

Business Meeting Minutes – April 29, 2008

BOARD OF EDUCATION: Tina Mackay, President PRESENT
Guy Cohen, Vice President
Trustees Frank Reale and Marie Zarcone

Trustee Mary Maus was not present (notified)

ADMINISTRATORS: Dr. Marc Space, Superintendent of Schools
Dr. Barbara Fuchs, Assistant Superintendent for
Curriculum and Instruction
Paul Lee, Assistant Superintendent for Business
and Finance
Richard Herlihy, Interim High School Principal
Edward Hallisey, Middle School Principal
Jamie Edelman, Elementary School Principal
L. James Stowell, Director of Special Education
and Student Services
Nick Bellantoni, Director of Operations

OTHERS: Hannah Schmidt, Student Representative to the Board of
Education, Reporter from the Putnam County News and
Recorder, staff from the Putnam Valley School District
and community members

Ms. Mackay convened the Business Meeting at 7:08 p.m. and asked the CONVENE
community to join her in the Pledge of Allegiance. MEETING

Mr. Cohen noted that all districts were required to meet on this night to vote on the Putnam/Northern Westchester BOCES budget and to vote on two vacancies on their board. The Board decided to combine this meeting with the important function of granting tenure to teachers.

ANNOUNCEMENTS OF GENERAL INTEREST

PRIDE IN PUTNAM VALLEY

Dr. Marc Space, in the Pride in Putnam Valley recognized Cody Sharp for his achievements as a member of the High School Wrestling Team.

Ms. Mackay asked for public contribution on agenda items. The three principals spoke of the qualities of their candidates for tenure.

Ms. Jamie Edelman, Elementary School Principal, spoke of the significant difference that Sharon Bailey, Christine Malone and Lauren Nicolosi have made to the lives of their students and the Putnam Valley educational community.

Mr. Edward Hallisey, Middle School Principal, spoke of the achievements and dedication of special education teacher Kerri John.

Mr. Richard Herlihy, Interim High School Principal, spoke of how Brian Burrows, Melissa Rossano and Jerry Zupan are not only strong additions to the faculty but have already demonstrated they are leaders of the educational community and are active in all phases.

Ms. Mackay noted that motion #14 would be read after motion #7 and the Board would take a short recess at that time to celebrate the tenure achievements.

There were no other comments on the agenda.

GRANT
TENURE
S. BAILEY
EFF. 9/1/08
08/241

On motion of Mr. Reale, seconded by Ms. Zarcone, it was resolved, on recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that Sharon Bailey be granted tenure in the Elementary Education tenure area, effective September 1, 2008. Motion carried unanimously.

GRANT
TENURE
B. BURROW
EFF. 9/1/08
08/242

On motion of Ms. Zarcone, seconded by Mr. Cohen, it was resolved, on recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that Brian Burrow be granted tenure in the Physical Education tenure area, effective September 1, 2008. Motion carried unanimously.

GRANT
TENURE
K. JOHN
EFF. 9/1/08
08/243

On motion of Mr. Cohen, seconded by Mr. Reale, it was resolved, on recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that Kerri John be granted tenure in the Special Education tenure area, effective September 1, 2008. Motion carried unanimously.

GRANT
TENURE
C. MALONE
EFF. 9/1/08
08/244

On motion of Mr. Reale, seconded by Ms. Zarcone, it was resolved, on recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that Christine Malone be granted tenure in the Elementary Education tenure area, effective September 1, 2008. Motion carried unanimously.

On motion of Ms. Zarcone, seconded by Mr. Cohen, it was resolved, on recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that Lauren Nicolosi be granted tenure in the Elementary Education tenure area, effective September 1, 2008. Motion carried unanimously.

GRANT
TENURE
L. NICOLOSI
EFF. 9/1/08
08/245

On motion of Mr. Cohen, seconded by Mr. Reale, it was resolved, on recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that Melissa Rossano be granted tenure in the Mathematics 7-12 tenure area, effective September 1, 2008. Motion carried unanimously.

GRANT
TENURE
M. ROSSANO
EFF. 9/1/08
08/246

On motion of Mr. Reale, seconded by Ms. Zarcone, it was resolved, on recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that Jerry Zupan be granted tenure in the Science 7-12 tenure area, effective September 1, 2008. Motion carried unanimously.

GRANT
TENURE
J. ZUPAN
EFF. 9/1/08
08/247

On motion of Ms. Zarcone, seconded by Mr. Cohen, it was resolved, on recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, to appoint Jonathan M. Bryant to a 3-year probationary appointment as a High School Principal, effective July 1, 2008 through June 30, 2011 and authorize the Superintendent of Schools to enter into a Letter of Agreement. Motion carried unanimously.

APPOINT
J. M. BRYANT
3-YR. PROB. APPT.
HS PRINCIPAL
EFF. 7/1/08-6/30/11
08/248

Dr. Space welcomed the new High School principal, Mr. Jonathan Bryant and his wife to the district. He noted there were many applicants and the Search Committee strongly supported Mr. Bryant’s appointment to the principalship of the High School.

At 7:34 p.m. Ms. Mackay called for a short recess to welcome the tenured teachers and Mr. Bryant. The Board returned at 7:50 p.m.

On motion of Mr. Cohen, seconded by Mr. Reale, it was resolved, to cast one vote each for two of the candidates for the Board of Cooperative Education Services of Putnam/Northern Westchester Counties whose names are marked with an “x” on the ballot from herein above attached (Document #93/08).

CAST
VOTE
FOR BOCES
BOARD MEMBERS
008/249

- 1. Mr. Richard Kreps _____
- 2. Mrs. Anita Feldman _____

Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVE
2008-09

On motion of Mr. Reale, seconded by Ms. Zarccone, it was resolved that

BOCES
ADMINISTRATIVE
BUDGET
08/250

Whereas, the Board of Cooperative Educational Services of Putnam/Northern Westchester County (hereinafter “BOCES”) has proposed and presented its tentative administrative budget for the 2008-09 school year (July 1, 2008 through June 30, 2009), now therefore be it

Resolved, that the BOCES tentative administrative budget for the 2008-09 school year in the amount of \$7,639,607.00 be, and hereby is, approved by this Board.

Motion carried unanimously.

ENTER
INTO A CONTRACT
SOUTHERN WEST.
BOCES FOR
COMPUTER SERV.
08/251

On motion of Ms. Zarccone, seconded by Mr. Cohen, it was resolved, on recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, to enter into a contract with the Southern Westchester BOCES to furnish certain computer services to the District, as per Document #94/08, attached to the official minutes of this meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Lee explained this was for the contract with Southern Westchester BOCES to purchase the next set of laptops and computer software. By sharing services with BOCES, we should receive approximately 64% in aid.

ALLOW
BOARD PRESIDENT
TO ENTER INTO A
MEMO OF AGREE.
WITH DIR. OF
SP.ED FOR
SECTION 403(B)
EMPLOYEE
NON ELECTIVE
CONTRIBUTION
08/252

On motion of Mr. Cohen, seconded by Mr. Reale, it was resolved, by the Board of Education to allow the President of the Board of Education to enter into a Memorandum of Agreement with the Director of Special Education and Student Services, for Section 403(b) Employee Non-Elective Contributions, as per Document #95/08, attached to the official minutes of this meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Prior to motion #12, it was noted that the application for modified softball coach had been withdrawn due to medical reasons and the Board would be voting only on a modified baseball coach. Mr. Reale read the motion with the amended attachment.

APPROVE
ADDL.2007-08
SPRING COACH/
STIPEND
08/253

On motion of Mr. Reale, seconded by Ms. Zarccone, it was resolved, on recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, to approve an additional 2007-08 spring coach/stipend, as per Document #96/08a, attached to the official minutes of this meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

On motion of Ms. Zarcone, seconded by Mr. Cohen, it was resolved, on recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, to take personnel actions, as per Document #97/08, attached to the official minutes of this meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

PERSONNEL
ACTIONS
08/254

On motion of Mr. Cohen, seconded by Mr. Reale, it was resolved, on recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, to appoint Dr. Barbara Fuchs Hearing Officer for the purpose of Section 75 proceedings under the Civil Service Law. Motion carried unanimously.

APPOINT
B. FUCHS
HEARING OFFICER
FOR SECTION 75
PROCEEDINGS
08/255

On motion of Mr. Reale, seconded by Ms. Zarcone, it was resolved, on recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, to appoint Bennett Kielson Storch DeSantis, the government services division of O'Connor, Davies, Munns, & Dobbins, LLPP of White Plains, New York, external auditors for the 2007-08 school year at a fee of \$29,900.00. Motion carried unanimously.

APPOINT
BENNETT KIELSON
STORCH DESANTIS
EXTERNAL AUDITORS
2007-08 SCHOOL YEAR
08/256

ANNOUNCEMENTS OF GENERAL INTEREST

Ms. Mackay asked Dr. Space and Dr. Fuchs to include a discussion of the Board's 2007-08 instructional goals at a future Board meeting.

At 8:12 p.m., on motion of Ms. Zarcone, seconded by Mr. Reale, there being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned. Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURN
MEETING
08/257

Submitted by
Guy Cohen
Vice President
Board of Education

Typed by
Linda Pregiato
District Clerk