

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: December 3, 2009

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

Valerie Fitzgerald, Trustee (Absent-Notified)

ADMINISTRATORS: Marc Space, Superintendent
Barbara Fuchs, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum & Personnel
Paul Lee, Assistant Superintendent for Finance & Technology
Nick Bellantoni, Director of Buildings & Grounds
Mark Lybolt, Director of Athletics, Physical Education & Health
Jonathan Bryant, High School Principal
Sam Oliverio, High School Assistant Principal

OTHERS: Maureen Bellino, District Clerk
Barbara O'Hare, Administrative Assistant
David Shaw, District Legal Counsel
Daniel Cray & Christopher Nelson, Student Reps. to the BOE
Dan Mahoney, Meeting Videographer
Reporter from PCNR
Approximately 5 members of the community.

Ms. Mackay convened the meeting at 6:39pm.

CONVENE MEETING

On motion by Mr. Cohen, seconded by Ms. Maus, the Board of Education moved into Executive Session to discuss one issue of collective negotiations pursuant to Article 14 of the Civil Service Law (Taylor Law). Motion carried unanimously.

CONVENE
EXECUTIVE SESSION

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Joining the Board in Executive Session were Drs. Space & Fuchs, Paul Lee and Legal Counsel, David Shaw. The meeting was held in the High School main office conference room.

On motion by Mr. Cohen, seconded by Ms. Maus the Board moved out of Executive Session at 7:33pm. Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURN
EXECUTIVE SESSION

10/157

Ms. Mackay reconvened the Work Session/Business Meeting at 7:43pm. Ms. Mackay announced that the Board of Education was in an Executive Session for an issue of collective bargaining pursuant to the Taylor Law.

ANNOUNCEMENTS OF GENERAL INTEREST

Mr. Mark Lybolt presented information related to the proposed Section 1 alignments for the 2010/2011 season (presentation and proposals attached to the official minutes of this meeting). The Section 1 athletic directors will vote and make their selection from the various proposals. The Putnam Valley coaches were split on Proposal 1 or 4. The Board agreed that Proposal 4 would be the most appropriate for the Putnam Valley School District. Proposal 4 aligns similar sized schools for their league play. It was noted that the Putnam Valley teams would still be able to compete with the neighboring larger school districts in cross-over games. Mr. Lybolt also presented on the formation of a Putnam Valley indoor track team (presentation attached to the official minutes of this meeting). He noted that there were approximately 20 students interested in participating. The Putnam Valley team would practice with the Haldane team. The Haldane Coach, Mr. P.J.Keating would coach both teams at no coaching cost to Putnam Valley in exchange for using the Putnam Valley School District facilities for the two teams.

Mr. Lee and Ms. O'Hare updated the Board and provided additional information related to field use including the results of a survey that they did through the BOCES Clearinghouse regarding field use fees in the surrounding school districts (presentation attached to the official minutes of this meeting). The presentation included various options for the Board to consider. The Board will review the material and the field use topic will be discussed again in January at the Business Meeting.

Mr. Bryant and Mr. Oliverio gave an update on the High School community service requirement (presentation attached to the official minutes of this meeting). Mr. Oliverio noted the Class of 2012 will have a requirement of 30 hours of community service for graduation. Subsequent classes will have a requirement of 40 hours. Mr. Oliverio noted that the Community Service Learning (CSL) requirement only formalizes what many students are already doing within the school and community. Students who have completed in excess of 100 hours will be acknowledged at their senior awards

recognition ceremony. The student representatives to the Board noted that they had met with the Student Government on the CSL requirement and that the students had no problem with the requirement as it stood now and that all students were aware of this requirement for graduation. Parents will be updated of their student's progress during their guidance counselor meetings. Work is underway to have the information available to parents on PowerSchool and/or on their children's interims or report cards. It was noted that all necessary CSL forms are available on the District website. It was suggested that the Student Government may want to examine the number of required hours and the procedures in the future.

Dr. Marc Space spoke about the Town of Putnam Valley's request for the State and the County not to delay the overpass construction at Pudding Street in the Roaring Brook section of Putnam Valley. The Board supports the Town's effort and there will be a motion on the December 17 Business Meeting agenda.

The Student Representatives updated the Board on their work to establish an alumni web page. They noted that sports' schedules were available at the meeting and also on the PVCSD web page. They also reminded the community that the Theatreworks' production of One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest would be playing this weekend (December 4, 5 and 6).

The PTA representative noted there would be no meetings in December. However, Santa Claus would be at the Elementary School on December 5 from 11am to 2pm as part of the "PV Holiday Read" event, January 8 is the next meeting of the PV Book Club and January 15 is at the Elementary School Literary Fair. On January 20, Ms. Tricia Murray, Assistant to the Elementary School Principal, will be conducting a reading workshop and on January 22 there will be a 2nd grade bingo and pizza evening sponsored by the PTA for the 2nd grade students and their families at the Elementary School.

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

NEW BUSINESS

On motion by Mr. Reale, seconded by Ms. Maus, it was resolved, on recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, to appoint Marie Gennett to a permanent appointment (due to the preferred eligibility list) effective July 1, 2009 as an Office Assistant II at the Putnam Valley High School on Step 7 of the CSEA salary schedule. Motion carried unanimously.

APPOINT
M. GENNETT
PERM. APPOINT.
OFFICE ASST. II
HS EFF. 7/1/09

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It was noted that this appointment was an oversight. This appointment should have been done in July 2009.

ACCEPT
FOOD SERVICE BID
ARAMARK, INC.
2009-10 SCHOOL
10/159

On motion of Ms. Maus, seconded by Mr. Cohen, 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 #55/10, attached to the official minutes of this meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVE
PVHS
INDOOR TRACK &
FIELD TEAM
2009-10 SCHOOL YR.
10/160

On motion of Mr. Cohen, seconded by Mr. Reale, it was resolved, on recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, to approve a Putnam Valley High School indoor track and field team in the Section 1 Interscholastic Athletic Program for the 2009-10 school year. Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC CONTRIBUTION PERIOD

Ms. Mackay asked for public contributions.

Dr. Space noted that there will be a presentation by Ms. Natalie Doherty on multi-sensory reading program and the field use update will be at the January business meeting.

Mr. Cohen noted that the High School's Academic Challenge Team will be on Cablevision's MSG Varsity channel (#14) on December 16 at 6:30pm. Also, the Elementary School and Middle School will be having their winter concerts during the upcoming two weeks.

A community member thanked the Board for updating the web page.

A community member asked the Board if they had considered implementing all-day kindergarten in the near future. She noted that surrounding communities have all-day kindergarten programs and that with many children in all day programs prior to entering kindergarten due to parents' work schedules it would be in the best interest educationally for our students to have an all day program. Dr. Space informed the community member that he would call her regarding the topic.

A community asked for an update on the bus garage. Mr. Lee noted that plans have been submitted to NYSED and he is waiting for a response.

There were no further public comments.

At 9:07pm, on a motion by Ms. Mackay, seconded by Ms. Maus, the Board moved into Executive Session for an issue related to the employment history of a particular person and pending litigation. Motion carried unanimously.

CONVENE
EXECUTIVE SESSION
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At 9:45pm, on motion by Mr. Cohen, seconded by Mr. Reale, the Board moved out of Executive Session. Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURN
EXECUTIVE SESSION
10/162

At 9:46pm, on motion by Mr. Cohen, seconded by Ms. Maus, there being no further business, the meeting was adjourned. Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURN
MEETING
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Submitted by:

Maureen Bellino
District Clerk