

MINUTES OF OPEN MEETING

BOARD OF EDUCATION

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

TIME: 7:00pm **Type of Meeting:** Work Session/Business Mtg.
No. of Pages: 4

Date: June 3, 2010

BOARD OF EDUCATION: Tina Mackay, President PRESENT
Guy Cohen, Vice President
Mary Maus, Trustee (arrived at 7:48pm)
Frank Reale, Trustee

Valerie Fitzgerald, Trustee-Absent
(Notified)

ADMINISTRATORS: Marc Space, Superintendent
Barbara Fuchs, Asst. Supt for Curriculum & Personnel
Paul Lee, Asst. Supt. for Finance & Technology
Nick Bellantoni, Director of Buildings & Grounds
Jonathan Bryant, High School Principal
Jamie Edelman, Elementary School Principal
Edward Hallisey, Middle School Principal

OTHERS: Maureen Bellino, District Clerk
Dan Cray, Student Rep. to the BOE
Chris Nelson, Student Rep. to the BOE
Dan Mahoney, Meeting Videographer
Reporter from PCNR
Approximately 15 members of the community, faculty & staff

Ms. Mackay convened the meeting at 7:06pm with the pledge of
allegiance.

CONVENE MEETING

ANNOUNCEMENTS OF GENERAL INTEREST

Mr. Ludovicy presented on a foreign language survey that he helped facilitate. He first thanked the District for permitting him to have an administrative internship at the Elementary School and with the Superintendent. He presented the results of a survey of parents and students for which language or languages they would like to see offered at the District. After the presentation, the Board discussed the following topics:

- a. Which grade should language skills first be taught (5th, 6th or earlier)?
- b. Does a certified teacher need to actually be the teacher of the course or can a non-certified teacher teach but have a teacher present in the room?
- c. Regarding distant and virtual learning, what is the acceptable seat time for course credit?
- d. Use of Rosetta Stone and other virtual learning skills.
- e. BOCES assistance--distance learning and shared services.

It was noted that the District will continue to investigate and report back to the Board in six months. (The survey results are attached to the official minutes of this meeting.)

Mr. Bryant presented the results of the Academic Eligibility program. (Presentation attached to the official minutes of this meeting.)

Mr. Hallisey presented a summary of the ENCORE courses to be offered at the Middle School for the 2010/11 school year. He noted that the 5th grade will have health and math encores, the 6th grade will have math and public speaking, the 7th grade offerings will include ELA and advertising, and the 8th grade will have ELA and forensics. (Presentation attached to the official minutes of this meeting.)

Dr. Space presented a summary of the student exit surveys for the classes of 2004-2009. The current graduating class will be taking the survey in June.

Dr. Space also reviewed the status of the Board's 2009/10 goals. Except for the bus garage, significant progress has been made on all of the goals. The report will be forwarded to the Board and attached to the official minutes of this meeting.

The student representatives report included announcing that Georgia Sommer is the Valedictorian and Henry Chen is the Salutatorian for the Class of 2010 as well as Logan Bagarozzy being selected as the RPI medal winner for 2010. Mr. Nelson also noted that the boys' lacrosse team achieved the Class C Section 1 championship. He noted that the senior awards' ceremony will be on June 10 and there will be an Art Dept. exhibit on June 14 featuring the puppet unit that was just completed in the Studio Art classes.

Mr. Cray reported on the senior class end of year events which include a senior barbeque. Mr. Cray thanked the High School administration for their support.

The PTA/PTSA representatives reported on the Destination Imagination teams' successful trip to the global finals in Tennessee. It was noted that June 11 is the Elementary School's end of year picnic, June 16 is the next PTA meeting and on June 17th there will be a workshop for parents presented by a humorist beginning at 7pm at the Putnam Valley Firehouse. Also, on June 17 and 18 the Wizard of Oz will be performed by students at the Elementary School. It was noted that over 200 Middle School students have been recognized as students of the month during this school year. The PTSA representative noted that on June 19th purchases made at Barnes & Noble will benefit the PTSA. The PTA representative also asked if there could be additional staff handling the phones in the transportation office during the first week of school due to the additional number of calls as students return to school after the summer recess.

Ms. Mackay asked for comments on the agenda. The Board and community members discussed the first motion regarding the proposed school calendar. The Board decided to make February 23, 2011 a school day and make November 24, 2010 a holiday. Thus, the make-up day list will no longer include February 23, 2011. The calendar was modified to Document #74/10-B.

There were no further comments and the Board moved into New Business.

On motion by Mr. Reale, seconded by Ms. Maus, it was resolved, on recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, to approve the amended calendar, Document #74/10-B attached to the agenda and official minutes of this meeting, for the 2010-11 school year. Motion carried three to one.

APPROVED
AMENDED 2010-11
SCHOOL YEAR
CALENDAR
10/286

On motion by Ms. Maus, seconded by Mr. Cohen, it was resolved, on recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, to approve personnel actions as per Document #123/10 attached to the agenda and official minutes of this meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVED
PERSONNEL ACTIONS
10/287

Ms. Mackay opened the meeting to general comments from the audience.

Mr. Reale noted that the Health Advisory Committee had a banner regarding student safety at end of the school year events placed at Oregon Corners and thanked the committee for all their hard work.

Mr. Joseph Ferraro asked if the new standards for the "Race to the Top" program or the inclusion of performance in the teacher's evaluations will have an impact on the District Dr. Space noted it was not clear what impact there will be but said that even if NYS is not awarded the "Race to the Top" funds, these changes will be implemented.

Ms. Mackay discussed the Board meeting schedule. It was decided to move the October 7th meeting to September 30. The Reorganizational Meeting in July will be held on Tuesday, July 13, 2010.

There were no further comments.

CONVENE
EXECUTIVE SESSION
10/288

On motion by Ms. Mackay, seconded by Mr. Reale, the Board moved into Executive Session at 9:42pm to discuss three issues related to the employment histories of particular persons and collective negotiations pursuant to Article 14 of the Civil Service Law (the Taylor Law). Motion carried unanimously.

Dr. Space and the three building principals joined the Board in the Executive Session. At 10:20pm, the building principals were excused from the Executive Session.

ADJOURN
EXECUTIVE SESSION
10/289

On motion by Ms. Maus, seconded by Mr. Cohen, the Board moved out of Executive Session at 10:30pm. Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURN
MEETING
10/290

On motion by Mr. Reale seconded by Mr. Cohen, there being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:31pm. Motion carried unanimously.

Submitted by:

Maureen Bellino
District Clerk