

Work Session Minutes – October 4, 2007

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

Trustee Mary Maus 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  
L. James Stowell, Director of Special Education  
and Student Services

OTHERS: Ms. Krystal Miranda and Ms. Hannah Schmidt, Student  
Representatives to the Board of Education, Reporter from the North  
County News, staff from the Putnam Valley School District and  
community members

Ms. Mackay convened the Work Session at 7:09 p.m. and asked the  
community to join her in the Pledge of Allegiance. CONVENE  
MEETING

**ANNOUNCEMENTS OF GENERAL INTEREST**

Student Representatives reported on several activities within the buildings.

**Dr. Barbara Fuchs, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction,**  
presented assessment results. Dr. Fuchs stated that Earth Science would be offered to all  
8<sup>th</sup> grade students in the future. There was a discussion by parents to start Languages Other Than  
English (LOTE) and other in earlier grades.

Ms. Mackay thanked and praised the staff for their efforts and obvious results.

The Board reviewed their proposed goals for 2007-08 along with the implementation plans of the Administrative Team. The goals were not changed and are attached along with the implementation plan.

The Board discussed the following: a survey of the graduates in the class of 2008 to determine how well they were prepared for their future by a survey at graduation and an 18-month follow-up; the laptop program for 2008-09 covering grades 5-12; the budget communication beginning in November with the Board asking the community to serve on a community-based budget committee; and a graduation service requirement in the High School to be discussed with the principal and High School Building Steering Committee to establish requirements.

There was a discussion of resolutions that should be supported by the Board at the NYSSBA Annual Meeting to be held at the end of October in New York City. Mr. Frank Reale was designated by the Board as the designated voter representing the Board. Mr. James Stowell discussed the support for the motion to continue to have Medicaid pay for services such as speech, OcEd., etc. The Board agreed. The Board discussed proposals they would support and those they would not support.

#### **PUBLIC CONTRIBUTION PERIOD**

Ms. Mackay asked for public contribution.

It was noted the Make A Difference Club and Peers Influence Peers Partnership, advised by Mr. Frank Reale were recognized by the Putnam County Youth Bureau. The community supported the service requirement for graduation. There was a discussion on updating the Web pages, especially the Board of Education page. Mr. Reale will be the person in charge of the Board of Education web page.

The Work Session ended at 8:30 p.m.

Submitted by  
Guy Cohen  
Vice President  
Board of Education

Typed by  
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District Clerk