

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

Discussion Meeting
Tuesday, March 24, 2009

The Discussion Meeting of the Board of Education of the Pocantico Hills Central School District was held on Tuesday, March 24, 2009 at 6:00 p.m. in the School Library, Bedford Road, Sleepy Hollow, and New York.

On a motion by Trustee John Conrad, seconded by Vice President Katherine Yu and passed 5-0 the Board opened the Executive Session at 6:00 p.m. to discuss personnel and contractual issues.

**EXECUTIVE
SESSION**

Present: Robert Balog, President
Katherine Yu, Vice President
John Conrad, Trustee
Maurice Curran, Trustee (departed at 7:00 p.m.)
David Wilens, Trustee

ROLL CALL

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

On a motion by Vice President Katherine Yu, seconded by Trustee John Conrad and passed 4-0 the Board adjourned the Executive Session at 8:05 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 Superintendent Freddie D. Smith.

**PLEDGE OF
ALLEGIANCE**

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

ROLL CALL

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

Absent: Maurice Curran, Trustee (arrived at 9:08 p.m.)

Superintendent Announcements: The following announcements were made by Superintendent Freddie D. Smith:

**SUPERINTENDENT /
BOARD
ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Reminder: The PTA will be hosting a NFL Basketball Fundraiser on Saturday, March 28 at Pace University beginning at 5:00 p.m.

Congratulations to Miss Sheila Stanton and Mr. Jerry Lucadamo for their work with our students who performed in the 52nd Annual Elementary & Intermediate All County Bank Music Festival

and Chorus Music Festival on Saturday, March 21 at S.U.N.Y. Purchase College.

Congratulations to one of our 7th grade students who won an award from the Westchester County Music Association for writing an essay on “what does my music program mean to me?”

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

SPECIAL PRESENTATION
Budget Work Session

Hearing From Those Present: Superintendent Freddie D. Smith read a statement regarding the 2009/2010 budget season. Laura Garrido made a statement on behalf of the Teacher’s Association. David Rothstein made a statement on his behalf. Community members commented on the revised 2009/2010 budget.

HEARING FROM THOSE PRESENT

Approval of Minutes: On a motion by trustee John Conrad, seconded by Vice President Katherine Yu and passed 4-0 the Board voted and approved by consent agenda the following minutes: March 7, 2009 – Budget Work Session and March 9, 2009 – Business Meeting.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES
March 7, 2009
March 9, 2009

Policy Review: The Board discussed Policy #5100 – Student Attendance and postponed the motion until the April 14 meeting.

OLD BUSINESS
Policy Review

Goals: The Board agreed to postpone this discussion for the April 14 meeting.

Goals

Policy Review: The Board reviewed Policy #1741 – Home Instruction, Policy #5020.3 – Rights of Students with Disabilities Under Section 504 and Policy #5300.40 – Disciplinary Penalties, Procedures and Referrals for a first reading. Consideration of these policies were postponed until the Board Meeting scheduled for April 14, 2009.

NEW BUSINESS
Policy Review

Appointment of Election Inspectors/Permanent Chairperson: On a motion by Trustee John Conrad, seconded by Trustee David Wilens and passed 3-1 (Katherine Yu abstained from voting) the Board voted and approved the following resolutions by consent agenda:

Appointment of Election Inspectors/
Permanent Chairperson

BE IT RESOLVED, that the following be appointed to serve as Election Inspectors for the May 19, 2009 Annual Election:

Election Inspectors:	Sharon Cincotta	\$16.64 / hour
	Sharon Rubeo	\$16.64 / hour
	Marcia Finsmith	\$16.64 / hour
	Maria Praino	\$16.64 / hour
	Kate Phillips	\$16.64 / hour
	Linda Bellucci	Included in salary

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby appoints Katherine Yu as Permanent Chairperson for the purpose of declaring the polls open/closed for the May 19, 2009 School Board Election and Budget Vote.

Briarcliff High School Tuition: The Board discussed scheduling a meeting with Briarcliff Administration and two of their Board members for the purpose of tuition rates, special education costs and contractual rates. On a motion by Trustee John Conrad, seconded by President Robert Balog and passed 5-0 the Board voted and approved the following resolution:

Briarcliff High School Tuition

BE IT RESOLVED, that the following be appointed to serve as advocates on behalf of the Board of Education for the purpose of discussing with advocates from Briarcliff High School their tuition rates, special education costs and contractual rates: Dr. Freddie D. Smith, Jay Scotto-Friedman, Trustee Maurice Curran and President Robert Balog.

Motion to have two (2) Board members engage with the two (2) bargaining units and the administration entity regarding the budget. Board representatives: David Wilens and John Conrad. The above was motioned by trustee Maurice Curran, seconded by Trustee John Conrad and passed 4-1 (Robert Balog voting against).

**MEETING WITH
POCANTIOC HILLS
BARGAINING UNITS**

On a motion by Vice President Katherine Yu, seconded by Trustee John Conrad and passed 5-0 the Board moved into Executive Session at 11:05 p.m. for personnel.

**EXECUTIVE
SESSION**

On a motion by Trustee Maurice Curran, seconded by Trustee David Wilens and passed 5-0 the Board adjourned from Executive Session at 11:15 p.m.

**ADJOURNMENT
OF EXECUTIVE
SESSION**

Appointment of District Treasurer: On a motion by Trustee Maurice Curran, seconded by Trustee David Wilens and passed 5-0 the Board approved the following appointment:

PERSONNEL
District Treasurer

Name: Jane Walter
Title: District Treasurer
Effective Date: March 25, 2009 - Statutory Meeting July 2009
Salary: \$65,000 prorated

Discussion/Planning for Future Meetings: The following are scheduled for discussion during future meetings:

**DISCUSSION/
PLANNING FOR
FUTURE MEETINGS**

1. LCOR Update
2. Update on After School Program with Dr. Margaret Olson
3. Update on Board Retreat outcome with Dr. Eddie Fergus
4. Discussion on sports (boys & girls) for 2009/2010 season

Adjournment: On a motion by Trustee Maurice Curran, seconded by Vice President Katherine Yu and passed 5-0 the Board closed the Discussion Meeting at 11:25 p.m.

**ADJOURNMENT
FROM DISCUSSION
MEETING**

Respectfully submitted,
Gina L. Downes
District Clerk

Robert W. Balog, President

Date: _____

Gina L. Downes, District Clerk

Date: _____