

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

Date of Meeting: March 31, 2008

Kind of Meeting: Special

Place & Time: Croton-Harmon High School Community Room, 7:37 p.m.

Board Present: Katherine Brechner, Eugene Perl, Teri Lukin, Karen Zevin, Lynda Jones (arrived at 7:40 p.m.), Neal Haber (arrived at 7:42 p.m.), Beth Roth (arrived at 7:47 p.m.)

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

Call to Order Katherine Brechner called the meeting to order at 7:37 p.m.

Approval of Agenda A motion to approve the agenda was made by Eugene Perl and seconded by Karen Zevin.

Ayes 4 Motion Carried

At this point, Lynda Jones arrived (7:40 p.m.).

Out-of-District Trip: A motion to approve the out-of-district trip to be taken by the Future Business Leaders of America, April 6-9, 2008, Ellenville, New York, to attend the 2008 State Leadership Conference, was made by Teri Lukin and seconded by Karen Zevin.

FBLA

Ayes 5 Motion Carried

At this point, Neal Haber arrived (7:42 p.m.), followed by Beth Roth (7:47 p.m.).

SEQRA A motion to approve the following resolution was made by Teri Lukin and seconded by Eugene Perl:

Resolution

At this point, Beth Roth left the room (7:55 p.m.)

WHEREAS, the Board of Education of the Croton-Harmon Union Free School District ("Board") is considering a project consisting of building and grounds maintenance, renovation and rehabilitation at the Croton-Harmon High School, the Pierre Van Cortlandt Middle School and the Carrie E. Tompkins elementary School (the "Project"); and

WHEREAS, the Project consists of replacement of interior and exterior doors and related hardware, including electric access control devices and wiring improvements, and other maintenance, renovation and rehabilitation work shown as "EXCEL Project" on the Proposed Capital Projects List dated 3/31/08; and

WHEREAS, the State Education Department requires a State Environmental Quality Review Act classification for purposes of Facilities Planning review.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board hereby determines that the project is a Type II Action pursuant to 6 NYCRR 617.5(c)(1), (2), and (8), commonly known as the Regulations promulgated pursuant to the State Environmental Quality Review Act.

Ayes 6 Motion Carried

At this point, Beth Roth returned to the meeting.

EXCEL Aid

A motion to approve the following resolution was made by Neal Haber and seconded by Beth Roth:

RESOLVED:

(a) That the board of Education of the Croton-Harmon Union Free School District, in the County of Westchester, New York (the "District"), is hereby authorized to implement a school building improvement program (the "EXCEL Project"), substantially as described in a plan prepared by the District, dated March 31, 2008, (the "Plan"), which Plan is on file and available for public inspection in the office of the District Clerk, said EXCEL Project includes (i) at the High School: replacement of doors and related hardware, including electric access control devices and wiring improvements, at the estimated cost of \$64,967; (ii) at the Middle School: replacement of doors and related hardware, including electric access control devices, the installation of concrete stairs and railing, wiring improvements and main entrance improvements, at the estimated cost of \$226,742; and (iii) at the elementary school: replacement of doors and related hardware, including electric access control devices, wiring improvements, and the replacement of electrical panels, at the estimated cost of \$248,266; all of the foregoing to include the original equipment, machinery, furnishings, apparatus, and all ancillary and related site and other work required in connection herewith; and to expend therefore, including preliminary costs and costs incidental thereto and to the financing thereof, an amount not to exceed the estimated total cost of \$539,975; provided that the costs of the components of the EXCEL Project as set forth in detail in the Plan may be reallocated among such components if the Board of Education shall determine that such reallocation is in the best interests of the District;

(b) that a tax is hereby voted in the amount of not to exceed \$539,975 to finance such cost, such tax to be levied and collected in installments in such years and in such amounts as shall be determined by said Board of Education; and bonds and notes of the District are authorized to be issued in the principal amount of not to exceed \$539,975 and a tax is hereby voted to pay the interest on said bonds and notes as the same shall become due and payable; and

(c) that the District expects to receive as reimbursement from the State of New York (the "State") \$539,975 under the new Expanding our Children's Education and Learning (herein called "EXCEL") State aid program, and all of such aid is estimated to be sufficient to pay substantially all costs of the EXCEL Project, and such aid as and when received by the District shall be applied to offset and reduce the taxes hereby authorized.

Such EXCEL Proposition shall appear on the ballot labels to be inserted in the voting machines used for voting at said Annual District Meeting in substantially the following condensed form:

EXCEL PROPOSITION

YES

NO

RESOLVED:

(a) That the Board of Education of the Croton-Harmon Union Free School District, in the County of Westchester, New York (the "District"), is hereby authorized to implement a school building improvement program, and to expend therefore, including preliminary costs and costs incidental thereto and to the financing thereof, an amount not to exceed the estimated total cost of \$539,975; (b) that a tax is hereby voted in the amount of not to exceed \$539,975 to finance such cost, such tax to be levied and collected in installments in such years and in such amounts as shall be determined by said Board of Education; and bonds and notes of the District are authorized and a tax is hereby voted to pay the interest on said bonds and notes as the same shall become due and payable; and (c) that the District expects to receive aid from the State of new York estimated to be sufficient in amount to pay substantially all costs of said improvements, and such aid as and when received by the District shall be applied to offset and reduce the taxes hereby authorized.

Ayes 7 Motion Carried

Coaching Appts.:  
E. Aldeborgh,  
B. Thom,  
C. Smith

A motion to approve the following coaching appointments for the 2007-2008 school year was made by Lynda Jones and seconded by Beth Roth:

- A. Erik Aldeborgh, Jr. Varsity Boys' Tennis, \$3,231 (Step 1);
- B. Bill Thom, Modified Baseball, \$3,287 (Step 3);
- C. Christopher Smith, Boys' Lacrosse Volunteer (emergency conditional).

Ayes 7 Motion Carried

Substitute  
Custodian:  
D. DeSilva

A motion to approve the appointment of Donald DeSilva, Substitute Custodial Worker, effective immediately, was made by Eugene Perl and seconded by Lynda Jones.

Ayes 7 Motion Carried

Work Session

The proposed 2008-2009 budget was discussed.

Adjournment

A motion to adjourn into Executive Session at 10:24 p.m. to discuss personnel and legal matters was made by Beth Roth and seconded by Eugene Perl.

Ayes 7 Motion Carried

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Gabriella O'Connor  
Assistant District Clerk

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