

Work Session/Business Meeting Minutes – January 10, 2008

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

Trustee Marie Zarcone 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  
Brian Hogaboom, Coordinator of Athletics

OTHERS: Dr. James Langlois and Dr. Thomas Higgins from P/NW BOCES,  
Eugene Yetter, PV Town Board Liaison, Hannah Schmidt, Student  
Representative to the Board of Education, High School Football  
Team, Reporter from North County News, staff from the Putnam  
Valley School District and community members

Ms. Mackay convened the Work Session/Business Meeting at 7:06 p.m. and asked the CONVENE  
community to join her in the Pledge of Allegiance. MEETING

Mr. Cohen announced that a notice was sent out and posted that the Board would open a  
Business Meeting for the purpose of moving into Executive Session to discuss pending  
litigation.

Dr. Marc Space, in the Pride in Putnam Valley segment of the meeting, recognized the  
Varsity Football Team for the league championship and Coach Heitman for his leadership  
and strength of character.

Dr. James Langlois and Dr. Thomas Higgins from Putnam/Northern Westchester BOCES  
presented to the Board and community a summary of the P/NW BOCES budget process  
including a discussion of expenditures and revenue. A copy of the presentation is attached.  
There was also a discussion of shared services offered and how shared services and  
consolidation may assist the component districts. Mr. Cohen mentioned he would be  
representing the District at a Westchester/Putnam School Boards Association meeting, with  
one of the items of discussion being shared services.

The Board discussed possible agenda topics for the next few meetings: community service graduation requirement, principal updates, 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter budget status, five-year maintenance plan, risk assessment audit, technology committee reports and benchmark status update.

Ms. Hannah Schmidt summarized current activities in the schools: Jackson Gilman-Forlini, Maggie McCarthy and Stephanie Stoitsits recognized for participation in the All-State Music Program; West Side Story will be spring musical presented on April 11-13; the PVHS Challenge Team on Cablevision Channel 12 on January 19 and 20, and Make A Difference Club fundraiser for Touching Tiny Lives Program and AIDS Orphans in Africa.

### **PUBLIC CONTRIBUTION PERIOD**

Ms. Mackay asked for public contribution. There was none.

Ms. Mackay announced the Board would move into Executive Session to discuss pending litigation and no new business would be conducted upon their return.

EXECUTIVE  
SESSION  
08/154

At 8:27 p.m., on motion of Ms. Mackay, seconded by Ms. Maus, the Board went into Executive Session to discuss a legal matter. Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURN  
MEETING  
08/155

At 8:49 p.m., on motion of Mr. Reale, seconded by Ms. Maus, the Board returned from Executive Session, and at 8:50 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

Typed by  
Linda Pregiato  
District Clerk