

Business Meeting Minutes – November 15, 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
Dr. Barbara Fuchs, Assistant Superintendent for
Curriculum and Instruction
Paul Lee, Assistant Superintendent for Business
and Finance
Edward Hallisey, Middle School Principal
Jamie Edelman, Elementary School Principal
Brian Hogaboom, Athletic Coordinator

OTHERS: Hannah Schmidt, Student Representative to the Board of Education,
PTA/PTSA Representative, Reporters from the Putnam County
News and Recorder 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 Ms. Zarcone, seconded by Mr. Reale, it was resolved, to approve APPROVE
the minutes of the Work Session of October 4, 2007, and the MINUTES
Business Meeting of October 18, 2007. Motion carried unanimously. 08/113

Mr. Mackay announced the Treasurer’s Report for September 2007 was posted and available
for anyone wishing a copy.

ANNOUNCEMENTS OF GENERAL INTEREST

PRIDE IN PUTNAM VALLEY

Ms. Mary Ann Montano, the mentor of the IBM E.X.I.T.E. Summer Camp was recognized for
efforts with the students who participated in this program.

The members and advisors of the Girls’ Soccer Teams and Class of 2007 presented donations for
the Dustin Strumke Memorial Scholarship Fund.

Ms. Mackay presented Ms. Maus and Mr. Reale with certificates from the New York School Boards Association in recognition of their completion of more than 40 hours of training.

Ms. Hannah Schmidt, Representative to the Board of Education, summarized the current activities in the schools.

The Board discussed and approved a 4th Grade Overnight Trip to the Taconic Outdoor Education Center.

Mr. Brian Hogaboom, Athletic Coordinator, presented the Student Athlete and Parent Handbook and asked for formal approval with the changes the Board of Education suggested. The following changes were made:

1. Remove pages 13 and 14 policy on tobacco, drugs and alcohol, which will be updated at a future date.
2. Delete the sentence: “Athletic Department does not recommend this policy.” in third paragraph.
3. Remove reference to P.V.F.T. contract and insert language from contract.

Ms. Mackay noted that Motion #14 would be reworded by adding, “with the changes discussed and noted in the minutes tonight,” at the end of the motion.

Dr. Barbara Fuchs, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction, summarized the November 6 Staff Development Day,

Ms. Jamie Edelman, Elementary School Principal, noted the new music teacher would be approved tonight; the winter concerts would be moved to January 30; report cards would be mailed on November 30; and students are sending food to the PV Food Pantry. Ms. Edelman also summarized plans for the new addition.

Mr. Edward Hallisey, Middle School Principal, noted the student talent show raised \$550.00 for Breast Cancer; the active participation in DEAR (Drop Everything and Read Program); student government elections were held and students preparing to send packages to soldiers overseas and participate in food drive for the PV Food Pantry.

Ms. Mackay asked for public contribution on agenda items.

Ms. Roberta Velichko thanked Dr. Fuchs for her presentation of the assessment results at the PTA meeting and asked if the classroom work could be televised. Dr. Fuchs will look into this.

Ms. Jamie Edelman noted the dates for the Madden Farm Trip should be October and note November in Motion #7.

With no additional questions on the agenda, the Board moved into new business.

On motion of Mr. Reale, seconded by Ms. Zarcone, it was resolved, on recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, to accept the 2007 External Audit Report by Bennett Kielson Storch DeSantis, Division of O’Connor Davies Moons & Dobbins, LLPP. Motion carried unanimously.

ACCEPT
2007 EXERNAL
AUDIT REPORT
08/114

On motion of Ms. Zarcone, seconded by Ms. Maus, it was resolved, on recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, to authorize the tax collector to make refunds due to small claims assessment review as follows:

AUTHORIZE
TAX COLLECTOR
TO MAKE REFUNDS
08/115

<u>Name</u>	<u>Tax ID #</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>School Year</u>
Yuen & Moon	73.17-1-8	562.25	2007-08
Hardwick	63.-2-5	388.43	2007-08
Wagner	73.-1-41.122	177.37	2007-08
White	73.8-1-38	620.78	2007-08
Alves & Grove	62.17-1-4	273.14	2007-08
Bottesch	73.8-1-22	877.97	2007-08

Motion carried unanimously.

On motion of Ms. Maus, seconded by Mr. Cohen, it was resolved, on recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, to approve the educational contract for one student for the 2007-08 school year with the Carmel Central School District, as per Document #47/08, attached to the official minutes of this meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVE
2007-08
EDUCATIONAL
CONTRACT WITH
CARMEL CSD
08/116

On motion of Mr. Cohen, seconded by Mr. Reale, it was resolved, by the Board of Education to grant permission for Dr. Marc Space to attend the New York State Council of School Superintendents “New Superintendents Success Seminar” on November 30, 2007, in Albany, NY, and the New York State Council of School Superintendents Mid-Winter Conference on January 13-15, 2008, in Albany, NY. Motion carried unanimously.

GRANT
PERMISSION
DR. M. SPACE
TO ATTEND
NYSCOSS
SEMINAR-11/30/07
NYSCOSS MID-
WINTER CONFERENCE
1/13-15/08
08/117

ACCEPT On motion of Mr. Reale, seconded by Ms. Zarccone, it was resolved, on
DONATION recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, to accept a generous
G. MICERA donation of a Yamaha Clavinova digital piano from Mr. Gerry Micera, valued
TO BE USED at approximately \$500.00, to be used at the Putnam Valley High School.
AT PVHS Motion carried unanimously.
08/118

ACCEPT On motion of Ms. Zarccone, seconded by Ms. Maus, it was resolved, on
DONATION recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, to accept a generous
M/M P. EDWARDS monetary donation of \$2,500.00 from Peter and Tracy Edwards and
TO BE USED Barbara Goldblatt, to be used in the Putnam Valley Middle School.
AT PVMS Motion carried unanimously.
08/119

APPROVE On motion of Ms Maus, seconded by Mr. Cohen, it was resolved, on
4TH GRADE recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, to approve the
OVERNIGHT TRIP 4th grade overnight trip to Madden Farm from October 28-30, 2007.
MADDEN FARM Motion carried unanimously.
10/28-30/07
08/120

APPROVE On motion of Mr. Cohen, seconded by Mr. Reale, it was resolved, on
CSE/CPSE recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, to approve CSE/CPSE
PLACEMENTS placements, as per Document #48/08, attached to the official minutes of this
meeting. Motion carried unanimously.
08/121

APPOINT On motion of Mr. Reale, seconded by Ms. Zarccone, it was resolved, on
M. CALHOUN recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, to appoint
3-YR. PROB. APPT. Madeline Calhoun to a 3-year probationary appointment in the tenure area of
AT PVES music, at the Putnam Valley Elementary School, on Step 2 MA of the P.V.F.T.
EFF. 10/30/07- salary schedule, effective October 30, 2007 through October 30, 2010.
10/30/10 Ms. Calhoun holds K-12 Music and N-6 Elementary Education Certifications.
08/122 Motion carried unanimously.

APPOINT On motion of Ms. Zarccone, seconded by Maus, it was resolved, on
M. KINSLEY recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, to appoint
3-MON. LV. REPL. Meaghan Kinsley to a 3-month leave replacement as an Elementary teacher at
AT PVES the Putnam Valley Elementary School, on Step 1 BA of the P.V.F.T. salary
EFF. 12/1/07-3/2/08 schedule, effective December 1, 2007 through March 2, 2008 (or sooner at the
08/123 discretion of the Board of Education). Ms. Kinsley holds Childhood 1-6
Certification. Motion carried unanimously.

On motion of Ms. Maus, seconded by Mr. Cohen, it was resolved, on recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, to approve an additional 2007-08 fall coach/stipend, as per Document #49/08, attached to the official minutes of this meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVE
ADDL. 2007-08
FALL
COACH/STIPEND
08/124

On motion of Mr. Cohen, seconded by Mr. Reale, it was resolved, on recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, to approve additional 2007-08 Putnam Valley Middle School clubs/advisors/stipends as per Document #50/08, attached to the official minutes of this meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVE
ADDL 2007-08
PVMS
CLUBS/ADVISORS/
STIPENDS
08/125

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 #51/08, attached to the agenda and official minutes of this meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

PERSONNEL
ACTIONS
08/126

On motion of Ms. Zarccone, seconded by Ms. Maus, it was resolved, on recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, to approve the Student Athlete and Parent Handbook, as per Document #52/08, with the changes discussed and noted in the minutes, attached to the official minutes of this meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVE
STUDENT ATHLETE &
PARENT HANDBOOK
08/127

On motion of Ms. Maus, seconded by Mr. Cohen, it was resolved, by the Board of Education, to authorize Dr. Marc Space, Superintendent of Schools, to respond to the report of examination from the Office of the State Comptroller. Motion carried unanimously.

AUTHORIZE
DR. M SPACE
TO RESPOND
TO REPORT OF
EXAMINATION FROM
OFFICE OF STATE
COMPTROLLER
08/128

PUBLIC CONTRIBUTION PERIOD

Ms. Mackay asked for public contribution.

Ms. Mackay and Mr. Reale summarized their learning and impressions of the NYSSBA meetings in New York City

Ms. Zarccone noted that Senator Leibel and Assemblywoman Galef have worked to secure funding for state properties.

The Board reviewed the Westchester Putnam School Boards Association legislative initiatives for 2008. Mr. Cohen will seek clarity on the 5-year teacher recertification program.

Mr. Cohen noted the Board received plans for the bathrooms/concession stand from the architect, with modifications still needed.

Ms. Ann Chesnut, PTA/PTSA representative, reported on activities and meetings.

Ms. Mackay announced the Board would move into Executive Session to discuss a contractual matter and upon their return no new business would be conducted.

EXECUTIVE At 8:30 p.m., on motion of Ms. Zarcone, seconded by Mr. Reale, the Board moved
SESSION into Executive Session to discuss a contractual matter. Motion carried unanimously.
08/129

Ms. Zarcone left the Executive session at 9:20 p.m. for personal reasons.

ADJOURN At 9:37 p.m., on motion of Mr. Reale, seconded by Ms. Maus, the Board returned
MEETING from Executive Session and at 9:38 p.m. the meeting was adjourned. Motion
08/130 carried unanimously.

Submitted by
Guy Cohen
Vice President
Board of Education

Typed by
Linda Pregiato
District Clerk