

**BOARD OF EDUCATION
POCANTICO HILLS CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
599 Bedford Road
Pocantico Hills
Sleepy Hollow, New York 10591**

Discussion Meeting
Monday, December 15, 2008

The Discussion Meeting of the Board of Education of the Pocantico Hills Central School District was held on Monday, December 15 at 7:01 p.m. in the School Library, Bedford Road, Sleepy Hollow, and New York.

With no objection from the Board, President Robert Balog called the Discussion Meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. **CALL TO ORDER**

On a motion by Trustee John Conrad, seconded by Trustee David Wilens and passed 5-0 the Board convened Executive Session at 7:01 p.m. to discuss pending litigation and personnel. **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Present: Robert Balog, President
Katherine Yu, Vice President
John Conrad, Trustee
Maurice Curran, Trustee
David Wilens, Trustee **ROLL CALL**

Also Present: Dr. Freddie D. Smith, Superintendent
Jay Scotto-Friedman, Assistant Superintendent
Ira Levy, Attorney (departed at 7:20 p.m.)
Jeffrey Shumejda, Attorney (departed at 7:20 p.m.)

On a motion by Trustee David Wilens, seconded by Trustee Maurice Curran and passed 5-0 the Board adjourned from Executive Session at 8:00 p.m. **ADJOURNMENT FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION**

With no objection from the Board, Vice President Katherine Yu called the Discussion Meeting to order at 8:05 p.m. **CALL TO ORDER**

Superintendent Freddie D. Smith led the pledge of allegiance. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Present: Robert Balog, President
Katherine Yu, Vice President
John Conrad, Trustee
Maurice Curran, Trustee
David Wilens, Trustee **ROLL CALL**

Also Present: Freddie D. Smith, Superintendent
Jay Scotto-Friedman, Assistant Superintendent
Gina L. Downes, District Clerk

Superintendent Announcements: Superintendent Dr. Freddie D. Smith announced the following: **SUPERINTENDENT ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Dr. Smith read KUDOS from parents for the following individuals: Maria (the bus driver), Tina

DiStefano, Mary McIntyre, School Board Members, Jim McVeigh, Nurse Debbi, Bobbi McCann, James Cioffi and Laura Garrido.

Dr. Smith distributed to the Board of Education the Proposed DRAFT School Calendar for the 2009-2010 school year.

Dr. Smith distributed an analysis to the Board of Education regarding high school report card grades for our 9th graders at Briarcliff, Pleasantville and Sleepy Hollow.

Dr. Smith discussed putting together a Special Education task force to implement the recommendations from Dr. Norton's Special Education report.

Dr. Smith distributed information from the State Legislature regarding health insurance, pension reform, and Regents state aide.

Dr. Smith distributed a DRAFT agenda of the 8th grade trip to Washington, DC on June 11 – 13, 2009.

Reminder – the Primary/Intermediate House concert is Tuesday, December 16 beginning at 7:00 p.m.

President Robert Balog congratulated the students, Mr. Brigham and Mr. Cook who participated in the Academic Triathlon.

High School Presentation: Principal Carol Conklin of Sleepy Hollow High School presented an update to the Board on our students from the 2007-2008 school year.

Hearing From Those Present: There were no comments from the community.

Approval of Minutes: On a motion by Trustee David Wilens, seconded by Trustee John Conrad and passed unanimously 5-0 the Board voted and approved the following minutes by consent agenda: Special Meeting – November 25, 2008 and Business Meeting – December 1, 2008.

Policy Review: The Board reviewed the following suggested and/or revised policies for a first reading: Policy #0100 – Equal Opportunity; Policy #5100 – Attendance; Policy #5405 – Student Wellness; and Policy #5550.

Classroom Use and Maintenance Agreement: On a motion by Trustee Maurice Curran, seconded by Trustee John Conrad and passed unanimously 5-0 the Board voted and approved the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Pocantico Hills Central School District Board of Education has determined that three classrooms, and two office spaces are not necessary for educational purposes during the 2008-2009 school year;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the attached 2008-2009 agreement providing BOCES Southern Westchester with three classrooms and two office spaces at an annual rental of \$80,379 for school purposes in approved as attached.

**BOARD
ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**SPECIAL
PRESENTATIONS**
High School
Presentation

**HEARING FROM
THOSE PRESENT**

**APPROVAL OF
MINUTES**
November 28 &
December 1, 2008

NEW BUSINESS
Policy Review

Classroom Use and
Maintenance
Agreement

Bus Loop Entry Masonry Repair Bid: On a motion by Trustee Maurice Curran, seconded by Trustee John Conrad and passed unanimously 5-0 the Board voted and approved the following resolution:

Bus Loop Entry
Masonry Repair Bid

	Foremost Development	NAC	Con Tech Construction	Abott & Price
Proposal 1	\$19,700	\$20,000	\$32,440	\$31,950
Proposal 2	\$ 4,900	\$ 7,000	\$11,880	\$ 7,700

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Pocantico Hills Central School District Board of Education award the bid to the lowest responsible bidder meeting specifications for Proposal #1 –blue stone replacement to Foremost Development in the amount of \$19,700, and Proposal #2, blue stone replacement exterior door north entrance to Foremost Development in the amount of \$4,900.

Appointments: On a motion by Trustee David Wilens, seconded by Trustee Maurice Curran and passed unanimously 5-0, the Board voted and approved the following appointments by consent agenda:

PERSONNEL
Appointments

Name: Peter Kringas
Rate: \$2,500
Term: July 1, 2008 – June 30, 2009
Title: Snack Bar Attendant

Name: Peter Rubeo
Rate: \$250
Term: November 21, 2008
Title: Middle School Dance DJ

Name: Mike Wisniewski
Rate: \$22,825
Term: December 16, 2008
Title: Recreation Pool Director

Name: Dawn Horecky
Rate: \$16.64 / hour
Term: December 10, 2008
Title: Substitute Bus and Recess Monitor

Discussion/Planning for Future Meetings: Dr. Smith discussed the possibility of moving to full day Kindergarten for the 2009-2010 school year. The Board will discuss this issue further at a future Board meeting.

**DISCUSSION /
PLANNING FOR
FUTURE MEETINGS**

Trustee John Conrad wanted to know the feedback from the teachers for the recent Nancy Letts workshop. Dr. Smith indicated the feedback was good from the teachers.

Adjournment from the Discussion Meeting: On a motion by Trustee Maurice Curran, seconded by Trustee David Wilens and passed unanimously 5-0 the Board adjourned the Discussion Meeting at 9:30 p.m.

**ADJOURNMENT
FROM THE
DISCUSSION
MEETING**

Executive Session: On a motion by Trustee Maurice Curran, seconded by Trustee John Conrad and passed unanimously 5-0 the Board convened into Executive Session at 9:31 p.m. to discuss personnel.

**EXECUTIVE
SESSION**

Adjournment from Executive Session: On a motion by Trustee John Conrad, seconded by Trustee David Wilens and passed unanimously 5-0 the Board adjourned the Executive Session at 10:32 p.m.

**ADJOURNMENT
FROM EXECUTIVE
SESSION**

Respectfully submitted,
Gina L. Downes
District Clerk

Katherine Yu, School Board Vice President

Date: _____

Gina L. Downes, District Clerk

Date: _____