

Work Session/Business Meeting Minutes – January 8, 2009

BOARD OF EDUCATION: Tina Mackay, President PRESENT
Guy Cohen, Vice President
Trustees Mary Maus, Frank Reale and
Valerie Fitzgerald

ADMINISTRATORS: Dr. Marc Space, Superintendent of Schools
Dr. Barbara Fuchs, Assistant Superintendent for
Curriculum and Personnel
Edward Hallisey, Middle School Principal
Jamie Edelman, Elementary School Principal
Nick Bellantoni, Director of Operations

OTHERS: Student Representatives to the Board of
Education Elizabeth Regan and Kevin VanDevelde,
Reporter from the Putnam County News and Recorder,
Representative from the District Waste Carting Company, staff
from the Putnam Valley School District, and community members

Ms. Mackay convened the Work Session/Business Meeting at 7:04 p.m. and asked everyone to join her in the Pledge of Allegiance. CONVENE MEETING

ANNOUNCEMENTS OF GENERAL INTEREST

Mr. Nick Bellantoni summarized the current recycling program at the three schools. The Middle School has an active program run by the Go Green Club. The Elementary School program is currently inactive. The carting company will supply the necessary containers. The students/faculty must assist with the movement of the material to the dumpsters. Mr. Seth Turner, the carting company representative, stated that they will supply all the needed dumpsters at no cost but there is a charge for recycling. Prior to November 1, 2008 materials at the school did not have to be separated. A recycling center in Tarrytown was used to separate the material. Currently material must be separated at the schools: paper, cardboard and glass/plastic/metal. Mr. Edward Hallisey, along with representative of the Middle School Go Green Club, Sara Zadrima, Sarah Sperling and Robyn Torregrosa summarized how the club runs. There are 12-15 members who arrive at the school at 7:00 a.m. and remove and deposit all of the material. There is a composting site. Ms. Jamie Edelman and Mr. Bruce Brothers noted that since Putnam County has ceased their recycling program, the Elementary School program has been put on hold. Student Representatives to the Board Elizabeth Regan and Kevin VanDevelde noted they have tried to organize

a recycling group at the High School but there has been limited interest. It is hoped that when the Middle School group moves to the High School there will be an increased interest. High School Principal Jonathan Bryant suggested that participation in recycling could qualify for the community service requirement for High School graduation.

Dr. Barbara Fuchs summarized the District's progress with respect to the 2008-09 goals. Progress has been made in all areas. Additional work is needed with respect to public relations/public knowledge of the District. Instruction and Curriculum Goal: The District continues to maximize student potential. Classroom walk throughs and curriculum alignment have demonstrated the District is working towards meeting this goal. More AP/advanced courses have been offered this year (15 vs. 11) with 26% of the student body taking these courses. It was noted that the denominator includes all students--i.e. freshman. Laptops have been rolled out to all faculty and all students in grades 5-12. The Elementary School Technology Committee is meeting. There are two classroom laptop carts and 17 Smartboards to share. Finance Goal: The Budget Committee has been meeting. Communication Goal: To make the community more knowledgeable of the District the website has been updated; the public relations study recommendations are being implemented and the District continues to partner with community organizations. Environment Goal: The District continues to work to create an environment where students can maximize their potential, the Five-year Maintenance Plan continues to be addressed and updated; construction work is progressing at the Elementary School with a March 2009 completion date, and the District continues to study how to maximize its use of space. The presentation is attached.

Dr. Space informed the community that the superintendents from Garrison and Haldane have been in discussions with him with respect to sharing services and teaching, and possibly merging of schools and/or districts.

Mr. Frank Reale presented the worksheet that summarized the Board of Education's plan for self-evaluation.

Ms. Mackay asked for public contribution. There was none.

EXTEND On motion of Mr. Reale, seconded by Ms. Fitzgerald, it was resolved, by the
CONTRACT Board of Education to extend the contract of Dr. Marc Space, Superintendent of
DR. M. SPACE Schools, through June 30, 2012. It was further resolved, upon the request
THROUGH 6/30/12 and recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that the salary and
09/157 benefits for Dr. Marc Space remain the same for the 2009-10 school year as they
were for 2008-009. Motion carried unanimously.

The Board of Education thanked Dr. Space for taking the initiative of freezing his salary for the 2009-10 school year given the current state of educational funding in New York.

PUBLIC CONTRIBUTION PERIOD

The student representatives reported that casting for the spring musical, "Urinetown," has begun; January 20-23 is No Name Calling Week at the Middle School; High School midterms/regents week begins January 27; High School chorus concert was tonight and band/jazz recital on January 14.

Ms. Valerie Fitzgerald will represent the District at the March 1-3 NYSSBA lobby meeting in Albany that is a no-registration fee event.

Mr. Cohen announced the schedule of Assemblywomen Sandy Galef's town hall meetings to discuss the budget and the tax cap on school budgets. The Putnam Valley meeting is February 7.

At 8:24 p.m., on motion of Mr. Reale, seconded by Ms. Maus, there being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned. Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURN
MEETING

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Submitted by
Guy Cohen
Vice President
Board of Education

Submitted by
Linda Pregiato
District Clerk