

Work Session/Business Meeting Minutes – December 6, 2007

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

ADMINISTRATORS: Dr. Marc Space, Superintendent of Schools
Dr. Barbara Fuchs, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction
Paul Lee, Assistant Superintendent for Business and Finance
Richard Herlihy, Interim High School Principal
Edward Hallisey, Middle School Principal
Jamie Edelman, Elementary School Principal
L. James Stowell, Director of Special Education and Student Services
Nick Bellantoni, Director of Operations

OTHERS: Dr. Thomas Higgins and Mr. David Stern from P/NW BOCES Health Consortium, Reporter from North County News, staff from the Putnam Valley School District and community members

Ms. Mackay convened the Work Session/Business Meeting at 7:00 p.m. and asked the community to join her in the Pledge of Allegiance. CONVENE MEETING

Ms. Mackay announced the Board would move into Executive Session to discuss personnel matters and upon the Board's return the regularly scheduled Work Session/Business Meeting would resume. The Board was joined by Dr. Fuchs, Mr. Herlihy, Mr. Hallisey and Ms. Edelman in Executive Session.

At 7:03 p.m., on motion of Ms. Mackay, seconded by Mr. Reale, the Board moved into Executive Session to discuss personnel matters. Motion carried unanimously. EXECUTIVE SESSION
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At 7:48 p.m., on motion of Ms. Zarcone, seconded by Mr. Cohen, the Board returned from Executive Session. Motion carried unanimously. RETURN FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION
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Dr. Thomas Higgins and Mr. David Stern from Putnam/Northern Westchester BOCES Health Benefits Consortium spoke to the Board regarding services offered by the consortium, which has been in operation since 1982. They discussed rate increases between 7-8% for 2008-12. Attached is the presentation.

The Board asked the committee to look into a Wellness Program with the long-range hope of reducing costs.

Ms. Mackay discussed the Citizens' Budget Committee, which will be comprised of organizations within the Putnam Valley School District and outside organizations in the community. The committee will be an advisory arm to the Board with the objective of promoting dissemination of accurate budget information to the community and to advise the Board on budget matters. Letters inviting participation will be going out within the next two weeks. The first meetings are scheduled for January.

The Board discussed the preliminary District calendar. They asked the Superintendents' Advisory Committee to look at the day before Thanksgiving as a school closure day.

Ms. Mackay asked for public contribution on the agenda item. There was not public comment.

AWARD On motion of Mr. Reale, seconded by Ms. Zarcone, it was resolved, on
BID recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, to award the bid for
MASONRY Masonry, Site Work and Asphalt to the lowest responsible bidder,
SITE WORK & Cassese & Sons Construction Corporation, 1001 East Main Street,
ASPHALT TO Shrub Oak, NY 10588. Motion carried unanimously.
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It was explained that the parking lots by the Middle and High Schools needed immediate repairs around the catch basins and the work needed to start before the onset of bad weather.

PUBLIC CONTRIBUTION PERIOD

Ms. Mackay asked for public contribution.

The community was invited to attend the PVHS production of *The Diary of Anne Frank*.

Ms. Mackay announced the Board would move into Executive Session to discuss a legal and contractual matter.

On motion of Ms. Mackay, seconded by Ms. Maus, the Board moved into Executive Session to discuss a legal and contractual matter. Motion carried unanimously.

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At 9:30 p.m., on motion of Ms. Zarcone, seconded by Mr. Reale, the Board returned from Executive Session and at 9:32 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

Typed by
Linda Pregiato
District Clerk