

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: Work Session/Business
No. of Pages:6 Meeting

Date: September 28, 2010

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

ADMINISTRATION Dr. Barbara Fuchs, Interim Supt.
Paul Lee, Asst. Supt. for Business and Technology
Natalie Doherty, Director of Spec. Ed.
Edward Hallisey, Middle School Principal
Nick Bellantoni, Director of Buildings and Grounds

OTHER Johnmichael Chiriyen, Student Representative
Christine Alexander, Student Representative
Maureen Bellino, District Clerk
Barbara O'Hare, Administrative Assistant
Dan Mahoney, Videographer
Approximately 11 members of the staff and public.

The meeting was opened by Ms. Fitzgerald at 7:03pm with the pledge to the flag.

CONVENE MEETING

The meeting began with announcements of general interest.

Tess Torregrosa, a senior at the High School, presented to the Board a proposal for the establishment of a National Science Honor Society at the High School. Ms. Torregrosa explained the rationale for her request which is also part of her project for a Girl Scout Gold Award. She noted that the organization requires \$100 for an initiation fee and a \$40 annual membership. Ms. Torregrosa also noted that she had received a positive response from the High School Principal, Mr. Vincent Burruano, and that Mr. Jason Horr, a High School science teacher, would act as the club advisor. The Board supported the proposal and authorized Mr. Burruano to initiate the establishment of the honor society beginning with the 2010-11 school year. (Presentation attached to the official minutes of this meeting.)

Mr. Hallisey summarized the status of the changes that were made to the Middle School schedules and encore programs. He noted that each student is rotated through all of the encores that are offered during the year. Dr. Fuchs noted that all these encore courses involve critical thinking and projects that are in line with the NYS revised standards. (Presentation attached to the official minutes of this meeting.)

Ms. Doherty presented the Special Education District Plan for 2010 through 2012. The proposed plan is attached to the official minutes of this meeting. Ms. Doherty discussed the transition support services (college, work or group home). Dr. Fuchs noted that under Ms. Doherty's leadership, the special education students are integrated into the daily school life.

It was noted that Ms. Barbara O'Hare will assume leadership for the District website. Ms. O'Hare will work with Mr. Alex Gofman (District webmaster), the building principals and administrators to ensure that the website is updated. Ms. O'Hare noted that it was the District's goal to have all materials which are currently sent home posted on the website as well as updated activity information. The pages for each building on the website will have current pictures of students participating in building activities. It was noted that each building must confirm that no photograph contains a picture of a student who has been placed on the "do not photograph" list by their parent or guardian.

Mr. Bellantoni gave an update on the BOCES transportation study for shared services. BOCES has determined that there is a current sharing of transportation services among schools. It was noted that BOCES will establish a shared transportation website for easier identification of possible areas for shared transportation.

Dr. Fuchs introduced the presentation on the PVCSD and PVFT Memorandum of Agreement. Mr. Lee summarized the changes to the contract for the 2010-11 and 2011-12 school years. In summary, it was noted that there would be a salary increase of 1.5% for the PVFT in February 2011 and 1.75% in September 2011, a health premium increase to 10.5% and a 12% reduction in the buyout for family and individual health insurance options and a benefit trust increase of \$50 each year. The budget impact will be \$95,000 for the first year of the memorandum of agreement and \$206,000 the second year. (Presentation attached to the official minutes of this meeting.)

The Board discussed the New York State School Boards' Association (NYSSBA) proposals and amendments which will be voted on at the October 21-24 convention in New York City. Mr. Ferraro will represent the District as the voting delegate. (Proposals and amendment voting document attached to the official minutes of this meeting.)

Regarding the Board of Education trustee vacancy, there was a discussion concerning the appointment process. The Board concluded that they would put a series of questions together and have the interested candidates submit their responses to the Board via the Board President. The Board proposed having a Special Business Meeting on October 14 to meet the candidates and go over the question responses.

All interested candidates for the Audit Committee were accepted and will be appointed. It was noted that the Audit Committee will be meeting on October 21 at 6pm in the District Office.

In her Superintendent's Report, Dr. Fuchs reported on the Superintendent Conference that she attended in Saratoga Springs. She noted that Commissioner Steiner spoke on the new assessments. She also noted that there is new bullying legislation which will be enforced in 2012. Dr. Fuchs discussed the progress that she is making to developing and implementing action plans based on the District/BOE goals. The District Steering Committee will facilitate the process. She also noted that she attended both the Elementary School and Middle School "Back to School" nights and they were both well attended and successful. Dr. Fuchs also noted that the faculty leadership positions (K-12 coordinators, mentors and subject area leaders) have been filled in all buildings. Dr. Fuchs noted that she will have a column that will be updated frequently on the website. She has met with the Town Supervisor, Bob Tandy, and the District will continue to work together with the town. She also noted that the entire District staff had received training in identifying sexual harassment. Dr. Fuchs announced that the Cortesi Field Hockey Tournament was being held the following weekend and that Logan Bagarozzy was a 2011 National Merit Commended Student.

In the report from the PTA and PTSA, Ms. Jeanie Denike thanked Dr. Fuchs for their recent meeting with the PTA and PTSA executive boards. She also noted that these meetings will continue monthly and that there would be PTA meeting the following day at the Elementary School. School pictures would be taken at the Middle School on Friday of this week. Ms. Denike stated that she was glad to see that the website had been improved.

Mr. Chiriyana and Ms. Alexander, during their BOE student representative report, reported that the High School Back to School Night was scheduled for Thursday of this week and that the Spirit Week activities at the High School will begin on Monday, October 4th with various events scheduled for each day including the annual bonfire on Thursday evening and a homecoming dance on Friday, October 8.

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

Ms. Jeanette Yetter commented positively on the Science Honor Society and the website. She noted that Tess Torregrosa did a wonderful job with her presentation. Additionally, Ms. Yetter noted that she would like to see accountability for District's club advisors. Ms. Fitzgerald noted that the building administrators will ensure that the policy and procedures for clubs (including club sign-in sheets) are followed. Ms. Yetter asked why the MOA only represented a two-year time span. Ms. Fitzgerald noted that the decision for a two-year agreement was based on the economy.

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

RATIFY
MOA W/PVFT FOR
PERIOD 7/1/10-6/30/12
#122/11

On motion by Ms. Rufo, seconded by Mr. Ferraro, it was resolved, on recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, to ratify a Memorandum of Agreement, dated September 21, 2010, by and between the Putnam Valley Central School District and the Putnam Valley Federation of Teachers covering the period from July 1, 2010 and ending on June 30, 2012 as per Document #24/11 attached to the agenda and official minutes of this meeting and authorizes the funding of those monies necessary to implement the provisions of the 2010-2012 collectively negotiated agreement. Motion carried unanimously.

AMEND
DATES FOR FOOD
SERVICES AGREEMENT
ARAMARK, INC.
#123/11

On motion by Mr. Ferraro, seconded by Mr. Cohen, it was resolved, on recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, to amend the dates of the food service contract with Aramark, Inc. to commence on July 1, 2010 and end on June 30, 2011 as per Document #7/11 attached to the agenda and official minutes of this meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

It was noted that the date on the original contract had September 1 as the start date. New York State is mandating that July 1 be the start date.

On motion by Mr. Cohen, seconded by Ms. Rufo, it was resolved, on recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, to enter into a 2010-11 non-durational terms and conditions of employment agreement with Paul Lee, Assistant Superintendent for Business and Technology. Motion carried unanimously.

AUTHORIZE
SUPT. TO ENTER INTO
NON-DURATIONAL
TERMS AND
CONDITIONS OF
EMPLOYMENT
AGREEMENT W/P. LEE
#124/11

On motion by Ms. Rufo, seconded by Mr. Ferraro, it was resolved, on recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, to approve an overnight trip to the Madden Outdoor Education Center for Mr. Sperling's 4th grade class on October 21 and 22, 2010. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVE
OVERNIGHT TRIP
MR. SPERLING'S GR. 4
CLASS
#125/11

On motion by Mr. Ferraro, seconded by Mr. Cohen, it was resolved, on recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, to appoint Martin McDonald to a temporary appointment as a .4-FTE physical education teacher at the High School effective September 29, 2010 through June 30, 2011 on Step-2MA of the PVFT salary schedule. Mr. McDonald holds K-12 physical education and 7-12 social studies certifications. Motion carried unanimously.

APPOINT
M. MCDONALD
.4 FTE PHYS. EDUC.
HS TEACHER
9/29/10-6/30/11
#126/11

On motion by Mr. Cohen, seconded by Ms. Rufo, it was resolved, to approve personnel actions as per Document #25/11 attached to the agenda and official minutes of this meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVE
PERSONNEL ACTIONS
#127/11

APPOINT
ADDL. MEMBERS OF
AUDIT COMMITTEE

#128/11

On motion by Ms. Rufo, seconded by Mr. Ferraro, it was resolved, to appoint the following people as additional members of the Audit Committee:

Brundage, Ellen
Kennedy, Lawrence
Miceli, Lisa
Raetzer, Joseph

Motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Fitzgerald asked for comments from the Board and the community. Dr. Fuchs, on behalf of the District and the Board, offered Mrs. Fitzgerald condolences on the death of her mother.

There were no other comments.

ADJOURN
MEETING

#129/11

On motion by Ms. Fitzgerald, seconded by Ms. Rufo, there being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:55pm. Motion carried unanimously.

Submitted by:

Maureen Bellino
District Clerk