

Business Meeting Minutes – May 29, 2008

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

ADMINISTRATORS: Dr. Marc Space, Superintendent of Schools
Dr. Barbara Fuchs, Assistant Superintendent for
Curriculum and Instruction
Paul Lee, Assistant Superintendent for Business
and Finance
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,
students from the Destination Imagination Teams and GSA Club
and community members

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

On motion of Ms. Maus, seconded by Mr. Reale, it was resolved, to approve the APPROVE
minutes of the Work Session/Business Meeting of April 3, 2008, the Work Session/
Business Meeting of April 9, 2008, the Business Meeting of April 17, 2008, and MINUTES
the Business Meeting of April 29, 2008. Motion carried unanimously. 08/262

Ms Mackay announced that the Treasurers Report for March 2008 was posted and available
for anyone wishing a copy.

ANNOUNCEMENTS OF GENERAL INTEREST

PRIDE IN PUTNAM VALLEY

Dr. Marc Space introduced Ms. Barbara Parmly who introduced and honored the managers
and students of Putnam Valley Elementary School and Putnam Valley Middle School
Destination Imagination Teams participating in the March 1, 2008 Olympiad. Ms. Mackay
and Dr. Fuchs recognized Ms. Parmly for her leadership and dedication.

Mr. Jason Kane, Advisor to the Gay Straight Alliance Club and members Ellysa Brown and Giovanna Spica summarized the goals and objectives of the club. They thanked Ms. Zarcone for the meeting and opportunity to discuss the GSA goal of bringing tolerance to the District and the community. The GSA Voices is an organization of students who are creating a safe alliance and environment, teaching that each of us must be “true to oneself.” The issues of intolerance affect us all. The GSA stands for respect for everyone and at least in our schools, they have tried to create a “judgment free zone” where we are all judged on our accomplishments and not on our physical or mental characteristics. Members hope that their efforts will move the community. They fight all forms of hate. The Day of Silence was an effort to show the school community and the Putnam Valley community the world that many of their members live in. Dr. Fuchs recognized the efforts, leadership and dedication of Mr. Kane. Ms. Maus commented that once a gain the “children” are leading the way and hopefully the community would follow. Ms. Mackay applauded their efforts and reiterated that the Board of Education fully supports them. The PTSA noted that the GSA Club has expanded the work “others” in the statement-“treat others as you want to be treated” and the PTSA applauds their work.

The CPSE Presentation by Ms. Natalie Doherty was tabled until the June 19 meeting.

Ms. Hannah Schmidt, Student Representative to the Board of Education, reported on music concerts by the Elementary School and Middle School bands and choruses and High School Chorus; the High School band would present on June 4; the High School has been conducting an orientation program at the Middle School which includes a list of clubs and activities; Elementary School Fun Fair to be held May 30; Math night is June 6; Senior Award Night at the High School is June 11; Poetry Jam on June 12; Barbeque on June 13 to raise money for the Wounded Warrior Project at the High School; Junior and Senior Proms were extremely successful.

Dr. Space announced there would be a position change at the Elementary School. The District will be discontinuing the role of Assistant Principal and replacing it with a teacher line position of Assistant to the Principal.

The PTA/PTSA reported on a fundraiser at Barnes & Noble on June 3-6; on June 6 West Side Story cast members will perform; Mr. Herlihy was thanked for his leadership at the High School this past year; the Elementary School end of year picnic on June 13 had been moved to the Town Park.

Ms. Mackay asked for public contribution on agenda items. A community member praised the GSA. There were no other comments.

ACCEPT On motion of Mr. Reale, seconded by Ms. Zarcone, it was resolved, by the
FINAL VOTE Board of Education, to accept the final vote tally for the Budget Vote and
TALLY Board Election held on May 20, 2008:

BUDGET VOTE

BOARD ELECTION Budget Yes 777
5/20/08 No 603
08/263

Proposition #2 Yes 866
No 426

Board of Education

Marie T. Zarcone 609
 Valerie Fitzgerald 747

Motion carried unanimously.

On motion of Ms. Zarcone, seconded by Ms. Maus, it was resolved, on recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, to accept a generous donation of a mirror and decorative glass materials from Brewster Glass Shop, Inc., valued at approximately \$275.00 to be used in the Putnam Valley High School. Motion carried unanimously.

ACCEPT
DONATION
BREWSTER GLASS
SHOP, INC.
TO BE USED
AT PVHS
 08/264

Ms. Hannah Schmidt asked what decorative glass was and Mr. Cohen explained it was glass pieces to use in stain glass artwork.

On motion of Ms. Maus, seconded by Mr. Cohen, it was resolved, on recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, to approve the following 2007-08 contract for Health and Welfare Services provided to resident students of Putnam Valley attending non-public schools within the following school district, as per the documents attached to the official minutes of this meeting and authorize the President of the Board of Education to sign the contract:

APPROVE
2007-08
HEALTH &
WELFARE SERVICE
CONTRACT
BEDFORD CSD
 08/265

<u>DOCUMENT #</u>	<u>SCHOOL DISTRICT</u>	<u># OF STUDENTS</u>	<u>COST PER STUDENT</u>	<u>TOTAL COST</u>
#98/08	Bedford	2	\$885.04	\$1,770.08

Motion carried unanimously.

On motion of Mr. Cohen, seconded by Mr. Reale, it was resolved, on recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, to approve the 2008-09 school lunch budget, as per Document #99/08, attached to the official minutes of this meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVE
2008-09
SCHOOL LUNCH
BUDGET
 08/266

Mr. Lee noted that the price for student lunches would not change for the 2008-09 school year.

On motion of Mr. Reale, seconded by Ms. Zarcone, it was resolved, on recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools to approve CSE/CPSE Placements, as per Document #100/08, attached to the official minutes of this meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVE
CSE/CPSE
PLACEMENTS
 08/267

Motion #6 was tabled and it was requested that Mr. Brian Hogaboom be at the Jun 5 Board meeting to clarify the document.

ENTER INTO MERGER LAKELAND CSD FOR 2008-09 PARTICIPATON IN BOYS’ SWIMMING 08/268 On motion of Ms. Zarccone, seconded by Ms. Maus, it was resolved, on recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, to enter into a merger with the Lakeland Central School District for the purpose of allowing our students to participate in boys’ swimming in the Section 1 Interscholastic Athletic Program for the 2008-09 school year, as per Document #101/08, attached to the official minutes of this meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

ENTER INTO MERGER JFK HIGH SCHOOL FOR 2008-09 PARTICIPATION IN ICE HOCKEY 08/269 On motion of Ms. Maus, seconded by Mr. Cohen, it was resolved, on recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, to enter into a merger with the John F. Kennedy High School for the purpose of allowing our students to participate in ice hockey in the Section 1 Interscholastic Athletic Program for the 2008-09 school year as per Document #102/08, attached to the official minutes of this meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVE 2008 SUMMER CAMPS/PERSONNEL/ STIPENDS 08/270 On motion of Mr. Cohen, seconded by Mr. Reale, it was resolved, on recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, to approve 2008 summer camps, personnel and stipends as per Document #103/08, attached to the official minutes of this meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

PERSONNEL ACTIONS 08/271 On motion of Mr. Reale, seconded by Ms. Zarccone, it was resolved, on recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, to take personnel actions, as per Document #104/08, attached to the agenda and official minutes of this meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

RECOGNITION J. WALKER WESTCHESTER- PUTNAM SCHOOL BOARDS ASSOCIATION 08/272 On motion of Ms. Zarccone, seconded by Ms. Maus, it was resolved, by the Putnam Valley Central School Board of Education that Because of her sixteen years of dedication and service to the students of Putnam Valley, the Board of Education formally recognizes the work of Janet Walker, the Executive Director of the Westchester Putnam School Boards Association. Ms. Walker has always put the education of our students and all students first and foremost. The Putnam Valley Board of Education thanks her and wishes her continued success.

Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Cohen personally thanked Janet Walker, retiring Executive Director of Westchester-Putnam School Boards Association, for her years of dedication to the students and her assistance which she provided the Board of Education. He requested that a copy of the motion be forwarded to Ms. Walker.

ANNOUNCEMENTS OF GENERAL INTEREST

Ms. Maus requested that the Board of Education Reorganization Meeting be moved from July 10 to July 15. The Board agreed.

Ms. Zarcone noted that the State Committee on Property Taxes will be holding a meeting in the Putnam Valley High School PAC on June 9. Tom Suozzi and Assemblywoman Sandy Galef will be in attendance.

Hannah Schmidt reminded the community that the Cancer Relay For Life would occur at Mahopac HS/MS on June 7-8. All are welcome to participate. Mr. Cohen noted the community could purchase candles in remembrance and honor of those who had cancer from the Make A Difference Club.

Mr. Cohen noted he had the honor to attend both the Junior and Senior Proms and that the students were gorgeous and handsome and the staff and faculty also cleaned up surprisingly well.

A member of the community asked about the recent articles about the Putnam Valley Middle School teacher. Dr. Space noted that the District had addressed the issues and Mr. Cohen noted that this was a litigation matter and could not be discussed.

Ms. Barbara Parmly and the PTA asked about the Assistant to the Principal position at the Elementary School.

Ms. Mackay announced the Board would move into Executive Session to discuss a personnel matter, a litigation issue, a collective bargaining issue and a student issue.

At 8:16 p.m., on motion of Mr. Reale, seconded by Ms. Zarcone, the Board moved into Executive Session to discuss a personnel matter, a litigation issue, a collective bargaining issue and a student issue.

EXECUTIVE
SESSION
08/273

Dr. Marc Space and Dr. Barbara Fuchs joined the Board.

At 8:49 p.m. Dr. Fuchs left the meeting.

At 9:14 p.m. Ms. Zarcone left the meeting due to a conflict of interest.

ADJOURN
MEETING
08/274

At 9:27 p.m. on motion of Ms. Mackay, seconded by Mr. Reale, the Board returned from Executive Session and at 9:28 p.m., there being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned. Motion carried unanimously.

Submitted by
Guy Cohen
Vice President
Board of Education

Typed by
Linda Pregiato
District Clerk