

**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. of Pages:6**

**Type of Meeting: Business Meeting**

**Date: 12/17/09**

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BOARD OF EDUCATION: Guy Cohen, Vice President  
Mary Maus, Trustee  
Frank Reale, Trustee

**PRESENT**

Tina MacKay, President--Arrived  
at 7:35pm

Valerie Fitzgerald--Absent (Notified)

ADMINISTRATORS: Marc Space, Superintendent  
Barbara Fuchs, Asst. Supt. for Curriculum & Personnel  
Paul Lee, Asst. Supt. for Finance  
Jonathan Bryant, High School Principal  
Jamie Edelman, Elementary School Principal  
Natalie Doherty, Director of Spec. Education  
Mark Lybolt, Director of Athletics, Physical Education & Health

OTHERS: Maureen Bellino, District Clerk  
Chris Nelson, Student Rep. to the BOE  
Dan Mahoney, Meeting Videographer  
Reporters from No. County News & Putnam Co. News & Recorder  
Approximately 7 members of community and faculty.

Mr. Cohen convened the meeting at 7:01pm with the Pledge of  
Allegiance.

**CONVENE MEETING**

Mr. Cohen noted that Ms. Mackay was attending her daughter's band concert and would join the meeting at the concert's conclusion. He also explained that with the three Board members present there was a quorum; however, if there is a vote, all Board members must vote yes for the item to pass since votes are decided by a majority of the total Board not those present at a meeting.

**APPROVE**  
**MINUTES**  
10/164

On motion by Ms. Maus, seconded by Mr. Reale, it was resolved to approve the minutes of the Business Meeting of November 19, 2009 and the Work Session/Business Meeting of December 3, 2009. Motion carried unanimously.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS OF GENERAL INTEREST**

Mr. David Moran of ACCUME Associates presented to the Board an update on their risk assessment of the District. He noted the District has improved its risk scores in all areas and that there were no high risk areas. Mr. Moran reported that the Putnam Valley District performed better than any of the surrounding districts that ACCUME assesses. It was proposed that an audit of accounts receivables be done in the spring of 2010. ACCUME will have the completed audit report done by July 2010. The Board concurred with this recommendation.

The Pride In Putnam Valley recognition was presented by Mr. Mark Lybolt and Coach Jerry Zupan to cross country athlete James Hertzell for his accomplishments. Mr. Hertzell was commended for his leadership to the team, his recognition as "All League" and "All County" and his participation in the NYS cross country championships for the second consecutive year.

Ms. Doherty presented information on the Multi-Sensory Reading Program which is used to assist students (mainly students with special needs) to achieve mastery in reading. Proficiency tests are administered to all kindergarten through 4th grade students to assess their needs.

Dr. Marc Space summarized the present state of education finances. He noted that the Governor is holding the December state aid payments and the STAR payments. The Governor is being sued for this action by the NYSSBA, NYSUT, NYS Superintendents' Council and the NYS Administrators Council. Mr. Lee noted that the aid loss is approximately \$51,000 at present.

Mr. Cohen summarized the changes for a first reading to Policies 4750 and 4770 related to retention and graduation requirements. He also noted the revisions for the 2nd reading of the Policy Series 4000 included the minor word changes made at the December 3 meeting. It was noted that copies of all of these policies were available at the back of the meeting room.

Mr. Nelson noted that the student representatives continued to work on the establishment of an alumni association and will be meeting with Dr. Space during the coming week. Mr. Nelson also reported that the winter sports' season had begun and that schedules were available and could also be found on the PVCSD web page. The sporting events for the upcoming holiday weeks were read.

There were no reports from the PTA or the PTSA.

Mr. Cohen asked for public contribution on the agenda. There was none and the Board entered new business. Ms. Mackay arrived at this time and assumed leadership.

**NEW BUSINESS**

On motion by Mr. Reale, seconded by Ms. Maus it was resolved to amend the Putnam Valley Central School District 403(b) Retirement Plan as follows:

**AMEND**  
**PVCSD 403(b)**  
**RETIREMENT PLAN**  
10/165

WHEREAS, the Putnam Valley Central School District (“District”) maintains the Putnam Valley Central School District 403(b) Retirement Plan (“Plan”); and

WHEREAS, the Plan was duly adopted on the 18th day of December, 2008 by the District’s Board of Education (“Board”); and

WHEREAS, the Board desires to restate and amend the Plan as regards section 2.1 Eligibility;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that section 2.1 of the Plan is hereby restated and amended to read as follows:

**2.1 Eligibility**

Each Employee shall be eligible to participate in the Plan and elect to have Elective Deferrals made on his or her behalf hereunder immediately upon becoming employed by the Employer.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that that Plan, as restated and amended is hereby approved and adopted.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the District has caused this Resolution and Amendment to be adopted this 17th day of December 2009, as per Document #56/10 attached to the agenda and official minutes of this meeting.

Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Lee noted that this amendment ensures that all employees are able to set up a 403(b) plan.

**APPOINT  
REGISTRARS  
2009-10 SCHOOL YEAR  
10/166**

On motion of Ms. Maus, seconded by Mr. Cohen, it was resolved, on recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, to appoint the following individuals to the Board of Registration for the 2009-10 school year as follows:

Caroline Heller	Marie Gennett
Joan Szilva	Donna Sillery
Marylou Spagna	Marie Gabari
Marilyn Higgins	Nancy Leisengang

Motion carried unanimously.

**APPROVE  
2ND READING OF  
SERIES 4000 POLICIES  
10/167**

On motion by Ms. Mackay, seconded by Mr. Reale, it was resolved, on recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, to approve the second reading of the Series 4000 policies as per Document #57/10 attached to the agenda and official minutes of this meeting. Motion did not pass.

Mr. Cohen noted that the motion needed to be amended to exclude policy numbers 4750 and 4770 as being approved for a second reading as they are having a first reading at this meeting.

**APPROVE  
2nd READING OF  
SERIES 4000 POLICIES  
EXCLUDING  
#4750 & #4770  
10/168**

On motion by Mr. Cohen, seconded by Mr. Reale, it was resolved, on recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, to approve the second reading of the Series 4000 polices with the exclusion of Policy #4750 and Policy #4770 as per Document #57/10 attached to the agenda and official minutes of this meeting. This amended motion carried unanimously.

**APPROVE  
1ST READING OF  
POLICY #4750 &  
POLICY #4770  
10/169**

On motion by Mr. Reale, seconded by Ms. Maus, it was resolved, on recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, to approve the first reading of Policy No. 4750 and Policy No. 4770 as per Documents #58/10 and #59/10 attached to the agenda and official minutes of this meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

**APPROVE  
SUPPORTING  
PUDDING ST./  
TACONIC OVERPASS  
10/170**

On motion by Ms. Maus, seconded by Mr. Cohen, it was resolved, on recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education, in an effort to increase the safety of transporting the students of the District, supports a Taconic overpass at Pudding Street and urges the New York State Department of Transportation to expedite its construction. Motion carried unanimously.

It was noted that the Board strongly supports the town with respect to the construction of an overpass at Pudding Street.

On motion by Ms. Mackay, seconded by Mr. Reale, it was resolved, on recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, to approve personnel actions as per Document #60/10 attached to the agenda and official minutes of this meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

**APPROVE**  
**PERSONNEL**  
**ACTIONS**  
10/171

On motion by Mr. Reale, seconded by Ms. Maus, it was resolved, on recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, to approve CSE/CPSE placements as per Document #61/10 attached to the agenda and official minutes of this meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

**APPROVE**  
**CSE/CPSE**  
**PLACEMENTS**  
10/172

On motion by Ms. Maus, seconded by Mr. Reale, it was resolved, on recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, to accept the generous donation to Putnam Valley High School of a Versa Climber (exercise equipment) from Ms. Cathy Calanni with an approximate value of \$850 as per Document #62/10 attached to the agenda and official minutes of this meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

**ACCEPT**  
**DONATION**  
**EXERCISE EQUIP.**  
10/173

## **PUBLIC CONTRIBUTION PERIOD**

Mr. Cohen asked for public contribution.

Mr. Cohen noted that in the personnel actions resolution, High School math teacher, Bob Baker and High School Social Studies teacher, Bill Scampoli, were recognized for achieving National Certification, coaching stipends for extended sport seasons, a maternity leave and approval of modified, junior varsity and varsity coaches were also included.

Mr. Cohen, on behalf of NYC Tools-4-Schools' Program, thanked Mr. Jonathan Bryant and the High School math department for the donation of textbooks no longer being used at the High School because they do not support the current NYS math curriculum. The books were donated to three New York City high schools.

It was also noted that in the future the District must avoid conflicts between the Board of Education meetings and school events such as tonight's Middle School concert.

Ms. Mackay asked about the New York State budget crisis and the Governor's proposed cut back in state aid. Mr. Cohen summarized Dr. Space's presentation.

A community member noted that the Putnam Valley Parks & Recreation Dept. would like to use the High School gym for their basketball program due to problems such as sun glare and location of bleachers at the Middle School gym.

Ms. Mackay reviewed the Board's master calendar for the upcoming months.

**CONVENE**  
**EXECUTIVE**  
**SESSION**  
10/174

On motion by Ms. Mackay, seconded by Mr. Reale, the Board moved into Executive Session at 7:50pm regarding issues related to the employment history of particular persons. Motion carried unanimously.

Dr. Space, Dr. Fuchs, Mr. Bryant and Ms. Edelman joined the Board for the Executive Session. It was noted that there would be no business conducted after the Executive Session.

At 9:05pm, Dr. Fuchs, Mr. Bryant and Ms. Edelman left the Executive Session. Dr. Space left the Executive Session at 9:27pm.

**ADJOURN**  
**EXECUTIVE SESSION**  
10/175

On motion by Mr. Reale, seconded by Mr. Cohen, the Board moved out of Executive Session at 9:44pm. Motion carried unanimously.

**ADJOURN**  
**MEETING**  
10/176

On motion by Mr. Reale, seconded by Mr. Cohen, there being no further business, the Work Session/Business Meeting was adjourned at 9:45pm. Motion carried unanimously.

Submitted by

Maureen Bellino  
District Clerk