

MINUTES OF OPEN MEETING

BOARD OF EDUCATION

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

TIME:6:30pm Type of Meeting: Work Session/Business Mtg.
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Date: February 4, 2010

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

Valerie Fitzgerald--Absent (Notified)

ADMINISTRATORS: Barbara Fuchs, Asst. Supt for Curriculum & Personnel
Paul Lee, Asst. Supt. for Finance & Technology
Nick Bellantoni, Director of Buildings & Grounds

OTHERS: Maureen Bellino, District Clerk
Dan Cray, Student Rep. to the BOE
Dan Mahoney, Meeting Videographer
Reporter from PCNR
Approx. 36 members of the community, faculty & staff

Ms. Mackay convened the meeting at 6:32m.

CONVENE MEETING

On motion by Mr. Cohen, seconded by Ms. Maus, the Board moved into Executive Session to discuss one issue related to the employment history of a particular person. Motion carried unanimously.

EXECUTIVE
SESSION
10/198

Joining the Board in the Executive Session were Mr. Gerry Carlin, PVFT President, and Mr. Ryan Odell, PVFT union representative. The meeting was held in the High School main office conference room.

RETURN FROM
EXECUTIVE
SESSION
10/199

At 7:11pm, on a motion by Mr. Cohen, seconded by Ms. Maus, the Board of Education moved out of Executive Session. Motion carried unanimously.

At 7:12pm, Ms. Mackay reconvened the Board of Education meeting with the pledge to the flag. Ms. Mackay noted that the Board had been in Executive Session for one issue related to the employment history of a particular person.

ANNOUNCEMENTS OF GENERAL INTEREST

Mr. Lee gave an introduction to the current and estimated finances for the district for the 2010-11 budget year (presentation attached to the official minutes of the meeting). The current proposed cut in state aid of approximately \$548,000 would correspond to a three percent tax rate increase if the rest of the budget was at a zero percent change.

Mr. Bellantoni discussed the five year maintenance plan The present plan was reviewed and it was noted that KG&D (architects) will be updating the plan this month. (Presentation attached to the official minutes of this meeting).

Ms. Pam Darreff, the chairperson of the Health Advisory Committee (HAC), summarized the activities of the committee of the past year and presented current initiatives. The "Community That Cares Survey" will be given to the High School students to look at their behaviors with respect to alcohol, tobacco and substance abuse; bullying, attitude and values. The HAC will continue to support the Wellness Fair and Straight Talk at the Middle School. Through the High School, they also facilitate the peers Education at the Elementary School where High School students mentor the Elementary School students. They are also involved in a bus safety program.

Policy 4750 was reviewed and will be presented for its first reading at the Business Meeting on February 25.

The Policy 5000 series was reviewed. Clarification and changes were made and suggested. The policy committee will revise the policy for a first reading on February 25.

The 2010-11 school calendar was reviewed. It was suggested that the District follow the BOCES calendar (starting school for students after Labor Day) and still have a December 23 as a staff development day. The current plan is for 182 instructional days and 4 staff development days. The 2010-11 calendar will be included as a resolution at the February 25 Business Meeting.

Mr. Dan Cray presented the student representatives' report. Mr. Cray met with Drs. Fuchs & Space and Mr. Ludovicy at a PTA/PTSA meeting to continue their work on the establishment of an alumni network. They will present to the Board the status of this work at the February 25th Business Meeting. It was noted that Kris Castro had his 100th wrestling victory this past week and that the winter sports' season was winding down. Members of the track team and the boys' basketball team will be in the league/sectional playoffs.

The PTA and PTSA had no reports.

Ms. Mackay asked for comments on the agenda. There was none and the Board entered new business.

NEW BUSINESS

On a motion by Ms. Mackay, seconded by Ms. Maus, at 10:05pm, the Board moved into an Executive Session for one issue related to the employment history of a particular person and one litigation matter. Motion carried unanimously.

CONVENE
EXECUTIVE
SESSION
10/200

It was noted that this Executive Session was to gain clarity with the motions on the agenda.

On a motion by Mr. Cohen, seconded by Mr. Reale, at 10:11pm, the Board moved out of Executive Session. Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURN
EXECUTIVE
SESSION
10/201

Ms. Mackay reconvened the public meeting.

On motion by Mr. Reale, seconded by Ms. Maus, it was resolved, on recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, to accept the resignation of Susan Goldman from her position as a teacher aide for the purpose of retirement effective February 2, 2010 as per Document #70/10. Motion carried unanimously.

RESIGNATION
FOR RETIREMENT
S. GOLDMAN
EFF. 2/2/10
10/202

On motion by Ms. Maus, seconded by Mr. Cohen, it was resolved, on recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, to take personnel actions as per Document #71/10 attached to the agenda and official minutes of this meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

PERSONNEL
ACTIONS
10/203

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

Ms. Mackay discussed the agenda for the upcoming meetings.

Members of the girls' basketball team asked for clarification with respect to a player leaving the team without notification.

A representative of the PTA noted that the Math night held on January 26 was extremely successful with over 200 participants.

The PTA also noted that there were many in the audience who were attending the meeting for the calendar discussion, but due to the timing in the agenda, were not able to stay. The Board asked that in the future when people are attending for a specific discussion they could note that to the Board President and the agenda could be modified.

The PTSA also noted that they had a very successful meeting between the High School students and alumni. Students were able to learn about the college experience first hand.

ADJOURN
MEETING
10/204

At 10:22pm, on a motion by Mr. Cohen, seconded by Ms. Mackay, there being no further business, the meeting was adjourned. Motion carried unanimously.

Submitted by:

Maureen Bellino
District Clerk