

Croton-Harmon Union Free School District
Special Meeting of the Board of Education

Date of Meeting: December 19, 2007

Kind of Meeting: Special

Place & Time: District Office, 8:00 p.m.

Board Present: Katherine Brechner, Karen Zevin, Neal Haber, Teri Lukin, Lynda Jones, Beth Roth

Board Absent: Eugene Perl

Staff Present: Marjorie Castro, Diane Chaissan, Kusum Sinha, Gabriella O'Connor

Call to Order Katherine Brechner called the meeting to order at 8:00 p.m.

Agenda Approval A motion to approve the agenda was made by Karen Zevin and seconded by Teri Lukin.

Ayes 6 Motion Carried

Symphony Knoll Housing Discussion The Croton Housing Network for Senior Housing is requesting a sign-off on Schedule B Agreement of \$1.00 per year to each entity, i.e., the Town of Cortlandt, the Village of Croton-on-Hudson, the Croton-Harmon School District, and Westchester County. It was asked who will pay the cost of children in the housing if no taxes are paid except for \$1.00 per year. Signing is on hold until a letter or amendment can be added.

Clean Air Quality A motion to accept the Memorandum of Understanding with Clean Air quality Services for the district to pay the sum of \$550,000 and provide 36 months of maintenance for an additional \$50,000 spread equally over the 36 month period was made by Beth Roth and seconded by Karen Zevin.

Ayes 6 Motion Carried

Consent Agenda A motion to approve the following items was made by Karen Zevin and seconded by Neal Haber:

- A. Approve the increased IRS mileage reimbursement rate to \$.505, effective January 1, 2008.
- B. Approve the creation of an additional Assistant Indoor Track Coach, for the 2007-2008 school year.
- C. Approve the appointment of the Supervisors and Mandated timekeepers, for the 2007-2008 school year:
 1. Susan Dudman, Basketball 30 second/Ann. Clock, \$139.00 per event;

2. Susan Dudman, Basketball & Wrestling Supervision, \$91.00 per event;
3. Erica Chanowsky, Wrestling Supervision, \$91.00 per event;
4. Mike Spalding, Basketball 30 second/Ann. Clock, Basketball Main Clock, Wrestling Main Clock, \$139.00 per event;
5. Mike Spalding, Basketball & Wrestling Supervision, \$91.00 per event;
6. Doug Young, Basketball 30 second/Ann. Clock, Basketball Main Clock, Wrestling Main Clock, \$139.00 per event;
7. Doug Young, Basketball & Wrestling Supervision, \$91.00 per event;
8. Cathy Windrum, Basketball & Wrestling Supervision, \$91.00 per event;
9. Ivelaw Carrington, Basketball & Wrestling Supervision, \$91.00 per event;
10. Ivelaw Carrington, Basketball & Wrestling Away Supervision, \$139.00 per event;
11. Ralph DeFino, Basketball 30-second/Ann. Clock, Basketball Main Clock, Wrestling Main Clock, \$139.00 per event;
12. Ralph DeFino, Basketball & Wrestling Supervision, \$91.00 per event;
13. Sue Lewis, Basketball & Wrestling Supervision, \$91.00 per event;
14. George Castelli, Basketball 30-second/Ann. Clock, Basketball Main Clock, Wrestling Main Clock, \$139.00 per event;
15. George Castelli, Basketball & Wrestling Supervision, \$91.00 per event;
16. George Castelli, Basketball & Wrestling Away Supervision, \$139.00 per event;
17. Bill Thom, Basketball 30-second/ann. Clock, Basketball Main Clock, Wrestling Main Clock, \$139.00 per event;
18. Bill Thom, Basketball & Wrestling Supervision, \$91.00 per event;
19. Bill Thom, Basketball & Wrestling Away Supervision, \$139.00 per event;
20. Robin Cooke, Basketball 30-second/ann. Clock, Wrestling Main Clock, \$139.00 per event;
21. Lou Villani, Basketball 30-second/Ann. Clock, Basketball Main Clock, Wrestling Main Clock, \$139.00 per event;
22. Lou Villani, Basketball & Wrestling Supervision, \$91.00 per event;
23. Lou Villani, Basketball & Wrestling Away Supervision, \$139.00 per event;
24. Phyllis Cobb, Basketball 30-second/Ann. Clock, \$139.00 per event;
25. Phyllis Cobb, Basketball & Wrestling Supervision, \$91.00 per event;
26. Brett Bowden, Basketball 30-second/ann. Clock, \$139.00 per event;
27. Brett Bowden, Basketball & Wrestling Supervision, \$91.00 per event;
28. Eric Rosen, Basketball 30-second/ann. Clock, Basketball Main Clock, \$139.00 per event;
29. Eric Rosen, Basketball & Wrestling Supervision, \$91.00 per event.

- D. Approve the following co-curricular appointments, Carrie E. Tompkins Elementary School, at a stipend of \$1,400.00, for the remainder of the 2007-2008 school year:
1. Kim Edelmann;
 2. Ana Maria Strattner.
- E. Approve the appointment of Peggy Reich to serve as a translator, at a salary of \$15.00 per hour, for the 2007-2008 school year.
- F. Approve the addition of the following persons to the following substitute lists:
1. Josephine Alonge, Substitute Teacher;
 2. Brian Jacobi, Substitute Teacher, Teacher Aide.
- G. Approve the appointment of Michael Pellet, Assistant Varsity Indoor Track Coach, at a salary of \$3,480 (Step 1), for the 2007-2008 school year.
- H. Approve the following Afterschool Program appointments for the 2007-2008 school year:
1. Paid by Accounts Payable:
 - (a) United Martial Arts (Taekwondo), \$3,800;
 - (b) Jan Meryl Phair, Croton Cake Creations, \$1,375 (Cake Decorating), \$1,265 (Clay for Kids);
 - (c) Renee Curci (Ivanoff), Mud Made, Inc., \$700 (Ceramics), \$800 (Clayworks for Jrs.), \$800 (Clay for Kids);
 - (d) Joseph A. Davis, PC Tours (Cartooning/Drawing), \$500;
 - (e) Peter Barkman (Chess – 2 classes), \$1,000;
 - (f) Dance-on-Hudson/Kids Dance (Modern Ballet), amount not known;
 - (g) Mt. Kisco School of Music (Piano, Violin, Percussion, Guitar, Intro to Music), Budgeted amount not to exceed \$6,370;
 - (h) Kazuko DiCroce, Japanese, \$600;
 - (i) Caire Hilbert, French, \$500;
 - (j) Leslie Asch, Yarn Crafts/Knitting, \$600;
 - (k) Denise Bessette, Acting for Juniors, \$900 & Intro to Acting, \$900;
 - (l) Dawne Clark, Gymnastics, \$3000.
 2. Paid by Payroll:
 - (a) Jon Khoury, soccer, \$1000;
 - (b) William Thom, Tennis, \$800;
 - (c) Shannon Varekamp, Science Academy for Juniors, \$750;
 - (d) Laura Singerman (CHHS student), Spanish, \$200.

- I. Approve the appointment of the following Adult Education Instructors for the 2007-2008 school year:
 1. Paid by Accounts Payable:
 - (a) Runhong Chen, Chinese, \$600;
 - (b) Maria Mordan/En Espana, Beginning Spanish, \$600 & Intermediate Spanish, \$500;
 - (c) PAS Auto School (CHHS Driver Education Program), \$17,250;
 - (d) Defensive Driving (National Safety Council Program, \$595;
 - (e) Andrea Naitove, Yoga, \$800;
 - (f) Robert Chuckrow, PH.D/Movement Arts & Sciences (T'ai Ch'i), \$500;
 - (g) Judith Leare, Pottery, not to exceed \$1,000;
 - (h) Cameron Kelly Fitness Programs (Total Body/Pilates – not to exceed \$900; Fall Gardening – not to exceed \$150; Gardening in the Country - \$150; Investments for Women – not to exceed \$75).
 2. Paid by Payroll:
 - (a) Lou Nardone, eBay – 2 seminars; Sr. Internet, Sr. Computer Workshop, \$400;
 - (b) Jennifer Moore, Adobe Photoshop, \$500;
 - (c) Beatrice Greenbaum (DiMartino), Sketching, \$500.

Work Session

The following items were discussed:

- A. Lunch: Presentation figures of scaled down version – What are options with different phases; price list of options; trade-offs; need minimum 3 kitchens (hot and cold).
- B. Science Labs: Does the plan meet the rationale? What are dollars of all items on wish list. Provide what are we not doing to save money at double the cost. Stats on number of students taking science class.
- C. Bond Structure: Bond B only if Bond A passes.
- D. Meeting – Format.
- E. General Overview:
 - Questions and answers;
 - Not a done deal;
 - Kitchens;
 - No Architect presentation.
- F. Addressing Safety as ongoing maintenance not in violation of any laws.

- G. Lynda Jones – Booster;
Teri Lukin – CHEF, PVC PTA;
Kathy Brechner – Flyer;
Beth Roth – CET PTA;
Press Release – Chris Heath, Gary.
- H. Town Meeting for Capital Projects and possible bond.
- I. Handouts – Agenda.

Adjournment

A motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:40 p.m. was made by Neal Haber and seconded by Beth Roth.

Ayes 6 Motion Carried

Gabriella O'Connor
Assistant District Clerk

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