

Business Meeting Minutes – April 16, 2009

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

Trustee Mary Maus was not present (notified)

ADMINISTRATORS: Dr. Marc Space, Superintendent of Schools
Dr. Barbara Fuchs, Assistant Superintendent for
Curriculum and Personnel
Paul Lee, Assistant Superintendent for Finance and
Technology
Edward Hallisey, Middle School Principal
Natalie Doherty Director of Special Education and
Student Services

OTHERS: Student Representative to the Board of
Education Elizabeth Regan, Reporter from
North County News, Destination Imagination Team
(Shrink-A-Doodles), staff, and community members

Ms. Mackay convened the Work /Business Meeting at 7:05 p.m. and asked everyone to join her in the Pledge of Allegiance. CONVENE MEETING

On motion of Ms. Mackay, seconded by Mr. Reale, it was resolved, to approve the minutes of the Work Session/Business Meeting of March 5, 2009, the Business Meeting of March 19, 2009, and the Work Session/Business Meeting of March 26, 2009. Motion carried unanimously. APPROVE MINUTES
09/315

Ms. Mackay announced the Treasurer’s Report for February 2009 was posted in the Business Office and available for anyone wishing a copy.

ANNOUNCEMENTS OF GENERAL INTEREST

Dr. Space introduced Ms. Pat VanDevelde and the PVHS/MS Destination Imagination Team, which took second place in the local competition and will be representing Lower Hudson Valley in the New York State competition on April 25 in Endicott, New York. Team Members include Emily Weise, Katie VanDevelde, Colby Meagle, Sarah Sperling, McKenna Feeney, and Madison Hamilton.

Dr. Fuchs introduced Ms. Debra Sperling and her first grade students who demonstrated how technology was integrated into the Elementary School curriculum and how an inquiry-based teaching approach ensures comprehension and knowledge. The lesson was a phonetics approach to reading.

Student Representative to the Board Elizabeth Reagan summarized activities in the schools; the High School drama club presenting “Urinetown” on Friday, April 24 and Saturday, April 25 at 8:00 p.m. and Sunday, April 26 at 2:00 p.m.; Middle School Junior National Honor Society Induction on April 29 at the High School PAC; Elementary School Fun Fair on April 24; Relay For Life cancer function at Mahopac High School on Saturday, April 25 from 7:00 a.m. to 12 midnight with The Make A Difference Club sponsoring a team; and Special Olympics trials held at the High School on Saturday, April 25 with High School students assisting the athletes.

Ms. Mackay asked for public comment on agenda items. There were no comments.

APPROVE On motion of Mr. Reale, seconded by Ms. Fitzgerald, it was resolved, on
2008-09 recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, to approve the following
HEALTH & WELFARE SERVICES CONTRACTS 2008-09 contracts for Health and Welfare Services provided to resident students
WITH of Putnam Valley attending non-public schools within the following school
GREENBURGH CSD #7 districts, and authorize the President of the Board of Education to sign the
TARRYTOWN SD contracts, as per the documents attached to the official minutes of this meeting:

<u>WHITE PLAINS CITY SD</u>	<u>SCHOOL</u>	<u># OF</u>	<u>COST PER</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>	
<u>09/316</u>	<u>DOCUMENT #</u>	<u>DISTRICT</u>	<u>STUDENTS</u>	<u>STUDENT</u>	
			<u>COST</u>	<u>COST</u>	
	#79/09	Greenburgh	1	\$717.67	\$ 717.67
	#80/09	Tarrytown	2	\$721.00	\$1,442.00
	#86/09	White Plains	1	\$777.04	\$ 777.04

Motion carried unanimously.

ADOPT On motion of Ms. Fitzgerald, seconded by Mr. Cohen, it was resolved, by the
POLICY #2160 - Board of Education to adopt the following policy as per Document #81/09,
CODE OF ETHICS attached to the official minutes of this meeting:
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Policy #2160 Code of Ethics

Motion carried unanimously.

Prior to Motion #3, Mr. Lee presented a summary of the current budget, which is attached. The Board discussed the budget options with respect to additional cuts, rejecting previous cuts, and the allocation of fund balance. The Board agreed to not reduce the staff by one teaching position. They increased the proposed budget by \$50,000.00 and instructed the administrative team to find the other \$50,000.00. Also applied was \$350,000.00 of fund balance towards the revenue. Thus the final budget to budget increase from 2008-09 was 1.95%, with an increase in tax levy of 2.73%.

The budget was set at \$43,528,963.00. The community asked for clarity on the reinstated position--was it a Middle School science teacher or High School science teacher. Dr. Space noted that at this time his administrative team is still evaluating the teaching needs and assignments. The Middle School science classes will not be cut but how it will be staffed had not been established at this time. This position will give them the flexibility to maximize the children's education. He also noted that his team tried to minimize the impact of budget on the student's education. Ms. Mackay noted that this was a strong budget. The estimated contingency budget, if necessary, is higher than the adopted budget.

On motion of Mr. Cohen, seconded by Mr. Reale, it was resolved, by the Putnam Valley Board of Education, to adopt a tentative budget for the 2009-10 school year in the amount of \$43,528,963.00. Motion carried unanimously.

ADOPT
TENTATIVE
2009-10 BUDGET
09/318

On motion of Mr. Reale, seconded by Ms. Fitzgerald, it was resolved, on recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, to set the following dates for action regarding the 2008-09 District Budget Vote and Board Election:

SET DATES
FOR ACTION
2008-09 DISTRICT
BUDGET VOTE &
BOARD ELECTION
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- May 4 Voter Registration, High School, 4-8 p.m.
- May 5 Voter Registration, Elementary School, 4-8 p.m.
- May 12 Voter Registration, High School, 4-8 p.m.
- May 16 Voter Registration, District Office, 9 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
- May 19 Budget Vote and Board Election, High School, 6:00 a.m.-9:00 p.m.

Motion carried unanimously.

On motion of Ms. Fitzgerald, seconded by Mr. Cohen, it was resolved, on recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, to adopt the 2009-10 Board of Education Meeting dates, as per Document #82/09, attached to the official minutes of this meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

ADOPT
2009-10
BOARD OF EDUCATION
MEETING DATES
09/320

On motion of Mr. Cohen, seconded by Mr. Reale, it was resolved, on recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, to arrange for CSE/CPSE placements, as per Document #83/09, attached to the official minutes of this meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

ARRANGE FOR
CSE/CPSE
PLACEMENTS
09/321

On motion of Mr. Reale, seconded by Ms. Fitzgerald, it was resolved, on recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, to approve 2009 summer camps, personnel and stipends as per Document #84/09, attached to the official minutes of this meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVE
2009 SUMMER CAMPS/
PERSONNEL/STIPENDS
09/322

Ms. Mackay asked for clarity on summer camps with respect to salaries and staffing. It was noted that the camps are self-sustaining and staff will be appropriate for enrollment and salaries will be no greater than those approved. The program will only run if there is sufficient enrollment.

APPOINT On motion of Ms. Fitzgerald, seconded by Mr. Cohen, it was resolved, on
K. MCCARTY recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, to appoint
3-MON. LEAVE Kristan McCarty to a 3-month leave replacement position as a Grade 5 teacher
REPLACEMENT at the Putnam Valley Middle School, on Step 2 BA of the P.V.F.T. salary
AT PVMS schedule, effective April 13, 2009 through June 30, 2009 (or sooner at discretion
EFF. 4/13/09-6/30/09 of the Board of Education). Ms. McCarty holds Initial Certification in
09/323 Childhood 1-6. Motion carried unanimously.

Prior to Motion #9 the Board discussed who would be co-chairpersons of the Budget Vote. Mr. Reale and Mr. Cohen agreed to do this.

PERSONNEL On motion of Mr. Cohen, seconded by Mr. Reale, it was resolved, on
ACTIONS recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, to take personnel actions,
09/324 as per Document #85/09, attached to the agenda and the official minutes of this meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

ENTER On motion of Mr. Reale, seconded by Ms. Fitzgerald, it was resolved, on
INTO A recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, to enter into a contract
CONTRACT WITH for cooperative educational services with the Southern Westchester BOCES
SW BOCES FOR for an installment purchase agreement, as per Document #87/09, attached
COOPERATIVE to the official minutes of this meeting. Motion carried unanimously.
EDUCATIONAL
SERVICES
09/325

PUBLIC CONTRIBUTION

Ms. Mackay noted that she received notification from NYSSBA that motions for the October meetings are due in June. The Board discussed resubmitting their motion with respect to using the Metro CPI in all legislation that sets spending limits on CPI. This will be included in the May agenda.

Mr. Reale noted Thursday, April 23, at 3:00 p.m. the PVHS Drama Club would present a free showing of "Urintown" for senior citizens, followed by dinner hosted by the Make A Difference Club.

It was noted that Peers Influence Peers President Frank Reale was recognized by the Putnam County Legislature for his contributions to children. Mr. Reale noted the Student Representative to the Board Elizabeth Reagan was a member of Peers Influence Peers.

The PTA noted there was a problem with the parking/dropping off of students at the Elementary School and parents must obey the signs; the Middle School DEAR Reading Program is ongoing; and Elementary School student Claire Cassidy, a fourth grader, won the Spelling Bee, with winning words being “majority” and “echoed.”

Ms. Mackay noted there was no need for the planned Executive Session.

At 8:47 p.m., on motion of Ms. Mackay, seconded by Mr. Reale, there being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned. Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURN

MEETING

09/326

Submitted by
Guy Cohen
Vice President
Board of Education

Submitted by
Linda Pregiato
District Clerk