

SPECIAL MEETING  
OF THE  
HILLSBOROUGH TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION  
March 30, 2009

The Board of Education of Hillsborough Township in the county of Somerset, convened in public session on Monday, March 30, 2009 at 6:30 p.m. in the cafeteria of the Auten Road Intermediate School in the School District.

In accordance with the State's Sunshine Law, adequate notice of this meeting was provided in the Board's annual meeting notice. This notice was also provided to the Hillsborough Beacon and Courier News newspapers on March 26, 2009. The notice is also posted in the Board of Education office and a copy has been sent to the Township Clerk and Township Public Library.

ROLL CALL

MEMBERS PRESENT: Frank A. Blandino, John Donnadio, Gregory Gillette, Judith C. Haas, Neil Hudes, David T. Lin, Steven D. Paget, Marc J. Rosenberg, and Wolfgang Schneider

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

ALSO PRESENT: Dr. Edward Forsthoffer, III, Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Lisa M. Antunes, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction, Mr. Scott Rocco, Assistant Superintendent for Personnel, Mr. Aiman Mahmoud, School Business Administrator/Board Secretary, and Mr. Gerald Eckert, Assistant School Business Administrator/Assistant Board Secretary

Executive Session

A motion was made by Mr. Donnadio and seconded by Mr. Gillette that the board adopt a resolution to go into executive session at 6:35 p.m.

WHEREAS, the Open Public Meetings Act, Chapter 231 of the Laws of 1975 provides that a public body may exclude the public from that portion of a meeting of which the public body discusses certain matters for which confidentiality is required as permitted in Section 7B of the act.

RESOLVED, by the Board of Education of the Township of Hillsborough in the County of Somerset and State of New Jersey as follows:

1. The following matters to be discussed are the evaluations of the superintendent and board secretary.
2. The matters discussed in executive session shall be disclosed to the public when the need for confidentiality no longer exists.

Upon call of the roll, the motion carried with a unanimous vote recorded.

The board reconvened in public session at 7:30 p.m.

Board Recognition/Awards

Dr. Forsthoffer recognized the high school wind ensemble which performed one of their songs for the board.

Dr. Forsthoffer also recognized Hillsborough resident, Tim Jordan, who returned from military duty in Iraq and Afghanistan. Mr. Jordan presented president Hudes with an American flag that he had flown over a US Air Force base in Iraq. Mr. Hudes expressed his gratitude to Mr. Jordan for his service to our country.

Mr. Lin acknowledged that he attended the annual accomplished musician award concert that was held at the high school on March 22<sup>nd</sup> and that there were many talented students who performed.

Public Hearing on the Proposed 2009-2010 Budget

Dr. Forsthoffer gave his final presentation of the 2009-2010 budget to the board and public and stated that some of the items to be cut from the budget included both staff related and non-staff related items.

Dr. Forsthoffer also stated that the capital budget for the 2009-2010 school year included \$500,000 worth of projects and that the district is hoping for up to \$200,000 worth of matching funds from the State School Development Authority. The main focus of the capital budget will be to replace windows at Triangle and Sunnymead schools as well as various smaller projects throughout the district.

Dr. Forsthoffer concluded by saying that the proposed budget will add one cent per \$100 of assessed property value and that this is a fiscally responsible budget that will have the least negative impact on programs.

Time was allowed for questions and comments from the board and public on the proposed 2009-2010 budget.

Several members of the public spoke and thanked the board for maintaining the integrity of the programs and reinstating most of the earlier proposed staffing cuts.

Mr. Rosenberg asked to confirm that the Auten Road Intermediate School instrumental teacher is currently in the proposed budget.

Dr. Forsthoffer stated that this position has been reinstated.

Action AgendaPublic Comments

None

CURRICULUM & INSTRUCTION

A motion was made by Mr. Blandino and seconded by Mr. Paget that the board of education approve the curriculum and instruction agenda as follows:

Approve Submission of the Following Grant Application:

Approve the following grant application:

<b>Grant</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Readiness and Emergency Management for Schools Safety Grant	\$100,000.00

Upon call of the roll, the motion carried with a unanimous vote recorded.

PERSONNEL

A motion was made by Mr. Paget and seconded by Mr. Lin that the board of education approve the personnel agenda as follows:

Revised Long Term Substitutes

<b>Name</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Replacing</b>	<b>Effective</b>	<b>Salary</b>
Grace Buchanan	LDTC	High School	Maria Yurecko	3/23/2009-6/30/2009	\$47,080 Pro Rated BA Step 1
Despene Stough	ESL	Sunnymead School	Elena Riveles	2/1/2009 – 4/17/2009	\$47,080 Pro Rated BA Step 1

Approve Sabbatical Request

Tiberiu Dragoiu-Luca, physics teacher, Hillsborough High School, sabbatical leave effective 2009-2010 school year.

Upon call of the roll, the motion carried with a unanimous vote recorded.

FINANCE

A motion was made by Mr. Paget and seconded by Mr. Rosenberg that the board of education approve the finance agenda as follows:

Approval of the School District Budget for 2009-2010

Approve the School District Budget for 2009-2010 as listed on Schedule III-A.

The proposed budget includes sufficient funds to provide curriculum and instruction which will enable all students to achieve the Core Curriculum Content Standards, and is in compliance with N.J.S.A. 18A and N.J.A.C Title 6 and 6A.

<u>Appropriations</u>		<u>Revenue</u>	
General Funds	\$102,433,879	Budgeted Fund Balance	\$2,529,776
Special			
Revenue Fund	\$1,917,247	Local Tax Levy	\$76,126,822
Debt Service			
Fund	\$4,850,062	Federal Grants	\$1,901,531
		Miscellaneous Revenue	\$283,004
		Tuition	\$855,546
		State Aid/Grants	\$27,504,509
Total			
Appropriations	\$109,201,188	Total Revenue	\$109,201,188

<u>Budget</u>		<u>Local Tax Levy</u>	
General Fund	\$102,433,879		\$72,299,019
Special			
Revenue Fund	\$1,917,247		\$0
Debt Service			
Fund	\$4,850,062		\$3,827,803
TOTAL	\$109,201,188		\$76,126,822

Mr. Donnadio thanked Dr. Forsthoffer, Mr. Mahmoud, and the finance committee for their work on the budget and he said that he appreciates the input that the public has given during the budget process. He stated that he philosophically could not support a budget that increases taxes and cuts staff while receiving increases in state aid and federal funding. Especially this year in light of the economy, he felt that the board had an opportunity to keep taxes stable.

Mr. Gillette said that the budget is not exactly how he would like it to be.

Mr. Hudes stated that this was a difficult budget year philosophically and economically and that the public could see the difficulty that the board had in coming to an agreement on a budget. He stated that this budget is a nice compromise by the board and that it serves the educational needs of the community.

Mr. Rosenberg acknowledged that the board asked the community for input early in the process this year and that this budget is a reasonable budget. He also stated that the fate of this budget is now up to the public after tonight.

A motion was made by Mrs. Haas and seconded by Mr. Blandino to call the question.

Upon call of the roll, the motion to call the question carried with a unanimous vote recorded.

Upon call of the roll of the motion to approve the finance agenda as recommend, the motion carried with six members voting in favor and Messrs. Blandino, Donnadio, and Gillette voting against.

ADMINISTRATIVE

A motion was made by Mr. Paget and seconded by Mr. Blandino that the board of education approve the administrative agenda as follows:

Policies

The policy committee has recommended the following policies be included for consideration for second reading as follows:

<u>Schedule</u>	<u>Policy #</u>	<u>Policy Name</u>
<i>IV-A</i>	2460	Special Education
<i>IV-B</i>	2467	Surrogate Parents and Foster Parents

Approve the Professional Travel Related Expenses as Listed:

Approve the Professional Travel Related Expenses as listed on *Schedule IV- C*.

Approve Overnight Trip as Listed

<u>School</u>	<u>Group/Team</u>	<u>Destination</u>	<u>Dates</u>	<u>Schedule</u>
HHS	Robotics – Trip 1 Science, Technology & Math	Robotics National Competition Georgia Dome, Atlanta, GA	4/15/09 – 4/18/09	<i>IV-D</i>
HHS	Robotics – Trip 2 Science & Technology	Robotics National Competition Georgia Dome, Atlanta, GA	4/16/09 – 4/18/09	<i>IV-E</i>

Approval of the Middle School Fire Alarm Upgrade Project

Approve the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Hillsborough Township Board of Education (hereinafter referred to as the “Board”) solicited three quotes for the Other Capital Project / Middle School Fire Alarm Upgrade (hereinafter referred to as the “Other Capital Project”); and

WHEREAS, the quotes received for this Other Capital Project are as follows:

Open Systems Integrators	\$28,350
United Fire Protection Corp.	\$35,600
Keystone Inc.	\$41,807
Automatic Suppression Alarm Inc.	No Quote

; and

WHEREAS, Opens Systems Inc.(hereinafter referred to as “OSI”) submitted the lowest quote, in the amount of \$28,350.00; and

WHEREAS, the Board will not seek state funding for this Other Capital Project; and

WHEREAS, the Board authorizes the submission of this Other Capital Project to the Department of Education; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the board authorizes the Board President and Business Administrator to enter into agreement with OSI for this Other Capital Project not to exceed \$28,350; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board authorize the amendment of the Long range Facilities Plan accordingly.

Upon call of the roll, the motion carried with a unanimous vote recorded.

#### Executive Session

A motion was made by Lin and seconded by Mr. Paget that the board adopt a resolution to go into executive session at adjournment.

WHEREAS, the Open Public Meetings Act, Chapter 231 of the Laws of 1975 provides that a public body may exclude the public from that portion of a meeting of which the public body discusses certain matters for which confidentiality is required as permitted in Section 7B of the act.

RESOLVED, by the Board of Education of the Township of Hillsborough in the County of Somerset and State of New Jersey as follows:

1. The following matters to be discussed are the board member self evaluations.
2. The matters discussed in executive session shall be disclosed to the public when the need for confidentiality no longer exists.

Upon call of the roll, the motion carried with a unanimous vote recorded.

#### Adjournment

A motion was made by Mr. Blandino and seconded by Mr. Lin to adjourn the meeting at 8:28 p.m.

Upon call of the question, the motion carried unanimously.

At this time, the board reconvened in executive session.

Respectfully submitted,

Aiman Mahmoud  
School Business Administrator/  
Board Secretary