

# MINUTES OF OPEN MEETING

## BOARD OF EDUCATION

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

TIME:7:00pm  
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Date:03/18/10

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

**ADMINISTRATORS:** Marc Space, Superintendent  
Barbara Fuchs, Assistant Superintendent  
Paul Lee, Assistant Superintendent  
Jonathan Bryant, High School Principal  
Edward Hallisey, Middle School Principal  
Jamie Edelman, Elementary School Principal  
Mark Lybolt, Director of Athletics, Phys. Ed. & Health  
Nick Bellantoni, Director of Building, Grounds & Transportation

**OTHERS:** Daniel Cray, Student Representative  
Christopher Nelson, Student Representative  
Maureen Bellino, District Clerk  
Dan Mahoney, Meeting Videographer  
Reporters, PCNR & North County News  
Approximately 48 members of the community and school district.

Ms. Mackay convened the meeting at 7:05pm with the Pledge of Allegiance.

**CONVENE MEETING**

Mrs. Mackay noted that the Treasurer Reports for December 2009 and January 2010 were posted in the Business Office.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS OF GENERAL INTEREST

Ms. Toniann Cortina, Varsity Field Hockey Coach, requested that her team participate in the September 1-5, 2010 Walt Disney World Field Hockey Tournament in Orlando, Florida. Twenty-one players, two coaches and two chaperones will attend. The estimated cost is \$1,200 per person and the coach noted that no player will be unable attend due to financial issues. The team is conducting fundraisers. KSA is the company that is sponsoring the event.

The building administrators made their budget presentations for the 2010-11 school year (presentation attached to the official minutes of this meeting). Ms. Edelman, Mr. Hallisey and Mr. Bryant summarized their building enrollments and teaching/support staff needs for the 2010-11 school year. The presentation included the sharing of teaching staff.

The following summarizes their changes from the 2009/10 school year:

School	Enrollment	Teaching Staff	Support Staff
Elementary School	-32	-1	-3 Aides, +3 Monitors
Middle School	-30	-1.6 *	
High School	+14	-0.8	-1

Mr. Hallisey presented the Special Education proposal; there will be a reduction in one funded position. This position will be funded by an ARRA grant.

Mr. Bellantoni summarized his needs for District operations and transportation. The five-year maintenance plan continues to be addressed and will be updated this year. The bus facility project should be started this summer and the District continues to support "going green" (increased recycling and using environmentally safe cleaning supplies). He also noted that supply lines will be frozen.

Dr. Fuchs presented the professional development plans for 2010-11. She noted that the summer work costs have been reduced to \$70,000.

Dr. Space commended the administrative team on their work and for ensuring that our children's education will continue to be the District's highest priority and that the students will continue to have the opportunity to maximize their potential.

Dr. Space and the Board recognized Kris Castro with Pride In Putnam Valley for his outstanding performance as a wrestler. This year, Kris made "All State" and came in 6th overall in the New York State competition. Kris set a District record for wrestling wins and was a leader with his teammates.

The Budget Committee presented their proposal (attached to the official minutes of this meeting). Mrs. Jerri Cohen, Ms. Rita Sharples and Mr. Bob Canavan presented on behalf of the committee. The Budget Committee is asking for a budget to budget change which would give a 1% tax levy increase. Their presentation included restoring the cuts in aides. The committee asked for a 10% cut in all budgets (by department). They also suggested enrollment minimums for electives and AP courses.

The Board had a discussion on the presentations and called a Special Meeting to be held on March 25 at 7pm for further budget discussion.

Dr. Space presented his Superintendent's Report. He noted that the health insurance cooperative is looking to reduce prescription costs by finding a lower cost provider. He also noted how dedicated the performers in this year's spring musical "Crazy For You" are; they can be found at all hours of the evening rehearsing.

Mr. Cray presented the report from the student representatives. He recognized the inductees to the Tri M Music Honor Society. They are: Logan Bagarozzy, Barbara Casabianca, Quinn Gilman-Forlini, Angela Italia, Casey Leake, Maria Rao, Alix Reed, Danielle Anita Roberts, Tess Torregrosa and Kristen Weeks.

There was no report from the PTA or PTSA.

Ms. Mackay asked for public contribution on the agenda items.

A question was raised about shared services and the work of Assemblywoman Sandy Galef.

A community member asked for clarity with regard to the roles and responsibilities of the AIS and Elementary School reading teacher.

There were no other comments.

#### NEW BUSINESS

On motion by Mr. Reale, seconded by Ms. Fitzgerald, it was resolved, on recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, to approve the following 2009-10 contracts for Health and Welfare Services provided to resident students of Putnam Valley attending non-public schools within the following school districts, and authorize the President of the Board of Education to sign the contracts, as per the documents attached to the agenda and official minutes of this meeting:

**APPROVE**  
**HEALTH & WELFARE**  
**SERVICE CONTRACTS**  
**ARLINGTON,**  
**GREENBURGH,**  
**LAKELAND, PEEKSKILL**

#10/224

<u>Document #</u>	<u>SCHOOL DISTRICT</u>	<u>#OF STUDENTS</u>	<u>COST PER STUDENT</u>	<u>TOTAL COST</u>
#80/10	Arlington	3	\$448.94	\$ 1,346.82
#81/10	Greenburgh	1	\$746.16	\$ 746.16
#99/10	Lakeland	83	\$888.65	\$73,757.95
#100/10	Peekskill	2	\$566.00	\$ 1,132.00

Motion carried unanimously.

**APPROVE**  
**PERSONNEL ACTIONS**  
#10/225

On motion of Ms. Fitzgerald, seconded by Ms. Maus, it was resolved on recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, to approve personnel actions as per Document #82/10 attached to the agenda and official minutes of this meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Bryant introduced and welcomed Ms. Alicia Cavallo who will be a leave replacement English teacher at the High School.

**APPROVE**  
**CSE/CPSE PLACEMENTS**  
#10/226

On motion by Ms. Maus, seconded by Mr. Cohen, it was resolved, on recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, to make CSE/CPSE placements as per Document #83/10 attached to the official agenda and minutes of this meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

**APPROVE RESIGNATION**  
**FOR RETIREMENT OF**  
**J. BOWE, P. DARREFF,**  
**M. FOULKS,**  
**J. GAIR WILSON,**  
**J. PELLEGRINO**  
#10/227

On motion by Mr. Cohen, seconded by Ms. Mackay, it was resolved, on recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, to accept the resignation, with regret, of the following individuals for the purpose of retirement:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Document No.</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
Bowe, Janet	#84/10	June 30, 2010
Darreff, Pamela	#85/10	June 30, 2010
Foulks, Michael	#86/10	June 30, 2010
Gair Wilson, Jo Ann	#88/10	June 30, 2010
Pellegrino, John	#87/10	June 30, 2010

Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Reale noted that Mr. Pellegrino was the longest District employed teacher with 39 years of service.

Ms. Mackay noted that the next group of motions are with respect to permitting the children of non-resident staff members who live outside the District to attend the Putnam Valley Central School District schools. Ms. Mackay noted that she struggled with the motions of waiving tuition for non-resident staff members during these difficult economic times due to the issue of equity. She noted that some staff members in the District were being excessed and that these motions give other staff members an additional benefit. Therefore, she is unable to support the motions.

On motion of Mr. Reale, seconded by Ms. Fitzgerald, it was resolved, to grant permission for a non-resident administrator's child to attend Putnam Valley Elementary School for the 2010-11 school year as per Document #89/10 attached to the agenda and official minutes of this meeting. Motion passed 4 to 1.

**GRANT PERMISSION  
NON-RESIDENT ADMIN.  
CHILD TO ATTEND  
PVCSD  
SCHOOLS.**  
#10/228

On motion of Ms. Fitzgerald, seconded by Ms. Maus, it was resolved, to grant permission for a non-resident faculty member's children to attend Putnam Valley Elementary School and Putnam Valley Middle School for the 2010-11 school year as per Document #90/10 attached to the agenda and official minutes of this meeting. Motion passed 4 to 1.

**GRANT PERMISSION  
FOR NON-RESIDENT  
FACULTY MEMBER'S  
CHILDREN TO ATTEND  
PVCSD SCHOOLS**  
#10/229

On motion of Ms. Maus, seconded by Mr. Cohen, it was resolved, on recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, to grant permission for a non-resident faculty member's child to attend Putnam Valley Elementary School for the 2010-11 school year as per Document #91/10 attached to the agenda and official minutes of this meeting. Motion passed 4 to 1.

**GRANT PERMISSION  
FOR NON-RESIDENT  
FACULTY MEMBER'S  
CHILD TO ATTEND  
PVCSD SCHOOLS**  
#10/230

On motion of Mr. Cohen, seconded by Mr. Reale, it was resolved, on recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, to grant permission for a non-resident faculty member's child to attend Putnam Valley Elementary School for the 2010-11 school year as per Document #92/10 attached to the agenda and official minutes of this meeting. Motion passed 4 to 1.

**GRANT PERMISSION  
FOR NON-RESIDENT  
FACULTY MEMBER'S  
CHILD TO ATTEND  
PVCSD SCHOOLS**  
#10/231

**GRANT PERMISSION  
FOR NON-RESIDENT  
FACULTY MEMBER'S  
CHILD TO ATTEND  
PVCSD SCHOOLS**  
#10/232

On motion of Mr. Reale, seconded by Ms. Fitzgerald, it was resolved, on recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, to grant permission for a non-resident faculty member's child to attend Putnam Valley Elementary School for the 2010-11 school year as per Document #93/10 attached to the agenda and official minutes of this meeting. Motion passed 4 to 1.

**ACCEPT DONATION  
FROM PV EDUC. FOUND.  
FOR GRANTS AT HS, MS  
& ES**  
#10/233

On motion by Ms. Fitzgerald, seconded by Ms. Maus, it was resolved, on recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, to accept a generous donation totaling \$8,473.61 from the Putnam Valley Education Foundation for grants to be used at the Putnam Valley High School, Putnam Valley Middle School and Putnam Valley Elementary School as per Document #94/10 attached to the agenda and official minutes of this meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Mackay thanked the Putnam Valley Education Foundation for their generous support of the education of the District's children.

**APPROVE  
AGREEMENT  
W/PUTNAM CO.  
TO PROVIDE REAL  
PROPERTY TAX  
SERVICES**  
#10/234

On motion by Ms. Maus, seconded by Mr. Cohen, it was resolved, on recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, to approve the agreement with Putnam County to provide real property tax services as per Document #95/10 attached to the agenda and official minutes of this meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

**APPROVE  
2ND READING OF  
POLICY SERIES 5000**  
#10/235

On motion by Mr. Cohen, seconded by Mr. Reale, it was resolved, on recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, to approve the 2nd reading of Policy Series 5000, as per Document #96/10 attached to the agenda and official minutes of this meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

**APPROVE  
1ST READING OF  
POLICY SERIES 6000 &  
POLICY SERIES 7000**  
#10/236

On motion by Mr. Reale, seconded by Ms. Fitzgerald, it was resolved, on recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, to approve the 1st reading of Policy Series 6000, as per Document #97/10, and Policy Series 7000, as per Document #98/10 attached to the agenda and official minutes of this meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

On motion by Ms. Fitzgerald, seconded by Ms. Maus, the resolution to approve an overnight trip for the field hockey team was open for discussion. Motion for the discussion carried unanimously.

**OVERNIGHT TRIP FOR  
HS FIELD HOCKEY  
TEAM DISCUSSION**

#10/237

On motion by Ms. Mackay, seconded by Ms. Maus, the motion to approve an overnight trip for the High School field hockey team for the 2010-11 was tabled. Motion to table carried unanimously.

**TABLE MOTION  
OVERNIGHT TRIP FOR  
HS FIELD HOCKEY**

**TEAM**

#10/238

It was noted that more information was needed regarding parental support of the trip. This motion will be acted on at the March 25th Special Business Meeting of the Board of Education.

Ms. Mackay asked for public contribution.

Mr. Cohen noted that the Health Advisory Committee, under the direction of Middle School Health teacher, Mrs. Pamela Darreff, had a successful "Straight Talk" night on the previous Tuesday. He also reminded the community of the March 25th Special Meeting of the Board which begins at 7pm.

A community member asked if any of our residents teach in other districts and send their children to those districts. It was noted that this has been done in the past.

The PTA commented on the success of the 4th grade science fair on March 12.

There were no other comments.

On motion by Ms. Mackay, seconded by Mr. Cohen, the Board moved into Executive Session at 9:44pm to discuss 12 issues related to the employment history of particular persons. Motion carried unanimously.

**CONVENE  
EXECUTIVE SESSION**

10/239

Joining the Board in Executive Session were Drs. Space & Fuchs and the three building principals. Ms. Edelman left the meeting at 10:26pm, Mr. Bryant left the meeting at 10:46pm and Mr. Hallisey left the meeting at 11:00pm.

**ADJOURN**  
**EXECUTIVE SESSION**  
10/240

On motion by Mr. Cohen, seconded by Mr. Reale, the Board moved out of Executive Session at 11:02pm. Motion carried unanimously.

**ADJOURN**  
**MEETING**  
10/241

On motion by Mr. Cohen, seconded by Mr. Reale, there being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:03pm. Motion carried unanimously.

Submitted by:

Maureen Bellino  
District Clerk