

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

Business Meeting
Monday, January 5, 2009

The Business Meeting of the Board of Education of the Pocantico Hills Central School District was held on Monday, January 5 at 8:02 p.m. in the School Library, Bedford Road, Sleepy Hollow, and New York.

With no objection from the Board, Vice President Katherine Yu called the Business Meeting to order at 8:02 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

Superintendent Freddie D. Smith led the pledge of allegiance.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Present: 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

Absent: Robert W. Balog, President

Superintendent Announcements: Superintendent Dr. Freddie D. Smith announced the following:

SUPERINTENDENT ANNOUNCEMENTS

There has been a slight change in the neighborhood meetings listed on the Board Agenda. Pocantico Park Association will be hosting a neighborhood meeting, date to be determined and the Pocantico Hill Hamlet neighborhood meeting has been scheduled for Thursday, January 29.

There has been a slight change to the calendar ... the marking period will end on Friday, January 30 and report cards will go home on Friday, February 6.

The Governor's Budget has projected a \$121,000 reduction in State Aide to Pocantico Hills.

Camp Director, David Levine has had favorable feedback from counselors regarding before and after day camp care.

The school has received a letter from Congresswoman Nita Lowey regarding possible funding from the Congress for a member item.

The first issue of the student newspaper, *The Hawk* was distributed to the community before the holiday.

The next Board meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, January 20 and will be held in the Auditorium instead of the Library.

Hearing From Those Present: A parent expressed concern for not being informed when Pocantico is closed due to inclement weather and there is no bus transportation for the high school students.

**HEARING FROM
THOSE PRESENT**

Two Senior Camp Counselors addressed the Board with their concerns of the salary scale being proposed to the counselors, as well as the before and after day camp care.

Approval of Minutes: On a motion by Trustee David Wilens, seconded by Trustee John Conrad and passed unanimously 4-0 the Board voted and approved the Discussion Meeting minutes of December 15, 2008.

**APPROVAL OF
MINUTES**
December 15, 2008

Policy Review: The Board reviewed for a second reading the following policies: #5100 – Attendance; #5405 – Student Wellness; #5550 – Student Privacy. The Board will have a third reading at their next Board meeting scheduled for January 20, 2009.

OLD BUSINESS
Policy Review

Curriculum Audit: On a motion by Vice President Katherine Yu, seconded by Trustee Maurice Curran and passed unanimously 4-0 the Board voted and approved the proposal from PDK International for a curriculum management audit at a cost of \$22,920 plus an estimated \$3,000 in travel, food and lodging expenses for 2 auditors to be onsite for 3 days.

NEW BUSINESS
Curriculum Audit

Full Day Kindergarten: The Board had a discussion on the possibility of full-day Kindergarten beginning in September 2009. The Board will continue their discussions throughout the budget process.

Full Day Kindergarten

Bond Anticipation Note: On a motion by Trustee David Wilens, seconded by Trustee Maurice Curran and passed unanimously 4-0 the Board voted and approved the following resolution:

Bond Anticipation
Note

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Pocantico Hills Central School District Board of Education affirm the award made by the School Board President for the sale of the \$2,000,000 B.A.N. to vendor with the lowest Net Interest Cost (NIC) of 2.75%, JP Morgan Chase Bank, N.A.

JP Morgan Chase Bank, N.A.	NIC 2.75000%
Commerce Capital Markets, Inc.	NIC 3.03050%
Janney Montgomery Scott, LLC	NIC 3.97500%

Committee on Special Education: On a motion by Trustee John Conrad, seconded by Trustee David Wilens and passed unanimously 4-0 the Board voted and approved the following recommendations by the Committee on Special Education: Student ID #0012567; #12574; #2003638; #2003869.

Committee on
Special Education

Fall ELO Appointments: On a motion by Trustee John Conrad, seconded by Trustee Maurice Curran and passed unanimously 4-0 the Board voted and approved the following Fall ELO Appointments:

PERSONNEL
Fall ELO
Appointments

<u>Activity</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Outdoor Activities	Mrs. DiStefano	\$65 per session not to exceed \$390
	Mrs. Marples	\$65 per session not to exceed \$390
Kickball (Jackpot)	Mrs. Rubeo	\$65 per session not to exceed \$780
After School Wii	Mrs. Marples	\$65 per session not to exceed \$390
Dance Party	Ms. Stanton	\$65 per session not to exceed \$390
Homework Cl.	Mrs. Occhicone	\$65 per session not to exceed \$390
Homework Cl.	Mrs. Sbarra	\$65 per session not to exceed \$390
Homework Cl.	Mrs. Arturo	\$65 per session not to exceed \$390

Great Cookie Bakeoff	Mrs. Marples	\$65 per session not to exceed \$390
Great Cookie Bakeoff	Mrs. Doane	\$65 per session not to exceed \$390
Nature Walking	Mrs. DiStefano	\$65 per session not to exceed \$390
Computer Free Time	Mrs. Morgan	\$65 per session not to exceed \$780
Scrapbook	Mrs. Fitzpatrick	\$65 per session not to exceed \$390
Get Fit Have Fun	Mrs. McCann	\$65 per session not to exceed \$390
Tennis	Mr. Brown	\$65 per session not to exceed \$390
Fun with the Smartboard	Mrs. Marples	\$65 per session not to exceed \$390
Fun with the Smartboard	Ms. Campbell	\$65 per session not to exceed \$390
6 th Grade Intramural	Mrs. McCann	\$65 per session not to exceed \$975

Discussion/Planning for Future Meetings: The following neighborhood meetings have been scheduled as follows:

**DISCUSSION /
PLANNING FOR
FUTURE MEETINGS**

Wednesday, January 21 – Westchester Hills Condominium
Hosted by: Gina & Robert Downes
7:30 p.m.

Thursday, January 22 – Briggsville
Hosted by: Joan & Pat Cusanelli
7:30 p.m.

Thursday, January 29 – Pocantico Hills Hamlet
Hosted by: Kristin & Fred Rickles
7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, February 11 – Beaver Hill
Hosted by: Walter & Isabel Rivera
7:30 p.m.

TBD – Pocantico Lakes & Pocantico Park Association

Adjournment from the Business Meeting: On a motion by Trustee David Wilens, seconded by Trustee Maurice Curran and passed unanimously 4-0 the Board adjourned the Business Meeting at 10:12 p.m.

**ADJOURNMENT
FROM THE
BUSINESS
MEETING**

Respectfully submitted,
Gina L. Downes
District Clerk

Katherine Yu, School Board Vice President

Date: _____

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Date: _____