



On motion by Ms. Rufo, seconded by Mr. Ferraro, the minutes of the Board of Education meetings of August 11, 2011 and August 18, 2011 were adopted. Motion carried unanimously.

**APPROVE MINUTES**

Ms. Fitzgerald recognized the two student Board representatives, Dana Tatnell and Ryan O'Connor, and welcomed them to the meeting.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS OF GENERAL INTEREST**

Dr. Fuchs introduced Barbara O'Hare and Maureen Bellino as members of the committee for the paperless initiative. Ms. O'Hare gave an update as to the events to date. She noted that PowerSchool gives parents secure access to information about their students including schedule, bus number, locker assignment and combination. Parents access the PowerSchool system through the use of a unique username and password. With regard to some confusion about the bus schedules, Ms. O'Hare reported that the principals had notified the parents in their email letters that the bus schedules would be available on the PowerSchool system as well due to concern for security. She also noted that afternoon bus runs have never had a schedule since the departure times from the Elementary School and Middle School can vary each day. The website has been updated with all of this information including the anticipated dismissal times of each building. Ms. O'Hare explained the new live calendar system which is available on the District's website and reported that she will be attending the first PTA meeting of the school year to explain and answer any questions related to the calendar including the filtering options that are available for viewing. Ms. Rufo asked whether the afternoon telephone message sports update would be eliminated; it was noted that it would not. As part of her presentation, Ms. O'Hare also reported that the Series 0000 and Series 1000 policies were now "clickable" for ease of searching and locating. This procedure will be forthcoming on the rest of the policies as well. It was noted that the members of the communications committee for the 2011-12 school year are: Barbara O'Hare, Maureen Bellino, Michael Lee, Dana Lopez, Tricia Murray, David Spittal and Bruce Ludovicy. Dr. Fuchs commended the members of the committee for their work to date.

**SUPERINTENDENT'S UPDATE**

Dr. Fuchs noted that the discussion on BOE/District goals for 2011-12 was being postponed until September 22 at which time the action plans will be presented for each of the proposed goals. Dr. Fuchs reported that the members of the committee that met over the summer will meet again on September 19 to review the proposed goals/action plans.

Dr. Fuchs noted that the bus garage at the Elementary School was completed except for the grading around the garage, which will be leveled for additional bus parking. In response to a question regarding the old transportation facility, Mr. Lee noted that this structure would be torn down which would allow for more parking. He also noted that the tent structure would be moved as well and utilized for storage of groundskeeping equipment.

Dr. Fuchs spoke about the power outages that began on Sunday, August 28, after the hurricane. Power was restored to the High School and Middle School campus in time for the September 1 Superintendent's Conference Day meetings. Power was not restored at the Elementary School until Saturday, September 3. Many of the Elementary School teachers came into the school on Saturday to get their classrooms ready for the arrival of students on Tuesday, September 6.

Dr. Fuchs reported that the key message at the Superintendent's Conference Day was that all stakeholders (administration, faculty, parents and staff) must work together. She also noted that opening day went smoothly at all buildings. She reported that she visited many classrooms on that first day and that students were all engaged in instructional work in their classrooms.

Dr. Fuchs also noted that at this meeting the Board would be asked to adopt the Annual Professional Performance Review Plan for building teachers and principals. This plan was scheduled to be adopted on August 30; however, the meeting had to be cancelled due to the power outages. After adoption by the Board of Education, the plan would be available to the public on the District's website.

Dr. Fuchs asked for a moment of silence in recognition of the tenth anniversary of the tragic events of September 11, 2001. She also reported that there would be a moment of silence in each of the District's buildings the following day. Ms. Rufo asked if the social studies teachers were utilizing any curriculum regarding 9/11. Dr. Fuchs noted that they were.

There were no reports from the PTA or PTSA.

Ryan O'Connor noted that he and Dana Tatnell looked forward to a great year as the student representatives to the Board.

## **COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS**

Ms. Fitzgerald asked for comments on the agenda items. There were none and the Board moved into the New Business.

On motion by Ms. Rufo, seconded by Mr. Ferraro, it was resolved, on recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that the Board of Education hereby adopts Putnam Valley Central School District's Annual Professional Performance Review Plan for Classroom Teachers and Building Principals, as per Document #27/12, attached to the agenda and official minutes of this meeting on file in the District Office. Motion carried unanimously.

**ADOPT**  
**APPR PLAN**  
**#72/12**

Dr. Fuchs and Ms. Fitzgerald noted that this plan is a comprehensive evaluation system for classroom teachers and principals and that it is another unfunded mandate from the State.

**APPOINT**  
**M. PEREIRA**  
**PROB. APPT.**  
**9/1/11-3/1/12**  
**ES-SCHOOL MONITOR**  
**#73/12**

On motion by Mr. Ferraro, seconded by Mr. Spittal, it was resolved, on recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, to appoint Marlene Pereira to a six-month probationary appointment, effective September 1, 2011 through March 1, 2012, as a school monitor at Putnam Valley Elementary School on Step 1 of the CSEA salary schedule. Motion carried unanimously.

Dr. Fuchs noted that this hire is due to a resignation.

**APPOINT**  
**C. POTOCKI**  
**PROB. APPT.**  
**9/1/11-3/1/12**  
**BUS DRIVER**  
**#74/12**

On motion by Mr. Spittal, seconded by Mr. Cohen, it was resolved, on recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, to appoint Charles Potocki to a six-month probationary appointment, effective September 1, 2011 through March 1, 2012, as a bus driver at Putnam Valley Central School District on Step 1 of the CSEA salary schedule. Motion carried unanimously.

Dr. Fuchs noted that this hire is due to a retirement.

**APPOINT**  
**J. SHERMAN**  
**2-YR. PROB. APPT.**  
**9/1/11-9/1/13**  
**MS SPEC. EDUC.**  
**TEACHER**  
**#75/12**

On motion by Mr. Cohen, seconded by Ms. Rufo, it was resolved, on recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, to appoint Jean Sherman to a two- year probationary appointment in the tenure area of special education at Putnam Valley Middle School, effective September 1, 2011 through September 1, 2013, on Step-1 MA of the PVFT salary schedule. Motion carried unanimously.

Dr. Fuchs noted this hire is due to a resignation and that Ms. Sherman had previously been a tenured teacher in the District (ten years) and had left for childcare reasons.

On motion by Ms. Rufo, seconded by Mr. Ferraro, it was resolved, on recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, to appoint Lawrence Levine to a six-month probationary appointment, effective September 1, 2011 through March 1, 2012, as a bus driver at Putnam Valley Central School District on Step 1 of the CSEA salary schedule. Motion carried unanimously.

**APPOINT**  
**L. LEVINE**  
**PROB. APPT.**  
**9/1/11-3/1/12**  
**BUS DRIVER**  
**#76/12**

Dr. Fuchs noted that this hire was due to a retirement.

On motion by Mr. Ferraro, seconded by Mr. Spittal, it was resolved, on recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, to approve personnel actions as per Document #28/12 attached to the agenda and official minutes of this meeting on file in the District Office. Motion carried unanimously.

**APPROVE**  
**PERS. ACTIONS**  
**#77/12**

Mr. Cohen noted that the personnel actions included the approval of school/bus monitors as substitute aides, clericals and bus monitors, coaching appointments/resignations, a lifeguard at swim team practices, additions to the substitute/tutor lists as well as aides/computer specialists substituting as teachers.

On motion by Mr. Spittal, seconded by Mr. Cohen, it was resolved, on recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, to enter into a contract for educational services by and between the Garrison Union Free School District and the Putnam Valley Central School District effective July 1, 2011 and to provide special education services or programs for a Garrison student as per Document #29/12 attached to the agenda and official minutes of this meeting on file in the District Office. Motion carried unanimously.

**APPROVE**  
**EDUC. CONTRACT**  
**GARRISON STUDENT**  
**#78/12**

Ms. Fitzgerald asked for comments on any subject from the Board and the public.

Mr. Cohen noted that the NYSSBA Convention was being held in October in Buffalo. He noted that the Board needed to decide who would be the voting delegate and attend the convention. It was noted that the voting portion of the convention would be on Saturday, October 29. The Board members noted that they would notify the District Clerk as to their availability.

Mr. Ferraro asked if the presentation on assessments at an upcoming Board meeting would include SAT and AP results. Dr. Fuchs noted all testing results would be included in the principals' presentations.

The Board had a discussion about the weekly packet that is received from the Superintendent's office. It was decided by the Board that a weekly narrative is not necessary but they want to receive a weekly recap of the information that they receive during the course of the week from Dr. Fuchs. Mrs. Bellino noted that she would provide a summary of Dr. Fuchs' communications each Friday. This summary will be emailed to the Board members.

There were no further comments.

**ADJOURN MEETING**  
**#79/12**

On motion by Ms. Fitzgerald, seconded by Ms. Rufo, there being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:45pm. Motion carried unanimously.

**Submitted by:**

**Maureen Bellino**  
**District Clerk**