

Business Meeting Minutes – September 20, 2007

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  
Paul Lee, Assistant Superintendent for Business  
and Finance  
Richard Herlihy, Interim High School Principal  
Edward Hallisey, Middle School Principal  
Jamie Edelman, Elementary School Principal  
N. Bellantoni, Director of Operations

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

Ms. Mackay convened the Business Meeting at 7:09 p.m. and asked the CONVENE  
community to join her in the Pledge of Allegiance. MEETING

On motion of Ms. Zarcone, seconded by Mr. Reale, it was resolved, to approve APPROVE  
the minutes of the Business Meeting of August 7, 2007, and the MINUTES  
Business Meeting of August 23, 2007. Motion carried unanimously. 08/73

**ANNOUNCEMENTS OF GENERAL INTEREST**

**Mr. Nick Bellantoni, Director of Operations**, reported on summer project work at the Elementary School, Middle School, High School, and bus garage. Mr. Bellantoni also discussed the status of the Elementary School renovation project. He explained the architects have submitted plans to the State for their approval. Mr. Bellantoni was asked if the public dumping of garbage had been taken care of and he explained that the cameras were working and monitoring the area and it seems to have been eliminated.

A representative from the Putnam Valley Education Foundation summarized the \$32,000 in grants that had been given to the District and the Foundation’s major upcoming fundraisers; Mother’s Night Out at Camp Combe and the Wine and Art Auction.

**Mr. Richard Herlihy, Interim High School Principal,** summarized the positive opening of school, the status of the laptop distribution, and Back to School Night that was held. Presently enrollment in the High School is 627 students, 9 students over last year.

**Ms. Jamie Edelman, Elementary School Principal,** summarized the positive opening of school, the successful Kindergarten Parents’ Day prior to the opening of school, Back to School Night for Grades 3-4 and upcoming Back to School Night for Grades 1-2. Presently enrollment in the Elementary School is 657 students.

**Mr. Edward Hallisey, Middle School Principal,** summarized the SET-UP Program (Summer Education Technology Umbrella Program) held this summer, Back to School Night to be held on September 25, the Reading 180 Lab Program for ACHIEVE students, then AIS and Special Education students, the Laptop Program and the successful school opening.

Ms. Hannah Schmidt, Student Representative to the Board of Education, gave updates on upcoming school activities. Mr. Reale suggested contacting the Middle School and Elementary School student government representative for updates for those buildings.

Ms. Mackay asked for public contribution on agenda items. There was no public contribution.

ADOPT  
POLICIES

#4100

#4300

#5030

08/74

On motion of Ms. Zarcone, seconded by Ms. Maus, it was resolved, on recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, to adopt the following policies, as per Documents indicated, attached to the official minutes of this meeting:

Document #27/08	Policy #4100	Organization of Instruction
Document #28/08	Policy #4300	Curriculum
Document #29/08	Policy #5030	Internet Safety

Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVE  
CSE/CPSE  
PLACEMENTS

08/75

On motion of Ms. Maus, seconded by Mr. Cohen, it was resolved, on recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, to approve CSE/CPSE placements, as per Document #30/08, attached to the official minutes of this meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

On motion of Mr. Cohen, seconded by Mr. Reale, it was resolved, on recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, to approve an additional 2007 fall coach/stipend, as per Document #31/08, attached to the official minutes of this meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVE  
ADDITIONAL  
2007 FALL  
COACH/STIPEND  
08/76

On motion of Mr. Reale, seconded by Ms. Zarcone, it was resolved, on recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, to extend the contract of Richard Herlihy, Interim Principal of the Putnam Valley High School, through June 30, 2008 (or sooner at discretion of the Board of Education). Motion carried unanimously.

EXTEND  
CONTRACT  
RICHARD HERLIHY  
THROUGH 6/30/08  
08/77

On motion of Ms. Zarcone, seconded by Ms. Maus, it was resolved, on recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, to appoint Lauren Byrne to a ½-year leave replacement position as an Art Teacher at the Putnam Valley High School, on Step 1 BA of the P.V.F.T. salary schedule, effective September 20, 2007 through January 28, 2008 (or sooner at discretion of the Board of Education). Ms. Byrne holds Initial K-12 Art Certification. Motion carried unanimously.

APPOINT  
L. BYRNE  
½ YR. LV. REPL.  
POSITION-PVHS  
EFF. 9/20/07-1/28/08  
08/78

On motion of Ms. Maus, seconded by Mr. Cohen, it was resolved, on recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, to abolish two part-time classroom aide positions at the Putnam Valley High School and create one full-time classroom aide position, effective September 1, 2007. Motion carried unanimously.

ABOLISH  
2 P/T CLASSROOM  
AIDE POSITIONS--  
CRFEATE 1 F/T  
CLASSROOM AIDE  
POSITION-PVHS  
EFF. 9/1/07  
08/79

On motion of Mr. Cohen, seconded by Mr. Reale, it was resolved, on recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, to appoint Joann Peppard to a six-month probationary appointment as a classroom aide at the Putnam Valley High School, on Step 5 of the C.S.E.A. salary schedule, effective September 1, 2007 through March 1, 2008. Motion carried unanimously.

APPOINT  
J. PEPPARD  
6-MON. PROB.  
APPT.-PVHS  
CLASSROOM AIDE  
EFF. 9/1/07-3/1/08  
08/80

APPOINT  
TEACHER FOR  
TWILIGHT PGM.  
AT PVHS  
EFF. 9/17/07-6/30/08  
08/81

On motion of Mr. Reale, seconded by Ms. Zarccone, it was resolved, on recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, to appoint the following teachers for the Twilight Program at the Putnam Valley High School, at the curriculum rate of pay of \$40.00 per hour as per P.V.F.T. contract, effective September 17, 2007 through June 30, 2008:

Brian Burrow	Physical Education
Frankie Guteirrez	Social Studies
Jason Horr	Science
Robert Lathrop	English

Motion carried unanimously.

APPOINT  
L. AMBURGER  
1 YR. TEMP APPT.  
FOR TWILIGHT PGM  
AT PVHS  
EFF. 9/17/07-6/30/08  
08/82

On motion of Ms. Zarccone, seconded by Ms. Maus, it was resolved, on recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, to appoint Lisa Amberger to a one-year temporary appointment in the area of Math for the Twilight Program at the Putnam Valley High School, effective September 17, 2007 through June 30, 2008, at the curriculum rate of pay of \$40.00 per hour, as per P.V.F.T. contract. Ms. Amberger holds Math 7-12 Certification. Motion carried unanimously.

PERSONNEL  
ACTIONS  
08/83

On motion of Ms. Maus, seconded by Mr. Cohen, it was resolved, on recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, to take personnel actions, as per Document #32/08, attached to the agenda and official minutes of this meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

INCREASE  
J. HERR  
FROM .6 FTE TO .9 FTE  
TEACH. POS.-PVHS  
EFF. 9/24/07  
08/84

On motion of Mr. Cohen, seconded by Mr. Reale, it was resolved, on recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, to increase the teaching position of Jason Horr, science teacher at the Putnam Valley High School, from .6 FTE to .9 FTE for the 2007-08 school year, effective September 24, 2007. Motion carried unanimously.

**PUBLIC CONTRIBUTION PERIOD**

Ms. Mackay asked for public contribution. Mr. Robert Tendy thanked the Board, Principals, faculty and staff for a successful opening of school. He welcomed Dr. Space and expressed his concern for the cancellation of the bonfire during Spirit Week.

Several parents, students, and members of the fire department voiced concerns over the cancellation of the bonfire.

Dr. Space explained that he would speak with the school attorney and insurance carrier, report back to the Board, and a determination would be made as to whether the bonfire would be held.

Ms. Mackay thanked the audience for their participation on the issue. Ms. Mackay reminded the community to reapply for NYS STAR by completing the form being mailed. At the October Board meeting the External Auditors would present the Financial Audit Report and there would be continued discussions on Board Goals.

At 9:18 p.m., on motion of Ms. Zarcone, seconded by Ms. Maus, there being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned. Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURN  
MEETING  
08/85

Submitted by  
Guy Cohen  
Vice President  
Board of Education

Typed by  
Linda Pregiato  
District Clerk