

Business Meeting Minutes – October 16, 2008

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

ADMINISTRATORS: Dr. Marc Space, Superintendent of Schools  
Dr. Barbara Fuchs, Assistant Superintendent for  
Curriculum and Personnel  
Paul Lee, Assistant Superintendent for  
Finance and Technology  
Nick Bellantoni, Director of Operations  
Brian Hogaboom, Athletic Coordinator

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

Ms. Mackay convened the Business Meeting at 7:05 p.m. and asked everyone to join her in the Pledge of Allegiance. CONVENE MEETING

On motion of Mr. Reale, seconded by Ms. Maus, it was resolved, to approve the minutes of the Work Session/Business Meeting of September 4, 2008 and the Business Meeting of September 18, 2008. Motion carried unanimously. APPROVE MINUTES  
09/99

Ms. Mackay announced the Treasurer's Reports for July 2008 and August 2008 were posted in the Business Office and available for anyone wishing a copy.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS OF GENERAL INTEREST**  
**PRIDE IN PUTNAM VALLEY**

Dr. Space recognized Stephanie Stoisits with a Pride in Putnam Valley certificate for her acceptance into the 2008 New York State School Music Association (NYSSMA) All State Wind Ensemble.

Members of the Putnam Valley Rotary Club, Rita Sharples and Bob Walker, presented the third grade students of Putnam Valley Elementary School and the fifth grade students at the Putnam Valley Middle School with dictionaries with thesauruses, which is part of the Rotary Club's Literacy Program.

Ms. Teresa Zagorski and Mr. Dave Campion, advisors for the Interact Club at the Putnam Valley High School, introduced student members Victoria Hamilton and Kaitlyn Smith who described the work of the club. Fundraisers include a food drive, a winter coat drive, Toys For Tots, raising money for the purchase of malaria nets for children in Africa. A dinner will be held on Wednesday, October 29, with the Rotary Club at Camp Combe to continue this effort.

Dr. Space read a proclamation from Governor Patterson recognizing School Board Week. A brief recess was called to say thank you to the Board.

Ms. Barbara Parmly discussed the Destination Imagination Program stating that all three schools now have teams that will be training and competing in local competition.

Mr. Nick Bellantoni updated the Board and community on the current status of the construction project at the Elementary School. All work inside the buildings is complete except for the bathrooms on the third floor. The lighting is in and the slab poured and framing will begin on the new wing.

Mr. Wellington Carvelho from CFE Consulting Services, LLC, explained how the school would be complying with the federal and NYS clean water/storm drainage rules. An education program for our students has been developed and will begin. A study of the MS/HS drain system and run-off has been completed. A website on the school district site will assist with the program and monitoring. A report is due at the state in December. The Policy Committee will determine if new policies or guidance are required in order for the District to be in Federal EPA compliance.

Mr. Brian Hogaboom discussed the work of the Modified Sports Committee. In order to ensure that students gain a worthwhile and safe experience, the size of each modified sport team will be determined. Recommendations were presented. The no-cut policy at the modified level was discussed. Alternative options were put forth by the Board and community.

The Board and Superintendent discussed membership of the Citizens' Budget Committee. Many of last year's members have responded they will continue. The District will try to ensure representation from all groups.

Student Representative to the Board Kevin VanDevelde summarized activities in the schools; High School Spirit Week, with home-coming dance, Saturday, October 18; Club Rush event organized by Student Representatives to the Board on October 15 for new students to the building; Spanish and French Honor Society Inductions held; High School Fall Drama will be “All In The Timing;” Middle School completed Club Rush activity and class officers have been elected at the Middle School.

The Board discussed the NYSSBA convention and directed their delegate, Frank Reale, as to how he should vote. The Board supported the NYSSBA recommendation for all constitutional amendments and proposals except for proposals #11, #12 and #16, where Mr. Reale was directed to vote yes. He was also given the authority to vote for all motions submitted from the floor that support education.

The PTA/PTSA Representative reported that the single donation program is ongoing; student pictures being taken at the Elementary and Middle Schools; Arts in Education assemblies beginning; October 24 is the Elementary School Kindergarten pumpkin decoration night; and at the High School the faculty talent show to support the PV Music Association.

Ms. Mackay asked for public contribution on agenda items. There were no comments.

On motion of Mr. Reale, seconded by Ms. Fitzgerald, it was resolved, on recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, to transfer the remaining balance of \$1,037.95 in dormant account, the Cintron Award, in the Special Purpose Fund to the General Fund to be used by the Middle School Music Department. Motion carried unanimously.

TRANSFER  
FUNDS IN DORMANT  
ACCOUNT TO  
GEN. FUND TO BE  
USED IN PVMS  
09/100

On motion of Ms. Fitzgerald, seconded by Ms. Maus, it was resolved, on recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, to award bids to the lowest responsible bidders for 2008-09 Athletic Supplies and Equipment, as per Document #32/09, attached to the official minutes of this meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

AWARD  
BIDS FOR  
2008-09  
ATHLETIC SUPPLIES &  
EQUIPMENT  
09/101

On motion of Ms. Maus, seconded by Mr. Cohen, it was resolved, on recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, to approve three Educational Contracts for 3 students for the 2008-09 school year with the Mahopac Central School District, as per Document #33/09, Document #34/09, and Document #35/09, attached to the official minutes of this meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVE  
2008-09  
EDUCATIONAL  
CONTRACT WITH  
MAHOPAC CSD  
09/102

APPROVE  
CSE/CPSE  
PLACEMENTS  
09/103

On motion of Mr. Cohen, seconded by Mr. Reale, it was resolved, on recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, to approve CSE/CPSE placements, as per Document #36/09, attached to the official minutes of this meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVE  
2008-09  
ES CLUB/MUSICAL  
09/104

On motion of Mr. Reale, seconded by Ms. Fitzgerald, it was resolved, on recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, to approve the following club/musical and stipends at the Putnam Valley Elementary School for the 2008-09 school year:

Newspaper Club	at a stipend of \$1,164.00
Grade 3 and 4 Musical	at a stipend of \$2,897.00

Motion carried unanimously.

ACCEPT  
RETIREMENT  
RESIGNATIONS  
09/105

On motion of Ms. Fitzgerald, seconded by Ms. Maus, it was resolved, on recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, to accept, with regret, resignations for purpose of retirement, from the following staff, as per Documents attached to the official minutes of this meeting:

Lorraine Sasso	effective January 5, 2009	Document #37/09
Jerilynn S. Cohen	effective July 1, 2009	Document #38/09
Milagros Morelli	effective July 1, 2009	Document #39/09

Motion carried unanimously.

GRANT  
GRADUATE  
COURSE CREDIT  
09/106

On motion of Ms. Maus, seconded by Mr. Cohen, it was resolved, on recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, to grant Graduate Course Credit for salary purposes, as per Document #40/09, attached to the official minutes of this meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

GRANT  
IN-SERVICE  
COURSE CREDIT  
09/107

On motion of Mr. Cohen, seconded by Mr. Reale, it was resolved, on recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, to grant In-service Course Credit for salary purposes, as per Document #41/09, attached to the official minutes of this meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVE  
2008-09  
MS CLUB ADVISORS/  
STIPENDS  
09/108

On motion of Mr. Reale, seconded by Ms. Fitzgerald, it was resolved, on recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, to approve 2008-09 Middle School club advisors/stipends as per Document #42/09, attached to the official minutes of this meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

On motion of Ms. Fitzgerald, seconded by Ms. Maus, it was resolved, on recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, to appoint Kristen McCarty to a two-month leave replacement position as a Special Education teacher at the Putnam Valley High School, on Step 2 BA of the P.V.F.T. salary schedule, effective September 29, 2008 through December 23, 2008 (or sooner at the discretion of the Board of Education). Ms. McCarty holds Childhood, Grades 1-6 Certification.

Motion carried unanimously.

APPOINT  
K. MCCARTY  
2-MON. LV REPL.  
PVHS  
EFF. 9/29/08-12/23/08  
09/109

On motion of Ms. Maus, seconded by Mr. Cohen, it was resolved, on recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, to appoint the following teachers for the Twilight Program at the Putnam Valley High School, at the curriculum rate of pay of \$42.00 per hour as per P.V.F.T. contract, effective September 23, 2008 through June 30, 2009:

APPOINT  
TEACHERS FOR  
TWILIGHT PGM.  
EFF. 9/23/08-6/30/09  
09/110

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| Lisa Amberger      | Math                          |
| Frankie Guteirrez  | Social Studies                |
| Robert Lathrop     | English                       |
| Lisa Penta         | GED Instructor and substitute |
| Dave Campion       | Guidance Counselor            |
| Vincent DeGregorio | Substitute                    |
| Brian Burrow       | Physical Education            |

Motion carried unanimously.

On motion of Mr. Cohen, seconded by Mr. Reale, it was resolved, on recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, to appoint Debra Rogers to a six-month probationary appointment as a part time Classroom Aide at the Putnam Valley Middle School, on Step 1 of the C.S.E.A. salary schedule, effective October 6, 2008 through April 6, 2009. Motion carried unanimously.

APPOINT  
D. ROGERS  
6-MON. PROB. APPT.  
CLASSROOM AIDE  
PVMS  
EFF. 10/6/08-4/6/09  
09/111

On motion of Mr. Reale, seconded by Ms. Fitzgerald, it was resolved, on recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, to appoint Alex Gofman Webmaster of the Putnam Valley Central School District website for the 2008-09 school year at a stipend of \$9,000.00. Motion carried unanimously.

APPOINT  
A. GOFMAN  
2008-09  
WEBMASTER-PVCSD  
09/112

PERSONNEL  
ACTIONS  
09/113

On motion of Ms. Fitzgerald, seconded by Ms. Maus, it was resolved, on recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, to take personnel actions, as per Document #43/09, attached to the agenda and official minutes of this meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVE  
MEMBERSHIP FOR  
M. SPACE  
P/NW BOCES  
CHIEF SCHOOL  
ADMIN. ASSN.  
09/114

On motion of Ms. Maus, seconded by Mr. Cohen, it was resolved, approve membership for Dr. Marc Space in the Putnam/Northern Westchester BOCES Chief School Administrators' Association and authorize the approval of the 2008-09 dues. Motion carried unanimously.

AWARD  
BID FOR  
2008-09  
CLEANING AND  
RECONDITIONING  
OF ATHLETIC  
UNIFORMS & EQUIP.  
09/115

On motion of Mr. Cohen, seconded by Mr. Reale, it was resolved, on recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, to award the bid to the lowest responsible bidder for 2008-09 Cleaning and Reconditioning of Athletic Uniforms and Equipment, as per Document #44/09, attached to the official minutes of this meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVE  
2008-09  
HS EXTRACURRICULAR  
ACTIVITIES/ADV./  
STIPENDS  
09/116

On motion of Mr. Reale, seconded by Ms. Maus, it was resolved, on recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, to approve the 2008-09 High School extracurricular activities/advisors/stipends, as per Document #45/09, attached to the official minutes of this meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

APPOINT  
S. ORLANDO  
6-MON PROB APPT.  
SCHOOL MONITOR  
PVMS  
EFF. 10/20/08-4/20/09  
09/117

On motion of Ms. Fitzgerald, seconded by Ms. Maus, it was resolved, on recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, appoint Santa Orlando to a six-month probationary appointment as a School Monitor at the Putnam Valley Middle School, on Step 1 of the C.S.E.A. salary schedule, effective October 20, 2008 through April 20, 2009. Motion carried unanimously.

**PUBLIC CONTRIBUTION PERIOD**

Ms. Mackay asked the Board and community for any other items for discussion.

Mr. Cohen noted with respect to the Storm Drain Education Program: “For in the end, we will conserve only what we learn. We will learn only what we understand. We will understand only what we are taught.”

Mr. Reale noted he attended a curriculum sustainability workshop at Putnam/Northern Westchester BOCES. Dr. Fuchs indicated she is aware of the program.

The Board was asked about the recycling program in the District. It was noted there is a Green Club at the Elementary School. Student Representative Kevin VanDevelde noted that he and Elizabeth Regan are organizing a similar Green Club at the High School to ensure recycling is the norm. It was noted that Putnam County has shut down their Recycling Center and this will increase cost to local haulers. Mr. Bellantoni will ensure that the District has the necessary tools and collection processes to support the effort.

Town Board Liaison Eugene Yetter asked about lighting on the campuses at night especially as the fall and winter seasons approach. He noted that the Middle School pick up area (courtyard) has no external lights. Mr. Bellantoni will investigate.

Ms. Mackay announced the Board would move into Executive session to discuss a personnel matter and that no new business would be discussed upon their return.

At 9:37 p.m., on motion of Ms. Mackay, seconded by Mr. Reale, the Board and Superintendent moved into Executive Session to discuss a personnel matter. Motion carried unanimously.

EXECUTIVE  
SESSION  
09/118

At 9:55 p.m., on motion of Ms. Mackay, seconded by Ms. Maus, the Board returned from Executive Session and at 9:56 p.m., there being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned. Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURN  
MEETING  
09/119

Submitted by  
Guy Cohen  
Vice President  
Board of Education

Submitted by  
Linda Pregiato  
District Clerk