

Call to Order at 6:03 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance was done by Mr. Sutton.

Emergency Exit Review was done by Mr. Sutton.

Board Members Present Mrs. L. Gormley, Mr. J. Helft, R. Mausert, Mr. D. Sutton and Mr. D. Wilwol.

Also present was Ms. P. Cottrell, District Clerk, Mr. K. Facin, Superintendent of Schools, Mrs. P. Hatfield, School Business Admin, Mrs. K. Philpott, Director of Spec Ed, Mr. P. Dailey, K-6 Principal and Mrs. S. Vadney, 7-12 Principal.

Board Members Absent were Mrs. B. Foster and Mr. D. Skott.

Budget Presentation:

1. Final Draft of the 2010-2011 Budget

- Mrs. Hatfield reviewed the 3 propositions up for vote
 - 1.) 2010-2011 school budget
 - 2.) Bus Purchase
 - 3.) Bus Reserve
 - the current bus reserve the district has will expire in June 2010 for \$125,000 with a 5-year borrowing
 - this proposition will be for another 5-year borrowing up to \$500,000.
 - this would put the district back into the vehicle replacement plan
- This information is available on the school web page
- Mr. Sutton commented about our past voting record and that the public supported us
- Mr. Sutton is concerned about the language on the voting machines that it is a little intimidating and that the board needs to get the information out to the public so they understand.
- Mrs. Hatfield stated that any money left in the current bus reserve at the end of June, will go back into the general fund.
- We have been two years without contracting out for transportation for outside placement students.
- Mr. Facin commented on the capital reserve proposition of \$500,000. We need to be clear to the public that we are not taking this money from the budget, but recreating the fund that we are borrowing.
- Mrs. Hatfield spoke on the three part budget comparison.
 - If the budget fails, the administrative percentage will go down to 10:4% and certain items are removed from the budget such as public use of the building, general furniture items, unless they are safety items.
- Mr. Helft asked if there is a contingent budget, do varsity sports get cut and Mrs. Hatfield answered no they don't any longer, that is considered as a part of a student's education.
- Mr. Sutton wishes that those that vote "no", if they would come and tell us why and then we could address their issues.
- Mr. Facin stated that the school budget is the only budget that taxpayers can vote on and have a say on it
- Mr. Facin commented that with this economy, it is very difficult, especially with no budget from New York State.
- Mr. Facin stated that Hoosick Falls joined a consortium regarding health care and that we are ahead of others in this respect.
- Mrs. Hatfield stated that if the district were to receive more money from state aid, the district would put away that money for next year, as we do not feel the crisis is over.
- Mrs. Hatfield stated that the federal stimulus money is gone after 2011.
- Mr. Helft asked if the decrease in transportation was due to the decrease in the fuel costs and Mrs.

Hatfield answered yes.

- Mr. Helft asked if the reduction in health insurance was due to the consortium the district belongs to and Mrs. Hatfield stated yes it was, but also due to the layoffs that we have to make.
- Mr. Helft asked if the reduction in utilities was due to the new insulated windows, the new roof, the change in fuel and Mrs. Hatfield answered yes it was and that 1/3 of the building is computerized.

New Board Actions:

A. Miscellaneous:

1. A motion was made by Mr. Helft seconded by Mrs. Gormley to approve the Science Symposium field trip to the Massachusetts Maritime Academy in Buzzards Bay, MA from April 23 to 24, 2010.

Vote: 5 ayes 0 nays; motion carried.

2. A motion was made by Mrs. Gormley seconded by Mr. Sutton to approve Proposition #1 as follows for the voting machines for the Annual Budget Vote on May 18, 2010:

YES NO PROPOSITION #1: GENERAL FUND BUDGET

Shall the Hoosick Falls Central School District be authorized to appropriate \$20,721,115 for the 2010-2011 school year, and for the purposes shown in the statement of estimated expenditures adopted by the Board of Education on April 15, 2010 be approved and the amount thereof be raised by a levy of a tax upon the taxable property of the school district, after first deducting the monies available from state aid and other sources as provided by law? This includes funds to pick up children in the approved Child Safety Zone.

- Mr. Helft stated that we need to make it clear to the public that the money is coming.
- Mr. Facin agrees that the public needs to be informed of this.

Vote: 5 a yes 0 nays; motion carried.

3. A motion was made by Mrs. Gormley seconded by Mr. Helft to approve the following resolution: BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Education of Hoosick Falls Central School District, Rensselaer County, New York, as follows

Section 1. The proposition hereinafter set forth is hereby authorized to be submitted for the approval of the qualified voters at the annual school district election to be held in said School District, on the 18th day of May, 2010.

Section 2. The School District Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to include as a part of the notice of the annual district meeting and election notice with reference to the submission of said proposition in substantially the following form:

NOTICE IS HEREBY FURTHER GIVEN that at said annual election to be held on May 18, 2010, the following proposition will be submitted:

YES NO PROPOSITION #2 BUS PROPOSITION

Shall the following resolution be adopted, to-wit:

RESOLVED, that the Hoosick Falls Central School District is hereby authorized to purchase school buses at a maximum estimated cost of \$189,500, and that such amount, or so much thereof as may be necessary shall be raised by the levy of a tax upon the taxable property of said District and collected in annual installments as provided by Section 416 of the Education Law; and, in anticipation of such tax, obligations of said District shall be issued.

Section 3. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

Vote: 5 ayes 0 nays; motion carried.

4. A motion was made by Mr. Helft seconded by Mr. Wilwol to approve the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Education of the Hoosick Falls Central School District, Rensselaer County, New York, as follows:

Section 1. The proposition hereinafter set forth is hereby authorized to be submitted for the approval of the qualified voters at the annual school district election to be held in said School District on the 18th day of May, 2010.

Section 2. The School District Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to include as a part of the notice of the annual district meeting and election notice with reference to the submission of said proposition in substantially the following form:

NOTICE IS HEREBY FURTHER GIVEN that at said annual election to be held on May 18, 2010, the following proposition will be submitted:

CAPITAL RESERVE FUND PROPOSITION

Shall the following resolution be adopted, to-wit:

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Hoosick Falls Central School District, is hereby authorized to establish a capital reserve fund to be designated "Bus Purchase Reserve Fund" in order to purchase buses, and, in order to accomplish the same, said Board is hereby authorized to establish the ultimate amount of such Reserve Fund to be \$500,000 plus accrued interest with a probable term of ten years and, to appropriate annually from available fund balance and/or other legally available funds of the School District to such Reserve Fund.

NOTICE IS HEREBY FURTHER GIVEN that the aforesaid proposition may appear on the ballot labels of the voting machines used at such Annual District Meeting in the following abbreviated form due to space constraints:

CAPITAL RESERVE FUND PROPOSITION

Shall the proposition set forth in the notice of this meeting authorizing the establishment of a capital reserve fund to be designated "Bus Purchase Reserve Fund", with an ultimate amount to be \$500,000 (plus accrued interest), a term of 10 years, and annual appropriation of available fund balance and other legally available funds to such Reserve Fund, be approved?

In such case, the full text of said proposition will be posted at all voting locations and will be available in the office of the School District Clerk where it may be examined during normal office hours.

Section 3. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

Vote: 5 ayes 0 naves; motion carried.

Executive Session: A motion was made by Mr. Helft seconded by Mr. Wilwol to go into Executive Session for reason to discuss personnel issues.

There will be no board actions following this executive session.

Vote: 5 ayes 0 naves; motion carried.

A motion was made by Mr. Helft seconded by Mr. Wilwol to return to Regular Session at 8:39 pm.

Vote: 5 ayes 0 naves; motion carried.

Adjournment:

A motion was made by Mr. Helft seconded by Mr. Sutton to Adjourn the meeting at 8:40 pm.

Vote: 5 ayes 0 naves; motion carried.