

Work Session/Business Meeting Minutes – June 5, 2008

BOARD OF EDUCATION: Tina Mackay, President PRESENT
Guy Cohen, Vice President
Trustees Mary Maus and Marie Zarcone

Trustee Frank Reale was not present (notified)

ADMINISTRATORS: Dr. Marc Space, Superintendent of Schools
Dr. Barbara Fuchs, Assistant Superintendent for
Curriculum and Instruction
Paul Lee, Assistant Superintendent for Business
and Finance
Brian Hogaboom, Athletic Coordinator
Nick Bellantoni, Director of Operations

OTHERS: Hannah Schmidt, Student Representative to the
Board of Education, Reporter from the Putnam County
News and Recorder, staff from the Putnam Valley School
District and community members

Ms. Mackay convened the Work Session/Business Meeting at 7:03 p.m. and asked the community to join her in the Pledge of Allegiance. CONVENE MEETING

ANNOUNCEMENTS OF GENERAL INTEREST

Superintendent of Schools Dr. Marc Space summarized the status of the Superintendent's 2008 goals, noting the teacher observation walk-through process was formalized; the High Principal was hired; the New York State School Boards Association was hired to update the policy manual; the budget was successfully passed along with the proposition with the Budget Committee increasing community participation and awareness; and communication has improved though update of the website.

Dr. Space asked Mr. Lee to discuss the four audits, which occurred this year. Mr. Lee noted that Accume Associates completed an internal audit and risk assessment with no significant findings. The New York State Comptroller's office completed their audit and discussed procurement reimbursement procedures and segregation of responsibilities. There were no significant finds. The External Auditors reported that the District finances were in strong shape. Accume Associates have begun their follow up on the Risk Management recommendation of a detail audit of payroll.

Mr. Bellantoni reported on the status of the building/facilities projects. The Elementary School new addition work is beginning with a December 2009 completion; window and door caulking at Elementary School has begun; new telephone services are needed due to the demolition of the out-building which consist of running new wires and to put in a new telephone, delaying the new addition project; demolition of the trailer will occur; work on the main building will be completed by September 2009; and a new bus facility.

Mr. Richard Herlihy reported on the Community Service Learning (CSL) for graduation requirement. Beginning with the Class of 2012, there will be a 40-hour service requirement. It is recommended that CSL coordinator be appointed (stipend position) who will administer the program working with the building steering committee. This person will set policy and definition of what qualifies for CSL. It is a philosophy of service. Dr. Space thanked Mr. Herlihy and the committee.

Presentations from the two legal firms, which the committee selected from the RFP's submitted, were heard: Shaw, Pearlson, May and Lambert and the firm of Keane and Beane.

Mr. Brian Hogaboom and Mr. Ed DeChenet and Ms. Jeannie Denike presented the recommendation of the Modified Sports Committee. The no-cut policy should continue. The philosophy of teaching skills is fundamental. Each sport will have a different approach: have two or more modified teams, if coaches are available; have an A and B squad; divide in half and practices separately every other day; and have a 7th grade team and an 8/9 squad; and the safety of the students will be critical.

Mr. Hogaboom clarified the classification question and said he would revise the wording. The questionable sentence was to ensure that if there was a younger aged child who was physically advanced in size that they would have the opportunity to play up, even though it was not permitted, to ensure the safety of the other students.

Ms. Zarcone excused herself from the meeting at 9:12 p.m.

Mr. Hogaboom discussed the academic eligibility policy. It was recommended that the policy be applied to all extra-curriculum activities. The recommendations are not final with respect to student performance and participation.

Ms. Jerri Cohen asked that an attendance/lateness requirement be included.

The Board discussed presenting NYSSBA with a proposition to use a localized CPI for all state regulations, which sets spending at the percentage of the CPI. Mr. Cohen will draft the proposition.

PUBLIC CONTRIBUTION PERIOD

Ms. Mary Maus noted that the District and community were acknowledged by The Association of the International Music Products Industry as a community, which supports music.

Mr. Cohen reminded the community that June 6 is the last day of the PTA fundraiser at Barnes and Nobel and West Side Story cast will perform.

Ms. Barbara Parmly noted that the Elementary School teacher gave up their dining area/copy room/laminating room so that the occupational therapists and physical therapists would have a place to work with the students while the trailers are being demolished.

Mr. Brian Hogaboom announced that baseball, softball, boys and girls lacrosse teams made it into the sectionals. The baseball team lost in the finals and girls' lacrosse team was league champions.

Student Representative to the Board of Education Hannah Schmidt reported on the successful band concert at the High School; Math Night at the Elementary School on June 6; Senior Awards night at the High School on June 11, Poetry Jam at the High School on June 12; Wounded Warrior BBQ at the High School on June 13; the High School Chorus winning a bronze and the band winning a silver at the recent NYSMA competition; and this weekend the Relay for Life taking place at Mahopac HS/MS complex.

Ms. Mackay announced the Board would move into Executive Session to discuss a personnel matter and a contractual matter and upon their return, no other business would be conducted.

EXECUTIVE
SESSION
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At 9:52 p.m., on motion of Ms. Mackay, seconded by Ms. Maus, the Board moved into Executive Session to discuss a personnel matter and a contractual matter. Motion carried unanimously.

The Board was joined by Dr. Space, Dr. Fuchs and Mr. Lee.

At 10:03 p.m. Dr. Fuchs and Mr. Lee were excused from the meeting.

At 10:10 p.m. Dr. Space was excused from the meeting.

ADJOURN
MEETING
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At 10:31 p.m., on motion of Mr. Cohen, seconded by Ms. Maus, the Board returned from Executive Session and at 10:33 p.m., there being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned. Motion carried unanimously.

Submitted by
Guy Cohen
Vice President
Board of Education

Typed by
Linda Pregiato
District Clerk