

Business Meeting Minutes – February 15, 2007

BOARD OF EDUCATION: Tina Mackay, President PRESENT
Guy Cohen, Vice President
Trustee Frank Reale

Trustee Mary Maus was not present (notified)
Trustee Marie Zarcone was not present (notified)

ADMINISTRATORS: Gary Tutty, Superintendent of Schools
Dr. Barbara Fuchs, Assistant Superintendent
for Curriculum and Instruction
Paul Lee, Assistant Superintendent for
Business and Finance
Jamie Edelman, Elementary School Principal

OTHERS: Members of the Putnam Valley Rotary Club, Regina Pagani,
Student Representative to the Board of Education,
Dana Lopez, PTA Representative, Reporter from the Putnam
County News, staff from the Putnam Valley School District and
community members

Pride in Putnam Valley recognized members of the Rotary Club for their donation of a thesaurus for every Middle School student and a dictionary for every Elementary School student.

Ms. Mackay convened the Business Meeting at 7:13 p.m. CONVENE
MEETING

On motion of Ms. Mackay, seconded by Mr. Reale, it was resolved, to approve the minutes of the Work Session/Business Meeting of January 11, 2007, the Business Meeting of January 18, 2007, and the Business Meeting of January 25, 2007. Motion carried unanimously. APPROVE
MINUTES
07/177

ANNOUNCEMENTS OF GENERAL INTEREST

The Board discussed the 4th Grade overnight trip to Taconic Outdoor Education Center. The Board agreed to approve the trip at the next Business Meeting.

Superintendent of Schools Gary Tutty discussed the budget time line and asked for the input from the Board.

Ms. Regina Pagani, Student Representative to the Board of Education, updated the Board on school activities.

Ms. Dana Lopez updated the Board on PTA activities.

Ms. Mackay asked for public contribution on agenda items.

ACCEPT On motion of Mr. Reale, seconded by Mr. Cohen, it was resolved, on FINAL VOTE TALLY recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, to accept the final SPECIAL DISTRICT vote tally of the Special District Meeting held on February 13, 2007 as MEETING – 2/13/07 follows:

07/178	Yes	458
	No	47

Motion carried unanimously.

AUTHORIZE ASST. SUPT. FOR BUSINESS AND FINANCE TO MAKE BUDGET TRANSFERS On motion of Mr. Cohen, seconded by Mr. Reale, it was resolved, on recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, to authorize the Assistant Superintendent for Business and Finance to make any necessary budget transfers in order to balance accounts in preparation for an audit. Motion carried unanimously.
07/179

ELECT TO PROVIDE AN ALLOWANCE OF UNUSED SICK LEAVE CREDITS UNDER SECTION 41(J) RETIREMENT AND SOC. SEC. LAW OF THE NYS AND LOCAL RETIREMENT SYSTEM On motion of Mr. Reale, seconded by Mr. Cohen, it was resolved that The Board of Education of the Putnam Valley Central School District does hereby elect to provide the additional pension benefits of Section 41(j) of the Retirement and Social Security Law, as presently or hereafter amended. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the effective date of such shall be the first day of July, 2007. Motion carried unanimously.
07/180

APPROVE 2007-08 SCHOOL DISTRICT CALENDAR On motion of Mr. Cohen, seconded by Mr. Reale, it was resolved, on recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, to approve the 2007-08 school district calendar, as per Document #59/07, attached to the official minutes of this meeting. Motion carried unanimously.
07/181

On motion of Mr. Reale, seconded by Mr. Cohen, it was resolved, on recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, to approve the following 2006-07 contracts for Health and Welfare Services provided to resident students of Putnam Valley attending non-public schools within the following school districts, as per the document attached to the official minutes of this meeting and authorize the President of the Board of Education to sign the contracts:

APPROVE
2006-07
FOR
HEALTH & WELFARE
SERVICES WITH
ARLINGTON
TARRYTOWN
07/182

<u>DOCUMENT #</u>	<u>SCHOOL DISTRICT</u>	<u># OF STUDENTS</u>	<u>COST PER STUDENT</u>	<u>TOTAL COST</u>
#62/07	Arlington	3	\$422.60	\$1,267.80
#63/07	Tarrytown	2	\$675.00	\$1,350.00

Motion carried unanimously.

On motion of Mr. Cohen, seconded by Ms. Mackay, it was resolved, on recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, to approve the first reading of the following policies from the District Policy Manual:

- School Board Member Ethics
- School Board Member Conflict of Interest

APPROVE
FIRST READING
SCHOOL BOARD
MEMBER ETHICS POLICY
AND SCHOOL BOARD
MEMBER CONFLICT OF
INTEREST POLICY
07/183

On motion of Mr. Reale, seconded by Mr. Cohen, it was resolved that

WHEREAS, Public Schools for Tomorrow is a national group of public school superintendents, former superintendents, and friends, headed by Dr. Thomas Sobol, President of Public Schools for Tomorrow and former Education Chancellor for New York State, and Professor Emeritus from Teacher College Columbia University. Its goal is to bring about fundamental change in the schools and communities so that all children learn to high standards, nurture their personal growth and talents, and develop the capacities needed for democratic citizenship, economic success and good parenting, and

APPROVE
INSTITUTIONAL
MEMBERSHIP
PUBLIC
SCHOOLS FOR
TOMORROW
07/184

WHEREAS, the following proposals are on the current agenda for discussion and action:

- Change fundamentally the manner in which schools are funded – at local, state, and federal levels so that all children receive the resources needed for a sound, comprehensive education. Adequate financial resources that level the playing field must be allocated fairly

- Engage in local, state, and federal programs to increase the supply of effective, qualified teachers and administrators.
- Establish national standards for core academics.
- Provide additional support to low-performing schools.
- Shift from hierarchical accountability to shared responsibility.
- Increase the presence and efficacy of teachers and school administrators in making educational policy decisions.

THEREFORE, Be it resolved, to approve the membership of the Putnam Valley Central School District as an institutional member of the Public Schools for Tomorrow.

Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVE
CSE/CPSE
PLACEMENTS
07/185

On motion of Mr. Cohen, seconded by Mr. Reale, it was resolved, on recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, to approve CSE/CPSE Placements, as per Document #64/07, attached to the official minutes of this meeting.

APPROVE
ADDITIONAL
2006-07
HS CLUB/ADVISOR/
STIPEND
07/186

On motion of Mr. Reale, seconded by Mr. Cohen, it was resolved, on recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, to approve an additional 2006-07 High School club/advisor/stipend, as per Document #65/07, attached to the official minutes of this meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVE
2006-07
SPRING COACHES/
SIPENDS
07/187

On motion of Mr. Cohen, seconded by Mr. Reale, it was resolved, on recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, to approve 2006-07 spring coaches/stipends, as per Document #66/07, attached to the official minutes of this meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

AMEND
DOCUMENT #111/06
TO CORRECT
TYPOGRAPHICAL
ERROR IN
C.S.E.A. TITLES
07/188

On motion of Mr. Reale, seconded by Mr. Cohen, it was resolved, on recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, to amend Board Document #111/06, to correct a typographical error to read: School Calendar instead of 10-month for the job titles of Safety Inspector, Senior Bus Driver and Computer Specialist. Motion carried unanimously.

APPOINT
T. NICODEMO
5-MON. LV. REPL.
PVMS
EFF. 1/29/07-6/30/07
07/189

On motion of Mr. Cohen, seconded by Mr. Reale, it was resolved, on recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, to appoint Tina Nicodemo to a five-month leave replacement position as a Physical Education teacher at the Putnam Valley Middle School, on Step 1 MA (pro-rated) of the P.V.F.T. salary

schedule, effective January 29, 2007 through June 30, 2007 (or sooner at discretion of the Board of Education). Ms. Nicodemo holds Initial Certification in Physical Education. This appointment is pending clearance by the New York State Commissioner of Education. Motion carried unanimously.

On motion of Mr. Reale, seconded by Mr. Cohen, it was resolved, on recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, to appoint Victoria DeMagistris to a five-month leave replacement position as a Music teacher at the Putnam Valley Middle School, on Step 1 MA (pro-rated) of the P.V.F.T. salary schedule, effective February 6, 2007 through June 30, 2007 (or sooner at discretion of the Board of Education). Ms. DeMagistris holds K-12 Initial Certification in Music. This appointment is pending clearance by the New York State Commissioner of Education. Motion carried unanimously.

APPOINT
V. DEMAGISTRIS
5-MON LV. REPL.
PVMS
EFF. 2/6/07-6/30/07
07/190

On motion of Mr. Cohen, seconded by Mr. Reale, it was resolved, on recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, to appoint Kathleen Heegle to a six-month probationary appointment as a School Nurse at the Putnam Valley Elementary School, on Step 1 of the C.S.E.A. salary schedule, effective February 5, 2007 through October 8, 2007. This appointment is pending clearance by the New York State Commissioner of Education. Motion carried unanimously.

APPOINT
K. HEEGLE
6-MON PROB.
APPT.
SCHOOL NURSE
PVES
EFF. 2/5/07-10/8/07
07/191

On motion of Mr. Reale, seconded by Mr. Cohen, it was resolved, on recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, to take personnel actions, as per Document #67/07, attached to the agenda and official minutes of this meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

PERSONNEL
ACTIONS
07/192

On motion of Mr. Cohen, seconded by Mr. Reale, it was resolved, that the President of the Board of Education enter into a sabbatical agreement with Raymond Cooper, High School Principal, effective February 13, 2007. Motion carried unanimously.

ENTER
INTO A
SABBATICAL
AGREEMENT WITH
R. COOPER
EFF. 2/13/07
07/193

There were no public comments.

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

At 7:51 p.m., on motion of Mr. Reale, seconded by Mr. Cohen, the Board went into Executive Session to discuss a contractual matter and a personnel matter. Motion carried unanimously.

EXECUTIVE
SESSION
07/194

ADJOURN
MEETING
07/195

At 8:50 p.m., on motion of Mr. Cohen, seconded by Mr. Reale, the Board returned from Executive Session and at 8:51 p.m., there being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned.

Submitted by
Gary Tutty
Superintendent of Schools

Typed by
Linda Pregiato
District Clerk