

# 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:04/22/10

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

Valerie Fitzgerald, Trustee--Absent  
(Notified)

**ADMINISTRATORS:** Marc Space, Superintendent  
Barbara Fuchs, Assistant Superintendent  
Paul Lee, Assistant Superintendent  
Natalie Doherty, Director of Special Education

**OTHERS:** Daniel Cray, Student Representative  
Maureen Bellino, District Clerk  
Dan Mahoney, Meeting Videographer  
Reporters, PCNR & North County News  
Approximately 20 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 Report for February 2010 was posted in the Business Office.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS OF GENERAL INTEREST

Two members of Peers Influencing Peers, Christine Wagner and Jennifer Davis, invited the Board of Education and the community to the annual Peers Influencing Peers event taking place on April 30 at 7:30pm in the High School PAC. The theme of the event is domestic violence.

Dr. Fuchs summarized the staffing and program needs to be supported by the proposed 2010-11 school year budget. It was noted by Mr. Reale that the District is eliminating positions by not replacing six retirees. Mr. Cray asked why the budget for the arts was not being cut by ten percent as recommended by the Budget Committee. Ms. Mackay noted that the Board and administration looked at the total education program and it was felt that the arts were impacted by having their budget frozen and a cut would not be appropriate.

Mr. Lee presented the financial components for the 2010-11 budget. The budget to budget increase and the tax levy increase were both under one percent. The monies for the Twilight Program (\$25,000) were returned to the budget. Due to the retirement of the Elementary School Head Custodian and the replacement with a Custodian, no additional monies had to be added to the budget. Ms. Doherty clarified the District's use of Federal ARRA (Recovery) Funds. It was noted that these funds are expected to expire in June of 2011. It was also noted that retirement costs, which are set by the State, have gone up significantly and are expected to continue to rise. Mr. Lee explained what a contingency budget looks like. He noted that if the budget is not approved after an optional second vote, the Board can adopt a contingency budget, which based on the State's guidance, would be approximately \$100,000 higher than the current budget but would not include routine maintenance items and the community would have to pay for all uses of school facilities. (Presentation attached to the official minutes of this meeting.)

Dr. Space recognized Ryan Moynihan, a PVHS student, with Pride in Putnam Valley. It was noted that Ryan wrote an essay honoring his teacher, Mr. Craig Glenn, and the essay earned Mr. Glenn a designation as a 2009 Teacher of the Year sponsored by the Downtown Disney Hotel Organization. Mr. Glenn was also honored with the Pride in Putnam Valley recognition for his dedication to this students.

Ms. Mackay asked the audience if there were any questions on the budget.

Mr. Lee provided clarity on the tax levy increase versus the individual homeowners tax rates which are impacted by equalization rates and changes in assessed values.

Mr. Reale noted that the ticket prices for the Theatreworks' productions are only a minimal rate as the District does not charge for sporting events.

Ms. Mackay noted that she attended the Middle School production of *Guys and Dolls* and it was superb. She did note that the sound quality in the Middle School cafetorium was poor. Dr. Space noted that this would be addressed with no additional funding needed.

It was noted that athletic supplies were cut by more than ten percent.

Ms. Mackay commended Dr. Space and his administrative team for a budget that continues to provide students with a quality education at a fair cost. She noted that this was the most difficult budget process that she recalled. Ms. Mackay also noted that the current budget supports quality education.

Dr. Space gave his Superintendent's Update and noted that two Destination Imagination teams had qualified for the global finals being held in Tennessee at the end of May. He noted that the District wanted to recognize the work of the teams' mentors and, especially, Ms. Barbara Parmly (Elementary School teacher).

Dr. Space also noted that Mr. Hallisey, Middle School Principal, had been invited to summarize the PVCSD laptop initiative at the national technology meetings in Baltimore.

Dr. Space read a letter from a parent who thanked the Board and the District for supporting community service. Their son had been recognized by the Putnam Valley Volunteer Fire Department for over 100 service calls.

Dr. Space also recognized the close partnership of the District and the PTA/PTSA. He noted their support during the budget process. The PTA/PTSA hosted two budget meetings on April 21 and he noted that they were both successful. Dr. Space thanked the PTA/PTSA leadership for their excellent suggestions which strengthened the budget presentations.

The Student Representative Report was given by Dan Cray. He noted that *Crazy for You* was opening this weekend at the High School PAC. The National Honor Society induction was being held at the High School on April 28 and the National Jr. Honor Society induction for the Middle School was being held on May 3 also at the High School. The band and chorus concerts for the Middle School are being held the third Wednesday and Thursday in May. He also noted that a recycling program was beginning at the High School. High School students, Quinn Gilman-Forlini and Nicole Canti, will take a leadership role and work with High School Principal, Jonathan Bryant.

The PTA and PTSA representatives thanked Dr. Space and his team for the budget presentation. They also noted that May 4th is the "Meet the Candidates' Night in the High School cafeteria, and on May 6, there will be a drug and alcohol awareness program in the PAC.

Ms. Mackay asked for comments on agenda items.

Ms. Bellino noted that the budget vote will be at the Elementary School. It was noted that the District is required to use the new voting machines provided by Putnam County and the Elementary School space is more conducive to the privacy of the voters.

Ms. Parmly thanked the administration for their support for the Destination Imagination teams and that the global finals are May 26-29 in Knoxville, Tennessee. Dr. Space noted that the District will be supporting the trip.

There were no other comments and the Board entered the new business.

## NEW BUSINESS

**APPROVE**  
**HEALTH & WELFARE**  
**SERVICE CONTRACT**  
**DOBBS FERRY**

#10/249

On motion by Mr. Reale, seconded by Ms. Maus, it was resolved, on recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, to approve the 2009-10 contract for Health and Welfare Services provided to resident students of Putnam Valley attending non-public schools within the Dobbs Ferry School District and authorize the President of the Board of Education to sign the contract, as per Document #103/10 attached to the agenda and official minutes of this meeting.

Motion carried unanimously.

On motion by Ms. Maus, seconded by Mr. Cohen, it was resolved, on recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, to enter into a contract for cooperative educational services with the Southern Westchester BOCES for an installment purchase agreement as per Document #104/10 attached to the agenda and official minutes of this meeting.

**ENTER INTO  
CONTRACT FOR  
COOPERATIVE EDUC.  
SERV. W/ SWBOCES FOR  
INSTALLMENT PURCH.  
AGREEMENT**  
#10/250

It was noted that this is how the District purchases computer services.

On motion by Mr. Cohen, seconded by Mr. Reale, it was resolved, on recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, to authorize the tax collector to make adjustments deducted by Putnam County Department of Finance from the Final Tax Amount Due to the Putnam Valley School District for Wholly Unpaid 2009-10 school taxes as follows:

**AUTHORIZE  
TAX COLLECTOR  
TO MAKE ADJMNTS.  
FROM THE FINAL TAX  
AMT. DUE TO PVCSD**  
#10/251

Name	No.	Year	Amount
Sonn	84.19-1-1	2009-10	\$ 235.94
Moriarty	62.18-1-3	2009-10	\$ 978.94
Argintar	51.73-1-51	2009-10	\$ 373.29
Shah	52.-1-8	2008-09	\$1,806.95
VS Construction Corp.	84.19-1-1	2007-08	\$ 94.05
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Motion carried unanimously.

It was noted that these were people who had won re-evaluations of their properties.

On motion by Mr. Reale, seconded by Ms. Maus, it was resolved to adopt a tentative budget for the 2010-11 school year in the amount of \$43,860,709.

**ADOPT 2010-11  
TENTATIVE BUDGET**  
#10/252

Motion carried unanimously.

**APPROVE**  
**PERSONNEL ACTIONS**

#10/253

On motion by Ms. Maus, seconded by Mr. Cohen, it was resolved, on recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, to approve personnel actions as per Document #105/10 attached to the agenda and official minutes of this meeting.

Motion carried unanimously.

It was noted that the personnel actions included the signing of a CSEA supplemental memorandum of agreement, amending of childcare leaves, resignation of a cafeteria monitor, approval of coaching stipends, approval of substitute academic eligibility instructors for the High School, an addition to the substitute/tutor list and approval of the workers for the budget vote and board election.

**MAKE**  
**CSE/CPSE PLACEMENTS**

#10/254

On motion by Mr. Cohen, seconded by Mr. Reale, it was resolved, on recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, to make CSE/CPSE placements as per Document #106/10 attached to the agenda and official minutes of this meeting.

Motion carried unanimously.

**SET DATES**  
**VOTER REGISTRATION**  
**BUDGET VOTE AND**  
**BOARD ELECTION**

#10/255

On motion by Mr. Reale, seconded by Ms. Maus, it was resolved, on recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, to set the following dates for action regarding the 2010-11 District Budget Vote and Board Election:

May 4, Voter Registration, High School, 4pm to 8pm  
May 11, Voter Registration, Elementary School, 3pm to 7pm  
May 12, Voter Registration, High School, 4pm to 8pm  
May 18, Budget Vote and Board Election, Elementary School 6am to 9pm

Motion carried unanimously.

**APPROVE**  
**2ND READING OF**  
**POLICY SERIES 6000**

#10/256

On motion by Ms. Maus, seconded by Mr. Cohen, on recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, it was resolved, to approve the 2nd reading of Policy Series 6000, as per Document #107/10 attached to the agenda and official minutes of this meeting.

Motion carried unanimously.

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 7000, as per Document # 108/10, attached to the agenda and official minutes of this meeting.

**APPROVE**  
**2ND READING OF**  
**POLICY SERIES 7000**  
#10/257

Motion carried unanimously.

On motion by Mr. Reale, seconded by Ms. Maus, it was resolved, on recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, to approve the 1st reading of Policy Series 9000, as per Document #109/10, attached to the agenda and official minutes of this meeting.

**APPROVE**  
**1ST READING OF**  
**POLICY SERIES 9000**  
#10/258

Motion carried unanimously.

It was noted that series 6000 and 7000 are now adopted. The Board discussed an Evaluation Policy and it was agreed to add this to the 9000 series in the future.

On motion by Ms. Maus, seconded by Mr. Cohen, it was resolved, on recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, to adopt the 2010-11 Board of Education meeting dates, as per Document #110/10, attached to the agenda and official minutes of this meeting.

**ADOPT**  
**BOE MTG. DATES**  
**2010-11 SCHOOL YEAR**  
#10/259

Motion carried unanimously.

It was noted that the Board will review and finalize the meeting calendar at the Reorganization Meeting in July. It was noted that this document is being approved tonight to help with the preparation of the District calendar and to avoid event conflicts with the meeting dates.

On motion by Mr. Cohen, seconded by Mr. Reale, it was resolved, on recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, to accept, with regret, the resignation for the purpose of retirement, of Daniel Girolamo from his position as Head Custodian at the Elementary School, effective April 26, 2010 as per Document #111/10, attached to the agenda and official minutes of this meeting.

**ACCEPT RESIGNATION**  
**FOR PURPOSE OF**  
**RETIREMENT**  
**D. GIROLAMO**  
#10/260

Motion carried unanimously.

**APPOINT**  
**R. MEXHUANI**  
**6-MO. PROBATIONARY**  
**APPT. AS A CLEANER AT**  
**PVMS**

#10/261

On motion by Mr. Reale, seconded by Ms. Maus, it was resolved, on recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, to appoint Rusha Mexhuani to a six-month probationary appointment effective May 7, 2010 through November 7, 2010, as a cleaner at the Putnam Valley Middle School on Step 1 of the CSEA salary schedule.

Motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Mackay asked for public contribution.

Mr. Cohen noted that there will be a special meeting of the Board to adopted the BOCES budget on April 27. The District will conduct other business at this meeting. He also noted that Assemblywoman Galef will be hosting a meeting with NYS Education Commissioner Steiner on April 29. Mr. Cohen noted that absentee ballot applications were available at the District Office. Ms. Maus clarified that people can register at the District Office during normal office hours in addition to the three designated evenings for voter registration.

Ms. Mackay and Dr. Space summarized changes to the meeting agenda for the next few meetings.

Mr. Joseph Ferraro noted that County Executive Bob Bondi will be holding a meeting at the Putnam Valley Town Hall on Monday, April 26 to discuss school district consolidation.

There were no other comments from those present.

**ADJOURN**  
**MEETING**

#10/262

On motion by Mr. Reale, seconded by Mr. Cohen, there being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:10pm.

Motion carried unanimously.

Submitted by:

Maureen Bellino  
District Clerk