

Business Meeting Minutes – October 18, 2007

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

Trustee Marie Zarcone 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
N. Bellantoni, Director of Operations

OTHERS: Hannah Schmidt and Krystal Miranda, Student Representatives
to the Board of Education, Reporters from the Putnam County
News and North County News, staff from the Putnam Valley
School District and community members

Ms. Mackay convened the Business Meeting at 7:02 p.m. and asked the CONVENE
community to join her in the Pledge of Allegiance. MEETING

On motion of Mr. Reale, seconded by Ms. Maus, it was resolved, to approve APPROVE
the minutes of the Work Session/Business Meeting of September 6, 2007, and the MINUTES
Business Meeting of September 20, 2007. Motion carried unanimously. 08/86

Mr. Mackay announced the Treasurer's Reports for July and August 2007 were posted and available
for anyone wishing a copy.

ANNOUNCEMENTS OF GENERAL INTEREST

PRIDE IN PUTNAM VALLEY

The 2008 National Merit Scholarship Commended Students, Hannah Schmidt and Thomas Ricci were recognized for their accomplishments.

On behalf of the Jefferson Parish School District of Louisiana, the Make A Difference Club and World Language Club Advisors and Members were recognized for their efforts in fundraising for the support of the students and faculty of the Jefferson Parish District due to the Katrina tragedy.

Dr. Marc Space noted that it was School Board Recognition Week and the Board of Education was recognized for their contributions to the District and the students of the community.

Mr. Paul Lee, Assistant Superintendent for Business and Finance, presented an update of the 2007-08 budget through the first quarter.

Representatives from the PTA/PTSA recognized the school board. A short break was taken light refreshments.

Ms. Mackay, along with the other Board Members discussed budget strategies for 2008-09. A Community Budget Committee will be formed. The Board will reach out to key communicators and other community groups, building steering committees and high school students.

The Board of Education discussed and finalized their goals for 2007-08.

The Board discussed upcoming field trips as follows: Music Department Mixed Chorus trip to Washington, D.C. and asked that the members come back on November 1 with details; Mr. Sperling's overnight trip to Madden Farm; High School Science Department trip to South Street Seaport in New York City; and the High School English Department trip to the Museum of Jewish Heritage in New York City. All trips were approved.

Mr. Richard Herlihy, Interim High School Principal, reported on the added Biology honors program to relieve overcrowding; the laptop program; and enrollment at 625 students.

Mr. Edward Hallisey, Middle School Principal, announced the week of October 22 as Red Ribbon Week; student government campaign in progress; Halloween Dance; the Technology Committee being reinstated; Wellness Fair on November 7 and laptop program successfully continuing.

Ms. Jamie Edelman, Elementary School Principal, reported the PVHS band visit to the Elementary School; Connect Ed System retested on October 28; chorus programs delayed due to transition of new music team faculty; and George Gershwin assembly, sponsored by the PV Arts In Education group being successful.

Ms. Hannah Schmidt and Ms. Krystal Miranda, Student Representatives to the Board of Education, gave updates on activities in the schools.

Representatives from the PTSA announced the following students, Lindsey Wood, Katie Mahoney and Kristen Macher, would be student representatives on their Executive Board and reported on upcoming sponsored activities.

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

Ms. Mackay asked that Resolution #24 be read first. There were no objections.

On motion of Mr. Reale, seconded by Ms. Maus, it was resolved, on recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, to appoint Karen Weise to a six-month probationary appointment as a part time part time Office Assistant I at the Putnam Valley Middle School, on Step 1 of the C.S.E.A. salary schedule, effective October 11, 2007 through April 4, 2008. Motion carried unanimously.

APPOINT
K. WEISE
6-MON. PROB
OFFICE ASST. I
PVMS
EFF. 10/11/07-4/4/08
08/87

Mr. Bellantoni explained that motions #1-7 permitted the District to have open orders with each functional group to be used when necessary.

On motion of Ms. Maus, seconded by Mr. Cohen, it was resolved, on recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, to award the bid for VCT Flooring to Kenny’s Carpet One, Carmel, NY 10512; Kenny’s Carpet One is the lowest responsible bidder meeting the bid specifications. Motion carried unanimously.

AWARD BID
VCT FLOORING
KENNY’S CARPET ONE
08/88

On motion of Mr. Cohen, seconded by Mr. Reale, it was resolved, on recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, to award the bid for Carpet Work to Kenny’s Carpet One, Carmel, NY 10512; Kenny’s Carpet One is the lowest responsible bidder meeting the bid specifications. Motion carried unanimously.

AWARD BID
CARPET WORK
KENNY’S CARPET ONE
08/89

On motion of Mr. Reale, seconded by Ms. Maus, it was resolved, on recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, to award the bid for Carpentry to GT Industries, Inc., Mahopac, NY 10541; GT Industries, Inc. is the lowest responsible bidder meeting the bid specifications. Motion carried unanimously.

AWARD BID
CARPENTRY
GT INDUSTRIES INC.
08/90

AWARD BID On motion of Ms. Maus, seconded by Mr. Cohen, it was resolved, on
WOOD FLOORING recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, to award the bid for
J.J. CURRAN & SONS Wood Flooring to J.J. Curran & Sons, Inc., Albany, NY 12202;
08/91 J.J. Curran & Sons, Inc. is the lowest responsible bidder meeting the bid
specifications. Motion carried unanimously.

AWARD BID On motion of Mr. Cohen, seconded by Mr. Reale, it was resolved, on
UNIFORMS recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, to award the bid for
ARAMARK UNIFORM Uniforms to Aramark Uniform Services, Elmsford, NY 10523; Aramark
SERVICES Uniform Services is the lowest responsible bidder meeting the bid
08/92 specifications. Motion carried unanimously.

AWARD BID On motion of Mr. Reale, seconded by Ms. Maus, it was resolved, on
ELECTRICAL WORK recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, to award the bid for
YOUNG ELECTRICAL Electrical Work to Young Electrical, Carmel, NY 10512; Young Electrical
08/93 is the lowest responsible bidder meeting the bid specifications. Motion
carried unanimously.

AWARD BID On motion of Ms. Maus, seconded by Mr. Cohen, it was resolved, on
PLUMBING WORK recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, to award the bid for
DAVE GOLDBERG Plumbing Work to Dave Goldberg Plumbing & Heating, Yorktown, NY 10598;
PLUMBING AND Dave Goldberg Plumbing and Heating is the lowest responsible bidder meeting
HEATING the bid specifications. Motion carried unanimously.
08/94

TABLE On motion of Ms. Mackay, seconded by Ms. Maus, Motion #8 was tabled
MOTION #8 until November 15. Motion carried unanimously.
08/95

APPROVE On motion of Mr. Cohen, seconded by Mr. Reale, it was resolved, on
2007-08 recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, to approve
MEMBERSHIP IN membership for the 2007-08 school year in the Lower Hudson Education
LOWER HUDSON Coalition. Motion carried unanimously.
EDUCATION
COALITION
08/96

On motion of Mr. Reale, seconded by Ms. Maus, it was resolved, on recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, to approve the contract with New York State School Boards Association for Custom Policy Manual Service, as per Document #33/08, attached to the official minutes of this meeting, and authorize the President of the Board of Education to sign the contract. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVE
CONTRACT WITH
NYS SCHOOL
BOARDS ASSN.
FOR POLICY
MANUAL SERVICE
08/97

It was explained that NYSSBA will assist the Board in updating the policy manual, assuming responsibilities from Erie BOCES.

On motion of Ms. Maus, seconded by Mr. Cohen, it was resolved, on recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, to approve the services with LifeTrack Services, Inc. to conduct High School Senior Exit Surveys and Post-Graduate Surveys. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVE
SERVICES WITH
LIFETRACK SERV. INC.
FOR HS SENIOR &
POST-GRADUATE
EXIT SURVEYS
08/98

It was explained this is the organization that will supply the survey of our graduates this June and 18 months later.

On motion of Mr. Cohen, seconded by Mr. Reale, it was resolved, by the Board of Education, to adopt the 2007-08 District Goals, as per Document #34/08, attached to the official minutes of this meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

ADOPT
2007-08
DISTRICT GOALS
08/99

It was noted the goals would be posted on the District website.

On motion of Mr. Reale, seconded by Ms. Maus, it was resolved, on recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, to approve CSE/CPSE placements, as per Document #35/08, attached to the official minutes of this meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVE
CSE/CPSE
PLACEMENTS
08/100

On motion of Ms. Maus, seconded by Mr. Cohen, it was resolved, on recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, to approve substitute athletic trainer and EMT-Paramedic, for the 2007-08 school year, as per Document #36/08, attached to the official minutes of this meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVE
2007-08
SUB ATHLETIC TRNR.
EMT-PARAMEDIC
08/101

APPROVE On motion of Mr. Cohen, seconded by Mr. Reale, it was resolved, on
2007-08 recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, approve 2007-08
CO-CURRICULAR Co-Curricular Activities advisor and stipends as per Document #37/08,
ACTIVITIES attached to the official minutes of this meeting. Motion carried
ADVISOR/STIPENDS unanimously.
08/102

APPROVE On motion of Mr. Reale, seconded by Ms. Maus, it was resolved, on
2007-08 recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, to approve
PVMS CLUB 2007-08 Putnam Valley Middle School Club Advisors and stipends, as
ADVISOR/STIPENDS per Document #38/08, attached to the official minutes of this meeting.
08/103 Motion carried unanimously.

ACCEPT On motion of Ms. Maus, seconded by Mr. Cohen, it was resolved, on
RESIGNTION FOR recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, to accept, with regret,
PURPOSE OF resignations for purpose of retirement, from the following teachers, effective
RETIREMENT June 30, 2008, as per Documents attached to the official minutes of this
J. CUCCHIARELLA meeting:
G. GREENBERG
08/104 Jan Cucchiarella Document #39/08
Graciela Greenberg Document #40/08

Motion carried unanimously.

APPOINT On motion of Mr. Cohen, seconded by Mr. Reale, it was resolved, on
R. BEUCKE recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, to appoint
P/T .4 MUSIC Ryan Beucke to a part-time .4 teaching position as a music teacher at the
TEAC HER-PVES Putnam Valley Elementary School, on Step 1 BA of the P.V.F.T. salary
EFF. 10/1/07-6/30/08 schedule, effective October 1, 2007 through June 30, 2008. Mr. Beucke
08/105 holds K-12 Music Certification. Motion carried unanimously.

GRANT On motion of Mr. Reale, seconded by Ms. Maus, it was resolved, on
GRADUATE COURSE recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, to grant Graduate Course
CREDIT Credit for salary purposes, as per Document #41/08, attached to the official
08/106 minutes of this meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

GRANT On motion of Ms. Maus, seconded by Mr. Cohen, it was resolved, on
IN-SERVICE recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, to grant In-service Course
COURSE CREDIT Credit for salary purposes, as per Document #42/08, attached to the official
08/107 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 Putnam Valley High School Department Coordinators and stipends for the 2007-08 school year, as per Document #43/08, attached to the official minutes of this meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVE
2007-08
PVHS DEPT.
COORDINATORS/
STIPENDS
08/108

On motion of Mr. Reale, seconded by Ms. Maus, it was resolved, on recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, to approve Putnam Valley High School extracurricular activities, clubs and stipends for the 2007-08 school year, as per Document #44/08, attached to the official minutes of this meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVE
2007-08
PVHS EXTRACURRICULAR
ACTIVITIES/CLUBS/
STIPENDS
08/109

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 #45/08, attached to the agenda and official minutes of this meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

PERSONNEL
ACTIONS
08/110

On motion of Mr. Cohen, seconded by Mr. Reale, it was resolved, on recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, to approve additional 2007-08 fall coaches/stipends, as per Document #46/08, attached to the official minutes of this meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVE
ADDL. 2007-08
FALL
COACHES/STIPENDS
08/111

PUBLIC CONTRIBUTION PERIOD

Ms. Mackay asked for public contribution. Mr. Reale asked for an update on the Adult Education program. It was mentioned that enrollment was low but coordinating with neighboring districts and working with Dutchess County Community College in the future would be looked into.

A member of the audience asked in the future for student and families receiving more information about clubs prior to the sign-up date. The PTA will assist in distributing information. A suggestion to put an online catalog on the website would help students know more about club offerings.

The PTSA thanked Mr. Herlihy for attending all of their meetings. They asked if the Connect Ed System could have an email push in addition to the phone calls.

A member of the community spoke about if there was an electrical shut down for an extended period in the District would there be a way to ensure that the pipes would not freeze. A kerosene back-up system was discussed. Mr. Bellantoni will look into what other districts are using. The topic would be added to the Five-Year Maintenance Plan for discussion later in the year.

ADJOURN
MEETING
08/112

At 8:47 p.m., on motion of Mr. Reale, 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

Typed by
Linda Pregiato
District Clerk