

# MINUTES OF OPEN MEETING

## BOARD OF EDUCATION

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

TIME:7:00pm Type of Meeting:Final Budget Hearing &  
No. of Pages:4 Work Session/Business Mtg.

Date:05/06/10

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**BOARD OF EDUCATION:** Tina Mackay, President **PRESENT**  
Guy Cohen, Vice President  
Frank Reale, Trustee  
Valerie Fitzgerald, Trustee

Mary Maus, Trustee-Absent (Notified)

**ADMINISTRATORS:** Marc Space, Superintendent  
Barbara Fuchs, Asst. Superintendent  
Paul Lee, Asst. Superintendent  
Natalie Doherty, Director of Special Education (arrived at 7:30pm)

**OTHERS:** Chris Nelson, Student BOE Representative  
Maureen Bellino, District Clerk  
David Shaw, District Legal Counsel (arrived at 7:43pm)  
Dan Mahoney, Meeting Videographer  
Reporter from Putnam County News & Recorder  
Approximately 2 members of the community & school district.

Ms. Mackay convened the meeting at 7:07pm with a pledge to the flag. **CONVENE MEETING**

Ms. Mackay noted that there are two agenda items for the meeting: Budget Hearing and a review of the 8000 series policies. At approximately 7:45pm, the Board will open the meeting up for public comments. At 8pm, the Board will go into Executive Session. After the Executive Session, they will complete the review of the 8000 series policies. It was noted that the Executive Session should last approximately 30 to 40 minutes.

## **BUDGET HEARING:**

Mr. Lee presented the 2010/2011 school budget adopted by the Board of Education on April 22 to the community. The budget to budget yearly increase was 0.76% and the estimated increase in the tax levy was 0.86%. (Presentation attached to the official minutes of this meeting.)

It was also noted that Dr. Space would be presenting the budget at the Putnam Valley Senior Center on May 12 at approximately 11:30am. It was also noted that the election was being held at the Elementary School on May 18 from 6am to 9pm and voter registration was available any day that the District Office was open between 8am and 4pm. There would also be two afternoon/evening sessions for registration taking place at the Elementary School on May 11 from 3pm to 7pm and at the High School on May 12 from 4pm to 8pm. It was noted that if a voter is registered through the county for the general elections, they are eligible to vote in the school elections.

The Board then began a review of the 8000 series policies.

At 7:47pm, Ms. Mackay called for announcements of general interest.

Mr. Nelson reported that the National Honor Society inducted 20 new members and the PVMS Jr. National Honor Society inducted 42 new members. The boys' lacrosse team won 11-2 at their game on this evening. The juniors and seniors have been taking their AP examinations. It was also noted that sports' schedules were available at the back of the room.

Mr. Cohen noted that he and Ms. Mackay attended a meeting headed by NYSED Commissioner Steiner. He also noted that the Board had just been notified that the Regents are proposing a reduction in the requirements for arts/music at the middle school level and the removal of the requirement that K-8 art/music must be taught by a certified teacher. Mr. Cohen noted that Dr. Steiner nor the Regent present at the meeting he attended mentioned these actions. The Board asked that the community write the Regents and the Commissioner expressing their displeasure with this action. It was noted that arts and music are important for students to develop a creative mind. Dr. Fuchs noted that the Putnam Valley Central School District was recognized, for the 3rd consecutive year, by NAMM (National Association of Music Members) as one of the 100 outstanding communities for music education.

Mr. Reale noted that the games for the athletic teams are now being shown on cable.

There were no other comments from the community.

On motion by Ms. Mackay, seconded by Mr. Cohen, the Board moved into Executive Session for one matter of litigation and two matters of collective negotiations pursuant to Article 14 of the Civil Service Law (the Taylor Law) at 8:02pm. Motion carried unanimously.

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Joining the Board in the Executive Session were Drs. Space & Fuchs, Natalie Doherty and Mr. David Shaw.

On motion by Mr. Cohen, seconded by Mr. Reale, the Board moved out of Executive Session at 9:14pm. Motion carried unanimously.

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**EXECUTIVE**  
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Ms. Mackay called the meeting back to order. The Board continued their review of the Policy 8000 series. (Annotated copy attached to the official minutes of this meeting).

There being no further business, at 10:05pm, on motion by Ms. Mackay, seconded by Mr. Cohen, the meeting was adjourned. Motion carried unanimously.

**ADJOURN**  
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Submitted by:

Maureen Bellino,  
District Clerk