

# MINUTES OF OPEN MEETING

## BOARD OF EDUCATION

PUTNAM VALLEY CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT  
146 PEEKSKILL HOLLOW ROAD  
PUTNAM VALLEY, NEW YORK 10579

TIME: 7:00pm  
No. of Pages: 6

Type of Meeting: Business Meeting

Date: April 26, 2011

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**BOARD OF EDUCATION:** President Valerie Fitzgerald PRESENT  
Vice President Guy Cohen  
Trustee Joseph Ferraro  
Trustee Jeanine Rufo

Trustee David Spittal--Notified/Absent

**ADMINISTRATORS:** Dr. Barbara Fuchs, Interim Supt.  
Paul Lee, Asst. Supt. for Business & Finance  
Natalie Doherty, Director of Special Education  
Nick Bellantoni, Director of Buildings & Grounds  
Vincent Burruano, High School Principal  
Edward Hallisey, Middle School Principal  
Jamie Edelman, Elementary School Principal  
Michael Hanna, Middle School Assistant Principal  
Patricia Murray, Assistant to the Elementary School Principal

**OTHERS:** Maureen Bellino, District Clerk  
Johnmichael Chiriyen, Student Rep. to the Board  
Dan Mahoney, Videographer  
Reporter from PCNR  
Approximately 80 members of the public

The meeting was opened by Ms. Fitzgerald at 7:09pm with the Pledge.

CONVENE MEETING

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS OF GENERAL INTEREST**

The meeting opened with Dr. Fuchs and the Board recognizing the 2011 retirees of the District (two bus drivers: Linda Pendergast & Theresa Vogel, two PVCSD clerical staff employees: Nancy Leisengang & Ingrid Polewaski, a school psychologist: Jill Greenstein and two teachers: Lin Butter and Ralph Smith). Dr. Fuchs spoke about their contributions to the District and presented a plaque to each of them acknowledging their value to the District.

In her Superintendent's Report, Dr. Fuchs wished everyone a wonderful holiday season and noted the upcoming presentations on the proposed budget for the 2011-12 school year, which include a presentation at the Putnam Valley Senior Citizen Center on May 4 and at a Town Board meeting on May 11. She also noted that the Budget *Spotlight* would be mailed to all Putnam Valley residences during the week of May 9.

The Student Representatives' Report included the dates for upcoming events: National Honor Society Induction on April 27, Peers Influencing Peers national broadcast event on April 29 and they noted that the AP exams and Middle School state assessments will begin at the beginning of May. They noted that students should help prepare for the tests by eating and sleeping well.

Ms. Fitzgerald asked for comments on agenda items.

Mr. Cohen noted that the Board would be performing two of their most important duties at this meeting. One of these duties is bestowing tenure on teachers and the other is motion No. 15 of the agenda (authorizing the Board President to execute an employment agreement with Dr. Fuchs as Superintendent of Schools beginning July 1, 2011.)

Dr. Fuchs summarized the tenure process.

Ms. Rufo congratulated the retirees.

There were no further comments, and the Board moved into the New Business.

On motion by Ms. Rufo, seconded by Mr. Ferraro, it was resolved, on recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that Natalie Doherty be granted tenure as the Director of Special Education and Student Services, effective July 1, 2011. Motion carried unanimously.

**GRANT TENURE**  
**N. DOHERTY**  
**DIR. OF SPEC. EDUC.**  
**EFF. 7/1/2011**  
#277/11

On motion by Mr. Ferraro, seconded by Mr. Cohen, it was resolved, on recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that Michael Hanna be granted tenure as Assistant Principal, effective August 22, 2011. Motion carried unanimously.

**GRANT TENURE**  
**M. HANNA**  
**ASST. PRINCIPAL**  
**EFF. 8/22/11**  
#278/11

On motion by Mr. Cohen, seconded by Ms. Rufo, it was resolved, on recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that Patricia Murray be granted tenure as the Assistant to the Principal, effective October 19, 2011. Motion carried unanimously.

**GRANT TENURE**  
**P. MURRAY**  
**ASST. TO THE**  
**PRINCIPAL**  
**EFF. 10/19/11**  
#279/11

On motion by Ms. Rufo, seconded by Mr. Ferraro, it was resolved, on recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that Ryan Beucke be granted tenure in the area of music, effective September 1, 2011. Motion carried unanimously.

**GRANT TENURE**  
**R. BEUCKE**  
**MUSIC**  
**EFF. 9/1/11**  
#280/11

On motion by Mr. Ferraro, seconded by Mr. Cohen, it was resolved, on recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that Ashley Blondin be granted tenure in the area of music, effective September 15, 2011. Motion carried unanimously.

**GRANT TENURE**  
**A. BLONDIN**  
**MUSIC**  
**EFF.9/15/11**  
#281/11

On motion by Mr. Cohen, seconded by Ms. Rufo, it was resolved, on recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that Stephanie Cavalli be granted tenure in the area of technology, effective September 1, 2011.

**GRANT TENURE**  
**S. CAVALLI**  
**TECHNOLOGY**  
**EFF. 9/1/11**  
#282/11

**GRANT TENURE**  
**J. HERR**  
**SCIENCE**  
**EFF. 9/1/11**  
#283/11

On motion by Ms. Rufo, seconded by Mr. Ferraro, it was resolved, on recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that Jason Herr be granted tenure in the area of science, effective September 1, 2011. Motion carried unanimously.

**GRANT TENURE**  
**JOANNE MAHONEY**  
**SPEC. EDUC.**  
**EFF. 9/1/11**  
#284/11

On motion by Mr. Ferraro, seconded by Mr. Cohen, it was resolved, on recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that Joanne Mahoney be granted tenure in the area of special education, effective September 1, 2011. Motion carried unanimously.

**GRANT TENURE**  
**K. MCCARTY**  
**SPEC. EDUC.**  
**EFF. 9/1/11**  
#285/11

On motion by Mr. Cohen, seconded by Ms. Rufo, it was resolved, on recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that Kristan McCarty be granted tenure in the area of special education, effective September 1, 2011. Motion carried unanimously.

**GRANT TENURE**  
**B. SINGER**  
**LOTE**  
**EFF. 9/1/11**  
#286/11

On motion by Ms. Rufo, seconded by Mr. Ferraro, it was resolved, on recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that Brenda Singer be granted tenure in the area of LOTE, effective September 1, 2011. Motion carried unanimously.

**GRANT TENURE**  
**R. TAVANO**  
**LOTE**  
**EFF. 9/1/11**  
#287/11

On motion by Mr. Ferraro, seconded by Mr. Cohen, it was resolved, on recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that Rose Tavano be granted tenure in the area of LOTE, effective September 1, 2011. Motion carried unanimously.

On motion by Mr. Cohen, seconded by Ms. Rufo, it was resolved, to cast one vote each for two of the candidates for the Board of Cooperative Education Services of Putnam/Northern Westchester counties whose names are marked with an “x” on the ballot from herein above attached, as per Document #84/11, for terms running July 1, 2011 through June 30, 2014.

**CAST VOTE**  
**PNW BOCES BOARD**  
**CANDIDATES**  
**TERM 7/1/11-6/30/14**  
#288/11

- i. Mrs. Anita Feldman
- ii. Mr. Richard Kreps

Motion carried unanimously

On motion by Ms. Rufo, seconded by Mr. Ferraro, it was resolved, whereas, the Board of Cooperative Educational Services of Putnam/Northern Westchester County (hereinafter “BOCES”) has proposed and presented its tentative administrative budget for the 2011-2012 school year (July 1, 2011 through June 30, 2012), now therefore be it

**APPROVE**  
**PNW BOCES**  
**ADMIN. BUDGET**  
**2011-12 SCHOOL YEAR**  
#289/11

Resolved, that the BOCES tentative administrative budget for the 2011-2012 school year in the amount of \$8,444,265 be, and hereby is, approved by this Board.

Motion carried unanimously.

On motion by Mr. Ferraro, seconded by Mr. Cohen, it was resolved, on recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, to approve an Agreement and Release of Liability with Putnam County with regard to the use of Putnam County election equipment for use in the District’s annual election and budget vote to be held on May 17, 2011 as per Document #85/11 attached to the agenda and official minutes of this meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

**APPROVE**  
**AGREEMENT/RELEASE**  
**OF LIABILITY**  
**W/PUTNAM CO.**  
**FOR USE ELECTION**  
**EQUIPMENT**  
#290/11

**AUTHORIZE BOE PRES.**  
**EXECUTE EMPLOY.**  
**AGREEMENT**  
**W/B. FUCHS**  
**SUPT. OF SCHOOLS**  
**EFF. 7/1/11-6/30/15**

#291/11

On motion by Mr. Cohen, seconded by Ms. Rufo, it was resolved that the Board President is hereby authorized to execute an employment agreement with Dr. Barbara Fuchs, as Superintendent of Schools, for the period from July 1, 2011 through June 30, 2015. Motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Fitzgerald noted that the appointment of a Superintendent is the other primary responsibility of the Board of Education.

Ms. Fitzgerald asked for comments from the Board or the community.

Ms. Fitzgerald thanked the retirees for their years of service to the District.

Ms. Rufo noted that she is proud of the teachers and that they face difficult tasks daily.

Mr. Bellantoni noted that he wanted to remind the community that the bus facility at the Elementary School is a construction site and the community must not enter it.

Mr. Cohen reminded the community of the vote on May 17 and provided information on obtaining an absentee ballot.

Ms. Fitzgerald noted that she wanted to remind the community of the upcoming anniversary celebrations in the District.

There were no further comments.

**ADJOURN**  
**MEETING**

#292/11

On motion by Mr. Cohen, seconded by Ms. Rufo, there being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:39pm. Motion carried unanimously.

**Submitted by:**

**Maureen Bellino**  
**District Clerk**