

Business Meeting Minutes – August 21, 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 Instruction
Natalie Doherty, Director of Special Education
and Student Services
Nick Bellantoni, Director of Operations

OTHERS: The Honorable Senator Vincent Leibell, Student
Representatives to the Board of Education Beth Regan and
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 7:06 p.m. CONVENE
MEETING

On motion of Ms. Maus, seconded by Mr. Reale, it was resolved, to approve the APPROVE
MINUTES
minutes of the Reorganization Meeting of July 15, 2008, the Business Meeting
of July 15, 2008. Motion carried unanimously. 09/46

Ms Mackay announced that the Treasurers Report for June 2008 was posted and available
for anyone wishing a copy.

ANNOUNCEMENTS OF GENERAL INTEREST

Dr. Marc Space recognized Senator Vincent Leibell for obtaining a \$50,000.00 grant for technology for
the District. Senator Leibell spoke about the progress he has seen in the District and that the Senate is
committed not to reduce aid to education during the budget crisis.

Ms Natalie Doherty, Director of Special Education and Student Services presented, the 2008-10 District
Plan for Special Education. The Board will accept the Plan at the September Board meeting.

Dr. Space and Ms.. Tina Mackay discussed the CPI-U Resolution to be presented at the NYSSBA
Convention in October. The resolution will be sent to all districts in September with Mr. Cohen in
charge of rewording the motion. Mr. Reale will place the resolution before the delegates.

Mr. Cohen led a discussion of the proposed PVCSD Board of Education 2008-09 Goals. It was decided to add a bullet under Instruction, which will emphasize the Board’s desire for the District, District Technology Committee and the ES Building Steering Committee to determine the best use of technology at the ES (i.e. classroom sets of laptops vs. individual laptops). It was also noted that the district must continually ensure that the technology being used is up-to-date. The Goal will be reworded and presented at the September meeting for adoption (attached).

Mr. Nick Bellantoni, Director of Building and Grounds, updated the Board and community on the progress of the ES construction (attached). Because of delays, the completion of the project is now slated for March 2009. Also discussed was the bus garage location, material and timing. Mr. Bellantoni noted that all traffic lines would be repainted, lighting fixed at the ES and the front stone wall repaired.

Student Representatives to the Board, Elizabeth Regan and Kevin VanDevelde thanked the Board for allowing them to take an active role in the education process and noted they and their classmates are excited about the imminent school opening. They reported that the sports preseason for football had started and would start shortly for all other fall sports.

Mr. Reale welcomed the student representatives and thanked them for their participation. It was noted that they represent all students and they should try to contact the MS student government.

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

APPROPRIATE FUND BALANCE & REVISE 2007-08 BUDGET APPROPRIATION On motion of Ms. Fitzgerald, seconded by Mr. Reale, it was resolved, on recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, to appropriate fund balance in the amount of \$987,845.00 and to revise the 2007-08 budget appropriation A9901.96 “Transfer to Debt Service Fund” in the plus amount of \$987,845.00. Motion carried unanimously.
09/47

It was noted that due to additional revenues and reductions in expenditures, the fund balance was greater than the permitted 4% and thus it was recommended that the additional funds be moved to the dedicated Debt Service Fund.

ENTER INTO AGREEMENT PUTNAM COUNTY BUREAU OF EMERGENCY SERVICES MASS CARE SHELTERS On motion of Mr. Reale, seconded by Ms. Maus, it was resolved, that the Putnam Valley Central School District Board of Education enter into an agreement with the Putnam County Bureau of Emergency Services for the use of facilities as mass care shelters, as per Document #8/09, attached to the official minutes of this meeting. Motion carried unanimously.
09/48

It was noted that this is not for emergencies at Indian Point, where the District will still evacuate to Carmel. This is for local emergencies where shelter is needed.

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

Whereas, the Board of Education is planning a project involving cafeteria equipment replacement at the Putnam Valley Middle School

Whereas, the Board of Education has reviewed the components, phases and aspects of the proposed project:

Therefore, be it resolved, that the Board of Education of the Putnam Valley Central School District is hereby designated lead agency under the State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA) for the proposed project; and

Be it further resolved, that the Board of Education hereby determines that the proposed project is a Type II action pursuant to Section 617.5(c)(1) & (8), of the SEQRA Regulations and will not have a significant adverse impact on the environment.

Motion carried unanimously.

On motion of Mr. Cohen, seconded by Ms. Fitzgerald, it was resolved, on recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, to aware the bids to the lowest responsible bidders for Athletic Supplies and Equipment, as per Document #9/09, attached to the official minutes of this meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

DESIGNATE
PVCSD
LEAD AGENCY
UNDER SEQRA
FOR PROPOSED
MIDDLE SCHOOL
PROJECT
09/49

AWARD BIDS
FOR
ATHLETIC SUPPLIES
EQUIPMENT
09/50

On motion of Ms. Fitzgerald, seconded by Mr. Reale, it was resolved, on recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, to approve the following 2007-08 contract for Health and Welfare Services provided to resident students of Putnam Valley attending non-public schools within the following school district, as per the documents attached to the official minutes of this meeting and authorize the President of the Board of Education to sign the contract:

APPROVE
2007-08
HEALTH & WELFARE
SERV. CONT
NEW ROCHELLE
CITY SCHOOL DIST.

<u>DOCUMENT #</u>	<u>SCHOOL DISTRICT</u>	<u># OF STUDENTS</u>	<u>COST PER STUDENT</u>	<u>TOTAL COST</u>
#10/09	New Rochelle	2	\$887.15	\$1,774.30

TABLE
RESOLUTION #5
09/51

On motion of Mr. Cohen, seconded by Ms. Maus, it was moved to table Resolution #5 due to the fact that the instructions from New Rochelle were for the Rye City District. It was noted that this motion would be acted on in September with clarification. Motion carried unanimously.

ADOPT
2008-09
INCOME &
ELIGIBILITY
GUIDELINES FOR
FREE & REDUCED
PRICE MEALS
09/52

On motion of Mr. Reale, seconded by Ms. Maus, it was resolved, on recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, to adopt the 2008-09 Income and Eligibility Guidelines for Free and Reduced Price Meals for the Putnam Valley Elementary School, Middle School and High School, effective July 1, 2008, as per Document #11/09, attached to the official minutes of this meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

NAME
REVIEWING OFF.
HEARING OFF.
CERTIFICATION OFF.
2008-09 FREE &
REDUCED LUNCH
PROGRAM
09/53

On motion of Ms. Maus, seconded by Mr. Cohen, it was resolved, on recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, to name the Reviewing Official, the Hearing Official and the Certification Official for the 2008-09 Free and Reduced Lunch Program with no additional compensation, as per Document #12/09, attached to the official minutes of this meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

TABLE
RESOLUTION #8
09/54

On motion of Mr. Cohen, seconded by Ms. Fitzgerald, it was resolved, to table Resolution #8 until September with wording change. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVE
CSE/CPSE
PLACEMENTS
09/55

On motion of Ms. Fitzgerald, seconded by Mr. Reale, it was resolved, on recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, to approve CSE/CPSE placements, as per Document #14/09, attached to the official minutes of this meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVE
CHEERLEADING
TRIP
7/21-24/08
09/56

On motion of Mr. Reale, seconded by Ms. Maus, it was resolved, on recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, to approve the Cheerleading Team to attend an away camp at Stockton College in Pomona, NJ from July 21, 2008 through July 24, 2008. Motion carried unanimously.

It was noted that this was an oversight and in the future, the Board will address overnight trips prior to their occurrence.

On motion of Ms. Maus, seconded by Mr. Cohen, it was resolved, on recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, to approve additional counselors/stipends for the 2008 summer camps, as per Document #15/09, attached to the official minutes of this meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVE
ADDITIONAL
2008 SUMMER CAMP
COUNSELORS/STIPENDS
09/57

On motion of Mr. Cohen, seconded by Ms. Maus, it was resolved, on recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, to approve 2008-09 fall coaches/Athletic Trainer/Fitness Center Supervisor/stipends, as per Document #16/09, attached to the official minutes of this meeting. Motion carried 4 ayes, 1 abstention.

APPROVE
2008-09 FALL
COACHES/ATHLETIC
TRAINER/FITNESS
CENTER SUPER./
STIPENDS
09/58

It was noted the District had not established coaches/sports/numbers of players, thus this may be premature because the participation rates are not determined yet.

On motion of Ms. Fitzgerald, seconded by Mr. Reale, it was resolved, on recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, to grant Graduate Course Credit for salary purposes, as per Document #17/09, attached to the official minutes of this meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

GRANT
GRADUATE
COURSE CREDIT
09/59

On motion of Mr. Reale, seconded by Ms. Maus, it was resolved, on recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, to grant In-service Course Credit for salary purposes, as per Document #18/09, attached to the official minutes of this meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

GRANT
IN-SERVICE
COURSE CREDIT
09/60

On motion of Ms. Maus, seconded by Mr. Cohen, it was resolved, on recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools that Angela DeLeon be granted immediate tenure in the Special Education tenure area, effective September 1, 2008. Motion carried unanimously.

GRANT
TENURE
A. DELEON
SPECIAL EDUCATION
EFF. 9/1/08
09/61

On motion of Mr. Cohen, seconded by Ms. Fitzgerald, it was resolved, on recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, to appoint Sharon Varian to a five-month leave replacement position as a Special Education teacher at the Putnam Valley High School, on Step 1 BA of the P.V.F.T. salary schedule, effective September 22, 2008 through January 4, 2009 (or sooner at the discretion of the Board of Education). Motion carried unanimously.

APPOINT
S. VARIAN
5-MON LV.
REPL. AT PVHS
EFF. 9/22/08-1/4/09
09/62

APPOINT
C. FRISTROM
6-MON. PROB. APPT.
SCHOOL MONITOR
PVES
EFF. 9/2/08-3/2/09
09/63

On motion of Ms. Fitzgerald, seconded by Mr. Reale, it was resolved, on recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, to appoint Colette Fristrom to a six-month probationary appointment as a School Monitor at the Putnam Valley Elementary School, on Step 2 of the C.S.E.A. salary schedule, effective September 2, 2008 through March 2, 2009. Motion carried unanimously.

APPOINT
M. PEDOTY
6-MON. PROB. APPT.
SCHOOL MONITOR
PVES
EFF. 9/2/08-3/2/09
09/64

On motion of Mr. Reale, seconded by Ms. Maus, it was resolved, on recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, to appoint Mayra Pedoty to a six-month probationary appointment as a School Monitor at the Putnam Valley Elementary School, on Step 2 of the C.S.E.A. salary schedule, effective September 2, 2008 through March 2, 2009. Motion carried unanimously.

APPOINT
C. KOHUT
1-YR. LV. REPL.
SCHOOL MONITOR
PVHS
EFF. 9/2/08-6/30/09
09/65

On motion of Ms. Maus, seconded by Mr. Cohen, it was resolved, on recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, to appoint Carla Kohut to a 1-year leave replacement position as a School Monitor at the Putnam Valley High School, on Step 1 of the C.S.E.A. salary schedule, effective September 2, 2008 through June 30, 2009 (or sooner at the discretion of the Board of Education). Motion carried unanimously.

APPOINT
M. HANNA
3-YR. PROB. APPT.
ASST. PRINCIPAL-
PVMS
EFF. 8/22/08-8/22/11
09/66

On motion of Mr. Cohen, seconded by Ms. Fitzgerald, it was resolved, on recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, to appoint Michael Hanna to a three-year probationary appointment in the tenure area of Assistant Principal, effective August 22, 2008 through August 22, 2011. Mr. Hanna holds Professional Certification as a School District Leader and an Initial Certification as a School Building Leader. Motion carried unanimously.

The Board and community welcomed Mr. Hanna to this new role.

PERSONNEL
ACTIONS
09/67

On motion of Ms. Fitzgerald, seconded by Mr. Reale, it was resolved, on recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, to take personnel actions, as per Document #19/09, attached to the agenda and 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 that school taxes be extended against the taxable property of the Towns of Putnam Valley, Carmel and Cortlandt, as appears 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 21, 2008, in the amount of \$29,278,319.00, as per Document #21/09, attached to the official minutes of this meeting; the Town of Carmel, dated August 21, 2008, in the amount of \$235,147.00, as per Document #22/09, attached to the official minutes of this meeting; and the Town of Cortlandt, dated August 21, 2008, in the amount of \$2,258,383.00, as per Document #23/09, 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, 2008; that said warrants be delivered to the Tax Collector of Cortlandt and Putnam Valley. 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. A roll call resulted in a vote of 5 ayes, 0 nays.

EXECUTE
TAX WARRANTS
TOWNS OF
PUTNAM VALLEY
CARMEL
CORTLANDT
 09/68

PUBLIC CONTRIBUTION PERIOD

Dr. Barbara Fuchs noted that 100 students participated in the Summer Early Intervention Program for students entering grades K-9, which was funded by a Title I grant. The District has applied for a similar grant for 2009-10. Mr. Cohen noted that state Medicaid proposed cuts could impact some of the special education costs for services.

Dr. Space announced that on Friday, August 22 there would be an FBI crisis simulation program conducted at the High School for staff and staff from neighboring districts.

There was a discussion centered on Motion #12 and hiring of coaches. Dr. Space will work with the Athletic Coordinator, head coaches and the administrative team to establish guidelines.

The community asked if a decision had been made with respect to the responsibilities of the Assistant to the Principal position at the Elementary School. It was noted that 200 candidates applied, with two finalists meeting with Dr. Space next week. The position will be a 10-month position.

The Elementary School staff noted that laptops are in demand at the Elementary School. There appears to be only one set and not two. Dr. Space and Mr. Lee will look into the matter. The laptops are used for research, publishing, writing workshops, reading and POD casts and an invaluable tool.

ADJOURN
MEETING
09/69

At 9:02 p.m., on motion of Ms. Mackay, seconded by Ms. Maus, 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