

MINUTES OF OPEN MEETING

BOARD OF EDUCATION

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

TIME:7:00pm
No.Pages: 6

Type of Meeting: Business Mtg.

Date: November 19, 2009

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

Mary Maus, Trustee (Absent-Notified)
Valerie Fitzgerald, Trustee (Absent-Notified)

ADMINISTRATORS: Marc Space, Superintendent
Barbara Fuchs, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum & Personnel
Paul Lee, Assistant Superintendent for Finance & Technology
Mark Lybolt, Director of Athletics, Physical Education & Health

OTHERS: Maureen Bellino, District Clerk
Daniel Cray & Christopher Nelson, Student Reps. to the BOE
Daniel Mahoney, Meeting Videographer
Reporter from PCNR
Coach Toniann Cortina & Members of the 2009 Varsity Field Hockey Team
Approximately 19 members of the community, faculty and staff.

Ms. Mackay convened the meeting at 7:02pm with the pledge of allegiance. CONVENE MEETING

On motion of Ms. Mackay, seconded by Mr. Reale, it was resolved to approve the minutes of the Special Meeting of the Board of Education of October 20, 2009, the Business Meeting of October 22, 2009 and the Work Session/Business Meeting of November 5, 2009 Motion carried unanimously. APPROVE
MINUTES
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ANNOUNCEMENTS OF GENERAL INTEREST

The meeting began with the Pride In Putnam Valley presentation. Mr. Lybolt introduced the coach of the 2009 Varsity Field Hockey Team, Ms. Toniann Cortina. Ms. Cortina commented on the success of this team in what was to be a rebuilding year. She noted how proud she was of the team and their accomplishments. She then introduced the athletes: Sayaka Abe, Demetria Andritsopoulos, Ashley Browne, Tianna Daley, Amanda DeChent, Lauren Landi, Erin McCrudden, Lauren Mias, Alissabeth Minnich, Maria Rao, Diane Rush, Alissa Schut, Victoria Stanishia, Dana Tatnell, Hannah Tavella, Melissa Wagner, Kristen Weeks and Erica Wharton. Mr. Lybolt then presented Coach Cortina with the recognition for the team's success in reaching the finals of Section 1 and embodying the spirit of Putnam Valley High School. Dr. Space and the Board of Education congratulated the team.

The next topic for discussion was the series 4000 policies. The Board did a first reading on the 4000 series (document attached to the official minutes of this meeting). The Board discussed and decided to eliminate Policy No. 4000 from the series. It was noted that further review and discussion of Policies 4526, 4750 and 4770 is needed and these policies will be reviewed again at a future meeting.

Dr. Space discussed the upcoming budget process strategy. He noted that the 2010-11 Budget Committee will begin meeting on December 1 and there is a second meeting scheduled for December 15. At the first meeting, the committee will be provided with a budget overview including the mandates and requirements that the District is required to follow. Ms. Jamie Edelman will give an overview of the District's goals and objectives to the committee.

It was noted that some of the members have been on the committee for several years and can look more in-depth at certain areas. The Board may suggest certain areas for concentration. Ms. Mackay noted there is much value from the committee's work and that in-district transportation would be one area the committee could focus on and noted there are grants available for such a study. It was noted that this needs to be looked at strategically for long term solutions and possibly a sub-committee should be formed and include Mr. Nick Bellantoni, Director of Buildings, Grounds & Transportations and Mr. Michael Koenig, supervisor of the Transportation Department. Foreign language and what second language the District could provide to the students was also discussed as a possible area of concentration for the committee.

Also noted was the fact that the Budget Advisory Committee acts in an advisory manner to the Superintendent in the formation of the Superintendent's proposed budget and their proposals are recommendations. The budget process will be handled in the usual timeline. The committee will set their schedule for the balance of their meetings and recommendations from the committee can be expected prior to the spring recess.

Dr. Space updated the Board on the possibility of the annual budget vote date being moved due to a challenge to the NYSED Commissioner due to a religious conflict on the currently set date.

Also, Dr. Space noted his concerns with the upcoming draft regional school calendar. The draft regional calendar has school opening for students on Tuesday, September 7. Staff would return on September 1 and 2 for Superintendent conference days. Students would be in school on September 7 and 8 and then off on Thursday and Friday, September 9 and 10 for the Jewish holiday observation of Yom Kippur. The committee of superintendents are looking for recommendations from the various boards of education in the area and they will be discussing it again at their December meeting.

The student representative to the Board, Mr. Cray, reported on the upcoming Theatreworks presentation of "One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest" on December 4, 5 and 6. Mr. Nelson also reported on the High School's academic Challenge Team's appearance on Channel 14 on December 16 at 6:30pm. The members of the team led by their advisor, Mr. Ed Schmitt, are: Samantha Arzon, Ian Azcue, Logan Bagarozzy, Henry Chen, Georgia Sommer. Mr. Cray also reported on his meeting with the High School Student Government regarding community service and will have a formalized presentation at the December work session. He also noted that he will discuss Policy 4750 (Graduation) with the Student Government.

There was no report from the PTA or PTSA.

PUBLIC CONTRIBUTION ON AGENDA ITEMS

Ms. Mackay asked for public contribution on agenda items.

Ms. Parmly, Elementary School teacher, commented on the change in the wording on the policy dealing with Values Education. She noted that it was her recollection that the wording of the policy was due to a previous court order that values education must be taught. She also noted that values education is taught and is a separate part of the curriculum at the Elementary School and it was her feeling that the word "taught" should be left in the policy. The Board noted her comments and the policy was discussed again and the suggested wording was included.

NEW BUSINESS

On motion of Mr. Reale, seconded by Mr. Cohen, it was resolved, on recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, to approve the first reading of Board Policy Series #4000 as per Document #50/10 attached to the agenda and official minutes of this meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVE
FIRST READING
POLICY SERIES 4000
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It was noted that Policy 4000 will be eliminated from the series and Policies 4526 and 4526.1 will be reviewed and considered for placement in the Series 5000 policies. Policies 4750 and 4770 are not part of this motion and will be reviewed for a first reading at an upcoming Board meeting.

ACCEPT
TAX COLLECTOR RPT.
10/150

On motion of Mr. Cohen, seconded by Mr. Reale, whereas the Education Law provides that the tax collector shall be relieved of the responsibility for the uncollected portion of the tax list when a complete list of the delinquent tax items have been certified to the Board of Education, and since the collector has affixed an affidavit to such statement and has filed a statement accounting for the handling of the tax warrant.

Therefore, be it resolved, that the Board accept the report of the tax collector as per Document #51/10, and having determined that the collector has accounted for the full amount of the tax warrant, direct that the lists of the delinquent tax items, with the addition of the two percent penalty be certified to the Office of the County Treasurer and/or other enforcement officer; and it is further directed that the tax warrant, tax roll and the tax collector's copies of the tax receipts be placed on file. Motion carried unanimously.

It was noted that after the District finishes collecting the taxes that are due any unpaid balances are turned over to the county for collection. It was asked if the current amounts due are typical of amounts unpaid in previous years. Mr. Lee noted it was the same percentage as in previous years.

APPOINT
M. BROWN
LIONS' CLUB REP. TO
BUDGET ADVIS. COMM.
10/151

On motion by Mr. Reale, seconded by Mr. Cohen, it was resolved, on recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, to appoint Ms. Maryellen Brown as the Lions' Club representative on the Budget Advisory Committee. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVE
CSE/CPSE PLACEMENTS
10/152

On motion by Mr. Cohen, seconded by Mr. Reale, it was resolved, on recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, to approve CSE/CPSE placements, as per Document #52/10, attached to the agenda and official minutes of this meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

On motion of Mr. Reale, seconded by Mr. Cohen, it was resolved, on the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, to take personnel actions, as per Document #53/10, attached to the agenda and official minutes of this meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

PERSONNEL
ACTIONS
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It was noted that the personnel actions include additions/deletions to the substitute/tutor listing, a coaches resignation and an addition to the Middle School club advisor list.

On motion of Mr. Cohen, seconded by Mr. Reale, it was resolved, on recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, to approve District membership in the National School Boards Association in the amount of \$2,025 as per Document #54/10 attached to the agenda and official minutes of this meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVE
DISTRICT
MEMBERSHIP
NATIONAL SCHOOL
BOARDS ASSOC.
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PUBLIC CONTRIBUTION PERIOD

Ms. Mackay asked for public contribution on non-agenda items.

Ms. Mackay noted the topics for the upcoming meetings for the Master Planning Calendar. It was decided to move the Risk Assessment Update to the Business Meeting on December 17. The series 4000 polices that were not approved as a first reading at this meeting will be discussed at the December 3 work session. Ms. Mackay noted that there will be an Executive Session prior to the December 3 Work Session. Mr. David Shaw will be attending to discuss collective negotiations. The Work Session/Business Meeting will begin at 6:30pm and will immediately adjourn to Executive Session. The Work Session/Business Meeting will reconvene at 7:30pm.

It was noted that there will be a Bingo & Pizza event sponsored by the PTA for 1st graders and their families on Friday, November 20 beginning at 6:30pm. On November 20 at 7pm, the High School will be presenting a program called "Rachel's Challenge" which is a presentation about the first student who was killed during the Columbine HS tragedy and the positive challenges she has left behind. The High School will be having assemblies during the day for their students and the evening program is open to all members of the community.

Mrs. Jerri Cohen, retired teacher and coach, noted that she felt the Board's decision to have the coaches pay for their fingerprinting paperwork (which is required as a result of recent changes to the law) was unfair. She asked that the Board reconsider their decision. The Board noted that their decision was not only a fiscal decision but was based on the fact that all outside coaches had previously paid for their fingerprinting paperwork. It was noted that equity for all coaches was the deciding factor in the Board's decision.

There was no further public comment from those present.

ADJOURN
MEETING
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At 9:01pm, on motion of Ms. Mackay, seconded by Mr. Cohen, there being no further business, the meeting was adjourned. Motion carried unanimously.

Submitted by:

Maureen Bellino
District Clerk