

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

Discussion Meeting
Monday, March 9, 2009

The Discussion Meeting of the Board of Education of the Pocantico Hills Central School District was held on Monday, March 9, 2009 at 8:10 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 8:10 p.m. **CALL TO ORDER**

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

Also Present: Freddie D. Smith, Superintendent
Jay Scotto-Friedman, Assistant Superintendent

Absent: Maurice Curran, Trustee

The pledge of allegiance was conducted by students in the 7th & 8th grade. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Superintendent Announcements: There were no Superintendent/Board Announcements. **SUPERINTENDENT / BOARD ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Winter Interscholastic Sports Program: The 7th & 8th grade girls and boys received sports and academic certificates for their participation in the basketball season. **SPECIAL PRESENTATION**
Winter Interscholastic Sports Program

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

Hearing From Those Present: Community members expressed their comments regarding the 2009-2010 budget. One community member suggested a “Most Frequently Asked Questions” section be added to the presentation on the draft budget. **HEARING FROM THOSE PRESENT**

Approval of Minutes: On a motion by Trustee David Wilens, seconded by Trustee John Conrad and passed 4-0, the Board voted and approved the February 23, 2009 Discussion Meeting minutes. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
February 23, 2009

2008-2009 Contract for Speech and Language Therapy Services: On a motion by Trustee John Conrad, seconded by Trustee David Wilens and passed 4-0, the Board voted and approved the following resolution: **OLD BUSINESS**
2008-2009 Contract for Speech & Language Therapy 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 2008-2009 contract between Pocantico Hills CSD and Kirsten Lambert for the provision of Functional Speech & Language Therapy, including motor planning for communication at a rate of \$105 per 45 minute lesson.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Assistant Superintendent is hereby authorized to execute the contract for Speech & Language Therapy Services to be provided to district students with special needs for the 2008-2009 school year by Kirsten Lambert, MS CCC-SLP.

Project Lead the Way: On a motion by Vice President Katherine Yu, seconded by Trustee David Wilens and passed 4-0 the Board voted and approved the contract between Pocantico Hills Central School District and Project Lead the Way.

Project Lead the Way

Dreams for Kids Contract and National Scholastic Chess Foundation, Inc.: On a motion by Trustee David Wilens, seconded by Trustee John Conrad and passed 4-0 the Board voted and approved the contract between Pocantico Hills Central School District and Dreams for Kids for character building and the contract between Pocantico Hills Central School District and National Scholastic Chess Foundation, Inc. for a chess program by consent agenda.

NEW BUSINESS
Dreams for Kids Contract & National Scholastic Chess Foundation, Inc.

Committee on Special Education: On a motion by Trustee David Wilens, seconded by Trustee John Conrad and passed 4-0 the Board voted and approved the recommendations from the committee on Special Education as follows: Student ID #187550 and #2003685.

Committee on Special Education

Fire Safety Report: On a motion by Vice President Katherine Yu, seconded by Trustee David Wilens and passed 4-0 the Board voted and approved the following resolution:

Fire Safety Report

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Pocantico Hills Board of Education hereby accepts the Annual Fire Safety Report prepared on February 27, 2009 by Richard L. Gallagher, Code Enforcement Official.

Evaluation of District Food Service Program: On a motion by Trustee David Wilens, seconded by President Robert Balog and passed 3-1 (Vice President Katherine Yu abstained from voting), the Board approved the following resolution:

Evaluation of District Food Service Program

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 2008-2009 proposal from Lois Chait for the evaluation of the Pocantico Hills Central School District Food Service Program at a minimum cost of \$1,000 and a maximum cost of \$3,000.

Tennis Committee: On a motion by Trustee John Conrad, seconded by Vice President Katherine Yu and passed 4-0 the Board voted and approved an additional individual to the Tennis Committee, Mr. Eric Knoff.

Tennis Committee

Appointments - Stipend: On a motion by Trustee John Conrad, seconded by Trustee David Wilens and passed 4-0 the Board voted and approved the following appointments:

PERSONNEL
Appointments – Stipend

<u>Name</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Melissa Lupi	Assistant Play Director	\$3,229
Jolene Morotti	Set Director	\$1,130

Resignation:

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Name: Patricia Conlon
Title: District Treasurer
Effective Date: March 9, 2009

On a motion by Trustee David Wilens, seconded by Trustee John Conrad and passed 4-0 the Board voted and approved the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Pocantico Hills Board of Education approve the agreement dated February 25, 2009 between Patricia Conlon and the Board of Education, Pocantico Hills Central School District as attached, and Exhibit A; and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Pocantico Hills Board of Education authorizes the Board President, Mr. Robert Balog to execute the agreement dated February 25, 2009 between Patricia Conlon and the Board of Education, Pocantico Hills Central School District.

Discussion/Planning for Future Meetings: The Board would like to see the following at future meetings: an update from LCOR, update from the After School Program consultant and an update from Dr. Eddie Fergus on the Board retreat.

**DISCUSSION/
PLANNING FOR
FUTURE MEETINGS**

Adjournment to Executive Session: On a motion by Vice President Katherine Yu, seconded by Trustee John Conrad and passed 4-0 the Board moved into Executive Session at 10:10 p.m.

**ADJOURNMENT
FROM BUSINESS
MEETING TO
EXECUTIVE
SESSION**

Adjournment from Executive Session to Business Meeting: On a motion by Vice President Katherine Yu, seconded by Trustee David Wilens and passed 4-0 the Board adjourned from Executive Session to the Business Meeting at 11:30 p.m.

**ADJOURNMENT
FROM EXECUTIVE
SESSION TO
BUSINESS MEETING**

Adjournment: On a motion by Trustee David Wilens, seconded by Vice President Katherine Yu and passed 4-0 the Board adjourned the Business Meeting at 11:30 p.m.

**ADJOURNMENT
FROM BUSINESS
MEETING**

Respectfully submitted,
Gina L. Downes
District Clerk

Robert W. Balog, President

Date: _____

Gina L. Downes, District Clerk

Date: _____