

August 26, 2004 Business Meeting Minutes

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

ADMINISTRATORS: Gary Tutty, Superintendent of Schools  
Paul Lee, Assistant Superintendent for  
Business and Finance  
Dr. Barbara Fuchs, Assistant Superintendent  
for Curriculum and Instruction  
Dr. David Fine, High School  
Assistant Principal  
L. James Stowell, Director of Special  
Education and Student Services

OTHERS: Reporters from the Putnam County  
News and Recorder and North County News, and  
approximately 10 community members

Ms. Tina Mackay convened the Business Meeting at 7:00 p.m.

On motion of Mr. Waechter, seconded by Mr. Reale, it was resolved, to approve the minutes of the Reorganization Meeting of July 1, 2004 and the Business Meeting of July 1, 2004. Motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Mackay announced the Treasurer's Reports for May and June were posted and available for anyone wishing a copy.

Ms. Mackay asked for questions/comments on any agenda items.

On motion of Mr. Waechter, seconded by Ms. Maus, it was resolved, on recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, to appoint Keith Fiore to a three-year probationary appointment in the tenure area of Educational Technology Specialist, at the Putnam Valley High School, on Step 5 BA of the P.V.F.T. salary schedule, effective September 1, 2004 through June 30, 2007. Mr. Fiore's Certification as an Educational Technology Specialist is pending. Motion carried unanimously.

On motion of Mr. Reale, seconded by Ms. Maus, it was resolved, on recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, to appoint Kevin Donoghue to a three-year probationary appointment in the tenure area of Physical Education, at the Putnam Valley High School, on Step 2 BA of the P.V.F.T. salary schedule, effective September 1, 2004 through June 30, 2007. Mr. Donoghue holds Provisional Certification in Physical Education. Motion carried unanimously.

On motion of Ms. Maus, seconded by Mr. Cohen, it was resolved, on recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, to appoint Michael Chernick to a three-year probationary appointment in the tenure area of Reading, at the Putnam Valley Middle School, on Step 1 MA of the P.V.F.T. salary schedule, effective September 1, 2004 through June 30, 2007. Mr. Chernick holds Provisional Certification in Reading. Motion carried unanimously.

On motion of Mr. Cohen, seconded by Mr. Waechter, it was resolved, on recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, to appoint Toni Pratt to a three-year probationary appointment in the tenure area of Special Education, at the Putnam Valley Elementary School, on Step 1 MA of the P.V.F.T. salary schedule, effective September 1, 2004 through June 30, 2007. Ms. Pratt's Special Education/Elementary 1-6 Initial Certification is pending. Motion carried unanimously.

On motion of Mr. Waechter, seconded by Mr. Reale, it was resolved, on recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, to appoint Ian A. Knee to a three-year probationary appointment in the tenure area of Special Education, at the Putnam Valley Middle School, on Step 4 MA of the P.V.F.T. salary schedule, effective September 1, 2004 through June 30, 2007. Mr. Knee holds Permanent Certification in Special Education. Motion carried unanimously.

On motion of Mr. Reale, seconded by Ms. Maus, it was resolved, on recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, to appoint Jacqueline A. Catania to a one-year leave replacement position as a 6th grade teacher, at the Putnam Valley Middle School, on Step 4 MA of the P.V.F.T. salary schedule, effective September 1, 2004 through June 30, 2005 (or sooner at the discretion of the Board of Education). Ms. Catania holds Provisional Certification in Elementary Education. Motion carried unanimously.

On motion of Ms. Maus, seconded by Mr. Cohen, it was resolved, on recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, to appoint Marissa Squicciarini to a one-year leave replacement position as an English teacher, at the Putnam Valley High School, on Step 1 MA of the P.V.F.T. salary schedule, effective September 1, 2004 through

June 30, 2005 (or sooner at the discretion of the Board of Education).

Ms. Squicciarini's Secondary English--Initial Certification is pending. Motion carried unanimously.

On motion of Mr. Cohen, seconded by Mr. Waechter, it was resolved, on recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, to appoint Christine Zegarelli to a six-month probationary appointment as a School Monitor, at the Putnam Valley Elementary School, on Step 1 of the C.S.E.A. salary schedule, effective September 1, 2004 through March 1, 2005. Motion carried unanimously.

On motion of Mr. Waechter, seconded by Mr Reale, it was resolved, on recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, to appoint Michelle DiFusco to a six-month probationary appointment as a School Monitor, at the Putnam Valley Elementary School, on Step 1 of the C.S.E.A. salary schedule, effective September 1, 2004 through March 1, 2005. Motion carried unanimously.

On motion of Mr. Reale, seconded by Ms. Maus, it was resolved, on recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, to grant Graduate Course Credit for salary purposes, as per Document #5/05, attached to the official minutes of this meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

On motion of Ms. Maus, seconded by Mr. Cohen, it was resolved, on recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, to grant In-service Course Credit for salary purposes, as per Document #6/05, attached to the official minutes of this meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

On motion of Mr. Cohen, seconded by Mr. Waechter, it was resolved, on recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, to take personnel actions, as per Document #7/05, attached to the agenda and official minutes of this meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

On motion of Mr. Waechter, seconded by Mr. Reale, it was resolved, on recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, to approve the 2004-05 Coaches, Athletic Trainer, Equipment Manager, stipends and salaries, as per Document #8/05, attached to the official minutes of this meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

On motion of Mr. Reale, seconded by Ms. Maus, it was resolved, on recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, to approve the merger of the Putnam Valley Central School District Boys' Swim Team with the Lakeland Central School District Boys' Swim Team for the 2004-05 winter swimming season. Motion carried unanimously.

On motion of Ms. Maus, seconded by Mr. Cohen, it was resolved, on recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, to accept the 504 accommodation plans for the 2004-05 school year, as per Document #9/05, attached to the official minutes of this meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

On motion of Mr. Cohen, seconded by Mr. Waechter, it was resolved, on recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, to approve CSE and CPSE placements, as per Document #10/05, attached to the official minutes of this meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

On motion of Mr. Waechter, seconded by Mr. Reale, it was resolved, on recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, to award the bid for High School classroom renovations to the lowest responsible bidder, Rozell Builders, Inc., Carmel, NY, in the bid amount of \$33,516.00. Motion carried unanimously.

On motion of Mr. Reale, seconded by Ms. Maus, it was resolved, on recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, to reserve \$1,881,886.00 for payment of judgments and claims resulting from potential future tax certiorari proceedings pursuant to section 3651 (1-a) of the Education Law. Motion carried unanimously.

On motion of Ms. Maus, seconded by Mr. Cohen, it was resolved, on recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, to accept a generous donation of golf clubs, valued at approximately \$200.00, from Mr. Tad Ignatz, to be used in the Putnam Valley High School. Motion carried unanimously.

On motion of Mr. Cohen, seconded by Mr. Waechter, it was resolved, on recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, to approve the 2004-05 Extension Contract for School Food Service Management with Aramark FHC School Support Services, LLC, as per Document #11/05, attached to the official minutes of this meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

On motion of Mr. Waechter, seconded by Mr. Reale, it was resolved, on recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, to adopt the Income and Eligibility Guidelines for Free and Reduced Price Meals for the Putnam Valley Elementary School, Middle School and High School, effective July 1, 2004, as per Document #12/05, attached to the official minutes of this meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

On motion of Mr. Reale, seconded by Ms. Maus, it was resolved, on recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, to name the Reviewing Official, the Hearing Official and the Certification Official for the 2004-05 Free and Reduced Lunch Program with no additional compensation, as per Document #13/05, attached to the official minutes of this meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

On motion of Mr. Reale, seconded by Ms. Maus, it was resolved, on recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that school taxes be extended against the taxable property of the Town of Putnam Valley, Carmel and Cortlandt, as appear on the tax lists hereby are levied; and be it further resolved, that this Board execute a warrant for the Town of Putnam Valley, dated August 26, 2004, in the amount of \$25,377,629.00, as per Document #14/05, attached to the official minutes of this meeting; the Town of Carmel, dated August 26, 2004, in the amount of \$198,273.00, as per Document #15/05, attached to the official minutes of this meeting; the Town of Cortlandt, dated August 26, 2004, in the amount of \$1,806,115.00, as per Document #16/05, attached to the official minutes of this meeting; that these warrants be for that portion of the District lying in the Towns of Putnam Valley, Carmel and Cortlandt; and the collection period ends October 31, 2004; that said warrants be delivered to the Tax Collector of Carmel and Putnam Valley and the Receiver of Taxes of the Town of Cortlandt. And be it further resolved, that the Collector may make no changes or alterations in the warrant or rolls except as provided in sections 551 through 558 of the Real Property Tax Law, and shall issue tax statements and make collections pursuant to the applicable provisions of the Real Property Tax Law. Motion carried unanimously.

On motion of Mr. Cohen, seconded by Mr. Waechter, it was resolved, on recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, to appoint Catherine Purdy as a 1-year leave replacement English teacher at the Putnam Valley Middle School, on Step 3 BA of the P.V.F.T. salary schedule, effective September 1, 2004 through June 30, 2005 (or sooner at discretion of the Board of Education). Ms. Purdy holds Provisional Certification in Secondary English with 5-6 Extension. Motion carried unanimously

On motion of Mr. Waechter, seconded by Mr. Reale, it was resolved, on recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, to appoint Lauren Nicolosi as a 1/2-year leave replacement Grade 1 teacher at the Putnam Valley Elementary School, on Step 1 MA (per diem), of the P.V.F.T. salary schedule, effective September 1, 2004 through December 23, 2004 (or sooner at discretion of the Board of Education). Ms. Nicolosi's certification in Early Childhood and Elementary Education is pending. Motion carried unanimously.

#### **PUBLIC CONTRIBUTION PERIOD**

Mr. Frank Reale announced the CADCA Family Dinner Program on September 27, 2004.

At 7:40 p.m., on motion of Ms. Maus, seconded by Mr. Reale, there being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned. Motion carried unanimously.

Submitted by  
Gary Tutty  
Superintendent of Schools

Typed by  
Linda Pregiato  
District Clerk