

Work Session/Business Meeting Minutes – March 13, 2008

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

Trustee Frank Reale was not present (notified)

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

OTHERS: Hannah Schmidt, Student Representative to the Board of
Education, Reporter from the Putnam County News and
Recorder, staff from the Putnam Valley School District and
community members

Ms. Mackay convened the Work Session/Business Meeting at 7:05 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.

At 7:08 p.m., on motion of Ms. Mackay, seconded by Mr. Cohen, the Board moved into Executive Session to discuss personnel matters. Motion carried unanimously. EXECUTIVE SESSION
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Dr. Space, Dr. Fuchs and the principals joined the Board in Executive Session.

At 7:43 p.m., on motion of Mr. Cohen, seconded by Ms. Maus, the Board returned from Executive Session. Motion carried unanimously. RETURN FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION
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ANNOUNCEMENTS OF GENERAL INTEREST

Mr. Edward Hallisey presented an update of the District's Technology Plan and implementation. The laptop program is moving forward, with Grades 6-12 having computers by next year. On May 1 there would be a Technology Day at the Middle School. The District and Mr. Hallisey have been recognized for bringing technology successfully and meaningfully to our students. One of the goals for this year is to update the Technology Plan to include video conferencing/instruction. The new PVCSD website was shown.

The Board discussed the No Child Left Behind Legislation (NCLB). Reauthorization acts in Congress have stalled (HR 648). The Board will be writing to congress representatives to encourage them to support HR 648, which will make needed modifications to the current law. The community was also encouraged to write their representatives.

The Board also discussed the NYS Tax Relief resolution. Ms. Zarcone has contacted Assemblywoman Galef and she will be speaking to the Board on April 3. On April 10 at 3 p.m., Assemblywoman Galef will hold a Town Hall meeting on shared services at the Cortlandt Community Center.

Student Representative to the Board Hannah Schmidt reported on tickets for West Side Story on sale for April 11-13; free performance for senior citizens on April 10 at 3 p.m. with a dinner served and sponsored by the Make A Difference Club; the Academic Challenge Team meeting Croton High School for round 2 on March 15 and 16 at 6:30 p.m. and 9:30 p.m. on Cablevision; the special woodwind chorus concert was an overwhelming success.

PUBLIC CONTRIBUTION PERIOD

Ms. Zarcone reminded the community of the performance of West Side Story for the senior citizens and Assemblywoman Galef's attending the April 3 Board of Education meeting.

Mr. Cohen noted that Straight Talk, under the leadership and motivation of Pam Darreff, was a success with 125 adults and over 200 students participating; Jackson Gilman-Forlini and Maggie McCarthy, along with the PVHS Jazz Ensemble performed at the Putnam Valley Education Foundation fundraiser; and four of our teams medaled at the recent Destination Imagination at Yorktown HS/MS.

It was suggested that the PARP movie night be moved from Thursday, April 17 to a Friday to permit more students to attend and if the movie could not be changed, the Board would move their meeting to the Middle School.

Ms. Mackay noted one seat on the Putnam/Northern Westchester BOCES Board is up for election and applications must be in by March 28.

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

At 9:00 p.m., on motion of Ms. Zarcone, seconded by Ms. Maus, the Board went into Executive Session to discuss a personnel matter and a litigation matter. Motion carried unanimously

EXECUTIVE
SESSION
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Dr. Space left the Executive Session at 9:18 p.m.

At 9:28 p.m., on motion of Mr. Cohen, seconded by Ms. Mackay, the Board returned from Executive Session and at 9:30 p.m., there being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned. Motion carried unanimously.

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MEETING
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Submitted by
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Vice President
Board of Education

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