

May 7, 2007 Date	Work Session Type of Meeting	M.E.S.M.S. Cafeteria Where Held	J. Carbone Presiding Officer
Members Present:	P. Bisaccia K. Corrado M. Drexel	Members Absent:	A. D'Alessandro** J. McCoy M. Magnani

Also present: Dr. Napolitano, Mrs. O'Connor (at 6:45 p.m.), Mr. Cole, D. Platt, staff, community and press. Mr. Bisaccia arrived at 6:20 p.m. **Mr. D'Alessandro left after the Executive Session. Also in attendance was Mr. John Sullivan who left at 6:30 p.m.. At 6:35 p.m. Ms. Linda Grimm arrived.

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Mrs. Carbone.

Motion by Mrs. Corrado, seconded by Mr. Drexel, that the Board convene into Executive Session at 6:01 p.m. for the purpose of discussing personnel issues.

4 Aye 0 Nay Motion Carried

There was no action taken.

Motion by Mrs. Corrado, seconded by Mr. Drexel, that the Board return to Open Session at 7:04 p.m.

4 Aye 0 Nay Motion Carried

Mrs. Carbone led the Board and the community in the pledge to the flag, followed by a moment of silence for our troops, and State Trooper David Brinkerhoff.

BUDGET HEARING

Mr. Cole spoke regarding the \$83,210,000 budget and the administration, instructional, and capital components that are involved.

Mrs. Carbone read the following statements:

2007-2008 Presentation of the 3-Part Budget

Presentation of the Budget Propositions and Candidates for Election

The two propositions will appear on the ballot as follows:

PROPOSITION 1- BUDGET

RESOLVED, that the Annual School District Budget for the fiscal year 2007-2008 in the amount of \$83,210,000 and the requisite portion thereof to be raised by taxation on the taxable property of the District be approved.

VOTE FOR THREE CANDIDATES

The three candidates will appear on the ballot in the following order:

Karen Corrado Peter Bisaccia Michael Magnani

Public Comment on Budget Only

***NOTE:** Please limit comments to three minutes
(Total maximum time allowed: **30 mins.**)

Mr. Ed Ciffone thanked all those who attended the United Taxpayers of Yorktown Rally. He had comments concerning the budget and the tax rate which were addressed by Mr. Cole.

Presentation by Students

Good News Items

Yorktown High School,

George Guo, a senior, spoke on Destination ImagiNation, Future Business Leaders of America, Envirothon, the Science Research Program, the Memorial Park, PSAT's, the tennis team, and the girls lacrosse team.

Mildred E. Strang Middle School

Rita Graham, an 8th grade student, advised of the following:

- The seventh grade is looking forward to their overnight trips. Team R is going to Clearpool Education Center and Teams H and K will be going to Frost Valley YMCA.
- Two teams from the middle school will be competing in the Destination ImagiNation State Tournament.
- Mrs. Torrente was invited to conduct the sixth and seventh grade string orchestra in the Fairfield County Music Festival in Newtown, Connecticut. She was also invited to teach string teachers from all over the country cello and string technique classes at the Eastern String Educators Workshop at Villanova University this summer.

- There were two assembly programs conducted. One by storyteller and writer, Joseph Bruchac, to the eight graders and one by author Shelly Pearsall to the seventh graders.
- Over spring break, sixth grader Jay Bernz, went to Mississippi with his dad to help the people there repair damage to their homes suffered by Hurricane Katrina. Jay plans on spending two weeks there building houses in the summer.
- There was a poster contest for “Step into Nutrition” with close to 50 students participating. The students provided healthy ideas and motivators for good nutrition and fitness.
- Kristina Koller, a seventh grade student, starred in *The Laramie Project* at the Tarrytown Music Hall; playing four different characters.

YHS Orchestra with Nancy Torrente

Mrs. Torrente gave a brief presentation, with slides and handouts, of the orchestra’s recent trip to Austria during spring break. She presented Dr. Napolitano with several certificates the orchestra had received while playing in Austria. Afterward she led the high school orchestra in the playing of a waltz. One of her students said they all learned a lot about music on this trip. Mrs. Torrente invited everyone to the June 5th concert where four seniors will be performing solos.

At 7:50 p.m. a short break was taken to allow students to put away their instruments. The meeting continued at 8:05 p.m.

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

Mr. Ed Ciffone said he was impressed with the orchestra. He had questions concerning the health reserve and the resolution of the new architectural firm (KSQ). Mr. Ciffone acknowledged an anonymous letter he received from a Crompond parent. Mr. Cole addressed Mr. Ciffone’s questions.

Ms. Trici Kushner, of the PTA District Council, said she had spoken to several parents at each individual school concerning the steps that were taken in coming up with the current budget numbers. She was hoping everyone would come out to vote on May 15th. She asked that the Board please be careful in their communications to the community to make sure the information they are giving is correct.

Mr. Carl Hoagler had comments about the budget and the tax increase he believes the School District is putting on the public. He wanted to know what efforts the school board is making to soften the tax issues for people that are older and on fixed incomes who don’t qualify for tax breaks. Dr. Napolitano addressed Mr. Hoagler’s concerns and invited him to come in to the business office to further discuss the issues with him.

Mrs. Carbone asked that the Wellness Committee Presentation be moved up.

Ms. Elaine Goodwin, school nurse, spoke about the vision, the goal, the history and the future of the Yorktown Central School District Food Service Program. She reported on the recommendations made by the food consultant, gave the statistics of the surveys received from parents and students, discussed some equipment needs, and gave some sample breakfast, lunch and snack menus. It was reported that the food contract will be going out to bid in June. Ms. Goodwin, along with two other Wellness Committee members, Ms. Ronnie Dwyer and Ms. Debra Ramos, joined the Board members at the table for a lengthy question and answer session. It was noted that a Health Fair will be held next Tuesday night at Mohanisc School from 5 – 8 p.m. in the cafeteria.

Board of Education Discussion Items

Discussion of WPSBA Position Paper on Testing & Assessment

Dr. Napolitano feels we should support Position Paper on Testing and Assessment.

Board Sub-Committees Updates

Audit Committee

Mr. Drexel advised there will be a meeting tomorrow with the external auditor to discuss the ongoing audit and that he will know more after that.

Finance Committee

Mr. Cole reported that there was significant input into the budget newsletter.

Policy Committee

Mrs. Corrado advised that the next Policy Committee meeting will be held on May 9th at which time she and the committee members will be getting several policies ready for the first reading.

Steering Committee

Mrs. Carbone advised that last Thursday the bids were opened for the Phase One work that is to be done this summer. She advised that there will be a special meeting on May 10th to accept the lowest responsible bidders. Mrs. Carbone stated that the locker room stakeholders will be meeting with Fio Nardone with their hopes and wishes for the architects. She said Dr. Napolitano will be writing a letter to the staff and community keeping them apprised of the work that will be conducted during the summer.

Superintendent Reports

District Committees – Updates

Technology Committee

Mrs. O’Connor reported that a survey went out to the entire staff and the results should be in by May 16th.

Health & Safety Committee

Mr. Cole stated that the security audit has been completed and a report is pending. He reported that he should be meeting with the person who conducted the audit within 24 hours. Mr. Cole advised that the school site evacuation conducted today was successful.

RESOLUTIONS

PERSONNEL

Individual Letters of Agreement Employees

Motion by Mrs. Corrado, seconded by Mr. Drexel, to approve the following non-represented personnel salaries, including longevity, as follows:

	Employee	Title	2007-08 Base Salary	07-08 Lngvty \$	2007-08 Total Salary
	Verboys, D.	Director of O&M	\$ 109,800	\$ 2,750	\$ 112,550
	Perna, V.	Asst. Director of O&M	70,000	--	70,000
	Cariello, E.	Asst. to the Superintendent	76,107	3,000	79,107
	Madera, A.	Treasurer	77,500	--	77,500
	Cohen, S.	Adm. Asst. - Human Resources	69,000	4,300	73,300
	Pitruzzello, R.	Secretary to Asst. Supt. Business	62,400	4,300	66,700
	Odoardi, J.	Secretary to Asst. Supt. Curr. & Instr.	62,400	--	62,400
		Deputy Treasurer	6,480		6,480
	Miller, F.	Secretary to Co-Directors of Pupil Services	48,383	--	48,383
	Fortunato, E.	Internal Auditor	15,121	--	15,121
	Knizak, J.	Occupational Therapist	97,260	--	97,260

	Berman, S.	Occupational Therapist	78,054	--	78,054
	Sartario, S.	Asst. Occupational Therapist	38,807		38,807
	Dr. D. Sandor	School Physician	29,149	--	29,149
	Dr. C. Simonetti	School Physician	19,619	--	19,619
	Employee	Title	2007-08 Base Salary	07-08 Lngvty \$	2007-08 Total Salary
	Scherer, M.	School Monitor	26,400	--	26,400
	DeRosso, R.	School Monitor	29,100	--	29,100
	Smith, K.	School Monitor	29,908	--	29,908
	Harris, T.	Facilities/Fields Watchperson	41,450	--	41,450
	Sauber, P.	Residency Compliance Officer (Stipend)	\$ 10,380	--	\$ 10,380
	Moore, J.	Auditorium Manager	6,000	--	6,000
	DeRosa	Night Watchperson	\$16.62 per hr.	--	\$16.62 per hr. (Not to exceed \$15,600)
	Bendetti	Night Watchperson	\$16.62 per hr.	--	\$16.62 per hr. (Not to exceed \$15,600)
	D'Agostino	Night Watchperson	\$16.62 per hr.	--	\$16.62 per hr. (Not to exceed \$15,600)
	Tate, D.	Videographer	\$25.96 per hr.	--	\$25.96 per hr.

4 Aye 0 Nay Motion Carried

Budget Vote and Election

Motion by Mrs. Corrado, seconded by Mr. Bisaccia, to approve the following individual as Assistant Clerk to assist the Board of Registration and Canvass during the budget vote and election (May 15, 2007) at a rate of \$8.50 per hour:

Norlene McAuliffe (A.C.)

4 Aye 0 Nay Motion Carried

YCT Memorandum of Agreement – Change in Assignments

Motion by Mrs. Corrado, seconded by Mr. Drexel, to approve a change in the assignment of the following as per the memorandum of agreement pertaining to high school physics classes dated April 20, 2007:

Kevin Mullaney – increase of 0.2 FTE teaching assignment from March 9 through June 30, 2007

John Agosta – increase to 1.0 FTE from March 9 through April 9, 2007; increase to 1.5 FTE from April 9 through June 30, 2007

Steven Meltz – increase of 0.2 FTE from March 9 through April 9, 2007

Albert Reid – increase of 0.25 FTE from March 9 through April 9, 2007

4 Aye 0 Nay Motion Carried

Motion by Mrs. Corrado, seconded by Mr. Drexel, to approve a change in the assignment of Liza Hufnagel, math teacher at Yorktown High School, from 0.4 FTE to 1.0 FTE from March 5 through June 30, 2007. This increase is necessary to cover the math classes of Leela Viswanathan who is out on maternity disability.

4 Aye 0 Nay Motion Carried

Professional Improvement Program

Motion by Mrs. Corrado, seconded by Mr. Bisaccia, to approve the following Yorktown Congress of Teachers AIS Teaching Assistants Professional Improvement Program proposals (Contract Balance: \$800.00; Encumbered/Paid to date: \$248.05. Total to be approved: \$550.00.)

	<u>Cost</u>
Maryann Coviello , AIS teaching assistant at Crompond School, to attend “Wilson Language/Reading System”, PNW BOCES, Yorktown Heights, NY, May 10-11, 2007, 8:00am – 3:00pm	\$275.00
Susan Sabella , AIS teaching assistant at Crompond School, to attend “Wilson Language/Reading System”, PNW BOCES, Yorktown Heights, NY, May 10-11, 2007, 8:00am – 3:00pm	\$275.00

4 Aye 0 Nay Motion Carried

Motion by Mrs. Corrado, seconded by Mr. Bisaccia, to approve the following Yorktown Congress of Teachers Certified Teaching Assistants Professional Improvement Program proposals (Contract Balance: \$5,000.00; Encumbered/Paid to date: \$1,521.83. Total to be approved: \$1,200.00.)

	<u>Cost</u>
Lauren Suraci , CTA at French Hill School, to attend “Cultural Perspectives and the Teaching Learning Process from Birth to Adulthood, Including Students with Disabilities”, Mercy College, January 23-2007 to May 15, 2007	\$1,200.00

Board Comments

Mr. Bisaccia had questions concerning Phase Two of the bond and whether or not the softball field would be included. Mrs. Carbone said it was included and stated that the Committee is working hard with the County, State, and Town to get help with the flooding issue.

Mrs. Corrado questioned the status of the regulations for field usage. Mr. Cole advised a meeting with town representatives was going to be held this Wednesday to go over the regulations and that they should be available in the very near future.

Mrs. Corrado was concerned that several school functions were coming up, i.e., award ceremonies, concerts, etc., and wanted to make sure the Board had good representation at each.

The Board reviewed the Tentative Agenda for the May 21, 2007 Business Meeting.

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

Mrs. Miriam Curtain wanted the Board to know that she would like to see Mr. John Tierney stay with the District. Per Mr. Tierney's appointment agreement, he will be terminated effective June 30, 2007.

Adjournment

Motion by Mrs. Corrado, seconded by Mr. Drexel, to adjourn into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing personnel issues. The Board will adjourn from Executive Session and not return to Open Session.

4 Aye 0 Nay Motion Carried

Executive Session

No action was taken.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:54 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Platt, *District Clerk*