

Business Meeting Minutes – May 21, 2009

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
Jonathan Bryant, High School Principal
Natalie Doherty Director of Special Education and
Student Services

OTHERS: Reporter from the Putnam County News and Recorder,
staff, and community members

Ms. Mackay convened the Business Meeting at 7:08 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 April 2, 2009, the APPROVE
Business Meeting of April 16, 2009, and the Business Meeting of MINUTES
April 28, 2009. Motion carried unanimously. 09/341

Ms. Mackay announced the Treasurer’s Report for March 2009 was posted in the Business Office
and available for anyone wishing a copy.

ANNOUNCEMENTS OF GENERAL INTEREST

PRIDE IN PUTNAM VALLEY

Pride in Putnam Valley recognized Zachary Heady for performing the Heimlich maneuver on a fellow
classmate who was choking to save his life.

Dr. Space introduced advisor Sean Gilroy and the High School Mock Trial Team. They were
recognized for winning the Putnam County Championship for the second year in a row. Team
Members are: Dillon Chesnut, Daniel Cray, Christopher Nelson, Madeline Kane, Jen David,
Conor O’Leary, Rebecca Bierhoff, Nicholas Cascioli, Courtney Bobik, and Michael Byrne.

Ms Mackay asked that the presentation of Transitions be held until student presenters returned from their away matches. The Board agreed.

Mr. Cohen noted on behalf of the Student Representative Elizabeth Regan and Kevin VanDevelde that the Girls' Softball Team in the sectionals, playing on May 28, the Boys' Lacrosse Team in the sectionals, playing on May 27; the Girls Lacrosse Team had their first sectional round match and defeated Byram Hills 25-15 and will meet Rye in the next round; Tom Wharton qualified for the golf sectional tournament; and the Senior Prom is June 5 at West Point.

The PTA/PTSA representatives thanked the Board, Superintendent, and his team for delivering a strong budget and they thanked the community for its support of education. The Elementary School Fun Fair was held and on June 19 the Elementary School will be putting on Willy Wonka.

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

APPROVE On motion of Mr. Reale, seconded by Ms. Fitzgerald, it was resolved, on
2008-09 recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, to approve the following
HEALTH & WELFARE 2008-09 contract for Health and Welfare Services provided to resident students
SERVICES CONTRACTS of Putnam Valley attending non-public schools within the following school
ARLINGTON CSD district, and authorize the President of the Board of Education to sign the
 09/342 contract, as per the document attached to the official minutes of this meeting:

<u>SCHOOL</u>	<u># OF</u>	<u>COST PER</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
<u>DOCUMENT #</u>	<u>DISTRICT</u>	<u>STUDENTS</u>	<u>STUDENT</u>
			<u>COST</u>
#89/09	Arlington	2	\$422.65
			\$845.30

Motion carried unanimously.

ACCEPT On motion of Ms. Fitzgerald, seconded by Ms. Maus, it was resolved, by the
FINAL VOTE Board of Education to accept the final vote tally for the Budget Vote and Board
TALLY FOR Election held on May 19, 2009, as follows:

<u>5/19/09</u>			
<u>BUDGET VOTE/</u>	Budget	Yes	703
<u>BOARD ELECTION</u>		No	485
09/343			

Board of Education	
Tina Mackay	878
Guy M. Cohen	870

Motion carried unanimously.

On motion of Ms, Maus, seconded by Mr. Cohen, it was resolved, on recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, to enter into an agreement with the County of Putnam and the Putnam Valley Central School District for the county to prepare the 2009-10 school district tax rolls, as per Document #90/09 attached to the official minutes of this meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

AGREEMENT
WITH
PUTNAM COUNTY
TO PREPARE
2009-10
SCHOOL DISTRICT
TAX ROLLS
09/344

Mr. Lee clarified that the county will be supplying the tax roll list for Putnam Valley and Carmel to the District around August 19. The Town of Cortlandt will collect the school tax for the Putnam Valley School District residents.

On motion of Mr. Cohen, seconded by Mr. Reale, it was resolved on recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools to award the (3) three year Refuse Contract to the lowest responsible bidder, CRP Sanitation, 2 Bayview Road, Cortlandt Manor, NY for \$87,840. Motion carried unanimously.

AWARD
BID FOR
3-YR. REFUSE
CONTRACT
CRP SANITATION
09/345

On motion of Mr. Reale, seconded by Ms. Maus, it was resolved on recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools to award the (1) one year HVAC T & M contract to the lowest responsible bidder, Karaco Heating & Cooling, 722 Sprout Brook Road, Putnam Valley NY at the following rates:

AWARD
BID FOR
1-YR. HVAC
CONTRACT
KARACO HEATING

<u>WORKER</u>	<u>STRAIGHT TIME</u>	<u>TIME & ONE HALF</u>	<u>DOUBLE TIME</u>	<u>& COOLING</u>
Journeyman	\$98.00/hr.	\$147.00/hr.	\$196.00/hr.	09/346
Apprentice	\$78.00/hr.	\$117.00/hr.	\$156.00/hr.	

Material mark up 35%

Motion carried unanimously.

On motion of Mr. Reale, seconded by Ms. Fitzgerald, it was resolved on recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools to award the Security Camera Bid to the lowest responsible bidder, Blue Dragon Connections, 288 Pleasant Ridge Road, Pouquag NY in the amount of \$13,987.00. Motion carried unanimously.

AWARD
BID FOR
SECURITY CAMERA
BLUE DRAGON
CONNECTIONS
09/347

Mr. Bellantoni noted that this was an upgrade and an additional of cameras at the High School.

ARRANGE
FOR CSE/CPSE
PLACEMENTS
09/348

On motion of Ms. Maus, seconded by Mr. Cohen, it was resolved, on recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, to arrange for CSE/CPSE placements, as per Document #91/09, attached to the official minutes of this meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVE
ADDL. 2009
SUMMER GIRLS'
LACROSSE CAMP
COUNSELOR/
STIPEND
09/349

On motion of Mr. Cohen, seconded by Mr. Reale, it was resolved, on recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, to approve an additional counselor/stipend for the 2009 Summer Girls Lacrosse Camp, as per Document #92/09, attached to the official minutes of this meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

ABOLISH
1.0 FTE
SCHOOL
PSYCHOLOGIST
POSITION
EFF. 6/30/09
09/350

On motion of Mr. Reale, seconded by Ms. Fitzgerald, it was resolved, that WHEREAS, the Board for reasons of economy and efficiency, has determined that it is appropriate to abolish certain pedagogical positions in the District; THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board hereby abolishes the following positions, effective close of business on June 30, 2009:

1.0 FTE School Psychologist

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board Clerk is hereby directed to provide written notice to those employees whose positions are hereby abolished, as set forth in a Memorandum to the Board from the Superintendent of Schools, dated May 20, 2009, as presented at this meeting, in accordance with the provisions of Section 3013 of the Education Law, Part 30 of the Regents Rules of the termination of their employment effective close of business on June 30, 2009; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that said employees who are entitled to Part 30 bumping rights shall be notified, in writing, of their right to a position in a previous tenure area of service and of their placement on a preferred eligibility list in the tenure area(s) of their employment regarding their statutory recall rights; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that said employees who are not entitled to Part 30 bumping rights shall be notified, in writing, of their placement on a preferred eligibility list in the tenure area(s) of their employment regarding their statutory recall rights.

Motion carried unanimously.

On motion of Ms. Fitzgerald, seconded by Ms. Maus, it was resolved, that

WHEREAS, the Board for reasons of economy and efficiency, has determined that it is appropriate to abolish certain non-pedagogical positions in the District;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board hereby abolishes the following positions, effective close of business on June 30, 2009:

- 1 Office Assistant f/t
- 2 Office Assistants p/t
- 3 Classroom Aides f/t
- 1 Classroom Aide p/t

ABOLISH
1 OFFICE ASST. F/T
2 OFFICE ASST. P/T
3 CLASSROOM
AIDES F/T
1 CLASSROOM
AIDE P/T
POSITIONS
EFF. 6/30/09
 09/351

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board Clerk is hereby directed to provide written notice to those employees whose positions are hereby abolished, as set forth in a Memorandum to the Board from the Superintendent of Schools, dated May 20, 2009, as presented at this meeting; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that to the extent there are more employees in the job title than there are remaining positions after consideration of bumping rights in accordance with the C.S.E.A. Collectively Negotiated Agreement, the Board Clerk is hereby directed to provide written notice to those employees who shall be excessed of the termination of their employment effective close of business on June 30, 2009. With further notice regarding recall rights, if any; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that said employees who are in the competitive class of the civil service shall be notified, in writing, of their placement on a preferred list regarding their entitlement to recall for a period of four years from the date of the abolition of their position in accordance with Sections 80 and 81 of the Civil Service Law.

Motion carried unanimously.

APPOINT
E. GIUSTI
6 MON. LV.
REPLACEMENT
AT PVES
EFF. 4/21/09-12/7/09
09/352

On motion of Ms. Maus, seconded by Mr. Cohen, it was resolved, on recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, to appoint Elizabeth Giusti to a six-month leave replacement position as an Art teacher, at the Putnam Valley Elementary School, on Step 1 MA of the P.V.F.T salary schedule, effective April 21, 2009 through December 7, 2009 (or sooner at the discretion of the Board of Education). Ms. Giusti holds K-12 Art Initial Certification. Motion carried unanimously.

APPOINT
T. HARANG
TEMPORARY
GROUNDKEEPER
EFF. 5/11/09-7/31/09
09/353

On motion of Mr. Cohen, seconded by Mr. Reale, it was resolved, on recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, to appoint Tony Harang to a temporary appointment as a Groundskeeper at the Putnam Valley Central School District at the rate of \$15.00per hour, effective May 11, 2009 through July 31, 2009. Motion carried unanimously.

PERSONNEL
ACTIONS
09/354

On motion of Mr. Reale, seconded by Ms. Fitzgerald, it was resolved, on recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, to take personnel actions, as per Document #93/09, attached to the agenda and the official minutes of this meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Cohen noted that on the personnel page was a child care leave, an adjustment to a coach's position, and an appointment of an advisor for the Math Club at the Middle School.

APPROVE
ADDL.
2009 SUMMER
CAMP
09/355

On motion of Ms. Fitzgerald, seconded by Ms. Maus, it was resolved, on recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, to approve an additional 2009 Summer F.A.S.T.T. (Functional Agility Speed Strength Training) Camp/personnel/stipend, as per Document #94/09, attached to the official minutes of this meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

ACCEPT
RETIREMENT
RESIGNATION
S. LUCA
EFF. 7/1/09
09/356

On motion of Ms. Maus, seconded by Mr. Cohen, it was resolved, on recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, to accept the resignation, with regret, for the purpose of retirement of Sylvester Luca, as per Document #95/09, attached to the official minutes of this meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Reale noted he had worked with Mr. Luca for many years and he would be sorely missed. Dr. Space noted that through the efforts of Mr. Luca and his students one can see the plantings outside of the High School building.

Mr. Jonathan Bryant and Juniors Samantha Arzon and Christopher Considine presented a summary of the Transition: Preparing Students to Succeed in College. They, along with other District representatives, attended an all-day workshop at Manhattanville College. The program was sponsored by Manhattanville and BOCES and presented strategies and resources to provide students with the skills to ensure that they will succeed in college, especially the first year. Also emphasized were the challenges of freshman year--the freedom but the responsibility, also learning how to better select a college. Students suggested that the Alumni talk held for seniors would be more beneficial if the alumni would be able to interact with High School students throughout the day.

Mr. Reale noted that in the past a Senior Seminar was held where college, military service and joining the work force were topics. He recommended that Mr. Bryant contact Kurt Worell, a High School teacher, who ran this in the past.

Ms. Valerie Fitzgerald noted she attended a workshop that explained how critical it was for students to know which resources are available and how to use them, especially when planning, they need more assistance in finding best college fits.

Ms. Teri Zagorski noted that Rye High School had a credited junior course preparing the students for college and post high school and we do it in our Social Studies and English classes.

A parent noted that she observed that our students and families are not prepared when the first child moves from the High School and that more information is needed earlier for students and parents.

Ms. Zagorski noted that the school does mailings when the college representatives are in attendance, but attendance is low. Mr. Reale suggested the need to develop a culture to make information available.

PUBLIC CONTRIBUTION PERIOD

Ms. Mackay asked for public contribution.

Mr. Reale noted that the Peers Influence Peers Docudrama, *Natural Highs*, was broadcast to a record 1,400 outlets and approximately 25 million homes.

Ms. Mackay announced the Board would move into Executive Session for a medical, financial, credit or employment history concern of a particular person, or matters leading to the appointment, employment, promotion, demotion, discipline, suspension, dismissal, or removal of a particular person and that no further business would be conducted upon the Board's return.

EXECUTIVE
SESSION
09/357

At 7:51 p.m., on motion of Ms. Mackay, seconded by Ms. Fitzgerald, the Board moved into Executive Session for a medical, financial, credit or employment history concern of a particular person, or matters leading to the appointment, employment, promotion, demotion, discipline, suspension, dismissal, or removal of a particular person. Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURN
MEETING
09/358

At 9:21 p.m., on motion of Ms. Mackay, seconded by Mr. Reale, the Board returned from Executive Session and at 9:22 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

Submitted by
Linda Pregiato
District Clerk