###***



### **Appointment**

5. Motion to approve the appointment of Victoria Luczkowski as mentor to Marissa Mucciolo, science leave replacement teacher at Strang Middle School, for the remainder of the 2006-2007 school year.
6. Motion to approve the appointment of Richard Armstrong, physical education teacher at Crompond School, as seasonal assistant to the Athletic Director for the spring 2007 athletic season, 12 weeks at a salary of \$3,243.24.

### **Parental Leaves**

7. Motion to approve a parental leave of absence for Erica Knopp, English teacher at Yorktown High School, effective May 21, 2007 through June 30, 2007.
8. Motion to approve a parental leave of absence for Therese Dolan, science teacher at Strang Middle School, for the 2007-2008 school year.

### **Change in Appointment**

9. Motion to approve a change in the appointment of Chanudet Diamond, AIS TA at Brookside School, from 4.5 hours per day to 4.75 hours per day. Ms. Diamond's time was incorrect on her appointment at the last Board meeting.

### **SUPPORT**

#### **Substitute Security Appointment**

10. Motion to approve the appointment of Michael Madaus as a substitute security officer to work at sporting events and other school functions.

#### **Resignation**

11. Motion to accept the resignation of Nicholas Horbatuk, computer technician, effective close of day on April 4, 2007.

#### **Increase in Salary**

12. Motion to approve an increase in salary of \$250 for the following CTA/TAs who perform personal hygiene/toileting duties, as per CTA/TA contract:

#### **Mohansic**

Dawn Benevento  
Sharon Longyear  
Lauren McKay

**Coaches - Spring 2007 Season**

13. Motion to approve the following coaches for the Spring 2007 season at Yorktown High School.

	<u>Coach</u>	<u>Sport</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Level</u>	<u>Base</u>	<u>Longevity</u> (based on records beginning with 1985-86 school year)		<u>Total</u>
						<u>Years @ %</u>	<u>Amt.</u>	
a.	Heald, Allyn (Greg)	Spring Track & Field	Co-Ass't Co-Ass't	Mod. Mod.	\$1,145.52 \$1,145.52	1 1	-0- -0-	\$1,145.52 \$1,145.52
b.	Bieloski, Sabrina							

**PROFESSIONAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM**

**Instructional**

14. Motion to approve the following Yorktown Congress of Teachers Professional Improvement Program proposals (Contract Balance: \$40,000.00; Paid to date: \$11, 732.52; Encumbered to date: \$19, 345.92. Total to be approved: \$1,981.38.)

- |   | <u>Cost</u> |
|---|-------------|
| a. <b>Linda Arko</b> , teacher at Mildred E. Strang Middle school to attend “Communication Solutions for Upper Elementary to Secondary Students”, PNW BOCES, Yorktown Hts., Thursday, May 17, 2007. (8:00am-3:00pm) | \$150.00    |
| b. <b>Michelle Snyder Silverman</b> , teacher at Yorktown High School to attend “College Visits Crush Tour”, Albany, April 22-26, 2007.   | \$407.38    |
| c. <b>Steve Veteri</b> , teacher at Yorktown High School to attend “Spring Nike Championship Basketball Clinics”, Myrtle Beach, SC, April 20-22, 2007.  | \$1,424.00  |

15. Motion to approve the following Yorktown Nurses Professional Improvement Proposal for 2006-2007. (Contract Balance \$7,446.98. (Total to be approved: \$143.55):

- |   | <u>Cost</u> |
|---|-------------|
| a. <b>Elaine Goodwin</b> , RN, Brookside Elementary School, to attend Pace University, Pleasantville, NY on April 18, 2007, 4:30-7:45 p.m.. Conference is in regard to Asthma Care  | \$ 82.25    |
| b. <b>Jacqueline Caffrey</b> , RN, District Float Nurse, to attend Conference on “The Preteen Athlete”, prevention, diagnosis & management of sports injuries, Holiday Inn, Mt. Kisco, NY – April 30, 2007, 7:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m. | \$ 61.30    |

**16.** Motion to approve the following Yorktown Congress of Teachers Certified Teaching Assistants Professional Improvement Program proposals (Contract Balance: \$5,000.00; Encumbered/Paid to date: \$1,436.83. Total to be approved: \$45.00.)

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| <p><b>a.</b> <b>Janice F. Dobson</b>, CTA at Brookside School, to attend “Child Abuse Identification and Reporting Workshop”, PNW BOCES, Yorktown Heights, NY, April 30, 2007, 6:30-9:00 p.m.</p> | <p><u><b>Cost</b></u><br/>\$45.00</p> |
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## **CURRICULUM**

### **Yorktown High School – New Course Offerings**

**17.** Motion to approve the following courses to be offered at Yorktown High School:

- a.** **Statistics (Non-AP) – Full year/1 credit** – *No new staffing required*
- b.** **Math 12 I – Advanced Algebra – Full year/1 credit** – *No new staffing required*

## **SPECIAL EDUCATION**

### **Change in Contracts**

**18.** Motion to approve a decrease in the contract of Dr. Jill Green, psychoeducational evaluator, from \$10,000, to \$7,500. This change is necessary because, due to time constraints, Dr. Green is unable to fulfill her contract as written.

**19.** Motion to approve an increase in the contract of Dr. Wendy Joondeph, psychoeducational evaluator, from \$14,500 to \$17,000, due to a transfer of duties from Dr. Jill Green.

### **IEP Placements**

**20.** Motion to arrange the following Special Education Placements:

3472, 3133, 3650, 3639, 3643, 3569, 3623, 2763, 3610, 3646, 3645, 3644, 3305, 3560, 3415, 3619, 3622, 3415, 3053, 2982, 2069, 1822, 3200, 2069, 2738, 1874, 2228, 3482, 2694, 2534, 1722, 2960, 2544, 2422, 3284, 1935, 2424, 2679, 3194, 2215, 2810, 3352, 2807, 3181, 3172, 3557, 2248, 3072, 2536, 3394, 3303, 3018, 2225, 2600, 2695, 3025, 1741, 2997, 3064, 2770, 2438, 2956, 3307, 2536, 2472, 3358, 2697, 3277, 3009, 3510, 3300, 2815, 2060, 2853, 3090, 3007, 3465, 3008, 3262, 2707, 2440, 3045, 2650, 2217, 3175, 3174, 3526, 2863, 3381, 2493, 2697, 3047, 3339, 3112, 2809, 2505, 2600, 3018, 2682, 2432, 3266, 1922, 3510, 2438, 1772, 1793, 3068, 2378, 2266, 3602, 1693, 3361, 3594, 3606, 3589, 3628, 3617, 3613, 3068, 3616, 3610

**BUSINESS OFFICE**

**Budget Transfers**

21. Motion to approve the following budget fund transfers:

		<u>FROM:</u>	<u>TO:</u>
Fuel Oil	A1620460100000	20,000.00	
Upkeep of Heat	A1621430100000		20,000.00
Sp. Projects: Non-Aidable T/R	A1621468109950	5,000.00	
Upkeep of Heat	A1621430100000		5,000.00
<i>To cover shortage-emergency repairs</i>			
Computer Software	A2630461081556	6,900.00	
BOCES: Misc. SWB 12X	A2630490105196		6,900.00
<i>To cover costs for Anti-Virus</i>			

**BUDGET VOTE AND ELECTION – 2007-08 – Yorktown Central School District**

**Senior Citizens' Tax Exemption**

22. Motion to approve the following amendment to the Senior Citizens' Tax Exemption:

WHEREAS, the State of New York amended Section 467 of the Real Property Tax Law which authorizes municipalities to grant partial exemption from real property taxation for real property owned by certain persons with limited income who are 65 years of age or over,

RESOLVED: that real property owned by one or more persons, each of whom is 65 years of age or over, shall be exempt for taxation by the Board of Education of Yorktown Central School District of Yorktown Heights, County of Westchester, State of New York, to the extent of 50% of the assessed valuation thereof, subject to the provisions and limitations contained in Section 467 of the Real Property Tax Law of the State of New York; provided, however, that no exemption shall be granted if the income of the owner or the combined income of the owners of the property, or if title to the property is vested in either the husband or wife, the combined income of the husband and wife, for the income tax year immediately preceding the date of the making of the application for exemption is \$34,400 or more.

<b>ANNUAL INCOME</b>	<b>PERCENTAGE OF EXEMPTION ALLOWED</b>
Up to and including \$26,000.....	50%
\$26,001 to \$26,999 .....	45%
\$27,000 to \$27,999 .....	40%
\$28,000 to \$28,999 .....	35%
\$29,000 to \$29,899 .....	30%
\$29,900 to \$30,799 .....	25%
\$30,800 to \$31,699 .....	20%
\$31,700 to \$32,599 .....	15%
\$32,600 to \$33,499 .....	10%
\$33,500 to \$34,399 .....	05%
\$34,400 or more .....	<b>NOT ELIGIBLE</b>

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that any person otherwise qualifying under this section shall not be denied the exemption under this section if he/she becomes sixty-five years of age after the appropriate taxable status date and before December 31 of the same year, and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the above-described partial exemption is not automatic as certain qualifications with respect to the person claiming the exemption must make an annual application and the Assessor must determine whether the applicant meets the statutory qualifications for the exemption.

**Disabled Persons with Limited Income Tax Exemption**

- 23.** Motion to approve the following amendment to the Disabled Persons with Limited Income Tax Exemption:

<b>ANNUAL INCOME</b>	<b>PERCENTAGE OF EXEMPTION ALLOWED</b>
Up to and including \$26,000.....	50%
\$26,001 to \$26,999 .....	45%
\$27,000 to \$27,999 .....	40%
\$28,000 to \$28,999 .....	35%
\$29,000 to \$29,899 .....	30%
\$29,900 to \$30,799 .....	25%
\$30,800 to \$31,699 .....	20%
\$31,700 to \$32,599 .....	15%
\$32,600 to \$33,499 .....	10%
\$33,500 to \$34,399 .....	05%
\$34,400 or more .....	<b>NOT ELIGIBLE</b>

**Budget Vote and Election**

- 24.** Motion to approve the appointments of Gina Pitruzzello as Deputy Inspector, Tom Cole as Acting Clerk, and Jackie Carbone as Chairperson for the budget vote and election on May 15, 2007.
- 25.** Motion to approve the following individuals as Elections Inspectors/Assistant Clerks to assist the Board of Registration and Canvass during the budget vote and election at a rate of \$8.50 per hour:

Anna Apruzzese (E.I.)	Theresa Klan (E.I.)
Leslie Benedusi (A.C.)	Sandi Lynch (A.C.)
Judi Bloom (A.C.)	Mary Meehan (A.C.)
Clara Cartelli (A.C.)	Jennie Menton (A.C.)
Gloria DePolo (E.I.)	Kathie Nicholson (A.C.)
Linda Doerr (A.C.)	Deane O'Donohue (E.I.)
Donna Fogarassi (A.C.)	Kathleen O'Keefe (E.I.)
Eleanor Fortunato (Chief Elec. Insp.)	Jeanne Schmultz (E.I.)
Laura Gleeson (A.C.)	Jeanette Schutt (E.I.)
Millie Goldberg (A.C.)	Fay Thompson (E.I.)
Rose Halpin (A.C.)	Celina Wenzel (A.C.)

**Health & Welfare Services**

- 26.** Motion to approve contracts for health and welfare services provided to resident pupils attending non-public schools in other districts.

<u>District</u>	<u># of Pupils</u>	<u>Amount</u>
a. Bedford	7	\$5,802.65
b. Harrison Central	4	\$3,486.64
c. Lakeland	19	\$14,948.82
d. White Plains	7	\$5,139.82

**P/NW BOCES BUDGET VOTE AND ELECTION**

**2007-08 BOCES Budget**

- 27.** Motion to adopt the following resolution regarding the 2007-08 BOCES Budget:

WHEREAS, the Board of Cooperative Educational Services of Putnam/Northern Westchester County (hereinafter "BOCES") has proposed and presented its tentative administrative budget for the 2007-2008 school year (July 1, 2007 through June 30, 2008), now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the BOCES tentative administrative budget for the 2007-2008 school year in the amount of \$7,273,480 be, and hereby is, approved by this Board.

### **BOCES Candidates**

**28.** Motion to support the following candidates for the Board of Education of the Putnam/Northern Westchester BOCES:

Mr. Thomas Knight  
Mrs. Joan Austin

### **BOCES TECHNOLOGY CONTRACT – YORKTOWN CSD – ELEMENTARY NETWORKS**

**29.** Motion to authorize the administration to proceed with a three-year IPA contract with BOCES and to authorize the President of the Board of Education to sign said agreement. IPA contract not to exceed \$255,000.

### **GIFTS/GRANTS/DONATIONS**

#### **District - Fields**

**30.** Motion to approve the placement of Port-O-Sans for use at French Hill, Crompond, Mildred E. Strang and Yorktown High School fields by the Yorktown Youth Soccer Club.  
*Cost to District: None*

#### **Yorktown High School**

**31.** Motion to approve the following donations to Yorktown High School:

- a.** A Swift Educational Microscope (new) to the Yorktown High School Special Education Science Department from Jeff Nebel, parent;  
*Cost to District: None*
- b.** A pitching machine (new) to the Athletic Department of Yorktown High School from Yorktown Athletic Club Softball.  
*Cost to District: None*
- c.** \$114.34 from the “Take Charge of Education Program at Target Stores.  
*Cost to District: N/A*

#### **Mildred E. Strang Middle School**

- 32.** Motion to approve the donation of gym equipment (excellent condition) to the MESMS Body Shop from Arno Physical Therapy.  
*Cost to District: None*

**I. Board Comments**

- J. Public Comment:**            **\*NOTE:** Please limit comments to three minutes.  
(Total maximum time allowed: 30 minutes.)

**K. Adjournment**

**YORKTOWN CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT  
Yorktown Heights, New York**

**BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**PUBLIC HEARING**

**MILDRED E. STRANG MIDDLE SCHOOL CAFETERIA**

**APRIL 24, 2007**

**6:45 p.m.**

**AGENDA**

- A. Meeting called to order
  
- B. Presentation of amendment to the Senior Citizens' Tax Exemption and Exemption for Disabled Persons With Limited Income.
  
- C. Public Comment on Tax Exemptions Only
  
- D. Adjournment