

# MINUTES OF OPEN MEETING

## BOARD OF EDUCATION

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

TIME:8:00pm  
No. of Pages:6

Type of Meeting: Business Meeting

Date:05/20/10

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

Guy Cohen, Vice President-Absent  
(Notified)

**ADMINISTRATORS:** Marc Space, Superintendent  
Barbara Fuchs, Assistant Superintendent  
Paul Lee, Assistant Superintendent  
Nick Bellantoni, Director of Buildings & Grounds  
Jonathan Bryant, High School Principal

**OTHERS:** Dan Cray and Chris Nelson, Student BOE Reps.  
Maureen Bellino, District Clerk  
Dan Mahoney, Meeting Videographer  
Reporter from Putnam County News & Recorder  
Approximately 18 members of the community & school district

Ms. Mackay convened the meeting at 8:12pm with a pledge to the flag. **CONVENE MEETING**

Ms. Mackay thanked the Board for starting the meeting later than usual so she could attend her daughter's Middle School band concert.

On motion by Ms. Maus, seconded by Mr. Reale, the minutes of the Business Meeting of April 22, 2010 and the Special Business Meeting of April 27, 2010 were approved. Motion carried unanimously.

**APPROVE**  
**MINUTES OF 4/22**  
**BUSINESS MTG. & 4/27**  
**SPEC. BUSINESS MTG.**

10/272

## ANNOUNCEMENTS OF GENERAL INTEREST

Dr. Space and the Board presented Ms. Emily Kelvas with Pride in Putnam Valley in recognition of her being honored by the BOCES Tech Center as a Student of Distinction. Dr. Space noted that the Board was also recognizing Ms. Christa Lamia with Pride in Putnam Valley for being a BOCES Tech Center Student of Distinction but noted that Christa could not attend the Board meeting due to an event being held at the Tech Center that she was involved in.

Mr. Dave Moran of Accume Partners presented the Revenue and Accounts Receivable Internal Audit Report. Mr. Moran noted that the District received adequate/satisfactory ratings (their highest rating) in all areas reviewed but one (Property Tax Reconciliation). He noted that their recommendations in this area and the District's response is listed in their report. (Report attached to the official minutes of this meeting.)

Ms. Mackay asked for a brief summary of each area which Mr. Moran provided. Ms. Mackay also asked whether the lockbox procedure could be instituted for all tax payments. Mr. Moran said he would research this as to cost savings but noted that this might not be the best solution for all tax payments as it relates to public relations within a community.

The next presentation was from Mr. Wellington Carvalho of CFE Consulting Services regarding stormwater management. Mr. Carvalho explained that there was a requirement for a yearly meeting to update the community on what is being done and what is new in the field of stormwater management. He explained that it was important to educate the public, show the areas of concern and have students and teachers involved in the stormwater management process. Mr. Carvalho noted that Mr. Bellantoni is the District Coordinator and that he meets with the District maintenance staff once a year to discuss what can be done to minimize issues. (Presentation attached to the official minutes of this meeting.)

In his Superintendent's Update, Dr. Space noted that the boys' lacrosse team had a dramatic win on the previous Tuesday versus Brewster. He also apologized for being late to the meeting this evening due to his attendance at the band concert. Dr. Space noted that the budget and Board member election vote had gone smoothly and thanked the new District Clerk, Maureen Bellino, and PVCSD Administrative Assistant, Ms. Barbara O'Hare, for their planning and hard work leading up to and including the day of the vote.

The Student Representatives' report, given by Mr. Dan Cray, included some additional information on the upcoming boys' lacrosse games. Mr. Cray also noted that AP exams were almost completed and that the High School recycling club was proceeding with meetings with the Putnam County Health Department, Mr. Bryant and Mr. Oliverio regarding an anti-litter campaign.

Mr. Cray noted that the recycling committee will talk to the High School's "Go Green" club in the next few weeks. He also noted that the High School's "Go Green" club was taking off.

There was no report from the PTA or PTSA.

Mr. Micera noted that the spring musical, *Crazy For You*, received nine nominations from the Metropolitan High School Theater Awards organization (formerly, the Helen Hayes Awards). The nominations included an award for outstanding overall production. The awards are being given out on June 7 at the Paramount Theater.

It was also noted that the NAMM (National Association of Music Members) Foundation has named Putnam Valley Central School District as a "Best Community for Music Education" for the third year in a row.

There were no other comments and the Board moved into new business.

**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 contract for Health and Welfare Services provided to resident students of Putnam Valley attending non-public schools within the following school district, and authorize the President of the Board of Education to sign the contract, as per Document #114/10 attached to the agenda and official minutes of this meeting:

**APPROVE**  
**HEALTH & WELFARE**  
**CONTRACT**  
**W/TARRYTOWN**  
#10/273

DOC #	SCHOOL DISTRICT	# OF STUDENTS	COST PER STUDENT	TOTAL COST
114/10	Tarrytown	1	\$646	\$646

Motion carried unanimously.

On motion by Ms. Fitzgerald, seconded by Ms. Maus, it was resolved, by the Board of Education to accept the final vote tally for the Budget Vote and Board Election held on May 18, 2010, as follows:

**Budget**                      Yes 883      No 638

**ACCEPT**  
**RESULTS**  
**FOR 2010**  
**BUDGET & BOE VOTE**  
#10/274

**Board of Education**

Jeanine M. Rufo	799
Bruce Johnson	564
Joseph A. Ferraro	586
James Scolaro	279
Edward Wallach	385

Motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Mackay congratulated the new members of the Board of Education and thanked the community for passing the budget.

**APPROVE**  
**CSE/CPSE PLACEMENTS**  
#10/275

On motion by Ms. Maus, seconded by Mr. Reale, it was resolved, on recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, to make CSE/CPSE placements as per Document #115/10 attached to the agenda and official minutes of this meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

**APPOINT**  
**P. DAVINO**  
**2-YR. PROBAT. APPT.**  
**HS GUIDANCE**  
#10/276

On motion by Mr. Reale, seconded by Ms. Maus, it was resolved, on recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, to appoint Paige Davino to a two-year probationary appointment in the tenure area of Guidance at Putnam Valley High School effective July 1, 2010 through June 30, 2012 on step 1MA of the PVFT salary schedule. Motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Davino was in attendance at the meeting and was welcomed by the Board to the District.

**APPROVE**  
**PLAN FOR UNPAID**  
**LEAVE OF ABSENCE**  
**G. MICERA-HS CHORUS**  
**TEACHER**  
#10/277

On motion by Ms. Fitzgerald, seconded by Ms. Maus, it was resolved, on recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, to approve the plan for an unpaid leave of absence for Gerard Micera, High School chorus teacher, to fulfill educational requirements for an advanced degree, as per Document #116/10 attached to the agenda and official minutes of this meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

It was noted that Mr. Micera was pursuing a doctorate and was present at the meeting on this evening for any questions.

**APPROVE**  
**2010 SUMMER CAMPS,**  
**PERSONNEL/STIPENDS**  
#10/278

On motion by Ms. Maus, seconded by Mr. Reale, it was resolved, on recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, to approve 2010 summer camps, personnel and stipends as per Document #117/10 attached to the agenda and official minutes of this meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

It was noted that the camps are self-sustaining and that there is no cost to the taxpayers for the summer camps.

On motion by Mr. Reale, seconded by Ms. Maus, it was resolved, on recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, to approve personnel actions as per Document #118/10 attached to the agenda and official minutes of this meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

**APPROVE**  
**PERSONNEL ACTIONS**  
#10/279

It was noted that the personnel actions included amending the dates of employee leaves of absence, approval of vote inspectors, amending stipends for coaches, approval of Elementary School coordinators for science, the chorus program and gym show, and approval of additions to the substitute list.

On motion by Ms. Fitzgerald, seconded by Ms. Maus, it was resolved, on recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, to approve the 2010-11 Westchester-Putnam School Boards Association proposed budget as per Document #119/10 attached to the agenda and official minutes of this meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

**APPROVE**  
**PROPOSED 2010-11**  
**WESTCH./PUTNAM**  
**SCHOOL BOARDS**  
**BUDGET**  
#10/280

On motion by Ms. Maus, seconded by Mr. Reale, it was resolved, on recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, to approve the first reading of Policy Series 8000 as per Document #120/10 attached to the agenda and official minutes of this meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

**APPROVE**  
**1ST READING**  
**POLICY SERIES 8000**  
#10/281

On motion by Mr. Reale, seconded by Ms. Fitzgerald, it was resolved, on recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, to approve the 2nd reading of Policy Series 9000, as per Document #121/10, attached to the agenda and official minutes of this meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

**APPROVE**  
**2ND READING**  
**POLICY SERIES 9000**  
#10/282

It was noted that this series is now adopted.

On motion by Ms. Fitzgerald, seconded by Ms. Maus, it was resolved, on recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, to approve Kimberly M. McKeown as a Parent Member for the Committee on Preschool Special Education and Committee on Special Education as per Document #122/10. Motion carried unanimously.

**APPROVE**  
**K. MCKEOWN**  
**PARENT MEMBER FOR**  
**CSE/CPSE MEETINGS**  
#10/283

Ms. Mackay asked for public contribution on any subject. Mr. Reale noted that the PEERS broadcast would be shown on May 13 on over 1,000 sites which would be downloaded by over 1,200 schools. He also noted that the program had the potential to be the highest rated program ever on the DL network. There were no other comments.

**CONVENE**  
**EXECUTIVE SESSION**  
#10/284

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

Ms. Mackay noted that there would be no further business conducted after the conclusion of the Executive Session.

**ADJOURN**  
**EXECUTIVE SESSION**  
#10/285

On motion by Ms. Maus, seconded by Ms. Mackay, the Executive Session was adjourned at 11:18pm. Motion carried unanimously.

**ADJOURN**  
**MEETING**  
#10/286

On motion by Mr. Reale, seconded by Ms. Maus, the meeting was adjourned at 11:20pm. Motion carried unanimously.

Submitted by:

Maureen Bellino  
District Clerk