

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

Discussion Meeting
Monday, February 23, 2009

The Discussion Meeting of the Board of Education of the Pocantico Hills Central School District was held on Monday, February 23 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 8:01 p.m. **CALL TO ORDER**

On a motion by Trustee John Conrad, seconded by Trustee Maurice Curran and passed unanimously 5-0 the Board moved to Executive Session at 7:01 p.m. to discuss personnel matters. **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

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

On a motion by Trustee David Wilens, seconded by Trustee Maurice Curran and passed unanimously 5-0 the Board adjourned the Executive Session at 8:01 p.m. **ADJOURNMENT FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION**

With no objection from the Board, President Robert Balog called the Discussion Meeting to order at 8:10 p.m. **CALL TO ORDER**

The pledge of allegiance was conducted by students in the 6th grade. **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 / BOARD ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The PTA will be holding a basketball fundraiser on Saturday, March 28 at Pace University from 5:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m. More details will follow

The Foundation is holding their fundraising event on Saturday, February 28.

The USTA has offered Pocantico a block of 50 tickets for the “BNP Paribas Showdown for the Billie Jean King Cup” on Monday, March 2 at Madison Square Garden. A note went home to all families that tickets are available on a first come-first serve basis.

Dr. Smith, Mr. Scotto-Friedman and Mr. Steele attended a discussion at Cortland Town Hall regarding the property tax commission’s recommendations to share services between school districts.

Middle School Presentation: The Board received an oral presentation from 6th grade students on biographies of figures from ancient history.

**SPECIAL
PRESENTATION**
Middle School
Presentation

Comprehensive Assessment Report: Principal Stan Steele and Adam Brown presented the 2007-2008 NYS Student Assessment results.

Comprehensive
Assessment Report

Budget Work Session: Assistant Superintendent Jay Scotto-Friedman presented the second proposed draft of the preliminary 2009-2010 school budget.

Budget Work
Session

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

**HEARING FROM
THOSE PRESENT**

Approval of Minutes: On a motion by Trustee David Wilens, seconded by Vice President Katherine Yu and passed unanimously 5-0, the board voted and approved the January 31, 2009 and February 2, 2009 meeting minutes by consent agenda.

**APPROVAL OF
MINUTES**
January 31, 2009 &
February 2, 2009

Policy Review: On a motion by Vice President Katherine Yu, seconded by Trustee John Conrad and passed unanimously 5-0 the Board voted approved the following policies: #0100 – Equal Opportunity and #5550 – Student Privacy.

OLD BUSINESS
Policy Review

Donation: On a motion by Vice President Katherine Yu, seconded by Trustee Maurice Curran and passed 4-1 (Trustee David Wilens voted no) the Board voted and approved the following resolution:

NEW BUSINESS
Donation

BE IT RESOLVED that the Pocantico Hills Board of Education accept a \$600.00 donation from SEI Design Group, a \$200.00 donation from Bernard P. Donegan, Inc., and a \$600.00 donation from Savin Engineers, P.C. for use toward the purchase of the Guardian Angels rings.

Donation: On a motion by Trustee John Conrad, seconded by Vice President Katherine Yu and passed 4-0 (Trustee David Wilens abstained from voting) the Board voted and approved the following resolution:

Donation

BE IT RESOLVED that the Pocantico Hills Board of Education accept a donation of a Whirlpool Range Model RF 368LXPQ Serial Number RR3 213949 with an approximate value of \$300.00, and a donation of a GE Dishwasher Model GSD5630D01WW Serial Number GZ862859B with an approximate value of \$250.00 for use in the school.

Project Lead the Way: This contract has been postponed until the next meeting while the school attorney has completed their review of the contract.

Project Lead the
Way

2008-2009 Contract for Special Education Services: On a motion by Vice President Katherine Yu, seconded by Trustee Maurice Curran and passed unanimously 5-0 the Board voted and approved the following resolution:

2008-2009 Contract
For Special Education
Services

BE IT RESOLVED, that it is hereby moved that the Board of Education of the Pocantico Hills Central School District at Sleepy Hollow, New York approve the 2008-09 contract between Pocantico Hills CSD and the Ardsley UFSD for the provision of Special Educational services at the rate of \$47,490 for one student which includes basic instruction, psychological consultation, speech consultation, and adaptive physical education, and an anticipated additional amount of \$55,830 for individual/group speech counseling, occupational therapy, physical therapy, and a teacher aide.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Assistant Superintendent is hereby authorized to execute the contract for Special Education Services for the 2008-09 school between the Ardsley UFSD, and the Pocantico Hills Central School District.

2008-2009 Contract for Speech & Language Therapy: This contract has been tabled to the next meeting for further review.

2008-2009 Contract
For Speech & Language
Therapy Services

Resolution Authorizing Participating in BOCES Cooperative Bids: On a motion by Trustee Maurice Curran, seconded by Trustee David Wilens and passed unanimously 5-0 the Board voted and approved the following resolution:

Resolution Authorizing
Participation in BOCES
Cooperative Bids

WHEREAS it is the desire of the participating school districts of the Southern Westchester Board of Cooperative Educational Services, adopting this Resolution to bid jointly in those supplies, commodities materials and equipment set forth below.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Pocantico Hills Central School agrees to participate with other school districts of the Southern Westchester Board of Education Services, Westchester County, New York adopting this in the joint bidding of the following:

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| 1. Art Supplies | 8. Custodial Paper Supplies |
| 2. General School Supplies | 9. Custodial Supplies |
| 3. Office Supplies | 10. Lumber Supplies |
| 4. Fine Paper Supplies | 11. Laser & Ink Jet Toners |
| 5. Audio Visual Supplies & Equip. | 12. Microcomputer Software |
| 6. Bakery Goods | 13. Microcomputer Hardware |
| 7. Cafeteria Food Supplies | 14. Office & Classroom Furniture |
| | 15. Graphing Calculators |

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Resolution shall remain in effect until June 30, 2010, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that it is agreed that the specifications as presented will be used, and that the Pocantico Hills CSD Board of Education agrees to bid its required amount of said commodities jointly with other participating school districts in Southern Westchester and the Southern Westchester Board of Cooperative Educational Services. The recommendation of the Purchasing Steering Committee will be considered when this Board acts on the purchase of said Commodities.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the invitation to bid will be advertised by BOCES in the Journal News in accordance with the provisions of Section 103 to the General Municipal law.

Gina Downes Pocantico Hills Central School District
Clerk School District

February 23, 2009 599 Bedford Road, Sleepy Hollow, NY
Date of Board Adoption Address

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 Rubeo
Title/Function: Videographer
Rate: \$75.00/function
Effective Date: September 1, 2008

Name: Rosario Cabrera
Title: Substitute Recess/Lunch Monitor
Rate: \$16.64 / hour
Effective Date: January 1, 2009

Discussion/Planning for Future Meetings:

**DISCUSSION/
PLANNING FOR
FUTURE MEETINGS**

1. Neighborhood Meetings (all beginning at 7:30 p.m.)

Thursday, February 23 – Pocantico Lakes
Hosted by: Kimberly & Stephen Rockefeller – 1364 Bedford Road, Pleasantville

Date & Location TBD – Pocantico Park Association

2. Budget Workshop Meeting – Saturday, March 7, 2009 (10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.)

Adjournment: On a motion by Trustee David Wilens, seconded by Vice President Katherine Yu and passed unanimously 5-0 the Board moved into Executive Session at 11:34 p.m. to discuss personnel matters.

**ADJOURNMENT
FROM BUSINESS
MEETING TO
EXECUTIVE
SESSION**

Adjournment from Executive Session to Business Meeting: On a motion by Katherine Yu, seconded by John Conrad and passed unanimously 5-0 the Board adjourned from Executive Session at 12:45 a.m.

**ADJOURNMENT
FROM EXECUTIVE
SESSION TO
BUSINESS MEETING**

Adjournment: On a motion by Trustee David Wilens, seconded by Vice President Katherine Yu and passed unanimously 5-0 the Board adjourned the Business Meeting at 12:45 a.m.

**ADJOURNMENT
FROM BUSINESS
MEETING**

Respectfully submitted,
Gina L. Downes
District Clerk

Robert W. Balog, President

Date: _____

Gina L. Downes, District Clerk

Date: _____