

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: 5

Type of Meeting: Work Session/
Business Mtg.

Date: May 5, 2011

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

ADMINISTRATORS Dr. Barbara Fuchs, Interim Superintendent
Paul Lee, Asst. Superintendent for Business & Finance

OTHERS Christine Alexander, Student Representative to the Board
Johnmichael Chiriyam, Student Representative to the Board
Maureen Bellino, District Clerk
Dan Mahoney, Videographer
Assemblywoman Sandra Galef
Reporter from PCNR, Anne Chesnut
Approximately eight members of the public and staff

The meeting was opened by Ms. Fitzgerald at 7pm with the Pledge to the flag. **CONVENE MEETING**

Ms. Fitzgerald asked for a motion to approve Board of Education meeting minutes.

On motion by Ms. Rufo, seconded by Mr. Ferraro, the minutes of the Work Session/Business Meeting of April 7, 2011 and the Business Meeting of April 14, 2011 were approved. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVE MINUTES
WS/BM-4/7/11 &
BM-4/14/11
#293/11

ANNOUNCEMENTS OF GENERAL INTEREST

Assemblywoman Sandra Galef discussed the New York State budget and the economic status of the state, i.e. the proposed two percent tax cap by Governor Cuomo (which was adopted by the senate but there has been no action by the assembly), the sharing of services by school districts during these critical economic times and unfunded state mandates. She noted that on June 9 there will be a roundtable discussion regarding a shared services program and that this will take place at the Cortland Town Hall. She thanked Dr. Fuchs for agreeing to be part of the panel. Assemblywoman Galef also discussed the on-going thoughts for consolidating school districts as well as the funding of schools. She reported on the idea of income tax funding for education with the possibility of property tax enhancements. She noted that Putnam Valley is noteworthy due to the Board's decision to combine the position of Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum & Instruction within the position of the Superintendent. Dr. Fuchs noted that this is only possible due to her familiarity with the District and her previous experience in the role of Assistant Superintendent. She also noted that this dual role requires hard work on her part but that she is up to the challenge. Dr. Fuchs noted that the unfunded state mandates in the Putnam Valley Central School District budget total approximately \$10,000,000.

Dr. Fuchs and Mr. Lee did their final budget hearing presentation at a Board meeting for the 2011-12 school year. It was noted that this will be the budget that the public will vote on during the election on May 17. (Presentation attached to the official minutes of this meeting.)

Ms. Fitzgerald clarified how the cost of all-day kindergarten versus the cost for the current half-day kindergarten program will not increase the budget due to the one-time conversion aid payment the District will receive and the reorganization of current staff. The tax levy will be 1.33%. It was also noted that this program will be sustainable into the future due to the expectation of continued low enrollments and additional reorganization of staff.

Mr. Lee presented on the status of our budget through the third quarter of this school year as well as the status of the fund balance. He noted that the unreserved balance is used to increase the revenue side of the budget, and the reserved funds are used for encumbrances, repairs, losses, liabilities, NYS retirement reserves, employee benefit liabilities and tax certiorari. (Presentation attached to the official minutes of this meeting).

In her Superintendent's Report, Dr. Fuchs noted that the Middle School Destination Imagination team will be participating in the global competition to be held in Knoxville, Tennessee, this month. She congratulated the team and the DI manager, Barbara Parmly, for their wonderful teamwork. Dr. Fuchs noted that she had attended the National Honor Society induction and that 25 students had been inducted. Also, she had attended the Junior National Honor Society induction and that 48 students were inducted. Dr. Fuchs commended all the students for their hard work. She also noted that the recent PEERS' event was a wonderful evening. Dr. Fuchs reported that Putnam Valley was now part of the Putnam County Community That Cares Coalition. Due to their ability to receive funding from

the county, they have the resources to assist the Putnam Valley community in combating substance abuse. Dr. Fuchs noted that they would be providing a risk prevention counselor to the District. She also reported that by September 1, the District will have to adopt a new APPR program for teachers and principals based on state regulations and that Ms. Edelman is chairing the Putnam Valley committee. Dr. Fuchs noted that she will be presenting the proposed budget at a Town Board meeting on May 11 and that one hundred students from the District will be part of the NYSSMA music competition during the upcoming weekend. Dr. Fuchs asked for a moment of silence in memory of a 4th grader, Steven Espinosa, who passed away due to complications of an illness.

The student Board representatives reported on the dates for the upcoming spring band and choral concerts and that a book fair would be held at the Elementary School.

Ms. Gail Orefice reported for the PTA and PTSA that the Community That Cares Coalition would be presenting an informational meeting on alcohol abuse amongst teenagers. She also noted that both the PTA and PTSA were looking for people who would be interested in running for positions on their executive boards. She reported that the PTSA's annual Barnes & Noble fundraiser would be held once again this year and that members from the cast of *Sweeney Todd* would be performing.

Ms. Rufo noted that Mr. Burruano had obtained robes from the graduation vender for use at the National Honor Society inductions. She also noted that a tape of the PEERS broadcast was shown to her colleagues at the Nyack school district, and they were very impressed with the work. Ms. Fitzgerald noted that PEERS utilizes students in all aspects of their broadcast.

Ms. Fitzgerald asked for comments on agenda items. There were no comments, and the Board moved into the New Business.

Ms. Fitzgerald asked for a motion to table the first resolution on the agenda. Ms. Fitzgerald read the motion which was to accept the resignation of Mr. Jason Weltman from the Putnam Valley Central School District effective July 1, 2011.

On motion by Mr. Cohen, seconded by Ms. Rufo, it was resolved to table the resolution accepting the resignation of Mr. Jason Weltman from the Putnam Valley Central School District effective July 1, 2011, as per Document #85/11 attached to the agenda and official minutes of this meeting until the Business Meeting of May 19, 2011. Motion carried unanimously.

MOTION
TO TABLE RESOLUTION
NO. 1 FROM THE
OFFICIAL AGENDA OF
WS/BM-5/5/11
RE: J. WELTMAN
RESIGNATION
#294/11

ACCEPT
DONATION-D. BRONZO
\$3,900 FOR
INTERSCHOLASTIC
ATHLETIC PROGRAM
#295/11

On motion by Ms. Rufo, seconded by Mr. Ferraro, it was resolved, on recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, to accept a very generous donation, in the amount of \$3,900, from Ms. Debra Bronzo for use in the Putnam Valley School District interscholastic athletic program as per Document #86/11 attached to the agenda and official minutes of this meeting. The District will establish an account within the Special Purpose Fund. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVE &
AUTHORIZE
PRES. BOE TO SIGN
H&W CONTRACT-
YORKTOWN
#296/11

On motion by Mr. Ferraro, seconded by Mr. Spittal, it was resolved, on recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, to approve and authorize the President of the Board of Education to sign a 2010-11 contract for Health & Welfare Services provided to 8 resident students of Putnam Valley attending non-public schools in the Yorktown Central School District for a total of \$8,583.36, as per Document #87/11 attached to the agenda and official minutes of this meeting. Motion carried unanimously

APPROVE
IEP DIPLOMAS
#297/11

On motion by Mr. Spittal, seconded by Mr. Cohen, it was resolved, on recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, to approve the following students being eligible to receive Individualized Education Program Diplomas on June 24, 2011, as per Document #88/11 attached to the agenda and official minutes of this meeting:

Student ID#: 101300006

Student ID#: 100005598

Motion carried unanimously.

APPOINT
J. FINNERTY
2011 SPRING
GROUNDKEEPER
5/1/11-7/29/11
#298/11

On motion by Mr. Spittal, seconded by Mr. Cohen, it was resolved, on recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, to appoint John Finnerty as a 2011 spring groundskeeper from May 1, 2011 through July 29, 2011, at the rate of \$14 per hour. Motion carried unanimously.

On motion by Ms. Rufo, seconded by Mr. Ferraro, it was resolved, on recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, to approve personnel actions as per Document #89/11 attached to the agenda and official minutes of this meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVE
PERSONNEL ACTIONS
#299/11

It was noted that the personnel actions included approval for the workers for the upcoming election and one leave of absence.

Ms. Fitzgerald asked for comments from the Board and/or the community.

On motion by Ms. Rufo, seconded by Mr. Spittal, the Board moved into Executive Session, at 8:22pm, to discuss one matter of collective negotiations pursuant to Article 14 of the Civil Service Law (the Taylor Law) and two matters related to the employment history of particular persons. Motion carried unanimously.

CONVENE
EXECUTIVE SESSION
#300/11

Dr. Fuchs joined the Board in the Executive Session

On motion by Mr. Ferraro, seconded by Ms. Rufo, the Board moved out of Executive Session at 9:47pm. Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURN
EXECUTIVE SESSION
#301/11

On motion by Mr. Spittal, seconded by Mr. Cohen, there being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 9:48pm. Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURN
MEETING
#302/11

Submitted by:

Maureen Bellino
District Clerk