

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

**EXECUTIVE SESSION  
6:00 PM**

**BUSINESS MEETING  
7:00 PM**

**TUESDAY, APRIL 29, 2008**

**Mildred E. Strang Middle School Cafeteria**

**REVISED  
AGENDA**

**A.** Meeting Called to Order

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

- Anticipated for the purpose of discussing matters pertaining to the work histories of particular individuals

**B.** Return to Open Session at 7:00 p.m.

**BUSINESS MEETING**

**C.** Pledge of Allegiance

**D.** Moment of Silence for our troops

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

## **F. TENURE RECOMMENDATIONS**

### **INSTRUCTIONAL**

1. Motion to approve the following tenure recommendations, effective September 1, 2008:
  - a. **Dominic Guazzo**, as a second language teacher. Mr. Guazzo has Provisional certification in Latin 7-12.
  - b. **Michael Sica**, as a social studies teacher. Mr. Sica has Professional certification in Social Studies 7-12.
  - c. **Christopher DiPasquale**, as a social studies teacher. Mr. DiPasquale has Permanent certification in Social Studies 7-12.
  - d. **Michael Kovalyk**, as a social studies teacher. Mr. Kovalyk has Provisional certification in Social Studies 7-12.
  - e. **Danielle Santulli**, as a special education teacher. Ms. Santulli has Permanent certification in Students With Disabilities K-12.
  - f. **James Flanagan**, as an ESOL teacher. Mr. Flanagan has Initial certification in ESOL.
  - g. **Karyn Hornick**, as a psychologist. Ms. Hornick has Permanent certification as a School Psychologist.
  - h. **Ernest DellaVecchia**, as a physical education teacher. Mr. DellaVecchia has Initial certification in Physical Education K-12.
  - i. **Adam Lodewick**, as a physical education teacher. Mr. Lodewick has Initial certification in Physical Education K-12.

(\*\* **Paul DiRito**, K-12 Music teacher – received his tenure at the November 19, 2007 Board meeting, effective January 2008)

### **SUPPORT – CTAs**

2. Motion to approve the following tenure recommendations:
  - a. **Lauren McKay**, CTA at Crompond School, effective September 27, 2008. Ms. McKay has Level I CTA certification.
  - b. **Elisabeth Fox**, CTA at Strang Middle School, effective September 27, 2008. Ms. Fox has Level III CTA certification.
  - c. **Janice Tornambe**, CTA at High School, effective September 6, 2008. Ms. Tornambe has Permanent N-6 certification.
  - d. **Meghan O’Sullivan**, CTA at Strang Middle School, effective September 6, 2008. Ms. O’Sullivan has Level I CTA certification.
  - e. **Teresa Pfaffenberger**, CTA at Strang Middle School, effective September 27, 2008. Ms. Pfaffenberger has Level III CTA certification.
  - f. **Anna Cerbone**, CTA at Strang Middle School, effective October 25, 2008. Ms. Cerbone has Permanent N-6 certification.

- g. Rochelle Moses**, CTA at Strang Middle School, effective September 27, 2008. Ms. Moses has Permanent N-6 certification.
- h. Carolyn Braverman**, CTA at French Hill School, effective October 25, 2008. Ms. Braverman has Level I CTA certification.

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***\*\*\*\*\* Break for brief celebration and refreshments \*\*\*\*\****

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## **BOARD**

### **G. 2008-09 Budget Questions/Answers**

### **H. Board of Education Discussion Items – (30 mins.)**

- Philosophical Discussion: Gifted & Talented Program (including DestiNation ImagiNation)
- Board Sub-Committees Updates

### **I. Superintendent Discussion Items – (10 mins.)**

- School Updates

## **J. RESOLUTIONS**

## **BOARD**

### **1. Motion to approve the following:**

- a.** Minutes from the Special Meetings of March 3, 2008; and the Business Meeting of March 18, 2008.
- b.** Treasurer's Report as of January 31, 2008 and February 29, 2008
- c.** Claims Auditor Report as of April 10, 2008
- d.** Extra-Classroom Funds as of March 31, 2008
- e.** Substitute Lists

**POLICIES**

**SECOND READINGS/ADOPTION**

**Amended Policies**

The second reading of the following Yorktown Board of Education Amended Policies:

	<b>Policy Number</b>	<b>Name of Policy</b>
<b>a.</b>	6640	Inventories/Capitalization Policy
<b>b.</b>	6830	Expense Reimbursement
<b>c.</b>	6900	Disposal of District Property
<b>d.</b>	8130	School Safety Plans and Teams
<b>e.</b>	8410	Student Transportation
<b>f.</b>	8410-R	Student Transportation Regulation
<b>g.</b>	8411	School Bus Scheduling and Routing
<b>h.</b>	8411-R	School Bus Scheduling and Routing Regulation
<b>i.</b>	8413	Transportation for Nonpublic School Students
<b>j.</b>	8414	School Bus Safety
<b>k.</b>	8417	Student Transportation in Private Vehicles

2. Motion to adopt the **amended** policies, as presented in **(a.)** through **(k.)** above, in accordance with Board Policy #2410.

**New Policy**

The second reading of the following Yorktown Board of Education New Policy:

	<b>Policy Number</b>	<b>Name of Policy</b>
<b>a.</b>	9255	Employment References

3. Motion to adopt the **new** policy, as presented in **(a.)** above, in accordance with Board Policy #2410.

**BUDGET VOTE AND BOARD ELECTION – MAY 20, 2008**

4. Motion to approve the following appointments for the budget vote and election on May 20, 2008:
  - a. Gina Pitruzzello**, Deputy Inspector
  - b. Tom Cole**, Acting Clerk
  - c. Jackie Carbone**, Chairperson

5. 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:

<b>a.</b>	<b>Leslie Benedusi</b>	(A.C.)		<b>n.</b>	<b>William Lawlor</b>	(A.C.)
<b>b.</b>	<b>Judi Bloom</b>	(A.C.)		<b>o.</b>	<b>Sandy Lynch</b>	(A.C.)
<b>c.</b>	<b>Clara Cartelli</b>	(A.C.)		<b>p.</b>	<b>Theresa Klan</b>	(E.I.)
<b>d.</b>	<b>Gladys Curtis</b>	(E.I.)		<b>q.</b>	<b>Norlene McAuliffe</b>	(E.I.)
<b>e.</b>	<b>Gloria DePolo</b>	(E.I.)		<b>r.</b>	<b>Mary Meehan</b>	(A.C.)
<b>f.</b>	<b>Catherine DiBartolo</b>	(A.C.)		<b>s.</b>	<b>Jennie Menton</b>	(A.C.)
<b>g.</b>	<b>Linda Doerr</b>	(A.C.)		<b>t.</b>	<b>Kathie Nicholson</b>	(A.C.)
<b>h.</b>	<b>Donna Fogarassi</b>	(E.I.)		<b>u.</b>	<b>Deane O'Donohue</b>	(E.I.)
<b>i.</b>	<b>Eleanor Fortunato</b>	(Chief Elec. Insp.)		<b>v.</b>	<b>Kathleen O'Keefe</b>	(E.I.)
<b>j.</b>	<b>Laura Gleeson</b>	(A.C.)		<b>w.</b>	<b>Jeanne Schmults</b>	(E.I.)
<b>k.</b>	<b>Millie Goldberg</b>	(A.C.)		<b>x.</b>	<b>Fay Thompson</b>	(E.I.)
<b>l.</b>	<b>Rose Halpin</b>	(A.C.)		<b>y.</b>	<b>Rose Thornton</b>	(A.C.)
<b>m.</b>	<b>Theresa Klan</b>	(E.I.)		<b>z.</b>	<b>Celine Wenzel</b>	(A.C.)

*E.I. – Election Inspector*  
*A.C. – Acting Clerk*

## PERSONNEL

### INSTRUCTIONAL

#### Resignations

6. Motion to accept the resignation of **Eric Robinson**, business teacher at the High School and Middle School, effective June 30, 2008.
7. Motion to accept the resignation of **Janet Seboldt**, special education teacher at the High School, effective June 30, 2008.

#### Appointments

8. Motion to approve the appointment of **Michelle Marchetti** as Math TC to replace Scott Wynne, who has resigned, at a stipend of \$999.81, effective April 1, 2008 through June 30, 2008.
9. Motion to approve the probationary appointment of **Mark Pavella**, as a mathematics teacher, Step 1 of the Masters salary schedule plus 6 credits, effective May 12, 2008, at a prorated salary of \$9,136.54. Mr. Pavella has Initial certification in Mathematics. His tenure area is Academic Tenure Area – Mathematics 7-12, and his probationary period will expire May 12, 2011. Mr. Pavella is replacing Scott Wynne at Strang Middle School, who has resigned.

**EXTRA CREDITS**

**10. Motion to approve the following extra credits, effective January 1, 2008:**

			<u>Increase</u>
<b>a. Amanda Krontilik – High School – 10 credits on the Bachelors</b>			
	To 2BA+10		\$1,253.20
	NW/P Teacher Center:		
	Get Smart With SmartBoard Basics (12/06)	(1)	
	Living History – Fort Montgomery (4/07)	(1)	
	Skidmore College:		
	Economics for Leaders (6/07)	(3)	
	Foundation of Teaching Economics:		
	Is Capitalism Good for the Poor? (11/07)	(3)	
	Purchase College Teacher Center:		
	Social Studies of Diverse Cultural Traditions & Customs (11/07)	(1)	
	Maps, Portraits and Postcards (11/07)	(1)	

**CO-CURRICULAR**

**11. Motion to approve the following co-curricular units for the 2007-2008 school year:**

**High School**

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|-----------------------|-------------------------------------|------------|
| <b>a. Tom Arduini</b> | HS Musical – Director               | \$3,082.40 |
|                       | HS Musical – Producer               | \$3,082.40 |
|                       | HS Musical – Vocal Director         | \$3,082.40 |
| <b>b. Emily Kluga</b> | HS Musical – Pit Orchestra Director | \$1,849.44 |

**Middle School**

- |                              |                                   |                     |
|------------------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------|
| <b>a. Scott Wynne</b>        | MS Musical through 3/31/08        | \$1,849.44 (payout) |
| <b>b. Sheldon Gartner</b>    | MS Musical – Pianist              | \$1,541.20          |
| <b>c. Ronnie Dwyer</b>       | MS Musical – Chorographer Advisor | \$ 308.24           |
| <b>d. Jillian Wilson</b>     | MS Musical – Choreographer        | \$ 450.00           |
| <b>e. Jessica Cunnington</b> | MS Musical – Choreographer        | \$ 450.00           |

**SUPPORT STAFF**

**Resignation**

12. Motion to accept the resignation, for purposes of retirement, of **Dorothy Abbruzzi**, CTA at the Middle School, effective July 1, 2008. Ms. Abbruzzi is retiring after 11 years with the district.

**Appointments**

13. Motion to approve the permanent appointment of **Martha Ronaghan Mark**, as an accountant, from Eligible List #66-427, effective April 30, 2008. This position is subject to a probationary period of a minimum of 12 weeks to a maximum of 52 weeks.

14. Motion to approve the appointment of **Joann Stavola**, as a part-time account clerk/typist in the administration building, Step 1 of the "D" clerical salary schedule, 16 hours per week, effective May 14, 2008, at a prorated salary of \$1,962.92. Ms. Stavola is replacing Bali Camera who has accepted another position with the district. This position is subject to a probationary period of a minimum of 12 weeks to a maximum of 52 weeks.

**PROFESSIONAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM**

**SUPPORT**

15. Motion to approve the following Yorktown Nurses Professional Improvement Proposal for 2007-2008. (Contract Balance \$1,754.26. Total to be approved: \$60.80):

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|----|--|------------------------|
| a. | <b>Victoria Sullivan</b> , RN, Yorktown High School Nurse, to attend Holiday Inn, Mount Kisco, New York conference on May 14, 2008, 2008. Conference is in regards Sports and the Teenage Athlete. | <u>Cost</u><br>\$60.80 |
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**ATHLETICS**

**Spring Coaches**

16. Motion to approve the following coaches for the Spring 2008 season:

	<u>Coach</u>	<u>Sport</u>	<u>Level</u>	<u>Base</u>	<u>Longevity (based on records beginning with 1985-86 school year)</u>		<u>Total</u>
					<u>Years @ %</u>	<u>Amt.</u>	
a.	Dominic Guazzo	Spring T&F B/G Asst. Coach	V	3,803.11			3,803.11

**Destination Imagination State Tournament – Coordinators/Team Managers**

17. Motion to approve payment for the Destination Imagination Coordinators/Team Managers for participation in the State Tournament as follows:

	<b><u>Coordinator/Team Mgr.</u></b>	<b><u>School</u></b>	<b><u>Amount</u></b>
a.	<b>Eric Agosta</b>	YHS	\$715.00
b.	<b>Sheryl Goldberg</b>	MESMS	\$715.00
c.	<b>Beth Crescimanno</b>	Brookside	\$715.00
d.	<b>Alina Venezia</b>	Crompond	\$ 357.50
e.	<b>Janet Toto</b>	Crompond	\$ 357.50
	<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$2,860.00</b>

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

**2008-09 BOCES Budget**

18. Motion to adopt the following resolution regarding the **2008-09 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, 2008 through June 30, 2009), now therefore be it

**RESOLVED**, that the BOCES tentative administrative budget for the 2008-2009 school year in the amount of \$7,639,607 be, and hereby is, approved by this Board.

**BOCES Candidates**

19. Motion to support the following candidates for the Board of Education of the Putnam/Northern Westchester BOCES for a 2 year term to expire on June 30, 2008:

- a. **Mrs. Anita Feldman**
- b. **Mr. Richard Kreps**

## **SPECIAL EDUCATION**

### **IEP Placement Recommendations**

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

3770, 3769, 3690, 3385, 3756, 3756, 2784, 3767, 3632, 2225, 2016, 2249, 2334, 3344, 2784, 3344, 3041, 2046, 3125, 2598, 3446, 2824, 3289, 2354, 2929, 3524, 3467, 3188, 2864, 2122, 2528, 3063, 3197, 2795, 2425, 3396, 3507, 2379, 2537, 3029, 3064, 2809, 3595, 2228, 2228, 2358, 2536, 2738, 3033, 3436, 3771

### **Contracts for Services**

**21.** Motion to approve the following contracts for services

- a. Lexow, Berbit & Associates, PC.,** for an Impartial Hearing Officer for file #007-944. Contract is not exceed \$11,000.
- b. CLC Transportation.** Ambulette needed for a CSE student to be transported to and from school each day for the remainder of the school year. Student is unable to maneuver up and down the bus steps. Contract is not to exceed \$12,768.
- c. Strong Associates, Dr. Lori Strong,** DIBELS training consultant. Training will be district wide at \$1,000 a day for 9 days. Contract is not to exceed \$9,000.

### **Increase in Contract – Kids Express**

**22.** Motion to approve the following amendment to a contract:

To increase **Kids Express**, Social Skills Training, from \$10,000 to \$12,000 for the 2007-2008 school year.

## **BUSINESS OFFICE**

### **Contract for Legal Services**

**23.** Motion to approve the following retainer agreement:

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Yorktown Central School District does hereby retain the services of Kevin J. Plunkett, Esq. of DelBello Donnellan Weingarten Wise & Wiederkehr, LLP to act as Special Counsel pursuant to a written retainer agreement for all legal matters related to the construction improvement project for the Yorktown Central School District.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the President of the Board of Education is hereby authorized to execute all documents in furtherance of this resolution.

## **BOCES Bid Blanket Certificate**

**24.** Motion to approve the following resolution for purchasing supplies:

**WHEREAS**, it is the desire of the participating school districts of the Southern Westchester Board of Cooperative Educational Services, adopting this Resolution to bid jointly in those supplies, commodities, materials and equipment set forth below.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Yorktown Central School District agrees to participate with other school districts of the Southern Westchester Board of Cooperative Educational Services, Westchester County, New York, adopting in the joint bidding of:

Audio/Visual Supplies & Equipment  
Custodial Supplies  
Laser & Ink Jet Toners  
Microcomputer Hardware  
Microcomputer Software  
Office & Classroom Furniture

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that this Resolution shall remain in effect until June 30, 2009.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that it is agreed that the specifications as presented will be used, and that this Board agrees to bid its required amount of said commodities jointly with other school districts in Southern Westchester and the Southern Westchester Board of Cooperative Educational Services. The recommendation of the Purchasing Steering Committee will be considered when this Board acts on the purchase of said Commodities.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the invitation to bid will be advertised by BOCES in the Journal News in accordance with the provisions of Section 103 to the General Municipal Law.

## **Health & Welfare Services**

**25.** 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. Ardsley	2	\$2,594.84
b. Bedford	7	\$6,195.28
c. Harrison	4	\$3,596.80
d. Lakeland	20	\$16,187.00
e. Yonkers	1	\$560.41

**Fund Transfers**

26. Motion to approve the following fund transfers:

		<b>FROM:</b>	<b>TO:</b>
Contractual Expense-Crompond	A2110400050000	6,500.00	
Salaries: Teacher Substitutes K-6	A2110156100000		6,500.00
<b><i>To cover substitutes for Smart Board training and Lab Classrooms</i></b>			
Association Dues	A1010416000000	8,470.00	
Contractual Expense	A1010400000000		8,470.00
<b><i>To cover NYSSBA Policy Manual and Annual Subscription for School Policy Updates</i></b>			
Inspections	A1621447100000	5,000.00	
Fuel Oil	A1620460100000		5,000.00
<b><i>To cover fuel oil shortage</i></b>			
Upkeep of Plumbing	A1621431100000	5,000.00	
Fuel Oil	A1620460100000		5,000.00
<b><i>To cover fuel oil shortage</i></b>			
Upkeep of Pool	A1621436100000	9,500.00	
Fuel Oil	A1620460100000		9,500.00
<b><i>To cover fuel oil shortage</i></b>			
Natural Gas	A1620461100000	18,000.00	
Fuel Oil	A1620460100000		18,000.00
<b><i>To cover fuel oil shortage</i></b>			
Telephone	A1620418100000	7,500.00	
Fuel Oil	A1620460100000		7,500.00
<b><i>To cover fuel oil shortage</i></b>			
Insurance: Gen. Property & Liability	A1910420100000	10,190.00	
Tuition: Foster Children	A2110471100000		10,190.00
<b><i>To cover foster child tuition shortage</i></b>			

**GIFTS/DONATIONS/GRANTS**

27. Motion to accept the following gifts/donations:

**Crompond School**

- a. **\$278** for the promotion of cultural enrichment at Crompond School from the Crompond PTA.  
*Cost to District:* N/A
- b. **\$1,500** to purchase technology equipment for Crompond School through the PEPSI Bottling Group WINS Grants.  
*Cost to District:* N/A
- c. **\$4,200** for technology (towards the purchase of a SmartBoard) from the Crompond PTA.  
*Cost to District:* N/A
- d.. Refrigerator for use in the Crompond faculty room from Lois Burke.  
*Cost to District:* None

**Mildred E. Strang Middle School**

- e. Carlo Robelli #411 acoustic guitar to the middle school music program from the Aboulafia Family.  
*Cost to District:* None
- f. **\$1,300** to the 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> grade living and local history program from the Yorktown Lions Club.  
*Cost to District:* None

**French Hill School**

- g. Two mahogany wood visitors' chairs with blue upholstery from James Hannah.  
*Cost to District:* None

**K. Board Comments**

**L. Public Comment**

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**M. Adjournment**