

May 12, 2008	Budget Hearing/ Work Session	Mildred E. Strang Middle School	J. Carbone
Date	Type of Meeting	Meeting Location	Presiding Officer
Members Present:	P. Bisaccia	Members Absent:	
	K. Corrado		
	A. D'Alessandro		
	M. Drexel		
	J. Huntington		
	M. Magnani		

Staff present: Dr. Napolitano, T. Cole, F. O'Connor and E. Rotfeld

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by Mrs. Carbone.

Motion made by Mrs. Corrado, seconded by Mr. Magnani to enter into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing matters pertaining to the work history of particular individuals.

No action was taken

7 aye 0 nay Motion carried

Motion made by Mr. Magnani, seconded by Mr. Drexel to return to open session for the Budget Hearing at 7:10 p.m.

7 aye 0 nay Motion carried

## **BUDGET HEARING**

### **2008-2009 Presentation of the 3-Part Budget**

Mr. Cole spoke regarding the \$88,382,000 budget and described the three parts which include the administrative, program and capital components.

### **Presentation of the Budget Propositions and Candidates for Election**

Mrs. Carbone read the following:

The two propositions will appear on the ballot as follows:

#### **PROPOSITION 1- BUDGET**

**RESOLVED**, that the Annual School District Budget for the fiscal year 2008-2009 in the amount of \$88,382,000 and the requisite portion thereof to be raised by taxation on the taxable property of the District be approved.

### **VOTE FOR TWO CANDIDATES**

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

**Grigory Kravtsov**

**Judith Huntington**

**Anthony D'Alessandro**

### **Public Comment - Budget**

Ed Ciffone, a member of Finance Committee urged residents to vote no on the budget. He asked numerous questions about the budget. He complained about the time slot the April Budget Meeting video was shown. He discussed his reasons for disagreeing with the budget as proposed.

Mrs. Carbone informed Mr. Ciffone that the first week that the meeting is broadcasted, it appears at 8:00 a.m. and then 8:00 p.m., the weeks following it is moved to other slots to make room for other broadcasts.

Staff members addressed various budgetary questions posed by Mr. Ciffone.

Mr. Magnani, chairperson of the Finance Committee pointed out that Mr. Ciffone was part of the Finance Committee and the decisions made were formed by a consensus of those Committee members and were not made by administration. He pointed out that the Finance Committee removed \$413,000. from the Budget presented previously.

Mr. Drexel pointed out that a very informative budget pamphlet has been mailed to each resident and is also on the District website.

Mrs. Carbone added that the line item detail is also on the website.

### **SPECIAL WORKSESSION**

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

### **Honor Resolutions presented to students from Brookside and Crompond Elementary Schools**

Mr. Ken Levy, Brookside Principal announced the following Brookside children being honored this evening and distributed their certificates.

Gabriella Landicino, Robert Kramer, Kelly Donnellan, Taryn Horgan, Harrison Bluestone, Jamie Giblin, Stephanie Gross, Kaila Boyer, Isabelle Duffy, Jenna Green, Willow Leitner, Nikhil Rajan, Justin Yan, Ian Richey, Conor Frawley, Catherine Chung, Mariah Wenzel, Deanna Savoca, Jason Gierer, Swarnov Pujari, Carly Negrelli, Ama and Gowri Viswanathan, Emma Pokorne, Abigail Ferri, Maria Lemus, Kelly Bushel, Stephanie Ragusa, Anthony Altimari, Cassandra Borhi, Samantha Caddauan, Daniel Casey, Samantha Drysdale, Emily Huang, Cara McPherson, Kathryn Naclerio, Anna Nuccio and Alssa Skelly.

Dr. Joel Feldman, Crompond Principal announced the following Crompond children being honored this evening and distributed their certificates:

Lindsay Aldrich, Coleen Arini, Brittany Bonamassa, Matheew Broder, Scott Campbell, Kayla Caputo, Ben Child, Ryan Cohen, Nicole DeCicco, Claire Dillon, Charlie Ferrara, Sarah Fischer, William Fischer, John Galami, Jenna Gammer, Hebba Gammer, Natalie Ganner, Gloria Gevanthor, Dakota Goodchild-Ortiz, Jackie Hernandez, Rebecca Kaplan, Emily Lubin, Ashika Mani, Sacci Mohan, Mathew Montaruli, Nicolas Montgomery, Nicole Posimato, Nax Stern, Ashley Stilo, Jordan Tessler, Paul Trongone, Andrew Tubiolo and Adam Woda.

Dr. Napolitano thanked both principals and wished Dr. Feldman well on his retirement on behalf of the District and thanked him for all he has contributed to the School District.

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

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**Public Comment:**

Mr. Ed Ciffone thanked Dr. Feldman for his work in the School District.

Motion made by Mr. Drexel, seconded by Magnani the Board convened into Executive Session at 8:20 p.m. to discuss personnel matters.

No action was taken.

7 aye 0 nay Motion carried

The Board convened into public session at 8:30 p.m.

Mrs. Carbone advised Mr. Ciffone that he would have 2 minutes to speak and that the Board would not permit any personal attacks.

Mr. Ciffone stated that he endorsed Mr. Kravtsov and Ms. Huntington for the School Board and stated his reasons why. He made several statements with regard to the budget.

Mr. Greg Gamer thanked the Board for their hard work and for the modest budget they have developed. He urged all to support the budget.

Ms. Chris Kramer thanked the Board and Dr. Napolitano and Mrs. O'Connor for listening to parent concerns and for contributing to the excellent education the children are receiving in the Yorktown Central School District.

Mr. Nick DiTomasso commented on the budget and added that he felt that monies given back to the taxpayers are a result of overcharging taxpayers.

Mrs. Miriam Curtin commented on the Cablevision schedule and suggested that meetings should be shown on a consistent basis, 8:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. Monday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday. She asked about AP Italian and if it was being phased out.

Dr. Napolitano stated that the AP Italian was added 2 year ago by the College Board, and at this juncture they are not making a profit and if it does get phased out, it has do to with a decision made by the College Board.

## **Superintendent Reports**

### **1. Presentation by Buildings & Fields Committee**

Mrs. Corrado introduced Mr. Cole who reviewed the proposed Building Usage and Fee Structure.

Mr. Cole gave a brief overview, stating that the committee determined that for profits should not be utilizing District facilities. A Building Use Manager was hired to achieve equity in terms of use. Priority is given first to school district functions, second to community groups and then to groups outside of the community. They determined that a fee based schedule should be developed and discussed how the monies could be utilized. Mr. Cole highlighted the fee structure, adding that they have suggested a fee of \$20 per hour of usage. The first \$9 of that fee goes to cover the costs that are currently being paid for custodial fees. In the past, usage was based on first come, first served and we are looking to develop a process instead. We are looking for input from the Town as well as all of the groups that presently utilize the fields and buildings.

### **Public Comment:**

Mr. Al French of the Yorktown Youth Soccer Club read a statement, pointing out that they agree with the goal to improve the facilities, but feel that the Town of Yorktown should take on the role of maintenance. User fees are not justified without approval and agreement by Town Board members since our youth sports programs are an extension of the Parks and Recreation programs and are under the Town umbrella. They do not feel that the School District is staffed sufficiently to maintain the fields. He asked questions about the tournament fee and added that he figured out that the camps are paying about half of what the clubs have been asked to pay. He also asked for clarification on the press box that is being proposed.

Tom Donatelli, member of the Yorktown Athletic Club stated that his group agreed with much of what Mr. French has already stated. The YAC stated that they look forward to a continued dialogue on this and more importantly, getting the Town involved in the committee.

Ed Ciffone stated that he did not agree that these groups should be charged usage fees because they are already paying Town and School taxes. He also suggested getting rid of modified sports and saving \$75,000.

Joe Leader, Commissioner in Soccer and Basketball, stated that these fees are going to be put onto the parents. For basketball, he stated that the janitors are already working and being paid until 9:30 out of the budget as part of their job, so why must we pay on top of this? Further, how long will these fees be in effect and how often will they be raised. Parents need to be informed.

Rick Romanski, President of Yorktown Youth Soccer Club thanked the Committee for their hard work. He stated that he would like to see a meeting where all those involved can be in the same room at the same time and work collaboratively. He suggested one final meeting prior to implementation.

Mrs. Corrado provided a background of how we arrived at this philosophy. In most communities, the Parks and Recreation Department's run these programs, but here the Clubs do. We need the Field and Grounds position to coordinate all the clubs. First they met with the Town and clubs to see what the issues were. Then we met privately to determine each group's needs. We found a direction, shared that direction with the Town who was to assess their position and then met with the clubs again. Presently, the Town is working on their numbers to see what they can do to support the clubs. We spoke with Mr. Metz and Supervisor Peters and we told them of our proposal and they said that they agreed with it. For the money we collect, we will take out our custodial fees and the rest of the money will be put into specific funds and go towards projects that the clubs and school district agree are necessary.

Board discussion followed and members of the Committee answered questions about the proposed process.

Mrs. Corrado ensured all present that she would set up a meeting with all interested parties and the Town to work collaboratively.

## **Board of Education Discussion Items**

### **1. Board Sub-Committees Updates**

#### **a. Audit Committee**

Mr. Drexel stated that the external audit has begun. The field work will be completed by the end of July, an exit meeting on September 22<sup>nd</sup> and Board presentation on October 6<sup>th</sup>.

#### **b. Finance Committee**

Mr. Magnani urged residents to vote on May 20th. He added that 9/10's of the Finance Committee supported the budget.

#### **c. Policy Committee**

Mrs. Corrado stated that the next Policy Committee meeting will be held on May 21<sup>st</sup> and they will be discussing the Wellness policy.

**d. Steering Committee**

Mrs. Carbone stated that as previously mentioned at the April 29<sup>th</sup> meeting, they are scaling back this Summer. They are still discussing the locker rooms and figuring out what to do with the changing rooms. Staff members are looking into an alternative to auditorium use. We removed the drainage component and are only performing half the paving. The Alternative High School is on hold due to the fact that students would not be able to get in there until October. The Middle School boilers have been removed and the Swimming Pool is currently under review by the Department of Health.

**RESOLUTIONS**

**BOARD**

**POLICIES**

**FIRST READINGS**

**Amended Policies**

Motion made by Mrs. Corrado, seconded by Mr. Magnani to approve the First Reading of the following Yorktown Board of Education Amended Policies:

	<b>Policy Number</b>	<b>Name of Policy</b>
<b>a.</b>	1100-R	Public Information Program Regulation
<b>b.</b>	2120.1	Candidates and Campaigning
<b>c.</b>	2150	Filling Board Vacancies
<b>d.</b>	2220	Board Officers
<b>e.</b>	2230	Appointed School Officials
<b>f.</b>	2240	Board-Superintendent Relationship
<b>g.</b>	2352	Rules of Order
<b>h.</b>	2382	Broadcasting and Taping of Board Meetings
<b>i.</b>	2510	New Board Member Orientation
<b>j.</b>	2700	Board Staff Communications
<b>k.</b>	3000	Goals and Objectives for Administration
<b>l.</b>	4321.3	Independent Educational Evaluations (IEE)
<b>m.</b>	4321.3R	Independent Educational Evaluations Regulation (IEE)
<b>n.</b>	4531.1/8415	Field Trip and Extracurricular Activity Transportation

**NOTE:** *(n) Policy # 4531.1/8415 will be placed in both of the 4000 and 8000 section of the Policy Manual.*

7 aye 0 nay Motion carried

## Reviewed Policies

Motion made by Mrs. Corrado, seconded by Mr. Drexel to approve the First Reading of the following Yorktown Board of Education Reviewed Policies:

	<b>Policy Number</b>	<b>Name of Policy</b>
<b>a.</b>	2260	Advisory Committees to the Board
<b>b.</b>	2270	School Attorney
<b>c.</b>	2270.1	Litigation Procedures
<b>d.</b>	2390	Board Hearings

7 aye 0 nay Motion carried

## CURRICULUM

### District Plan

Motion made by Mrs. Corrado, seconded by Mr. Drexel to recertify the Yorktown District Plan of School-Based Planning and Shared Decision-Making, following consultation with and full participation by the District Shared-Decision Making Committees convened for the purpose of the Biennial Review as required by CR100.(b), (d), and (f). Endorsing this action include the Superintendent of Schools, YAAS, the YCT, and District PTSA.

7 aye 0 nay Motion carried

Motion made by Mr. Magnani, seconded by Mrs. Corrado to approve the appointment of the following teacher coordinators for the 2008-2009 and 2009-2010 school years:

### High School

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|------------------------------|-------------------|
| <b>a. Rosanne Moore</b>      | Business          |
| <b>b. Dominic Passarelli</b> | Second Language   |
| <b>c. Andrea Servedio</b>    | Science           |
| <b>d. Robert Faigle</b>      | Social Studies    |
| <b>e. Kathy Belardo</b>      | Special Education |
| <b>f. Mary Froats</b>        | Mathematics       |
| <b>g. Marc Waxler</b>        | English           |

Middle School

<b>h. Mario D'Auria</b>	Special Education
<b>i. Corin Felber</b>	Second Language
<b>j. Vicki Luczkowski</b>	Science
<b>k. Christopher DiPasquale</b>	Social Studies
<b>l. Michelle Marchetti</b>	Mathematics
<b>m. Pamela Oberle</b>	English

7 aye 0 nay Motion carried

**Board Comments**

Mr. Cole commented that the participation in the school lunch program by students has improved.

Mr. Bisaccia added that the changes did not impact the quality or nutritional value of foods.

Dr. Napolitano complimented Mr. Nardone and Mrs. Harris on their jobs and for their commitment.

Mrs. Carbone thanked the Field and Buildings Use Committee.

**Review of Tentative Agenda for May 19, 2008 Business Meeting Agenda**

Board member discussion followed.

**Public Comment:**

Mr. French commented on the improved relationship between the school and town over the last 5 years, adding that Mr. Peters arrival is a plus. He noted the new parking lot that the Town installed for student to use. Further, he stated that his organization donated over close to \$100,000 during the last 4 years to the school district.

Mr. Donatelli stated that the YAC has also donated thousands of dollars to the school district. He stressed that his group was only interested in a solution that the Town is part of.

Miriam Curtin asked questions relating to the social studies class going to the curriculum council.

Mrs. O'Connor stated that the curriculum council is meeting this Wednesday.

**Adjournment**

Motion made by Mr. D'Alessandro, seconded by Mr. Bisaccia the meeting was adjourned at 11:00 p.m.

7 aye 0 nay Motion carried

Respectfully submitted,

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Elizabeth Rotfeld  
District Clerk