

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:

Date: Jan. 6, 2011

No. of Pages: 4

Work Session/Business Meeting

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

PRESENT

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

OTHERS: Maureen Bellino, District Clerk
Christine Alexander, Student Rep. to the Board
Johnmichael Chiriyam, Student Rep. to the Board
Dan Mahoney, Videographer
Reporter from PCNR
Approximately 7 members of the public

The meeting was opened by Ms. Fitzgerald at 7:01pm with the pledge.

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Ms. Fitzgerald noted that the Treasurer's Reports for July, August and September 2010 were posted in the Business Office.

ANNOUNCEMENTS OF GENERAL INTEREST

The communications' goal committee, comprised of Dana Lopez, Barbara O'Hare, Maureen Bellino and Michael Lee (not present), summarized their progress and current actions related to their action goals. The committee noted that they were investigating ways for the District to provide more effective communication with the District's stakeholders and what the most environmentally friendly manner to deliver this communication could be. Also noted by the committee was a plan to live the District's vision and mission statements by utilizing them on the District calendar and have the faculty incorporate monthly themes based on these statements into their curriculum. (Presentation attached to the official minutes of this meeting.) The Board of Education noted that the committee should move forward with their suggestions and recommendations.

Ms. O'Hare summarized the status of monies owed to the District by students for computers, athletic uniforms that have not been returned, calculators and books. She noted that the current amount is \$20,040.32. (Presentation attached to the official minutes of this meeting). Mr. Ferraro suggested that athletes who have not returned uniforms should not be eligible to continue to play on a team. Ms. O'Hare noted that she would bring this information to the athletic office.

SUPERINTENDENT'S UPDATE

Dr. Barbara Fuchs noted that the District goals were on the website and that on January 20th there would be a report to the Board regarding the second language offering in the District. Also, at the February 3, 2011 Board meeting, there would be a presentation on English Language Arts by members of the English team. She reported that they will summarize how the writing benchmark would be articulated. Dr. Fuchs noted that any decision with regard to school closing due to the upcoming storm predicted for January 7th would be made in conjunction with our transportation supervisor (Michael Koenig), Mr. Nick Bellantoni and our neighboring districts. She also reported that Mr. Peter Kuczma had assumed the role of interim Athletic Director and that the Budget Advisory Committee would be having their first meeting on January 19th. The committee would be asked to look at funding options for the District. Dr. Fuchs thanked the Putnam Valley Rotary Club for their continued support of education and noted that they had presented dictionaries to the 2nd graders this past week.

STUDENT BOE REPRESENTATIVES' REPORT

The student BOE representatives noted the upcoming High School band concert on January 12th and the chorus concert will perform on January 19th. The Elementary School's band concert would be held on January 26th. The Elementary School and the Middle School PARP program would begin on January 18th. They also noted that mid-terms would begin at the High School during the week of January 24th.

PTA/PTSA REPORT

There was no report from the PTA or PTSA.

Ms. Fitzgerald noted that Putnam Northern Westchester BOCES was putting forth a construction proposal for their campus. It will be voted upon by the local districts and funded by the local districts. It was noted that BOCES had several information sessions scheduled for the Board members of the local districts to attend.

Ms. Fitzgerald also noted that the District's 75th and the High School's 10th anniversary committee had met. No date had been confirmed for the celebration but information would be forthcoming.

PUBLIC CONTRIBUTION ON AGENDA ITEMS

There were no comments.

NEW BUSINESS

On motion by Ms. Rufo, seconded by Mr. Ferraro, it was resolved, on recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, to approve additions to the substitute list as per Document No. 49/11. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVE
ADDITIONS TO THE
SUBSTITUTE LIST

#186/11

PUBLIC CONTRIBUTION

Ms. Fitzgerald asked for comments from the Board or the community. Mr. Cohen recognized Dan Mahoney on his 24th birthday. Mr. Cohen noted that Assemblywoman Galef would be meeting with members of school districts on January 7 to discuss sharing of services.

Mr. Ferraro noted that the Board meetings were shown on Cablevision almost two weeks after the actual meeting takes place. He asked if the meetings could be streamed live on our website as the Town of Putnam Valley does for its meetings. It was noted that this subject would be investigated.

There were no further comments.

CONVENE
EXECUTIVE SESSION
#187/11

On motion by Ms. Rufo, seconded by Mr. Cohen, the Board moved into Executive Session, at 7:55pm, to discuss the employment history of seven persons. Motion carried unanimously.

Dr. Fuchs, Mr. Hallisey and Mr. Burruano joined the Board in the Executive Session. At 8:50pm, Mr. Hallisey and Mr. Burruano were excused from the meeting. Dr. Fuchs excused herself from the meeting at 9:05pm.

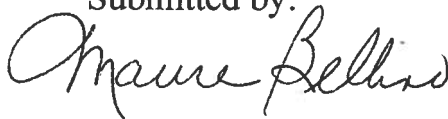
ADJOURN
EXECUTIVE SESSION
#188/11

On motion by Mr. Cohen, seconded by Ms. Rufo, the Board moved out of Executive Session at 10:02pm. Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURN MEETING
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On motion by Mr. Cohen, seconded by Mr. Ferraro, the meeting was adjourned at 10:03pm. Motion carried unanimously.

Submitted by:



Maureen Bellino
District Clerk