

MILLBROOK CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING
November 5, 2007

Members Present:

Thomas Hurley
John Rudy
Dawn Blackburn
Philip Campbell
Joseph Forte
James Ross
Craig Wolff

Members Absent:

Others Present:

Dr. R. Lloyd Jaeger	Superintendent of Schools
Kurt Robb	Business Administrator
Tonya M. Pulver	District Clerk

Mr. Hurley, Board President, called the meeting to order in the Middle School Cafeteria at 7:35 p.m.. Mr. Hurley then led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Call to Order

Student Government President Zack Olsen presented the Board with potted plants in recognition of the hard work and dedication of the BOE.

A motion was made by Mrs. Blackburn, seconded by Mr. Ross and carried unanimously to convene in Executive Session to discuss negotiations under the Taylor Law and the employment of a particular person at 7:40 p.m.

Executive Session

A motion was made by Mrs. Blackburn, seconded by Mr. Ross, and carried unanimously to return to the regular session at 8:15 p.m.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Reports

Dr. Jaeger noted that the Board was provided a copy of a grant for student athletic equipment in the amount of \$12,000. Additionally, he acknowledged that the Blazers continue to do well and the volley ball and soccer teams are moving to State rounds of play. Further recognition was given to coaches of the year Shawn Stoliker and Kyle Shoemaker. Lastly, Dr. Jaeger noted that the Superintendents Conference Day was to take place on November 6th.

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With respect to the recent NYS School Board Association Conference, Dr. Jaeger noted that he attended a segment on the State Environmental Quality Review Act. He noted that this would be helpful in the future considerations regarding the Cell Tower.

Mr. Hurley reviewed his take on the NYSSBA Convention. He noted that the Governor did not attend but the "Conversation with the Commissioner" went well. P- 16 initiative was mentioned and seems to be an interesting concept. Mr. Hurley did note that it was a great time to interact with fellow colleagues.

Mrs. Blackburn noted that the Policy Review information was sought out while at NYSSBA Convention. Dr. Jaeger noted that the Board will have to decide what option to pursue and include that in the 08/09 budget.

Dr. Jaeger added that he launched Alert Now on Friday evening.

Upon the recommendation of the Audit Committee, a motion was made by Mrs.Blackburn, seconded by Mr. Forte and carried unanimously to adopt the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board accepts and approves the Financial Statements and Supplementary Information as prepared by Sickler, Torchia, Allen and Churchill, C.P.A's PC for the 2006-2007 school year.

Financial
Statements
Year End

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, a motion was made by Mrs. Blackburn, seconded by Mr. Forte and carried unanimously to adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS, Josephine Ciferri filed an Application for Corrected Tax Roll for the Year 2007 regarding property located at 100 Church Street, Millbrook, New York, in the Millbrook Central School District, described as Grid No. 135801-6764-01-472993-0000 on the basis that the senior citizen tax exemption pursuant to Section 467, Real Property Tax Law was approved but was omitted from the assessment roll, and the 2007-08school taxes should be based upon a taxable assessed value of \$2,000 instead of \$141,050; and

Tax Refunds

WHEREAS, an Investigator from and the Director of the Dutchess County Real Property Tax Service Agency has determined that a clerical error was made and the assessed values should be changed, as described above, and has recommended that the Application for Corrected Tax Roll for the Year 2007 be approved; and

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WHEREAS, we have examined such application and the County Director's recommendations and determine that a clerical error has been made pursuant to Section 550(2)(c) of the Real Property Tax Law;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that, the Application for Corrected Tax Roll for the Year 2007 be approved, that notice of approval of such application be mailed to such applicant, the tax roll be corrected to reflect the correct taxable assessed value of such real property and the action of the School Business Administrator in issuing a corrected tax bill for the 2007-08 school taxes be ratified.

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, a motion was made by Mrs. Blackburn, seconded by Mr. Forte and carried unanimously to adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS, two (2) Small Claims Assessment Review (SCAR) actions were filed pursuant to Article 7, Title 1-A of the Real Property Tax Law, regarding 2007 assessments, for property located in the Town of Unionvale, both of which are within the Millbrook Central School District, as described below, which assessments affect the tax rolls used to determine 2007-2008 school taxes; and

WHEREAS, Decisions were ordered by Judicial Hearing Officer L. Renee Dalton as follows:

David & Susan Scalzo #135400 6762-00-072193 \$501,950 to \$385,000
Decision filed 9/11/07

Dionisio & Josephine Rodriguez #1354000 6663-04-722148 \$612,220 to \$350,000
Decision filed 1/10/07

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Business Administrator is hereby authorized to correct the 2007 assessments regarding the above-referenced properties to reflect such reductions in assessments and ratifies the Business Administrator's actions in issuing corrected tax bills to the above owners for the 2007-2008 school taxes, as referenced above.

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Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, a motion was made by Mrs. Blackburn, seconded by Mr. Forte and carried unanimously to adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS, Darren Davidson and Alana Diprinzio filed an Application for Corrected Tax Roll for the Year 2007 regarding property located at 226 Camby Road, Verbank, New York, in the Millbrook Central School District, described as Grid No. 135300-6763-00-432460-0000 on the basis that the Basic STAR exemption was approved but was approved but was omitted from the assessment roll, and the 2007-08 school taxes should be based upon a taxable assessed value of \$346,490 instead of \$407,920; and

WHEREAS, an Investigator from and the Director of the Dutchess County Real Property Tax Service Agency has determined that a clerical error was made and the taxable assessed value should be changed, as described above, and has recommended that the Application for Corrected Tax Roll for the Year 2007 be approved; and

WHEREAS, we have examined such application and the County Director's recommendations and determine that a clerical error has been made pursuant to Section 550(2)(c) of the Real Property Tax Law;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that, the Application for Corrected Tax Roll for the Year 2007 be approved, that notice of approval of such application be mailed to such applicants, the tax roll be corrected to reflect the correct taxable assessed value of such real property and the action of the School Business Administrator in issuing a corrected tax bill for the 2007-08 school taxes be ratified.

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, a motion was made by Mrs. Blackburn, seconded by Mr. Forte and carried unanimously to adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS, Elizabeth F. Briggs filed an Application for Corrected Tax Roll for the Year 2007 regarding property located at 762 Tower Hill Road, Millbrook, New York, in the Millbrook Central School District, described as Grid No. 135889-6965-00-378789-0000 on the basis that the enhanced STAR exemption was approved, but was omitted from the assessment roll, and the 2007-08 school taxes should be based upon a taxable assessed value of \$366,867 instead of \$431,467 and

WHEREAS, an Investigator from and the Director of the Dutchess County Real Property Tax Service Agency has determined that a clerical

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error was made and the assessed values should be changed, as described above, and has recommended that the Application for Corrected Tax Roll for the Year 2007 be approved; and

WHEREAS, we have examined such application and the County Director's recommendations and determine that a clerical error has been made pursuant to Section 550(2)(c) of the Real Property Tax Law;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that, the Application for Corrected Tax Roll for the Year 2007 be approved, that notice of approval of such application be mailed to such applicant, the tax roll be corrected to reflect the correct taxable assessed value of such real property and the action of the School Business Administrator in issuing a corrected tax bill for the 2007-08 school taxes be ratified.

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, a motion to adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS, Bernard J. and Frances Connolly filed an Application for Corrected Tax Roll for the Year 2007 regarding property located at 3527 Route 82, Millbrook, New York, in the Millbrook Central School District, described as Grid No. 135889-6663-00-802373-0000 on the basis that the assessment roll change approved by the Board of Assessment Review (BAR) was not input into the RPS V4 computer system, causing the 2007-08 school taxes should be based upon a taxable assessed value of \$427,450 instead of \$403,850; and

WHEREAS, an Investigator from and the Director of the Dutchess County Real Property Tax Service Agency has determined that a clerical error was made and the assessed values should be changed, as described above, and has recommended that the Application for Corrected Tax Roll for the Year 2007 be approved; and

WHEREAS, we have examined such application and the County Director's recommendations and determine that a clerical error has been made pursuant to Section 550(2)(a) of the Real Property Tax Law;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that, the Application for Corrected Tax Roll for the Year 2007 be approved, that notice of approval of such application be mailed to such applicants, the tax roll be corrected to reflect the correct taxable assessed value of such real property and the action of the School Business Administrator in issuing a corrected tax bill for the 2007-08 school taxes be ratified.

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Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, a motion was made by Mrs. Blackburn, seconded by Mr. Forte and carried unanimously to adopt the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board authorizes the agreement between the District and Amy Johnson, DBA Pediatric Practices in SLP, for Oral/Motor Feeding services to district students in need of such services;
BE IT RESOLVED that the Board further authorizes the Superintendent of Schools to sign the same.

Contract –
Johnson

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, a motion was made by Mrs. Blackburn, seconded by Mr. Forte and carried unanimously to adopt the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board authorizes the contract between the District and Dutchess County BOCES, for Cooperative transportation services to district students in need of such services;
BE IT RESOLVED that the Board further authorizes the Board of Education President and the Superintendent of Schools to sign the same.

Contract –
DC BOCES

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, a motion was made by Mrs. Blackburn, seconded by Mr. Forte and carried unanimously to adopt the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board approves 2008 Band Trip, as presented, which is scheduled for April 3 – 6, 2008, at a cost of approximately \$360.00 per student and to be paid by the students.

Band Trip

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, a motion was made by Mrs. Blackburn, seconded by Mr. Forte and carried unanimously to adopt the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board grants the child care leave for Debra DeRosa for the period of late January, 2008 until June 2, 2008, as requested.

DeRosa
Leave

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, a motion was made by Mrs. Blackburn, seconded by Mr. Forte and carried unanimously to adopt the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board grants the extension of the child care leave for Eliza Jordan to include the period of February 1, 2008 until June 30, 2008, as requested.

Jordan
Leave

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Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, a motion was made by Mrs. Blackburn, seconded by Mr. Forte and carried unanimously to adopt the following resolution:
BE IT RESOLVED that the Board grants the following salary increments, effective September 1, 2007:

Salary
Increments

<u>Teacher</u>	<u>Credits Approved</u>
Maureen DiMailo	6 credits
Cathie Morton	2 credits

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, a motion was made by Mrs. Blackburn, seconded by Mr. Forte and carried unanimously to adopt the following resolution:
BE IT RESOLVED that the Board excesses the following school buses that are determined to be no longer valuable to the school district:

Excess
School
Busses

1993 Chevy Bus VIN # 2GBHG35KXP4151214
1989 GMC Bus VIN # 1GDGG35K8K7523262

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, a motion was made by Mrs. Blackburn, seconded by Mr. Forte and carried unanimously to adopt the following resolution:
BE IT RESOLVED that the Board approves the Committee on Special Education (CSE) and Committee on Pre-School Special Education (CPSE) recommendations for the meeting of October 16, 23 and 29, 2007 as presented and
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board authorizes the funds to implement the special education programs and services consistent with said recommendations.

CSE/CPSE

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, a motion was made by Mrs. Blackburn, seconded by Mr. Forte and carried unanimously to adopt the following resolution:
BE IT RESOLVED that the Board accepts the donation of an FM System for amplification, valued at \$4000, by Roger Gore, for student use in the Special Education Department.

Donation

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, a motion was made by Mrs. Blackburn, seconded by Mr. Forte and carried unanimously to adopt the following resolution:
BE IT RESOLVED that the Board hereby accepts the results, as noted, of the EXCEL Aid Vote that was held on October 29, 2007:

EXCEL Vote

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Proposition:

Shall the Board of Education be authorized to perform an asbestos abatement/energy efficiency project at the Millbrook Middle School, including incidental expenses, at a maximum cost of \$504,827, levy a tax to be collected in annual installment therefore, taking into account anticipated State aid (\$116,110) and the EXCEL aid grant (\$388,717), and issue District obligations in anticipation thereof in an amount not to exceed \$504,827?

Total Votes: 397
Yes: 346
No: 51

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, a motion was made by Mrs. Blackburn, seconded by Mr. Forte and carried 5 – 2 with Mr. Rudy and Mr. Campbell voting nay, to adopt the following resolution:

MOA –
CSEA

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board hereby ratifies the Memorandum of Agreement, dated October 25, 2007, between the District and the CSEA for the period of July 1, 2006 through June 30, 2010.

The Board discussed the Board Goals for the 2007-2008 school year. After discussion the Board goals were presented. A motion was made by Mrs. Blackburn, seconded by Mr. Ross and carried unanimously to adopt the Board Goals for the 2007-08 school year as follows:

Board Goals

- Emphasize a culture of learning.
- Continue facilities planning and management
- Develop plans and polices which will enable the district to be fiscally prudent while continuing to invest wisely toward achieving educational excellence
- Update the district Technology Plan

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, a motion was made by Mrs. Blackburn, seconded by Mr. Ross and carried unanimously to adopt the following resolution:

Bid for
Busses

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board hereby awards the bid for the used busses to Jack Horner Automotive. It was noted that they will pay \$126.00 a piece for the two busses that were previously excessed.

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Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, a motion was made by Mrs. Blackburn, seconded by Mr. Forte and carried unanimously to adopt the following resolution:

Murray
Appt.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board hereby appoints Natasha Murray to a twenty-six week probationary position of Custodial Worker, effective October 29, 2007, at a rate of \$22,000 annually. It was noted that Ms. Murray will be assigned to 2nd shift.

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, a motion was made by Mrs. Blackburn, seconded by Mr. Forte and carried unanimously to adopt the following resolution:

Reid
Resignation

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board hereby accepts the resignation of Ronald Reid from his position of Custodial Worker, effective November 9, 2007.

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, a motion was made by Mrs. Blackburn, seconded by Mr. Ross and carried unanimously to adopt the following resolution:

Keene

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board hereby grants Betty Keene the ability to use and additional 10 of her accumulated sick days as family sick days on a non-precedent setting basis.

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, a motion was made by Mrs. Blackburn, seconded by Mr. Forte and carried unanimously to adopt the following resolution:

Co-curricular
Appts.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board appoints the following people to the corresponding co-curricular/extra class positions for the 2007-08 school year, at the stipend indicated*:

Lou Portaro – Volunteer Boy's Basketball Coach
*stipends represent 2006-07 amounts and are subject to change per MTA negotiations.

A motion was made by Mrs. Blackburn, seconded by Mr. Ross and carried unanimously to convene in Executive Session to discuss potential litigation and the employment of a particular person at 9:02 p.m.

Executive

The District Clerk was excused.

Tonya M. Pulver

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District Clerk

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Dr. Jaeger was appointed as District Clerk Pro Tem.

A motion was made by Mrs. Blackburn, seconded by Mr. Wolff, and carried unanimously to reconvene in regular session at 10:10 pm.

A motion was made by Mr. Campbell, seconded by Mr. Ross, and carried unanimously to adjourn the regular meeting at 10:11 pm.

Dr. R. Lloyd Jaeger

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Superintendent of Schools