

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: 9

Type of Meeting: Business Mtg.

Date: September 16, 2010

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

ADMINISTRATION Dr. Barbara Fuchs, Interim Superintendent
Paul Lee, Asst. Supt. for Business and Technology
Natalie Doherty, Director of Special Education
Patricia Murray, Asst. to the Elementary School Principal
Edward Hallisey, Middle School Principal
Vincent Burruano, High School Principal

OTHER Johnmichael Chiriyon, Student Representative
Christine Alexander, Student Representative
Maureen Bellino, District Clerk
Dan Mahoney, Videographer
Reporters--Art Cusano of the No. County News &
Ann Chesnut--Putnam County News & Recorder
Members of the PVCSD Destination Imagination National Teams &
Advisors
Approximately 26 members of the public

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

CONVENE MEETING

APPROVE MINUTES On motion by Mr. Ferraro, seconded by Ms. Rufo, the minutes of the
SBM-8/13/10, SBM 8/27/10, Special Business Meeting of August 13, 2010, the Business Meeting of
BM 8/19/10, and Amended August 19, 2010, the Special Business Meeting of August 27, 2010
WS/BM 9/2/10 and the Work Session/Business of September 2, 2010 (as amended)
#100/11 were approved. Motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Fitzgerald noted that the Treasurer's Report for the month of June 2010 was posted in the Business Office.

ANNOUNCEMENTS OF GENERAL INTEREST

The members and advisors of the Destination Team who attended the national competition in Tennessee in May were introduced. They summarized their experiences at the competition. Each team member was then recognized by receiving Pride in Putnam Valley. The students that were recognized were as follows. From the DI-Hard Thieves team: Kyle Carroll, Maggie Bolton, Jake Kahn, Rebeka Kashkin, Alex McDonald, Kaitlin Millicker and Ryan Usai. From the Trebuchet Masters team: Eddie Sanchez-Barrera, Dylan Delaney, AJ Egel, David Kahn and Conor Van Riper. The Board thanked the advisors, Mrs. Barbara Parmly and Ms. Amanita Dugal-Carroll for the presentation and their work with the teams.

Dr. Fuchs summarized the changes and impact of the New York State 2010 assessments. It was noted that over the summer the State Education Department modified the "cut scores". This resulted in more students being identified as requiring assistance. The State will not mandate the assistance to begin until the 2011/12 school year, but it was noted by Dr. Fuchs that the District will support these students immediately. (Presentation attached to the official minutes of this meeting.)

The building principals and the Director of Special Education summarized attendance trends and the opening day status of their respective areas. In summary, the principals reported that the opening of school went well and that attendance trends are good at all three buildings. Regarding enrollment, it was noted that the Elementary School is down sixteen students overall and includes a decrease of 27 in kindergarten from the prior school year. Mr. Hallisey noted that the Middle School enrollment is down by 33 students. At the High School, Mr. Burruano noted that enrollment is up by 20 students. In the area of special education, Ms. Doherty noted that there are currently 255 students in the District receiving services. She also noted that there are students being tuitioned into the District by neighboring school districts. The principals also reported on various assessment and test scores. (Presentations attached to the official minutes of this meeting.)

It was noted that lab sessions have been added to all math courses and these will be for additional help sessions. The 11th grade ELA classes will also have a lab session. Mr. Burruano noted that he will investigate honors, AP and Dutchess Community College courses (including results and criteria). There will be presentation to the Board on this topic in November. Ms. Rufo noted that she would like to see the AP results presented to the Board. Mr. Ferraro noted that the 7th and 8th grade scores have gone done even without the new cut scores. Mr. Hallisey noted that the curriculum will be evaluated to determine where support is needed. Mr. Ferraro asked if the Regents scores could be summarized with a break point of 80 which he noted has been associated with college success instead of the state standards for proficiency and mastery. Mr. Ferraro asked Ms. Murray how the Elementary School is supporting the additional students who were identified. Ms. Murray noted that all Elementary School students that were identified as needed additional help are receiving appropriate support. Parents were notified via letter that their children were receiving AIS support.

In her Superintendent's report, Dr. Fuchs noted that the custodial staff and the groundskeepers are to be commended on the excellent condition of the buildings and grounds. She also noted that the PVCSD website will be managed by Barbara O'Hare (Administrative Assistant in the Business Office). Dr. Fuchs noted that the goals and objectives established by the Board and the District will be assigned to various administrative team members and the progress of the goals and objectives will be monitored and tracked.

The Board discussed the trustee vacancy. Ms. Rufo noted that she had spoken to Mr. Langlois of BOCES and noted that the Board had ninety days to fill the position. Ms. Fitzgerald summarized the options: hold an election (which would involve a monetary outlay for the District), appoint a candidate or ask the community for volunteers and then appoint. It was noted that when the Board discusses the candidates, it will be at a public meeting. After their discussion, the Board decided to request letters of interest from the community. A deadline of September 24 was given for the letter submissions. The Board will then discuss the letters that are received at the Work Session of September 28.

Ms. Amanita Dugal-Carroll reported for the PTA and the PTSA that the membership drive is currently going on and that dues are \$8. She also noted that those joining the PTA this year will receive a small copy of the District calendar. The first meeting for the PTA will be September 29 at the Elementary School and the PTSA will be meeting on October 5 at the High School.

The student representatives noted that the High School will be presenting *Noises Off* as the Theatreworks' fall drama and that senior portraits are continuing to be taken at the High School. They noted that the Elementary School Back to School Night is September 21, 2010 and that the Middle School will be having their Back to School Night on September 24, 2010.

Ms. Fitzgerald noted that Mr. Ferraro will be the Board's voting member at the New York State School Boards' Association meeting on October 21. On September 23, there will be a meeting at Southern Westchester BOCES to discuss the proposed propositions for the October 21st meeting. Mr. Ferraro and Ms. Fitzgerald both noted that they will attend this meeting. Ms. Fitzgerald also noted that a committee will be established to look at the structure of the Middle School and High School campus to determine the best way to maximize the educational opportunities for the students.

Ms. Fitzgerald asked for comments or questions on any agenda items.

Ms. Chesnut commended the Superintendent for reminding the community of the vision of the District--the Child First and Foremost: Building a Foundation for the Future.

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

Ms. Fitzgerald noted that with the resignation of Ms. Mackay from the Board of Education the Board needed to nominate a new Vice President.

Mr. Ferraro nominated Mr. Cohen as Vice President of the Board. Ms. Rufo Mr. Cohen accepted the nomination.

NOMINATE
BOE VICE PRESIDENT
#101/11

On motion by Mr. Ferraro, seconded by Ms. Rufo, Mr. Cohen was nominated as Vice President of the Board of Education. Mr. Cohen agreed to accept the nomination and the motion to nominate carried unanimously.

APPOINT
BOE VICE PRESIDENT
#102/11

On motion by Ms. Rufo, seconded by Mr. Ferraro, Mr. Cohen was appointed Vice President of the Board of Education. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Cohen was sworn in by Ms. Fitzgerald and signed the oath of office.

AWARD BID
GENERAL TRADES
CONTRACT
#103/11

On motion by Mr. Ferraro, seconded by Mr. Cohen, it was resolved, on the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, to award the General Trades contract for the bus facility to the lowest responsible bidder, Marquise Construction Corporation of 10 St. Charles Street, Thornwood, NY 10594 for \$740,000.00 and to do Alternate #1 for \$120,000.00. Motion carried unanimously.

On motion by Mr. Cohen, seconded by Mr. Ferraro, it was resolved, on recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, to award the Plumbing contract for the bus facility to the lowest responsible bidder, Frank & Lindy Plumbing of 2 John Walsh Boulevard, Peekskill, NY 10566 for \$99,276.00 and to do Alternate #1 for \$1,600.00. Motion carried unanimously.

AWARD BID
PLUMBING CONTRACT
#104/11

On motion by Ms. Rufo, seconded by Mr. Ferraro, it was resolved, on recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, to award the Electrical contract for the bus facility to the lowest responsible bidder, Anderson Electric of 62 Pemberwick Road, Greenwich Ct. 06831 for \$149,450.00 and to do Alternate #1 for \$10,400.00. Motion carried unanimously.

AWARD BID
ELECTRICAL
CONTRACT
#105/11

On motion by Mr. Ferraro, seconded by Mr. Cohen, it was resolved, to award the Mechanical contract for the bus facility to the lowest responsible bidder, Sun Dance Energy Contractors of 424 Central Ave., Peekskill NY 10566 for \$164,500.00 and to do Alternate #1 for \$2,500.00. Motion carried unanimously.

AWARD BID
MECHANICAL
CONTRACT
#106/11

Mr. Cohen noted that the Board had to contract for each service separately due to the Wicks Law which the New York State School Boards' Association has been trying to have removed for years. It was noted that due to these provisions that costs are increased by approximately 20-35%.

On motion by Mr. Cohen, seconded by Mr. Ferraro, it was resolved, on recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, to enter into 2010-11 Letters of Agreement for the following employees:

ENTER INTO
LETTERS OF
AGREEMENT 2010-11
SCHOOL YEAR
#107/11

Nick Bellantoni
Maureen Bellino
Susi Cummings
Natalie Doherty
Michael Lee
Mark Lybolt
Patricia Murray

Motion carried unanimously.

**AUTHORIZE BOE
EXECUTE AGREEMENTS
W/DR. FUCHS AS
ASST. SUPT. AND
INTERIM SUPT.**

#108/11

On motion by Ms. Rufo, seconded by Mr. Ferraro, it was resolved to authorize the Board President to execute agreements for Dr. Barbara Fuchs as Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Personnel and Interim Superintendent of Schools for the 2010-11 school year, a copy of the agreements shall be incorporated by reference within the minutes of this meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

**GRANT PERMISSION
FOR INTERIM SUPT. TO
ATTEND CONFERENCE**

#109/11

On motion by Mr. Cohen, seconded by Mr. Ferraro, it was resolved by the Board of Education to grant permission for Dr. Barbara Fuchs to attend the following conference:

New York State Council of School Superintendents Fall Summit
September 25-28, 2010
Saratoga Springs, NY

**ARRANGE
CSE/CPSE PLACEMENTS**

#110/11

On motion by Ms. Rufo, seconded by Mr. Ferraro, it was resolved, on recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, to arrange for CSE/CPSE placements as per Document #18/11 attached to the agenda and official minutes of this meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

**ADOPT
DISTRICT GOALS**

#111/11

On motion by Mr. Ferraro, seconded by Mr. Cohen, it was resolved, to adopt the District goals as per Document #19/11, attached to the agenda and official minutes of this meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

It was noted that the goals will be posted on the District website.

**ADOPT
REVISED OPERATING
PROTOCOLS**

#112/11

On motion by Mr. Cohen, seconded by Mr. Ferraro, it was resolved, to approve the revised operating protocols for the Board of Education as per Document #20/11, attached to the agenda and official minutes of this meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

On motion by Ms. Rufo, seconded by Mr. Ferraro, it was resolved, on the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, to appoint Robert Henry to a 6-month probationary appointment effective September 1, 2010 through March 1, 2011 as a bus driver in the Putnam Valley Central School District on Step 1 of the CSEA salary schedule. Motion carried unanimously.

APPOINT
R. HENRY
6-MO. PROB. APPT.
BUS DRIVER
9/1/10-3/1/11
#113/11

On motion by Mr. Ferraro, seconded by Mr. Cohen, it was resolved, on the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, to accept the resignation, with regret, of Laura Dellabate from her position as a school monitor at the Elementary School effective August 23, 2010 as per Document #21/11 attached to the agenda and official minutes of this meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

ACCEPT
RESIGNATION OF
L. DELLABATE
ES-SCHOOL MONITOR
#113/11

On motion by Mr. Cohen, seconded by Mr. Ferraro, it was resolved, on the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, to accept generous donations for the Putnam Valley Elementary School library in the memory of former Elementary School teacher, Mildred Willette, from the following people:

ACCEPT
DONATIONS TO BE
USED AT THE PVES
LIBRARY
#114/11

George and Jacquelyn Bushey
Christopher and Sandra Hatch
Francis and Cheryl Witherell
Judi Willette
Julie Arnold
Douglas & Mary Lou Wright

Motion carried unanimously.

It was noted the Ms. Willette was a teacher at the Elementary School who always put her students first and foremost.

On motion by Ms. Rufo, seconded by Mr. Ferraro, it was resolved, to approve the Board of Education self-evaluation template, as per Document #22/11, attached to the agenda and official minutes of this meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVE
BOE SELF-EVAL.
TEMPLATE
#115/11

AMEND
HEARING OFFICIAL
FOR FREE & REDUCED
PRICE MEAL PROGRAM
#116/11

On motion by Mr. Ferraro, seconded by Mr. Cohen, it resolved, to amend Document #6/11, to reflect the Hearing Official for the Free and Reduced Price Meal Program as Dr. Barbara Fuchs, Interim Superintendent of Schools, as per Document #6/11A, attached to the agenda and official minutes of this meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVE
PERSONNEL ACTIONS
#117/11

On motion by Mr. Cohen, seconded by Mr. Ferraro, it was resolved, on recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, to approve personnel actions as per Document #23/11 attached to the agenda and official minutes of this meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

It was noted that the substitute/tutor list was updated and the fall coaches were approved.

APPOINT
L. GAZZOLA
6-MO. PROBAT. APPT.
ES-SCHOOL MONITOR
EFF. 9/20/10-3/20/11
#118/11

On motion by Ms. Rufo, seconded by Mr. Ferraro, it was resolved, on recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, to appoint Lisa Gazzola to a six-month probationary appointment effective September 20, 2010 through March 20, 2011 as a school monitor at the Elementary School on Step 1 of the CSEA salary schedule. Motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Fitzgerald asked for comments from the Board and/or community. There were no comments.

CONVENE
EXECUTIVE SESSION
#119/11

On motion by Ms. Fitzgerald, seconded by Ms. Rufo, the Board moved into Executive Session at 8:50pm to discuss one item related to collective negotiations pursuant to Article 14 of the Civil Service Law (the Taylor Law) and items related to the employment history of particular persons. Motion carried unanimously.

It was noted that there would be no business conducted after the Executive Session.

Joining the Board in the Executive Session were legal counsel, David Shaw, Paul Lee and Dr. Barbara Fuchs. Mr. Lee left the meeting at 9:51pm.

On motion by Mr. Cohen, seconded by Ms. Rufo, the Board moved out of Executive Session at 10:38pm. Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURN
EXECUTIVE SESSION

#120/11

On motion by Mr. Cohen, seconded by Ms. Rufo, there being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:38pm. Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURN
MEETING

#121/11

Submitted by:

Maureen Bellino, District Clerk