

Work Session/Business Meeting Minutes – June 4, 2009

BOARD OF EDUCATION: Tina Mackay, President PRESENT  
Guy Cohen, Vice President  
Trustees Mary Maus, Frank Reale and Valerie Fitzgerald

ADMINISTRATORS: Dr. Marc Space, Superintendent of Schools  
Paul Lee, Assistant Superintendent for Finance and  
Technology

OTHERS: Student Representatives to the Board of  
Education Kevin VanDevelde and Elizabeth Regan,  
Reporter from Putnam County News and Recorder,  
and community members

Ms. Mackay convened the Work Session/Business Meeting at 7:10 p.m. and asked CONVENE  
everyone to join her in the Pledge of Allegiance. MEETING

**ANNOUNCEMENTS OF GENERAL INTEREST**

Dr. Space presented the Pride In Putnam Valley recognition from the students, faculty, staff and community to the Bagnato family, especially Caitlyn, for showing us courage under stress.

Mr. Paul Lee presented a summary of the budget/finance status through May 2009 (see attachment). It is anticipated that there will be a short fall of revenue of approximately \$180,091.00 due to decreased interest earnings and reductions in state aid for the building project for 2008-09 which will be received next year. The expenditures should be approximately \$1,597,743.00 below budget due to lower fuel costs, staff hiring at lower steps and conservative benefits estimates. With the expenditures from fund balance during the year, this will lead to an increase in fund balance of approximately \$43,100.00.

Dr. Space noted that the Board, during the budget process, had not decreased the science staff but asked the District to find the funding for \$50,000 of the cost. The District proposed that each of the campuses have one head custodian (HS/MS and ES). An additional cleaner will be employed for the MS/HS campus. It is estimated that this will save approximately \$60,000.00.

Student Representatives to the Board of Education, Elizabeth Regan and Kevin VanDevelde announced that seniors are very excited about the upcoming graduation and thanked the Board for permitting them to be part of the process. The Board thanked them for their contributions during the year. It was announced that the High School chorus concert held on June 3 was successful; the High School band will perform on June 10; there will be a Poetry Jam at the High School on June 9 which is an academic pep rally; the Senior Prom is June 5; the senior award presentations are on June 11; and the Boys Lacrosse Team won their sectional final match against Rye and will be going to the regionals.

The following students were recognized at the Putnam/Northern Westchester BOCES recent graduation and award assemblies: Joseph Marks, who made the Honor Society, Kyle Cortesi, who graduated the Walkabout Program, Stephanie Borell, Abigail Conklin, Emily Kelvas, Trevor Mahnert, Joseph Aviles, Christopher Betz, Evin Calderon, Katherine Collins, Adam Coombs, Michael Crocker, Jason Estrella, Joseph Garofalo, Luis Gonzalez, Zachary Heady, Julian Martinez, Travis Mitariten, Conor O'Leary, Christopher Paolicelli, Kristin Perritano, Chelsea Pocock, Ashley Staten, Jessica Turner and John Weiglein, all who graduated the Tech Center.

Ms. Mackay noted that the Internal Audit Committee met with ACCUME Partners to review the Risk Assessment Report. A final report, including the audit of Debt and Investment, will be presented to the Board at the July meeting. The committee decided to suggest that a regular schedule be constructed: audits in November and December and Risk Assessments in the spring. The Board will discuss the areas to be audited based on the committee's recommendation.

Mr. Cohen noted that Dr. Space and he attended the Walkabout graduation at BOCES and were proud to honor Kyle Cortesi. On Tuesday Dr. Space and Ms. Natalie Doherty attended the Tech Center graduation which recognized the 21 students whose names were previously noted.

The reporter from the Putnam County News and Recorder asked if it was possible to estimate fund balances during the budget process. It was noted by Ms. Mackay, Mr. Cohen and Dr. Space that the revenue side is a dynamic entity. For example, interest rates are not known until after the fact. Revenue side is an estimation and like expenditures, are not known until the end of the year.

Ms. Mackay announced the Board would move into Executive Session for one issue of collective negotiations pursuant to Article 14 of the Civil Service (Taylor Law) and for 7 matters of discussion of a particular person on matters leading to appointment, employment, promotion, demotion, discipline, suspension, dismissal or removal of a particular person. Ms. Mackay announced upon the Board's return from Executive Session, no other business would be conducted.

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At 7:52 p.m., on motion of Ms. Mackay, seconded by Mr. Reale, the Board moved into Executive Session for one issue of collective negotiations pursuant to Article 14 of the Civil Service (Taylor Law) and for 7 matters of discussion of a particular person on matters leading to appointment, employment, promotion, demotion, discipline, suspension, dismissal or removal of a particular person. Motion carried unanimously.

Dr. Space joined the Board.

At 9:06 p.m. Dr. Space left the Executive Session.

At 10:06 p.m., on motion of Mr. Cohen, seconded by Ms. Maus, the Board returned from Executive Session and at 10:07 p.m., there being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned. Motion carried unanimously.

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Submitted by  
Guy Cohen  
Vice President  
Board of Education

Submitted by  
Linda Pregiato  
District Clerk