

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

Discussion Meeting  
Tuesday, May 26, 2009

The Discussion Meeting of the Board of Education of the Pocantico Hills Central School District was held on Tuesday, May 26 at 7:00 p.m. in the School Library, Bedford Road, Sleepy Hollow, New York.

With no objection from the Board, Vice President Katherine Yu called the Discussion Meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

**CALL TO ORDER**

On a motion by Trustee John Conrad, seconded by Trustee Maurice Curran and passed 5-0 the Board opened the Executive Session at 7:00 p.m. to discuss personnel.

**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 John Conrad, seconded by Trustee David Wilens and passed 5-0 the Board adjourned the Executive Session at 8:07 p.m.

**ADJOURNMENT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION**

With no objection from the Board, Vice President Katherine Yu called the Discussion Meeting to order at 8:11 p.m.

**CALL TO ORDER**

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

**Pledge of Allegiance:** The pledge of allegiance was led by Superintendent Freddie D. Smith.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**Correspondence:** District Clerk Gina Downes distributed a memo from WPSBA regarding their Annual Meeting, Dinner and Program being held on Thursday, June 4.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

Superintendent Freddie D. Smith read a letter from WPSBA and the Town of Greenburgh congratulating David Wilens for being re-elected to the Board of Education.

**Board/Superintendent Announcements:** Superintendent Dr. Freddie D. Smith announced the following:

**BOARD /  
SUPERINTENDENT  
ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Thank you to all those who attended the Memorial Day Parade on Monday. It was a great success.

Dr. Smith read a letter to the Board and Community thanking them for passing the 2009-2010 school budget.

Elizabeth Cai (former Pocantico student/current Briarcliff High School student) has been selected to receive the Lower Hudson Council of School Superintendent's scholastic achievement award.

Dr. Smith read e-mails from parents to the staff thanking them for volunteering their time next year to keep the 9<sup>th</sup> period ELO classes in session for the students.

President Robert Balog thanked Assistant Superintendent Jay Scotto-Friedman and Superintendent Fred Smith for developing a budget the community approved of.

Vice President Katherine Yu thanked the PTA for their involvement in the Awards Dinner.

**Hearing from those Present:** A community member expressed concern about the camp being advertised as a 6-week program when in reality the camp is only 5 weeks and 2 days this year.

**HEARING FROM  
THOSE PRESENT**

**Approval of Minutes:** On a motion by Trustee John Conrad, seconded by Trustee David Wilens and passed unanimously 5-0 the Board voted and approved the Special Meeting minutes of May 6, 2009 and Business Meeting minutes of May 11, 2009.

**APPROVAL OF  
MINUTES  
May 6, 2009  
May 11, 2009**

**Financial Reports:** On a motion by Trustee John Conrad, seconded by Trustee Maurice Curran and passed unanimously 5-0 the Board voted and approved by consent agenda the following financial reports: Treasurer's Report – April 2009 and Warrant Report #10.

**FINANCIAL  
REPORTS  
Treasurer's Report –  
April 2009  
Warrant Report #10**

**Camp Schedule:** On a motion by Trustee John Conrad, seconded by Trustee Maurice Curran and passed unanimously 5-0 the Board voted and approved the following schedule for the first week of camp season 2009: Camp begins on Tuesday, June 30 through and including Friday, July 3, 2009.

**OLD BUSINESS  
Camp Schedule**

**Attendance for the Last Week of School:** On a motion by Trustee Maurice Curran, seconded by Trustee David Wilens and passed 4-1 (President Robert Balog voted against), the Board voted and approved the following schedule for the last week of school in June: Monday, June 22 and Tuesday, June 23 are full days and Wednesday, June 24 and Thursday, June 25 dismissal at 11:30 a.m.

**Last Week of School  
Schedule**

**Policy Review:** On a motion by Trustee John Conrad, seconded by Trustee David Wilens and passed unanimously 5-0 the Board voted and approved the following policies by consent agenda:

**Policy Review**

Policy #5100 – Student Attendance

Policy #1741 – Home Instruction

Policy #5020.3 – Rights of Students with Disabilities Under Section 504

Policy #5300.40 – Disciplinary Penalties, Procedures and Referrals

**Goals:** On a motion by Trustee David Wilens, seconded by Trustee Maurice Curran and passed unanimously 5-0 the Board voted and approved the 2008-2009 Goals for the Pocantico Hills

**Goals**

**Results of the Annual Election:** On a motion by Trustee John Conrad, seconded by Trustee Maurice Curran and passed unanimously 5-0 the Board voted and approved the follow resolution:

**NEW BUSINESS**  
Results of the Annual Election

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education of the Pocantico Hills CSD hereby declares the results of the May 19, 2009 Annual Election to be as follows:

**2009-2010 BUDGET**

Shall the Board of Education of this school district be authorized to expend the sums set forth in the proposed 2009-2010 Annual Budget in the amount of \$23,537,757 and to levy the necessary tax therefore?

**Yes 175                      No 103**

**PURCHASE OF BUSES**

Shall the proposition set forth in the notice of this meeting authorizing the purchase of two (2) approximately 20 passenger buses at an estimated cost not to exceed \$92,000, and that the maximum estimated cost of the foregoing, or so much thereof as may be necessary, shall be raised by the levy of a tax upon the taxable property of said school district and collected in annual installments as provided by Section 416 of the Education Law; and, in anticipation of such tax, obligations of said School District shall be issued?

**Yes 176                      No 99**

**CANDIDATE FOR THE BOARD OF EDUCATION:**

The Election of One (1) Board of Education member will take place at the same time as the vote on the school budget. Board of Education member to be elected as follows: One seat for the term of three years commencing July 1, 2009 and terminating on June 30, 2012.

**David Wilens 175**

**Donation:** 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:

Donation

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Pocantico Hills Board of Education accept a donation of six hard cover books and five soft cover books from Mr. Todd Shapera valued at a total of \$23.00.

**Contract for Educational Services:** 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:

Contract for Educational 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 for Educational Services with the Pleasantville UFSD to provide CSE services for one student for an annual sum of \$5,000.00 as per the attached agreement.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Assistant Superintendent is hereby authorized to execute the contract for Educational Services for the 2008-09 school between the Pleasantville Union Free School District, and the Pocantico Hills Central School District.

**Visitor Fees – Swimming Pool:** On a motion by Trustee David Wilens, seconded by Trustee John Conrad and passed 4-1 (Trustee Maurice Curran voted No) the Board voted and approved the following resolution:

Visitor Fees – Swimming Pool

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that it is hereby moved that the Board of Education of the Pocantico Hills Central School District establishes the daily fees for use of the swimming pool by non-residents of the Pocantico Hills Central School District at \$5.00 per day.

**Appointment:** On a motion by Trustee Maurice Curran, seconded by Trustee John Conrad and passed unanimously 5-0 the Board voted and approved the following two swim team coach appointments:

**PERSONNEL**  
Appointment

Name: Virginia Sabens  
Effective Date: May 27 – August 31, 2009  
Rate: \$4,200  
Title: Swim Team Coach

Name: Sarah O’Laughlin  
Effective Date: May 27 – August 31, 2009  
Rate: \$4,200  
Title: Swim Team Coach

**Leave Replacement:** On a motion by Trustee David Wilens, seconded by President Robert Balog and passed 3-2 (Trustee John Conrad and Trustee Maurice Curran voted No) the Board voted and approved the following leave replacement:

Leave Replacement

Name: Donna Eaker  
Term: May 26, 2009 – June 18, 2009  
Rate: \$517.86 / day  
Title: Leave Replacement for Michelle Fitzpatrick

**Salary/Benefit Adjustment:** The Board has postponed this agenda item to be revisited in the near future.

Salary/Benefit  
Adjustment

**Discussion/Planning for Future Meetings:** The following are discussion items for future meetings:

**DISCUSSION /  
PLANNING FOR  
FUTURE MEETINGS**

LCOR Update – waiting to hear from LCOR.  
Update on After School Program with Dr. Margaret Olson – scheduled for Monday, June 8.  
Update on Board Retreat with Dr. Eddie Fergus – scheduled for Monday, June 8.  
Joe Tola to present on construction progress – scheduled for Monday, June 8.  
Look into dates for the 2009-2010 Board Retreat in July.

**Adjournment:** On a motion by Trustee Maurice Curran, seconded by Trustee John Conrad and passed unanimously the Board adjourned the Discussion Meeting at 9:45 p.m.

**ADJOURNMENT  
FROM DISCUSSION  
MEETING**

**Convene to Executive Session:** On a motion by Trustee Maurice Curran, seconded by Trustee John Conrad and passed unanimously 5-0 the Board moved to Executive Session at 9:47 p.m. to discuss personnel.

**CONVENE TO  
EXECUTIVE  
SESSION**

**Adjournment from Executive Session:** On a motion by Trustee Maurice Curran, seconded by Trustee David Wilens and passed unanimously 5-0 the Board adjourned the Executive Session at 10:20 p.m.

**ADJOURNMENT  
FROM EXECUTIVE  
SESSION**

**Adjournment from Discussion Meeting:** With no objection from the Board Vice President Katherine Yu adjourned the Discussion meeting at 10:20 p.m.

**ADJOURNMENT  
FROM DISCUSSION**

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Katherine Yu, Vice President

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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Gina L. Downes, District Clerk

Date: \_\_\_\_\_