

Work Session/Business Meeting Minutes – September 6, 2007

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

ADMINISTRATORS: Dr. Marc Space, Superintendent of Schools  
Dr. Barbara Fuchs, Assistant Superintendent for  
Curriculum and Instruction  
L. James Stowell, Director of Special Education  
and Student Services

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

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

**ANNOUNCEMENTS OF GENERAL INTEREST**

The Board discussed their Goals for 2007-08. The Board directed the Superintendent and his administrative team to define the action items for each of the goals. The Board indicated the goals would be finalized at the October Business Meeting.

There was a review of the Master Planning Calendar. It was noted that there was flexibility to the plan so that if issues develop or priorities change, new items could be added.

**Dr. Barbara Fuchs, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction,** gave an overview of the K-12 Curriculum Maps and these Maps were recently posted on the District website. The K-12 Coordinators were thanked for their hard work on this project.

The Board reviewed revisions on District policies for a first reading.

Krystal Miranda and Hannah Schmidt, Student Representatives to the Board of Education, gave updates on school openings and activities.

Representatives from the PTAPTSA gave an update on their activities.

Ms. Mackay asked for public contribution on agenda items. There was no public contribution.

ESTABLISH RESERVE FUND TO BE KNOWN AS DEBT SERVICE RESERVE FUND  
 O8/64

On motion of Mr. Reale, seconded by Ms. Zarccone, it was resolved, that the Board of Education of the Putnam Valley Central School District is authorized, pursuant to General Municipal Law Section 6-I, to establish a reserve fund to be known as the Debt Service Reserve Fund in the amount of \$1,500,000.00. Be it further resolved to appropriate fund balance in the amount of \$1,500,000.00 and to revise the 2006-07 budget appropriation A9901.96 “Transfer to Debt Service Fund” in the plus amount of \$1,500,000.00. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVE K-12 CURRICULUM MAPS  
 O8/65

On motion of Ms. Zarccone, seconded by Ms. Maus, it was resolved, on recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, to approve the content and skills of the curriculum maps to date in the following subjects and grades: English/Language Arts: Grades Kindergarten through 11; Mathematics: Grades Kindergarten through Calculus 2; Science: Grades 7 through Earth Science; Social Studies: Grades 7 through 11; Computer Technology: Grades Kindergarten through Web Design 3; Languages other than English: Grades 5-Spanish and French 3; Physical Education: Grades Kindergarten through 12; and Library/Media: Grades Kindergarten through 12. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVE CONTINUING EDUCATION COURSES  
 O8/66

On motion of Ms. Maus, seconded by Mr. Cohen, it was resolved, on recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, to approve Continuing Education Courses, as per Document #25/08, attached to the official minutes of this meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Continuing Education Courses were described along with start dates and registration fees.

APPROVE FIRST READING POLICY #4100 POLICY #4300 POLICY #5030  
 O8/67

On motion of Mr. Cohen, seconded by Mr. Reale, it was resolved, on recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, to approve the first reading of the following policies:

Policy #4100	Organization of Instruction
Policy #4300	Curriculum
Policy #5030	Internet Safety

Motion carried unanimously.

On motion of Mr. Reale, seconded by Ms. Zarccone, it was resolved, on recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, to appoint Joseph Solano to a 3-year probationary appointment in the tenure area of School Psychologist at the Putnam Valley Middle School, on Step 5 MA of the P.V.F.T. salary schedule, effective September 1, 2007 through June 30, 2010. Mr. Solano holds Permanent Certification as a School Psychologist. Motion carried unanimously.

APPOINT  
J. SOLANO  
3-YR. PROB. APPT.  
AT PVMS  
EFF. 9/1/07-6/30/10  
08/68

On motion of Ms. Zarccone, seconded by Ms. Maus, it was resolved, on recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, to appoint Willman Morocho to a six-month probationary appointment as a Bus Driver for the Putnam Valley Central School District, on Step 3 of the C.S.E.A. salary schedule, effective September 1, 2007 through March 1, 2008. This appointment is pending clearance by the NYS Commissioner of Education. Motion carried unanimously.

APPOINT  
W. MOROCHO  
6-MON. PROB. APPT.  
BUS DRIVER-CSD  
EFF. 9/1/07-3/1/08  
08/69

On motion of Ms. Maus, seconded by Mr. Cohen, it was resolved, on recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, to take personnel actions, as per Document #26/08, attached to the agenda and official minutes of this meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

PERSONNEL  
ACTIONS  
08/70

**PUBLIC CONTRIBUTION PERIOD**

Ms. Mackay asked for public contribution. A staff member suggested that in the Technology Goal it should be noted to have the Technology Goal succeed, the faculty and staff need the necessary tools and training. The Board agreed and said they would include this statement in the goal.

Ms. Mackay announced the Board would move into Executive Session to discuss pending litigation and that upon their return there would be no new business would be discussed.

EXECUTIVE  
SESSION  
08/71

At 8:40 p.m., on motion of Ms. Zarcone, seconded by Ms. Maus, the Board moved into Executive Session to discuss pending litigation. Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURN  
MEETING  
08/72

At 8:56 p.m., on motion of Mr. Cohen, seconded by Ms. Maus, the Board returned from Executive Session and at 8:58 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