

MINUTES OF OPEN MEETING

BOARD OF EDUCATION

PUTNAM VALLEY CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
146 PEEKSKILL HOLLOW ROAD
PUTNAM VALLEY, NEW YORK 10579

TIME:7:00pm

Type of Meeting:

Date:03/11/10

No. of Pages: 3

Work Session/Business Mtg.

BOARD OF EDUCATION: Tina Mackay, President **PRESENT**
Guy Cohen, Vice President
Frank Reale, Trustee
Mary Maus, Trustee (Arrived 9:58pm)
Valerie Fitzgerald, Trustee

ADMINISTRATORS: Marc Space, Superintendent
Barbara Fuchs, Assistant Superintendent
Paul Lee, Assistant Superintendent

OTHERS: Daniel Cray, Student Representative
Christopher Nelson, Student Representative
Maureen Bellino, District Clerk
Dan Mahoney, Meeting Videographer
Reporter, PCNR
Approximately 3 members of the community and school district.

Ms. Mackay convened the meeting at 7:03pm with the Pledge of Allegiance.

CONVENE MEETING

ANNOUNCEMENTS OF GENERAL INTEREST

Dr. Space summarized the Board of Education's financial goals for the 2009-10 school year (presentation attached to the official minutes of this meeting). He noted that the Budget Committee will be making a presentation to the Board at the March 18th meeting.

Mr. Lee presented a budget proposal (presentation attached to the official minutes of this meeting) which shows an approximately 1.7% budget to budget increase with an estimated 2.1% tax increase. A contingency budget would have an estimated 1.21% tax increase. It was noted that to achieve a tax rate increase of 0%, an additional \$764,000 would need to be reduced from this proposed budget. It was noted that the budget vote is Tuesday, May 18 from 6am to 9pm at the Elementary School. The vote was being moved from the High School's band room to the Elementary School cafeteria due to the space restrictions at the High School location. The District will be required to use new voting machines and privacy tables from Putnam County for the 2010 election, and they require a set-up which differs from previous years.

The series 6000 policies were reviewed (attached to the official minutes of this meeting).

The Student Representatives noted that the spring sports' season has begun and a golf coach was still needed. They reported that the spring musical, "Crazy For You", is in rehearsals. The senior class has met with the cap and gown vendor and are beginning to make their college selections. The AP tests will occur during the first week in May and there is a sense of anticipation and anxiety in the air for the seniors.

The student representatives excused themselves from the meeting at 8:34pm.

The series 7000 policies were reviewed (attached to the official minutes of this meeting).

Ms. Mackay asked for public contribution.

The PVCSD master schedule was reviewed. The District will continue to work on the 8000 and 9000 series of the policy manual. Additional budget meetings were discussed.

Dr. Fuchs noted that the Journal News correctly reported the PVCSD graduation rate for the Class of 2009 at 92% which is the highest in Putnam County.

Dr. Space noted that a survey had been done regarding the future of foreign language in the District. He will be discussing the survey with the PTA/PTSA at a meeting with their executive boards next week. The discussion will include alternatives for foreign language delivery. He also noted there would be no significant change in the program for the upcoming school year.

Mr. Cohen noted that two of the District's Destination Imagination teams will move on to the New York State tournament.

Mrs. Cohen noted that she had attended the third grade Elementary School concert this evening and that it was an enormous success and that the music teacher, Mrs. Calhoun, should be congratulated. Mrs. Cohen also noted that a High School concert listed on the PVCSD calendar should have been publicized as being cancelled.

There were no other public comments.

On motion by Ms. Mackay, seconded by Mr. Reale, the Board, at 9:27pm, moved into Executive Session to discuss one issue related to the employment history of a particular person and one issue related to collective negotiations pursuant to Article 14 of the Civil Service Law (the Taylor Law). Motion carried unanimously.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

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It was noted that there would be no business discussed after the Executive Session. Drs. Space and Fuchs joined the Board in the Executive Session. Ms. Maus arrived at 9:58pm. At 10:06pm, Drs. Space and Fuchs excused themselves from the meeting.

On motion by Mr. Reale, seconded by Mr. Cohen, the Executive Session was adjourned at 11:07pm. Motion carried unanimously.

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EXECUTIVE SESSION

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On motion by Mr. Reale, seconded by Mr. Cohen, there being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:07pm. Motion carried unanimously.

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Submitted by:

Maureen Bellino
District Clerk