

Final Budget Hearing/Business Meeting Minutes – May 7, 2009

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

President Tina Mackay was not present (notified)

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

OTHERS: Student Representatives to the Board of
Education Kevin VanDevelde and Elizabeth Regan,
School Attorney David Shaw, Reporter from
Putnam County News and Recorder, staff from
the school district and community members

Mr. Cohen convened the Final Budget Hearing/Business Meeting at 6:30 p.m. CONVENE
MEETING

It was announced that Ms. Mackay would not be at the meeting because of an illness.

Mr. Cohen announced the Board would move into Executive Session to discuss a personnel matter.

At 6:31 p.m. p.m., on motion of Mr. Reale, seconded by Ms. Maus it was resolved, to EXECUTIVE
move into Executive Session to discuss a personnel matter. Motion carried SESSION
unanimously. 09/337

The Board was joined by Dr. Space, Dr. Fuchs, Ms. Jodi Sepa and the school attorney David Shaw.

At 7:12 p.m., on motion of Ms. Maus, seconded by Mr. Reale, the Board returned RETURN FROM
from Executive Session. Motion carried unanimously. EXECUTIVE
SESSION
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ANNOUNCEMENTS OF GENERAL INTEREST

Dr. Space announced the student being honored was not feeling well and the Pride in Putnam Valley recognition would be postponed.

Mr. Paul Lee presented a summary of the adopted budget for 2009-10, which will be put before the voters on May 19 from 6:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. It was noted the budget to budget increase was 1.95% and the tax levy year to year increase was 2.58%. Instruction costs increased 1.6% from last year. It was noted the largest increase in benefits was health insurance and social security. It was also noted that only two faculty positions would be eliminated. Mr. Lee explained the school is limited by law to the type of investments they can make. They must be secure and cannot be for longer than a year. There are two Board seats open. Voters can register at the District Office and absentee ballots are available for those voters who are not able to vote on May 19. Ms. Fitzgerald noted that the year to year budget increases have been decreasing and the Board and administration have been frugal.

Mr. Cohen asked that the Student Representatives to the Board make their announcements at that time. All agreed. It was announced the track team held its team meet on May 4 and it was successful, even in the rain; AP exams are this week; the Middle School Spelling Bee is ongoing; the High School Junior Prom is May 15 and the Senior Prom is at the Hotel Thayer at West Point on June 5; and during the next week the High School will have chorus and band concerts.

Mr. Cohen asked for public comment on agenda items. There were none.

ACCEPT On motion of Mr. Reale, seconded by Ms. Fitzgerald, it was resolved, on
RESIGNATION recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, to accept
G. NIESE the resignation of Glenn Niese, effective the close of
EFF. 5/1/09 business on May 1, 2009. Motion carried unanimously.
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PUBLIC CONTRIBUTION PERIOD

Mr. Cohen reminded the community about the budget vote and board election and urged them to register if they had not already done so and that absentee ballots were available at the District Office.

Mr. Reale noted that Peers Influence Peers held their recognition evening last Friday. Their current DRAMA will be shown nationwide on cable and the PBS networks.

At 7:30 p.m., on motion of Mr. Reale, seconded by Ms. Maus, there being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned. Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURN
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Submitted by
Guy Cohen
Vice President
Board of Education

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Linda Pregiato
District Clerk