

Work Session/Business Meeting Minutes – February 7, 2008

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
Nick Bellantoni, Director of Operations

OTHERS: Hannah Schmidt and Krystal Miranda, Student Representatives to
the Board of Education, staff from the Putnam Valley School
District and community members

Ms. Mackay convened the Work Session/Business Meeting at 7:03 p.m. and asked the community to join her in the Pledge of Allegiance. CONVENE MEETING

Ms. Rosa Estevez, an ESL teacher, presented her Doctoral Research Proposal: Study of Peer Tutoring Strategies and the Relationship to Student Achievement in an ESL (English as a second language) Program. The 16 children who receive ESL services from the District will participate in the program. The hypothesis of the study is, by also serving as active tutors in the program, the methods that these students are exposed to will hopefully be reinforced and thus their achievement (fluency in English) will occur sooner.

Mr. Nick Bellantoni presented the status of the Five Year Maintenance Plan from 2005. Stage I items have either been addressed or will be addressed in the current bond work.

PUBLIC CONTRIBUTION PERIOD

Ms. Mackay asked for public contribution.

Ms. Hannah Schmidt and Ms. Krystal Miranda reported on the cheerleading competition to be held on February 9; senior recognition nights held by both varsity basketball teams; the Challenge Team will

compete in round 2 on March 5 against Croton High School; a special concert by the High School wind ensemble and Chorus on March 6; West Side Story will be presented April 11, 12 and 13; the Building Steering Committee has been discussing the service requirement for graduation and lunch options for seniors; Elementary School first grade students presented the Pledge of Allegiance on WHUD.

Mr. Frank Reale asked that a presentation on the Senior Seminar Program be presented at a future meeting.

Mr. Cohen reported on his attendance at a NYSSBA workshop on a new service being provided— Measuring the effectiveness of the Board of Education in twelve areas. Mr. Cohen also noted the Destination Imagination Competition at Yorktown High School to be held on March 1.

Ms. Zarcone mentioned that Sandy Galef would meet with community at the Putnam Valley Library on Saturday, February 9. On April 10, Assemblywoman Galef would meet with community leaders to discuss shares services.

Ms. Mackay discussed the budget schedule for the committee and Board of Education. During the March Board meetings, there will be the presentations from the administration on their respective budgets. Also noted, the Audit committee would meet on February 19 at 7:30 p.m. and it would be an Executive Session.

Mr. Reale discussed a recent article in the *New York Times*, which discussed the metabolism/brain activity of adolescents early in the morning. The article stated that adolescents are not “awake” at the hours that our classes start. It was suggested that the High School Building Steering Committee look at this item, especially with respect to transportation.

Dr. Space asked for approval from the Board for his membership in the American Association of School Administrators and permission to attend a meeting with other superintendents in Albany to discuss Board and superintendents’ relationships. The Board gave verbal approval. These items will be on the Board agenda of the February 28 meeting for approval.

Ms. Mackay announced the Board would move into Executive Session to discuss a collective bargaining matter and a personnel matter and no new business would be conducted upon their return.

EXECUTIVE
SESSION
08/170

At 8:11 p.m., on motion of Ms. Mackay, seconded by Mr. Reale, the Board went into Executive Session to discuss a collective bargaining matter and a personnel matter. Motion carried unanimously.

At 8:53 p.m., Dr. Space left the meeting and Mr. Paul Lee joined the meeting.
At 9:02 p.m., Mr. Lee left the meeting.

ADJOURN
MEETING
08/171

At 9:35 p.m., on motion of Ms. Maus, seconded by Mr. Reale, the Board returned from Executive Session, and at 9:36 p.m., there being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned. Motion carried unanimously.

Submitted by
Guy Cohen
Vice President
Board of Education

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Linda Pregiato
District Clerk