

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: 8

Type of Meeting: Business Meeting

Date: June 16, 2011

BOARD OF EDUCATION: President Valerie Fitzgerald
Vice President Guy Cohen
Trustee Joseph Ferraro
Trustee David Spittal

PRESENT

Trustee Jeanine Rufo arrived at 7:56pm

ADMINISTRATORS: Dr. Barbara Fuchs, Interim Supt.
Paul Lee, Asst. Supt. for Business & Finance
Vincent Burruano, High School Principal
Edward Hallisey, Middle School Principal
Jamie Edelman, Elementary School Principal

OTHERS: Maureen Bellino, District Clerk
Johnmichael Chiriyon, Student Rep. to the Board
Dan Mahoney, Videographer
Approximately 25 members of the public

The meeting was opened by Ms. Fitzgerald at 7:00pm with the pledge.

CONVENE MEETING

On motion by Ms. Fitzgerald, seconded by Mr. Ferraro, the minutes of the Board meetings of May 19, June 2 and June 7, 2011, were adopted. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVE MINUTES

Ms. Fitzgerald noted that the Treasurer's Report for April 2011 was posted in the Business Office.

ANNOUNCEMENTS OF GENERAL INTEREST

Dr. Fuchs and the Board recognized Christine Alexander and Johnmichael Chiriyam with Pride In Putnam Valley for their work as student representatives to the Board during the 2010-11 school year.

Barbara Parmly, the Destination Imagination District-wide Manager, introduced the Middle School team (who have a team name of an upside down question mark) that qualified for and participated in the DI global finals in Tennessee. The team members, Kayleigh Harnett, Holly Jones, Shannon Rogers, Alexei Smith and Robyn Torregrosa, summarized their challenge and experiences at the competition. The team was awarded 6th place out of over 1,000 teams from all over the world. The team also received the DI Renaissance Award for their use of technology. The Board congratulated the team and noted they were very impressed with their work.

Mr. Burruano announced the names of the student representatives to the Board for the 2011-12 school year (Ryan O'Connor and Dana Tatnell). Mr. O'Connor was present at the meeting and was introduced.

Ms. Laura Hirsch, a member of the District and High School Anniversary Celebration Committee, presented the Board with tote bags filled with souvenirs for the upcoming District anniversary celebration event.

Ms. Fitzgerald announced the schedule of events for the Celebration Day (June 18, 2011) and encouraged all to attend.

The Board had a first reading presentation and discussion of the following policies:

Policy 7500 Scholarships/Awards/Memorials-Doc. #105/11

Policy 6310 Purchasing-Doc. #107/11

Policy 6685 Medicaid-Doc. #108/11

Policy 5251 Fundraising-Doc. #106/11

It was decided by the Board to remove the first reading resolution for Policy 5251 until further investigation is done through the New York State School Boards' Association (NYSSBA) with respect to non-profits utilizing the District's students or facilities for fundraising.

In her Superintendent's report, Dr. Fuchs reported on the High School concert, "I Will Build Where I Stand" held on June 8, 2011, which commemorated the 10th anniversary of the High School. She also summarized the anniversary schedule for the upcoming celebration on June 18. Dr. Fuchs noted that the High School Senior Awards ceremony on June 14 recognized seniors for their academic and extra-curricular accomplishments. She also noted that the Elementary School and the Middle School would be having their moving-up ceremonies in the upcoming week. Dr. Fuchs reported on her recent participation in a panel regarding cost savings for districts held by Assemblywoman Galef.

Dr. Fuchs also announced that due to an increase in student placements from other school districts, four special education teacher aide positions were being reinstated. The cost of these reinstated positions will be paid for with tuition from the outside districts.

Mr. Chiriyen read the names of the seniors honored at the 2011 Senior Award Ceremony (names attached to the official minutes of this meeting).

Ms. Fitzgerald commented on the contributions that were made by the student representatives during the course of this school year. She also wished them well in their future endeavors.

There was no report from either the PTA or PTSA.

Ms. Fitzgerald asked for comments from the community on the agenda. There were no comments and the Board moved into the New Business.

Resolved, on motion by Ms. Rufo, seconded by Mr. Ferraro, it was resolved, on recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, to approve CSE/CPSE placements as per Document #103/11 attached to the agenda and official minutes of this meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVE
CSE/CPSE PLACEMENTS
#331/11

Resolved, on motion by Mr. Ferraro, seconded by Mr. Spittal, it was resolved, on recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, to approve personnel actions as per Document #104/11 attached to the agenda and official minutes of this meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVE
PERSONNEL ACTIONS
#332/11

Mr. Cohen noted that the personnel actions included the hires for the Extended Year Summer Program and the summer camps.

Prior to the series of resolutions dealing with hiring of personnel, Dr. Fuchs summarized the process and procedures for hiring. She noted that all candidates go through a rigorous process prior to being offered a position within the District.

Resolved, on motion by Mr. Spittal, seconded by Mr. Cohen, it was resolved, on recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, to appoint Brad Grogan to a 3-year probationary appointment in the tenure area of Special Education at Putnam Valley Middle School, effective September 1, 2011 through September 1, 2014, on step-2MA of the PVFT salary schedule. Mr. Grogan holds Students with Disabilities grades 7-12 and Social Studies grades 7-12 initial certifications. Motion carried unanimously.

APPOINT
BRAD GROGAN
PROP. APPT. 9/1/11-9/1/14
MS SPEC. EDUC.
TEACHER
#333/11

Dr. Fuchs noted that Mr. Grogan is a product of the Putnam Valley Central School District.

APPOINT
N. LENHARD
PROB. APPT. 9/1/11-9/1/14
HS SS TEACHER
#334/11

On motion by Mr. Cohen, seconded by Ms. Rufo, it was resolved, on recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, to appoint Nicholas Lenhard to a 3-year probationary appointment in the tenure area of Social Studies at Putnam Valley High School, effective September 1, 2011 through September 1, 2014, on step-2MA of the PVFT salary schedule. Mr. Lenhard holds Social Studies grades 7-12 initial certification. Motion carried unanimously.

Dr. Fuchs noted that Mr. Lenhard was currently serving in this role as a leave replacement, but he did go through the rigorous hiring process and was deemed the best candidate for the position by the committee.

APPOINT
N. DOHERTY
MEDICAID
COMPLIANCE OFFICER
2011-12 SCHOOL YEAR
#335/11

On motion by Ms. Rufo, seconded by Mr. Ferraro, it was resolved, on recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, to appoint Natalie Doherty as the District's Medicaid Compliance Officer, effective July 1, 2011 through June 30, 2012, at no additional compensation. Motion carried unanimously.

ACCEPT DONATION
VFW POST 746
SCHOLARSHIP
#336/11

On motion by Mr. Ferraro, seconded by Mr. Spittal, it was resolved, on recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, to accept a donation in the amount of \$2,000 from the V.F.W. Post 746 to add to an existing scholarship that is awarded to two graduating seniors (one girl and one boy) of the High School. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVE SUPT.
ENTERING INTO
SALARY
AGREEMENTS
#337/11

On motion by Mr. Spittal, seconded by Mr. Cohen, it was resolved, to approve the Superintendent of Schools entering into 2011-12 Non-durational Terms and Conditions of Employment Agreements with the following employees:

Nick Bellantoni	Michael Lee
Maureen Bellino	Paul Lee
Susi Cummings	Patricia Murray

Motion carried unanimously.

Dr. Fuchs thanked the six individuals for taking a zero percent increase in their salaries for the 2011-12 school year.

On motion by Mr. Cohen, seconded by Ms. Rufo, it was resolved, on recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, to appoint Melissa Cafaro to a 2-year probationary appointment in the tenure area of Psychology at the Putnam Valley Central School District, effective September 1, 2011 through September 1, 2013, on step-6MA of the PVFT salary schedule. Ms. Cafaro holds Psychology permanent certification. Motion carried unanimously.

APPOINT
M. CAFARO
PROB. APPT. 9/1/11-9/1/13
PSYCHOLOGY
#338/11

Dr. Fuchs noted that Ms. Cafaro held a tenured position in the Valhalla school district that was exceeded due to their budgetary constraints. She welcomed and introduced Ms. Cafaro to the Board.

On motion by Ms. Rufo, seconded by Mr. Ferraro, it was resolved, on recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, to appoint Elizabeth Barette to a 2-year probationary appointment in the tenure area of Reading at Putnam Valley Elementary School, effective September 1, 2011 through September 1, 2013, on step-6MA of the PVFT salary schedule. Ms. Barette holds Childhood Education (Grades 1-6) & Literacy (Birth-Grade 6) professional certifications. Motion carried unanimously.

APPOINT
E. BARETTE
PROB APPT. 9/1/11-9/1/13
ES READING TEACHER
#339/11

Dr. Fuchs noted that Ms. Barette is a tenured Elementary School teacher in our District who applied for the Elementary School's reading teacher position and will now begin the tenure process in that area. Dr. Fuchs introduced Liz to the Board and noted that she is a dedicated teacher in the District and her background and experience will help all students in the reading process.

On motion by Mr. Ferraro, seconded by Mr. Spittal, it was resolved, on recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, to appoint Daniel J. Turner, Jr. to a 3-year probationary appointment in the tenure area of Physical Education and Health at Putnam Valley Middle School, effective September 1, 2011 through September 1, 2014, on step 1-BA of the PVFT salary schedule. Mr. Turner holds K-12 Physical Education and K-12 Health Education initial certifications. Motion carried unanimously.

APPOINT
D. TURNER, JR.
PROB. APPT. 9/1/11-9/1/14
PHYS. EDUC/HEALTH
MS TEACHER
#340/11

Dr. Fuchs noted that Mr. Turner is currently serving as a leave replacement teacher at the Middle School and that he was also a graduate of the Putnam Valley Middle School. Mr. Turner was one of over 300 applicants for this position and was the top choice of the committee. Dr. Fuchs introduced Mr. Turner to the Board.

ACCEPT
RESIGNATION
EFF. 8/31/11
A. MADDALONI
TEACHER AIDE
#341/11

On motion by Mr. Spittal, seconded by Mr. Cohen, it was resolved, on recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools to accept the resignation of Amanda Maddaloni from her position as teacher aide in the Putnam Valley Central School District effective August 31, 2011, as per Document #109/11 attached to the agenda and official minutes of this meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Dr. Fuchs noted that Ms. Maddaloni is resigning her position to accept a probationary appointment (next resolution) as a special education teacher at the Elementary School.

APPOINT
A. MADDALONI
PROB. APPT. 9/1/11-9/1/14
SPEC. EDUCATION
MS TEACHER
#342/11

On motion by Mr. Cohen, seconded by Mr. Ferraro, it was resolved, on recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, to appoint Amanda Maddaloni to a 3-year probationary appointment in the tenure area of Special Education at Putnam Valley Elementary School, effective September 1, 2011 through September 1, 2014, on step 1-MA of the PVFT salary schedule. Ms. Maddaloni holds Students with Disabilities (Grades 1-6), Childhood Education (Grades 1-6) and Early Childhood Education (Birth-Grade 2) initial certifications. Motion carried unanimously.

Dr. Fuchs noted that Ms. Maddaloni was currently serving as the leave replacement in the position, but she also went through the hiring process. Dr. Fuchs introduced Ms. Maddaloni to the Board.

ACCEPT
DONATION FROM
L. BUTTER
#343/11

On motion by Mr. Ferraro, seconded by Mr. Cohen, it was resolved, on recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, to accept a generous donation of books, classroom supplies and equipment, with an estimated value of \$2,970, from Ms. Lin Butter to be used at the Putnam Valley Elementary School. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVE
1ST READING
POLICIES:
NOS. 7500, 6310 & 6685
#344/11

On motion by Mr. Spittal seconded by Cohen, it was resolved, on recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, to approve the first reading of the following policies as per the documents attached to the agenda and official minutes of this meeting:
Policy 7500-Scholarships/Awards/Memorials, Policy 6310-Purchasing, Policy 6685-Medicaid

Motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Fitzgerald called for comments from the Board and/or the public on non-agenda items.

Mr. Cohen noted that he attended the Walkabout presentations on the evening that Putnam Valley student, Alyssa Schut, did her presentation. He also noted some of the upcoming BOCES events. Mr. Cohen also noted that the local DI competition, which is held in Somers, is a wonderful event that everyone should consider attending to see the impressive teamwork of students in meeting the various DI challenges.

It was noted that Mr. Ferraro and Dr. Fuchs would be attending the NYSSBA workshop on July 15 regarding the new APPR.

Mr. Chiriyon spoke about the end of the year senior "prank" that was carried out by the seniors on the last day of classes (seniors slept outside on the turf, filled the HS entry with balloons and shrink wrapped the entry to the building but there was an opening left on the side for all to enter). The Board members noted that the senior "prank" caused no harm or safety issue.

Ms. Fitzgerald motioned for the Board to go into Executive Session to discuss the employment history of 14 particular persons. She noted that there would be no business conducted after the Executive Session.

On motion by Ms. Fitzgerald, seconded by Ms. Rufo, the Board moved into Executive Session, at 8:23pm, to discuss the employment history of fourteen particular persons. Motion carried unanimously.

CONVENE
EXECUTIVE SESSION
#345/11

Joining the Board in the Executive Session were Dr. Fuchs and Mrs. Edelman. Mrs. Edelman left the meeting at 8:41pm. Mr. Burruano joined the Executive Session at 8:41pm and left the Executive Session at 9:00pm. Mr. Hallisey joined the Executive Session at 9:01pm and left the Executive Session at 9:22pm. Mr. Lee joined the Executive Session at 9:22pm and left the Executive Session at 9:39pm.

On motion by Mr. Cohen, seconded by Ms. Fitzgerald, the Board moved out of Executive Session at 11:46pm. Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURN
EXECUTIVE SESSION
#346/11

ADJOURN
MEETING
#347/11

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

Submitted by:

Maureen Bellino
District Clerk