

MINUTES OF OPEN MEETING

BOARD OF EDUCATION

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

TIME: 7:00pm
(following
Reorg. Mtg.)
No. of Pages: 8

Type of Meeting: Business Mtg.

Date: July 13, 2010

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

ADMINISTRATORS: Dr. Marc Space, Superintendent of Schools
Dr. Barbara Fuchs, Asst. Supt. for Curriculum, Instr. & Personnel
Paul Lee, Asst. Supt. for Business & Finance

OTHERS: Maureen Bellino, District Clerk
Christine Alexander, Student Rep. to the Board
Jonmichael Chiryan, Student Rep. to the Board
Dan Mahoney, Videographer
Reporter from the North County News
Approximately 28 members of the public

The meeting was opened by Ms. Fitzgerald at 7:44pm.

CONVENE MEETING

On motion by Mr. Cohen, seconded by Ms. Rufo, the minutes of the Board meetings of June 3, 11, 17 and 24, 2010 were adopted. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVE MINUTES
WK. SESSION/BUS. MTG.
6/3/10
SPEC. BUS. MTG. 6/11/10
BUS. MTG. 6/17/10
SPEC. BUS. MTG. 6/23/10

11/25

Ms. Fitzgerald noted that the Treasurer reports for May 2010 were posted in the Business Office.

SUPERINTENDENT'S UPDATE

Dr. Space congratulated faculty, staff and, especially, Mr. Sam Oliverio on a successful High School graduation ceremony given the change in administrative leadership. He noted that the District should look to hire an interim principal as they evaluate various options. The interim will serve for a year. Dr. Fuchs noted that she has the resumes of four qualified individuals. Ms. Mackay offered to represent the Board during the interview process. Dr. Space also noted that the District should continue to investigate the single Middle School/High School campus concept. Ms. Mackay noted that the decision should not be based solely on possible monies saved but are how it relates to the District's goals and must ensure that we have proper leadership. Dr. Fuchs noted that she has begun to collect data from North Salem, Haldane and Edgemont (three districts with Middle School/High School single leadership).

Dr. Space also noted that this year is the 75th anniversary of the District and the 10th Anniversary of the High School. Dr. Space reported that he has discussed celebrating these events at Town Day in September. It was noted that the District will continue to move ahead with the celebration plans and that a committee would be established.

There was no report from the PTA or PTSA.

Ms. Fitzgerald asked for public comment on the agenda.

A member of the community, Melody Wolford, noted that she felt it was a great idea to use the interim especially with people who are out of work. She also noted that while she is thankful for the staff at the Middle School, she did not feel that one person should be responsible for grades five through twelve.

Former student Board of Education representative and 2010 alumni, Dan Craig, noted that he also felt that hiring an interim was a great idea but there should be one principal and one assistant principal in each building. He stated that the cost savings would be minimal and that with other budget cuts that have occurred over the years, and the areas that may continue to be cut, the District is losing services.

Community members also noted that the principal really needs to know their students and that responsibility for grades five through twelve would be too much for any one individual.

Ms. Stacey Tompkins asked about the timing for the permanent plan for the High School. Dr. Space noted that the goal would be to have the interim principal for one year and the decision on which direction to go for the permanent hire by January 2011. Ms. Mackay and Ms. Fitzgerald noted that the discussions will continue to be open and that there will be public input on the process.

Mr. Cohen asked Mr. Lee to clarify the motions dealing with bids and what projects they are covering. Mr. Lee noted that these were general maintenance bids and are used only on an as needed basis.

NEW BUSINESS

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 #1/11, attached to the official minutes of this meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

CSE/CPSE
PLACEMENTS
11/26

On motion by Mr. Ferraro, seconded by Ms. Rufo, it was resolved, on recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, to establish an account within the Special Purpose Fund to account for grants and donations awarded to the District by foundations and philanthropists. Motion carried unanimously.

ESTABLISH SPEC. PURP.
ACCT. FOR
GRANTS & DONATIONS
11/27

It was noted that based on an audit a separate fund for donations/grants was established.

On motion by Mr. Cohen, seconded by Ms. Mackay, it was resolved, on recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, to appoint Chairpersons of the Committee on Special Education, Committee on Preschool Special Education and parent members for the 2010-11 school year, as per Document #2/11, attached to the official minutes of this meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

APPOINT CSE/CPSE
CHAIRPERSONS/
PARENT MEMBERS
11/28

It was noted that there are four teachers and eight parents appointed to serve on these committees.

**APPOINT
REGULAR EDUC.
TEACHERS TO
CPSE COMMITTEE**
11/29

On motion by Ms. Mackay, seconded by Mr. Cohen, it was resolved, on recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, to appoint regular education teachers to the Committee on Preschool Special Education for the 2010-11 school year, as per Document #3/11, attached to the official minutes of this meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

It was noted that there were twelve teachers listed for this committee.

**APPROVE
VESID ONLINE LIST
IMPARTIAL HEARING
OFFICERS**
11/30

On motion by Ms. Rufo, seconded by Mr. Cohen, it was resolved, on recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, to approve the VESID Online list of Impartial Hearing Officers for the 2010-11 school year. Motion carried unanimously.

It was noted that the officers on this list are used for impartial hearings if there is a challenge from a family regarding their child's education as it relates to special education.

**APPROVE
CONFERENCES FOR
SUPT.**
11/31

On motion by Mr. Ferraro, seconded by Ms. Mackay, it was resolved, by the Board of Education to grant permission for Dr. Marc Space to attend the following conferences:

54th Annual School Law Conference, August 6, 2010
at SUNY New Paltz
Phi Delta Kappa Conf. February 17-18, 2011
in Atlanta, Georgia

Motion carried unanimously.

PERSONNEL ACTIONS
11/32

On motion by Mr. Cohen, seconded by Ms. Mackay, it was resolved, on recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, to take personnel actions, as per Document #4/11, attached to the agenda and official minutes of this meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

The personnel actions were summarized and it was noted they include appointments of 10-month employees, camp counselors, academic advisors, additions to the substitute teachers list, summer receiving clerks, District webmaster, the hiring of a temporary groundskeeper, the 2010 summer bus drivers and monitors and approval of District staff to work at athletic events and intramural supervisors.

On motion by Ms. Mackay, seconded by Mr. Cohen, it was resolved, on recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, to appoint Jason Weltman to a 3-year probationary appointment in the tenure areas of Health and Physical Education at the Putnam Valley Middle School effective September 1, 2010 through September 1, 2013, on step 4BA of the P.V.F.T. salary schedule. Motion carried unanimously.

APPOINT
J. WELTMAN
HEALTH & PHYS EDUC.
PROBATIONARY
9/1/10-9/1/13
11/33

On motion by Ms. Rufo, seconded by Mr. Ferraro, it was resolved, on the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, to award the Carpentry Time and Material Bid to the lowest responsible bidder out of five bids to Rozel Builders of 4 Sodom Lane South, Brewster NY 10509 at the following rates:

AWARD CARPENTRY
TIME & MATERIAL BID
11/34

Foreman \$72.00/hr.
Carpenter \$66.00/hr
Helper \$54.00/hr
Material mark-up 7.5%

On motion by Mr. Ferraro, seconded by Ms. Mackay, it was resolved, on recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, to reject all Electrical Time and Materials bids due to bid rates that were too high. Motion carried unanimously.

REJECT BIDS
ELECTRICAL TIME &
MATERIALS
11/35

On motion by Mr. Cohen, seconded by Ms. Rufo, it was resolved, on recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, to reject all Masonry, Site and Asphalt bids, due to bid rates that were too high. Motion carried unanimously.

REJECT BIDS
MASONRY, SITE &
ASPHALT
11/36

On motion by Ms. Mackay, seconded by Mr. Cohen, it was resolved, on recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, to award the Paint Bid to the lowest responsible bidder out of two bids to Wallauer Paint and Decoration of 30 Virginia Road, North White Plains NY 10603. Motion carried unanimously.

AWARD PAINT BID
11/37

**AWARD PLUMBING
TIME AND MATERIAL
BID**

11/38

On motion by Ms. Rufo, seconded by Mr. Ferraro, it was resolved, on recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, to award the Plumbing Time and Material Bid to the lowest responsible bidder out of one bid to Dave Goldberg Plumbing and Heating of 2566 Farsund Drive, Yorktown Heights NY 10598 at the following rates:

Foreman \$105.00/hr.
Journeyman \$105.00/hr.
Helper \$45.00/hr.
Material mark up 15%

Motion carried unanimously.

**AWARD SCHOOL BUS
BID**

11/39

On motion by Mr. Ferraro, seconded by Mr. Cohen, it was resolved, on recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, to award the School Bus Bid to the lowest responsible bidder out of one bid to New York Bus Sales, LLC of 7765 Lakeport Road, Chittenango NY 13037 for the cost of \$43,684.30. Motion carried unanimously.

**APPOINT
J. PEPPARD
TEACHER AIDE
PROB. 9/1/10-3/1/10**

11/40

On motion by Mr. Cohen, seconded by Ms. Mackay, it was resolved, on recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, to appoint Joann Peppard to a six-month probationary appointment effective September 1, 2010 through March 1, 2011 as a teacher aide at Putnam Valley High School on Step 7 of the CSEA salary schedule. Motion carried unanimously.

It was noted that this appointment is a replacement for a teacher aide who has retired.

**APPOINT
B. GROGAN
6-MO. LV. REPL.
SOCIAL STUDIES
TEACHER--MIDDLE
SCHOOL**

11/40

On motion by Ms. Mackay, seconded by Mr. Cohen, it was resolved, on recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, to appoint Bradley Grogan to a 6-month leave replacement as a social studies teacher at Putnam Valley Middle School effective September 1, 2010 through February 1, 2011 (or sooner at the discretion of the Board of Education) on step 1-MA of the PVFT salary schedule. Motion carried unanimously.

On motion by Ms. Rufo, seconded by Mr. Cohen, it was resolved, on recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, to approve a contract for Health and Welfare Services with the Mahopac Central School District for two students at \$534 each for a total of \$1,068 as per Document #5/11 attached of the official agenda and minutes of this meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVE
HEALTH & WELFARE
SERVICES-MAHOPAC

11/41

Ms. Fitzgerald called for public contribution on non-agenda items.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Ms. Mackay noted the need to continue to keep the policy manual updated. Dr. Space noted that NYSSBA will continue to inform the District of needed changes. Ms. Bellino will have the required committees specified in the policy manual on the August agenda.

Mr. Cohen noted that once the State adopts a budget and the tax rates are set, there will be a need to have a Special Business Meeting. The dates for the upcoming Board Retreats are: July 21st for the Board, the Superintendent and the Asst. Superintendents; and August 3rd and 4th for the Board, the administrative team and constituent groups.

Ms. Jerri Cohen asked about the status of the proposed field house.

Ms. Jeannie Denike also inquired about the field house status. She also asked and received clarity on the bid motions.

Ms. Paula Bagarozzy had questions regarding the Committee on Pre-School Education as it relates to regulations and placements. She also asked if there is a gifted screening program in place for incoming kindergarten students. She noted that this is a NYS requirement. Dr. Space noted that he would gather information and get back to her.

Ms. Deborah Glatz Schmelmer asked about the status of the PVFT contract. It was noted that the District is still in mediation. She also asked if the departure of the High School principal would have a monetary cost to the District. Dr. Space noted that it would not.

There were no further comments from the public.

On motion by Ms. Fitzgerald, seconded by Ms. Mackay, at 8:34pm, the Board moved into Executive Session to discuss one issue related to the employment history of a particular person and one item of collective negotiations pursuant to Article 14 of the Civil Service Law (the Taylor Law). Motion carried unanimously.

CONVENE
EXECUTIVE SESSION

11/42

It was noted that there would be no further business after the Executive Session. Joining the Board in the Executive Session were Drs. Space and Fuchs. Drs. Space and Fuchs left the Executive Session at 10:15pm.

ADJOURN
EXECUTIVE SESSION
11/43

On motion by Ms. Fitzgerald, seconded by Ms. Rufo, the Board moved out of Executive Session at 10:53pm. Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURN MEETING
11/44

On motion by Mr. Cohen, seconded by Ms. Mackay, there being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:54pm. Motion carried unanimously.

Submitted by:

Maureen Bellino
District Clerk