

MINUTES OF OPEN MEETING

BOARD OF EDUCATION

PUTNAM VALLEY CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

146 PEEKSKILL HOLLOW ROAD

PUTNAM VALLEY, NEW YORK 10579

TIME: 7:00 p.m.

TYPE OF MEETING: WORK SESSION/BUSINESS MEETING DATE: Sept. 10, 2009

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BOARD OF EDUCATION:

Tina Mackay, President
Guy Cohen, Vice President
Trustee Valerie Fitzgerald
Trustee Mary Maus

PRESENT

Trustee Frank Reale—Not Present (Notified)

ADMINISTRATORS:

Dr. Marc Space, Superintendent of Schools
Dr. Barbara Fuchs, Asst. Supt. for Curriculum & Personnel
Paul Lee, Assistant Supt. for Business and Finance
Natalie Doherty, Director of Special Education
Jamie Edelman, Elementary School Principal

OTHERS:

District Clerk, Maureen Bellino
PNW BOCES Asst. Superintendent, Dr. Tom Higgins
Student Representatives, Daniel Cray & Christopher Nelson
Approximately 18 members of the community, faculty & staff

Ms. Mackay convened the Business Meeting at 7:05 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance

**CONVENE
MEETING**

ANNOUNCEMENTS OF GENERAL INTEREST

Ms. Mackay noted that the Board of Education, along with the Superintendent and the administrative team (including the building Principals), attended an all day workshop facilitated by Dr. Higgins where the objective was to review the 2008/2009 goals and develop 2009/2010 District goals. Dr. Higgins summarized the workshop and reviewed the goals. Ms. Edelman facilitated the goals review and began the discussion with the District's Vision and Mission Statements. The revised goal document is attached to the official minutes of this meeting.

It was noted that the technology vision at the Elementary School, is based on providing laptops as part of the curriculum by means of classroom sets for the 4th grade and five carts of laptops for the other grades.

An additional foreign language being introduced to students at the Middle School/High School level was also discussed and added to the proposed goals for 2009-10.

Ms. Mackay led a discussion of the Master Planning Calendar. The Board of Education will review the progress of meeting these calendar goals. The revised document is attached to the official minutes of this meeting.

Mr. Lee described a proposed connection between the Middle School and High School. This one story complex will connect both buildings and provide a combined library space for the Middle School and High School. The former High School library will be converted into the District office space. The existing District office space in the High School will return to classroom space. The use of the former Middle School library space will be discussed by the Middle School team. The draft plans are attached to the official minutes of this meeting. The District has a total of \$3,700,00 available. The estimated cost breakdown is as follows:

Site Work	\$ 250,000
Construction	\$2,100,000
Reconstruction	\$ 576,000
Addl. Furniture	\$ 75,000
10% Contingency	<u>\$ 300,000</u>
Est.Total	\$3,301,000

A vote by the community was proposed for December. Dr. Fuchs discussed how this project supports the goals of the District and also facilitates the sharing of services between the two schools. Members of the community brought up concerns/questions including: Is this project the most appropriate use of District funds in these financial times? Are there other priority capital needs in the District? Can the money be used to reduce taxes or current debt payments? Additional operating costs including staffing? Need for a library? Accessibility of the High School locker rooms? Middle School students mixing in with the High School student population? It was noted that there would be continuing discussion on this topic at the upcoming work sessions. Dr. Space was asked to have a discussion about the present use of the library and how it is integrated into the curriculum at both schools. Ms. Mackay requested that Mr. Lee provide the Board of Education with a debt schedule. Mr. Lee also gave clarity to the funds. It was noted that the building costs would come from the debt service allocated funds, which is different from the capital funds.

Mr. Cray and Mr. Nelson, BOE student representatives, noted that they have been in contact with all the building principals and will begin reporting on activities throughout the District at the next Board of Education meeting. They noted that the fall sports' schedules were available.

The PTA thanked the administrative team for the opening day activities including the kindergarten bus run, the 5th grade orientation and 6th grade locker day. They invited the community to join the PTA and/or volunteer for the various committees. The upcoming PTA meetings are September 23 and October 21 at the Elementary School. The PTSA invited the community to join as well. Their membership drive will begin at the High School Back to School Night on September 23. Their first meeting will be October 6.

Ms. Mackay asked for public contribution on agenda items. There were no comments.

NEW BUSINESS

On motion of Ms. Fitzgerald, seconded by Ms. Maus, it was resolved on recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, to award the food services contract for the 2009-10 school year to Aramark, Inc., Philadelphia, PA, the lowest responsible bidder, as per Document #26/10, attached to the official minutes of this meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

AWARD
2009-10 CONTRACT
FOR FOOD SERVICES
TO ARAMARK, INC.
10/85

On motion of Ms. Maus, seconded by Mr. Cohen, it was resolved, on recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, to arrange for CSE/CPSE placements as per Document #27/10, attached to the official minutes of this meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

CSE/CPSE
PLACEMENTS
AUGUST 2009
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PUBLIC CONTRIBUTION PERIOD

Ms. Mackay asked for public contributions.

A community member thanked the current senior class for welcoming the freshmen students on opening day.

At 9:27pm, on motion of Ms. Mackay, seconded by Ms. Maus, the Board of Education moved into Executive Session for one issue of collective negotiations pursuant to Article 14 of the Civil Service Law (the Taylor Law), and for seven matters of discussion of a particular person on matters leading to the appointment, employment, promotion, demotion, discipline, suspension, dismissal or removal of a particular person. It was noted that there would be no business following the Executive Session. Joining the Board of Education was Dr. Marc Space. Motion carried unanimously.

EXECUTIVE
SESSION
10/87

At 10:00pm, on motion by Ms. Maus, seconded by Ms. Mackay, the Board of Education moved out of Executive Session. Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURN
EXEC. SESSION
10/88

At 10:01pm, on motion by Mr. Cohen, seconded by Ms. Maus, there being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned. Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURN
MEETING
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Submitted by

Maureen Bellino
District Clerk