

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

Business Meeting
Monday, June 8, 2009

The Business Meeting of the Board of Education of the Pocantico Hills Central School District was held on Monday, June 8 at 6:30 p.m. in the School Library, Bedford Road, Sleepy Hollow, New York.

With no objection from the Board, President Robert Balog called the Business Meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. **CALL TO ORDER**

On a motion by Vice President Katherine Yu, seconded by Trustee John Conrad and passed 5-0 the Board convened to Executive Session at 6:30 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
Anna Scricca

On a motion by Trustee John Conrad, seconded by Trustee Maurice Curran and passed 5-0 the Board adjourned the Executive Session at 7:56 p.m. **ADJOURNMENT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION**

With no objection from the Board, President Robert Balog called the Business Meeting to order at 8:10 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: Superintendent Dr. Freddie Smith read a letter from a community member thanking the Board for their hard work this past year. **CORRESPONDENCE**

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

**BOARD /
SUPERINTENDENT
ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Reminder: Sports Awards Night will be held on Wednesday, June 10 at 7:00 p.m. in the Cafeteria.

Reminder: Capital Project Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, June 16 at 10:00 a.m. in the Conference room in the Main Office.

Reminder: Volunteer Appreciation Assembly will be held on Friday, June 12 beginning at 8:00 a.m. in the cafeteria.

Dr. Smith read an e-mail from an 8th grade parent thanking the chaperone's for their supervision of her daughter on the 8th grade trip.

Dr. Smith thanked everyone once again for their help and participation in the Middle School Awards Dinner that was held on Wednesday, May 20, 2009.

After School Program: Dr. Margaret Olson presented the Board with her evaluation and recommendation for the After School Program. On a motion by Trustee Maurice Curran, seconded by Trustee David Wilens and passed unanimously 5-0 the Board voted and accepted Dr. Olson's report on the After School Program.

**SPECIAL
PRESENTATION**
After School
Program

Board Retreat Update: Dr. Eddie Fergus presented the Board with his findings of his facilitation of the October 2008 Board Retreat. On a motion by Trustee John Conrad, seconded by Trustee David Wilens and passed unanimously 5-0 the Board voted and accepted Dr. Fergus' findings of his facilitation of the October 2008 Board Retreat.

Board Retreat
Update

Hearing from those Present: A community member expressed an interest in having Saturday reading and math programs for the children of the district.

**HEARING FROM
THOSE PRESENT**

A community member wished to discuss her request for transportation for her child who is attending a private school.

Approval of Minutes: On a motion by Vice President Katherine Yu, seconded by Trustee John Conrad and passed unanimously 5-0 the Board voted and approved the May 26, 2009 Discussion Meeting minutes.

**APPROVAL OF
MINUTES**
May 26, 2009

Policy Review: The Board had a first reading on new/revised policies from NYSSBA. Policy #9520.2 – Family and Medical Leave; #9520.2-R – Family and Medical Leave Regulation; #1225 – Relationship with Local Education Foundation; #5500 – Student Records; #5500-R – Student Records Regulation; #5500-E – Family Educational Rights and Privacy ACT (FERPA) Notice Regarding Access to Student Records and Student Information; #5500-E.3 – Sample Notification – Disclosure to the Military; #8414.6 – Idling Prohibition for Buses and Other School Vehicles; #5152 – Admission of Non-Resident Students.

NEW BUSINESS
Policy Review

Property Tax Levy: On a motion by Trustee Maurice Curran, seconded by Trustee John Conrad and passed unanimously 5-0 the following resolution was voted approved by roll call vote:

Property Tax Levy

BE IT RESOLVED, that it is hereby moved that the budget for the school year commencing July 1, 2009 in the amount of \$23,537,757 be adopted; that the sums as set forth in the forms of budget heretofore submitted by the Superintendent be appropriated; that the taxes in the amount of \$18,128,139 be levied therefore; that the Board members be authorized to execute a warrant

therefore, and that the warrant be delivered to Town authorities

The major budget categories and their respective amounts are listed below:

General Support	\$ 2,486,718
Instructional	\$14,999,773
Pupil Transportation	\$ 1,301,918
Community Services	\$ 504,429
Undistributed Expenses	
Benefits	\$2,759,371
Debt Service	\$1,390,548
Transfers to	
Other Funds	\$ 95,000
	<u>\$ 4,244,919</u>
Total General Fund Appropriation	\$23,537,757

The Board of Education anticipates total revenues, other than Real Property Taxes of \$4,576,947 including: Estimated State Aid of \$3,703,845, and other income of \$873,102. All unexpended surplus funds in the custody of the Board, except as noted otherwise, authorized or required by law, have been applied in determining the tax levy. A total of \$832,672 of unexpended surplus funds has been applied in determining the tax levy. The amount to be raised by taxes on the Real Property of this School District is \$18,128,139.

Robert Balog, President	YES
Katherine Yu, Vice President	YES
Maurice Curran, Trustee	YES
John Conrad, Trustee	YES
David Wilens, Trustee	YES

Contract for Educational Services: On a motion by Trustee David Wilens, seconded by Trustee John Conrad 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 between Pocantico Hills CSD and the Saint Vincent Catholic Medical Centers for the provision of Educational Services at the rate of \$30.00 per hour, not to exceed 10 hours per week.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Assistant Superintendent is hereby authorized to execute the contract for Education Services for the 2008-09 school between the Saint Vincent Catholic Medical Centers and the Pocantico Hills Central School District.

Committee on Special Education: On a motion by Trustee Maurice Curran, seconded by Trustee John Conrad and passed 4-1-0 (Trustee David Wilens abstained from voting) voted and approved the recommendations from the committee on special education. Committee on Special Education

Rescission of Appointment – Summer Camp: On a motion by Trustee Maurice Curran, seconded by Vice President Katherine Yu and passed 4-0-1 (Trustee David Wilens voted No), the Board voted and approved the following rescission of appointment for summer camp: PERSONNEL Rescission of Appointment – Summer Camp

5th Grade – Head Counselor Colin O’Hagen \$2,900

ELO – Spring 2008-2009 Appointment: This was postponed to the June 22, 2009 Board of Education Meeting. ELO – Spring 2008-2009 Appointment

Appointment of Snack Bar Attendant: On a motion by Trustee John Conrad, seconded by Trustee David Wilens and passed unanimously 5-0 the Board voted and approved the following appointment:

Appointment of Day Camp Salaries

Assistant Head Counselor – Fun Factory – Noelle Kim \$900

Appointment of Snack Bar Attendant: On a motion by Trustee Maurice Curran, seconded by Trustee David Wilens and passed unanimously 5-0 the Board voted and approved the following appointment:

Appointment of Snack Bar Attendant

Name: Peter Kringas
Rate: \$2,600
Term: July 1, 2009 – June 30, 2010
Title: Snack Bar Attendant

Appointment for Home Instruction: On a motion by Trustee John Conrad, seconded by Trustee Maurice Curran passed unanimously 5-0 the Board voted and approved the following appointment:

Appointment for Home Instruction

Name: Bianca Mollicone
Rate: \$60.00/hour
Effective Date: May 25, 2009 – June 30, 2009

Denial of clearance or conditional clearance from the Commissioner of Education shall result in immediate termination of employment for the above named appointments.

The above named employee is requested to perform home instruction for a student with special needs for two hours per day through the end of the current school year.

Salary/Benefit Adjustment: The Board has postponed this agenda item to the June 22, 2009 Board meeting.

Salary/Benefit Adjustment

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

DISCUSSION / PLANNING FOR FUTURE MEETINGS

Reorganization Meeting – Tuesday, July 7, 2009
Update on Capital Project (Joe Tola) – scheduled for June 22, 2009
July date for the 2009-2010 Board Retreat
LCOR Update

Adjournment: On a motion by Trustee Maurice Curran, seconded by Vice President Katherine Yu and passed unanimously 5-0 the Board convened to Executive Session at 10:05 p.m. to discuss personnel.

ADJOURNMENT TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

Adjournment from Executive Session: On a motion by Trustee David Wilens, seconded by Vice President Katherine Yu and passed unanimously 5-0 the Board adjourned the Executive Session at 11:45 p.m..

ADJOURNMENT FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION

Adjournment from Discussion Meeting: With no objection from the Board President Robert Balog adjourned the Business meeting at 11:46 p.m.

**ADJOURNMENT
FROM BUSINESS
MEETING**

Respectfully submitted,

Robert Balog, President

Date: _____

Gina L. Downes, District Clerk

Date: _____