

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: 7

Type of Meeting: Business Mtg.

Date: Dec. 16, 2010

BOARD OF EDUCATION: President Valerie Fitzgerald PRESENT
Vice President Guy Cohen
Trustee Joseph Ferraro
Trustee Jeanine Rufo (Notified late
arrival--8:30pm)
Trustee David Spittal

ADMINISTRATORS: Dr. Barbara Fuchs, Interim Superintendent
Paul Lee, Asst. Supt. for Business & Finance
Vincent Burruano, Interim High School Principal
Edward Hallisey, Middle School Principal
Jamie Edelman, Elementary School Principal
Nick Bellantoni, Director of Buildings & Grounds

OTHERS: Maureen Bellino, District Clerk
Christine Alexander, Student Rep. to the Board
Johnmichael Chiriyen, Student Rep. to the Board
Dan Mahoney, Videographer
Reporter from PCNR
Approximately 13 members of staff and the public

The meeting was opened by Ms. Fitzgerald at 7:02pm with the pledge.

CONVENE MEETING

Ms. Fitzgerald asked for a moment of silence in remembrance of a former Board member, Mary Maus, who had passed away on December 10th.

Ms. Fitzgerald noted that Sansotta Brothers' Deli had been recognized with Pride in Putnam Valley for their generous donation towards the purchase of a new tiger mascot costume. Ms. Fitzgerald explained that they were not able to attend the meeting so the award had been presented to them at their business (a video was shown with highlights of the presentation). The Board of Education also recognized the PTSA's Booster Club with Pride in Putnam Valley for their donation towards the tiger costume. Accepting the award for the PTSA Booster Club was Mrs. Laura Hirsch. The tiger also made an appearance at the meeting in his new outfit.

The Putnam Valley Middle School's technology team was recognized with Pride in Putnam Valley for presenting at a national conference on technology. The team, comprised of Maria Bradfield, Stephanie Cavalli, Laura Sherwood, Concetta Gallelo and Edward Hallisey, summarized their presentation to the Board of Education. Dr. Fuchs announced that the Middle School had also received recognition from the Apple Corporation with a technology leadership award.

APPROVE MINUTES

On motion by Mr. Ferraro, seconded by Mr. Cohen, the minutes of the Business Meeting of November 18, 2010 and the Special Business Meeting of November 29, 2010 were adopted. Motion carried unanimously.

ANNOUNCEMENTS OF GENERAL INTEREST

Dr. Fuchs summarized the progress that was being made with respect to the District/BOE goals for the 2010/11 school year. Individual action plans were reviewed for each of the goals (presentation attached to the official minutes of this meeting). Dr. Fuchs noted that laminated copies of the vision and mission statements were given to each of the building principals to display in all classrooms of the District. Dr. Fuchs also noted that the first meeting of the Budget Advisory Committee would be taking place on January 19.

Ms. Edelman gave an update on the pilot program of full-day kindergarten for a targeted group of students that began in September. She also presented on the possibility of full day kindergarten for all future kindergarten students (presentation attached to the official minutes of this meeting). The Board noted that they intend to have further discussion on this topic.

Mr. Burruano summarized the current and proposed procedures for higher level courses at the High School. The presentation included a strategy for a pathway to acceleration (presentation attached to the official minutes of this meeting).

Ms. Rufo arrived during this presentation.

SUPERINTENDENT'S UPDATE

Dr. Fuchs noted that the K-12 coordinators met with Nancy Letts, an education consultant, and that Ms. Letts' fee is funded through a grant. Dr. Fuchs noted that the members of the Budget Advisory committee would be appointed during this evening's meeting. Dr. Fuchs noted that she will be asking the committee to look at possible revenue sources. She also noted that the members of the building and District crisis teams had received training from Bob Barrett, a consultant who specializes in emergency response team training. On December 20, Michael Hanna (Middle School Assistant Principal) and Tricia Murray (Assistant to the Elementary School Principal) will provide training on positive behavioral interventions to all bus drivers and bus monitors in the District. It was noted that this training would include the Putnam Valley Central School District and the Hudson Valley Bus Company employees. Dr. Fuchs noted that due to the suggestion made to parents to drop off their students earlier in the morning, the traffic congestion at the High School/Middle School campus appears to have been alleviated for now. The traffic situation will again be monitored after the holiday recess.

STUDENT BOE REPRESENTATIVES' REPORT

Johnmichael Chiriyam and Christine Alexander noted that the Theatreworks' performance of *Noises Off* had been very successful and that auditions were currently being held for the spring musical, *Sweeney Todd, The Demon Barber of Fleet Street*. They also noted that the Middle School concerts were being held during the upcoming week. They congratulated the High School Academic Challenge Team (Dylan Mah, Max Ringbom, Logan Bagarozzy, Rob Tandy and Chui Lee) for their recent win which was televised on channel 12. They also reported that students at the High School were actively supporting "Rachel's Challenge" (a national program which was created in memory of a student who died in the Columbine tragedy).

There were no reports from the PTA or PTSA.

Ms. Fitzgerald asked for questions or comments on the agenda.

Ms. Fitzgerald commented on the importance of the Rachel's Challenge program. She also noted that *Noises' Off* was superb. In answer to a question from the public, she announced that Tina Mackay was elected to the vacant seat at PNW BOCES.

There were no other comments and the Board moved into the new business.

NEW BUSINESS

**ACCEPT
RESIGNATIONS
FOR RETIREMENT**

#173/11

On motion by Ms. Rufo, seconded by Mr. Ferraro, it was resolved, on recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, to accept, with regret, the resignations for the purpose of retirement, of the following staff members, effective June 30, 2011, as per the documents attached to the agenda and official minutes of this meeting.

Name/Document No.

Leisengang, Nancy-Doc. #39/11

Pendergast, Linda-Doc. #40/11

Vogel, Therese-Doc. #41/11

Polewaski, Ingrid-Doc. #42/11

Motion carried unanimously.

**APPROVE
PERSONNEL ACTIONS**

#174/11

On motion by Mr. Ferraro, seconded by Mr. Spittal, it was resolved, on recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, to take personnel actions as per Document #43/11 attached to the agenda and official minutes of this meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

It was noted that the personnel actions included the establishment of a new club at the High School.

**MAKE
CSE/CPSE PLACEMENTS**

#175/11

On motion by Mr. Spittal, seconded by Mr. Cohen, it was resolved, on recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, to make CSE/CPSE placements as per Document #44/11 attached to the agenda and official minutes of this meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

**ACCEPT
DONATIONS OF
MUSICAL EQUIPMENT**

#176/11

On motion by Mr. Cohen, seconded by Ms. Rufo, it was resolved, on recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, to accept the following generous donations of musical equipment to the District's instrumental music program.

| <u>Name</u> | <u>Donated Equipment</u> | <u>Value</u> |
|--------------|---------------------------------------|--------------|
| Lin Butter | Gemeinhardt Flute (good condition) | \$150 |
| | Conn Trumpet (good condition) | \$150 |
| Evelyn Reyes | Percussion Kit w/Snare Drum | \$150 |
| Liz Tavares | Gemeinhardt Flute (good condition) | \$150 |
| Vera Sokol | Bundy Alto Saxophone (good condition) | \$200 |

Motion carried unanimously.

On motion by Ms. Rufo, seconded by Mr. Ferraro, it was resolved, on recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, to grant permission for a non-resident faculty member's child to attend Putnam Valley High School for the 2nd semester of the 2010-11 school year as per Document #45/11 attached to the agenda and official minutes of this meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

**GRANT PERMISSION
FOR NON-RESIDENT
FACULTY MEMBER'S
CHILD TO ATTEND
PVHS
#177/11**

On motion by Mr. Ferraro, seconded by Mr. Spittal, it was resolved, on recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, to appoint Dana Lopez to a six-month probationary appointment, effective December 13, 2010 through June 13, 2011 as a part-time Office Assistant 1 in the Special Education office on Step 1 of the CSEA salary schedule. Motion carried unanimously.

**APPOINT
D. LOPEZ
6-MO. PROB. APPT.
12/13/10-06/13/11
P/T OFFICE ASST. I
#178/11**

Ms. Lopez was present at the meeting, and Dr. Fuchs welcomed her as a new District staff member.

On motion by Mr. Spittal, seconded by Mr. Cohen, it was resolved, on recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, to appoint Jennifer McDonald as a volunteer CSE/CPSE parent member as per Document #46/11. Motion carried unanimously.

**APPOINT
J. MCDONALD
VOL. CSE/CPSE PARENT
MEMBER
#179/11**

On motion by Mr. Cohen, seconded by Ms. Rufo, it was resolved, on recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, to appoint the following members of the Budget Advisory Committee for the 2011/12 school year budget: Maryellen Brown, Robert Canavan, Jerri Cohen, Barbara Daur, Jeannie Denike, Paul Hendrickson, Marilyn Higgins, Elise MacDonald, Matt Mello, Barbara Parmly, Rita Sharples, Lisa Spittal, Stacey Tompkins, Gene Yetter and Marie Zarcone. Motion carried unanimously.

**APPOINT
BUDGET ADVIS. COMM.
2011-12 BUDGET
#180/11**

Dr. Fuchs noted that all of the Budget Advisory Committee meetings were open to the public.

**ACCEPT
RESIGNATION
L. DAVAN**

#181/11

On motion by Ms. Rufo, seconded by Mr. Ferraro, it was resolved, on recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, to accept the resignation of Laura Davan from the Putnam Valley Central School District effective on or before January 3, 2011 as per Document #47/11 attached to the agenda and official minutes of this meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

**APPROVE
USE OF DISTRICT
FACILITIES AS
MASS CARE SHELTERS**

#182/11

On motion by Mr. Ferraro, seconded by Mr. Spittal, it was resolved, on recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that the Putnam Valley Central School District Board of Education enter into an agreement with the Putnam County Bureau of Emergency Services for the use of District facilities as mass care shelters, as per Document #48/11, attached to the agenda and official minutes of this meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Cohen noted that the District, as required by law and regulation, will permit the Putnam County emergency service teams to use District facilities once it is established that the District's students are safe.

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

Mr. Cohen congratulated the cheerleaders for their recent competition victory. He noted that the Academic Challenge show would be aired on Cablevision's channel 12. Mr. Cohen praised former Board of Education trustee Mary Maus for her seven year tenure as a Board trustee and noted that her illness did not prevent her from putting the children first and foremost. He noted that Ms. Maus supported the total education of the child.

**CONVENE
EXECUTIVE SESSION**

#183/11

On motion by Mr. Cohen, seconded by Mr. Ferraro, the Board moved into Executive Session at 9:41pm to discuss the employment history of four persons. Motion carried unanimously

Dr. Fuchs joined the Board in the Executive Session.

Dr. Fuchs excused herself from the Executive Session at 10:11pm.

On motion by Mr. Cohen, seconded by Ms. Fitzgerald, the Board moved out of Executive Session at 10:42pm. Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURN
EXECUTIVE SESSION
#184/11

On motion by Mr. Cohen, seconded by Ms. Rufo, there being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:43pm. Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURN MEETING
#185/11

Submitted by:

Maureen Bellino
District Clerk