

Business Meeting Minutes – September 4, 2008

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

ADMINISTRATORS: Dr. Marc Space, Superintendent of Schools  
Paul Lee, Assistant Superintendent for  
Business and Finance

OTHERS: Student Representatives to the Board of Education  
Beth Regan and Kevin VanDevelde, 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. CONVENE  
MEETING

**ANNOUNCEMENTS OF GENERAL INTEREST**

Dr. Marc Space, Superintendent of Schools, presented a summary of the Exit Survey given to the Class of 2008. These graduates will receive the survey again in two years. An attempt will be made to contact prior graduates in order to establish a baseline. Suggestions were made to change some of the questions (i.e. 90-minute period), and a follow-up questionnaire be reviewed to ensure that appropriate questions are being asked. The Board was asked to suggest areas which should be questioned or additional wording.

The Board reviewed the proposed goals and changed some of the wording (attached). The revised goals would be voted on later in the evening.

Student Representatives noted that school had opened.

Ms. Mary Maus gave an update on the Policy Committee (Marc Space, Mary Maus, Natalie Doherty, Brian Kuczma/Ryan Odell). Working with NYSSBA, they have begun the policy manual review. In the updated manual there will be policies and administrative documents. The source/reference regulations will be included. A discussion about how to supply the community with the policies prior to the readings; either through the web or have three policy meetings, a discussion, vote 1 and 2.

Ms. Mackay asked for comments on agenda items. There were none and the Board moved into new business.

APPROVE  
2007-08  
HEALTH & WELFARE  
SERVICES CONT.  
NEW ROCHELLE  
 09/70

On motion of Ms. Fitzgerald, seconded by Ms. Maus, 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:

<u>DOCUMENT #</u>	<u>SCHOOL DISTRICT</u>	<u># OF STUDENTS</u>	<u>COST PER STUDENT</u>	<u>TOTAL COST</u>
#10/09	New Rochelle	2	\$887.15	\$1,774.30

Motion carried unanimously.

ADOPT  
2008-09  
DISTRICT GOALS  
 09/71

On motion of Ms. Maus, seconded by Mr. Cohen, it was resolved, by the Board of Education, to adopt the 2008-09 District Goals, as per amended Document #13/09, attached to the official minutes of this meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVE  
FOOD SERVICES  
EXT. CONTRACT  
ARAMARK, INC.  
 09/72

On motion of Mr. Cohen, seconded by Mr. Reale, it was resolved, on recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, to approve the food services contract extension for the 2008-09 school year between Aramark, Inc. and the Putnam Valley Central School District, as per Document #24/09, attached to the official minutes of this meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

APPOINT  
JOAN B. ALEXANDER  
IMPARTIAL  
HEARING OFFICER  
 09/73

On motion of Mr. Reale, seconded by Ms. Maus, it was resolved, by the Board of Education, to appoint Joan B. Alexander to serve as the Impartial Hearing Officer in the matter of the request for due process concerning Student No. 100002639 received by the District on August 25, 2008. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVE  
ADDITIONAL  
2008-09 FALL  
COACH/STIPEND  
 09/74

On motion of Ms. Fitzgerald, seconded by Ms. Maus, it was resolved, on recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, to approve additional 2008-09 fall coach/stipend, as per Document #25/09, attached to the official minutes of this meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Mackay asked about the number of students participating (20 modified, 30 JV and Varsity) and the number of coaches (3 JV and Varsity). Ms. Fitzgerald asked if the Guidelines had begun to be worked on and it was stated the Athletic Coordinator and coaches are evaluating this.

On motion of Ms. Maus, seconded by Mr. Cohen, it was resolved, on recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, to appoint Patricia Birkmeier to a three-year probationary appointment in the tenure area of Assistant to the Principal at the Putnam Valley Elementary School, effective September 8, 2008 through June 30, 2011 and authorize the Superintendent of Schools to enter into a Letter of Agreement. Ms. Birkmeier holds School Building Leader Initial Certification and Pre-K, Kindergarten and Grades 1-6 Permanent Certification. This appointment is pending clearance by the New York State Commissioner of Education. Motion carried unanimously.

APPOINT  
P. BIRKMEIER  
3-YR. PROB. APPT.  
ASST. TO THE  
PRINCIPAL-ES  
EFF. 9/8/08-  
6/30/11  
09/75

The Board and community welcomed Ms. Birkmeier to the community and Elementary School.

On motion of Mr. Cohen, seconded by Mr. Reale. it was resolved, on recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, to appoint Stephanie Cavalli to a three-year probationary appointment in the tenure area of Technology at the Putnam Valley Middle School, on Step 2 MA of the P.V.F.T. salary schedule, effective September 1, 2008 through June 30, 2011. Ms. Cavalli holds Pre-K, K, 1-6 and Technology Specialist Certifications. Motion carried unanimously.

APPOINT  
S. CAVALLI  
3-YR. PROB. APPT.  
EFF. 9/1/08-6/30/11  
PVMS  
09/76

The Board and community welcomed Ms. Cavalli to the community and Middle School.

On motion of Mr. Reale, seconded by Ms. Fitzgerald, it was resolved, on recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, to appoint Katrina Krasnansky to a three-month leave replacement position as a Psychologist at the Putnam Valley Elementary School, on Step 1 MA of the P.V.F.T. salary schedule, effective September 22, 2008 through December 23, 2008 (or sooner at the discretion of the Board of Education. Ms. Krasnansky holds K-12 Psychologist Certification. Motion carried unanimously.

APPOINT  
K. KRASNANSKY  
3-MON. LV. REPL.  
EFF. 9/22/08-12/23/08  
PVES  
09/77

On motion of Ms. Fitzgerald, seconded by Ms. Maus, it was resolved, on recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, to take personnel actions, as per Document #26/09, attached to the agenda and official minutes of this meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

PERSONNEL  
ACTIONS  
09/78

**PUBLIC CONTRIBUTION PERIOD**

Ms. Mackay asked for any public contribution.

The Board discussed how to distribute their motion at the NYSSBA meeting (use of appropriate CPI-U when caps are applied). It does not appear that email will work and there are over 700 address levels to be printed. Mr. Reale will present the motion at the meeting and the motion will be hand distributed.

A community member asked if “comment fields” can be added to the Student Survey in order to obtain clarity on the “negative” responses. Dr. Space will investigate. Another community member asked if some of the questions could be sent to parents to obtain their views. It was noted that this was a student-based survey and there are other avenues for the parents. Also the Board was asked to carefully review the wording of the text to ensure that appropriate questions (areas of interest) are being collected. It was noted by another community member that the survey question about the 90-minute period was a good question except that there are no 90-minute blocks. It was hoped that there would be a large response from the class of 2004 and that the Alumni Association would cause more of past graduates to respond.

A community member stated his family tax bill went up 17%. He said that based on the District’s communication at budget time and this was not expected. He was also concerned that the town tax person said it was the District’s problem when the district said the town sets the assessments. He asked the Board to be more forthcoming in explaining the budget impact and that the 2.3% budget increase in tax levy was not totally accurate. He did note that this was not totally the District’s fault, not knowing state aid, not knowing assessments, etc. Mr. Lee noted that the total assessed value of Putnam Valley went down and this caused the actual tax rate to increase. The District was within \$5,000.00 of the total revenue estimate.

ADJOURN  
MEETING  
09/79

At 8:35 p.m., on motion of Ms. Mackay, seconded by Ms Maus, there being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned. Motion carried unanimously.

Submitted by  
Guy Cohen  
Vice President  
Board of Education

Submitted by  
Linda Pregiato  
District Clerk