

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

Discussion Meeting
Monday, June 22, 2009

The Business Meeting of the Board of Education of the Pocantico Hills Central School District was held on Monday, June 22 at 6:35 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 6:35 p.m. **CALL TO ORDER**

On a motion by Vice President Katherine Yu, seconded by Trustee Maurice Curran and passed 5-0 the Board convened to Executive Session at 6:35 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**

On a motion by Trustee John Conrad, seconded by Trustee David Wilens and passed 5-0 the Board adjourned the Executive Session at 8:01 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: There was no correspondence. **CORRESPONDENCE**

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

The Briarcliff High School graduation was attended by Dr. Smith, Board President Robert Balog, Board Vice President Katherine Yu and Trustee David Wilens. Elizabeth Cai, former Pocantico graduate, and Salutatorian made a wonderful speech about her family and the importance of education.

Former Pocantico Hills Student Danny Collins will be the Briarcliff High School Student Body President next year at Briarcliff High School and former Pocantico Hills student Michael Phillips will be the Student Body President next year at Pleasantville High School.

Ariel Trapp has been awarded the Women's Club Award for 2009.

Dr. Smith read an e-mail from a parent thanking the 6th grade teachers, Laura Garrido and James Cioffi, for a job well done.

President Robert Balog complimented the students and teachers on producing another excellent edition of "Patchwork".

President Robert Balog announced the 8th grade graduation will be on Wednesday, June 24 at 7:00 p.m.

President Robert Balog announced that this will be his last meeting as Board President and said it has been an honor to serve the Board and the community for the last two years as the President.

Donation: On a motion by Vice President Katherine Yu, seconded by Trustee David Wilens and passed unanimously 5-0 the Board voted and approved the following resolution:

NEW BUSINESS
Donation

BE IT RESOLVED, THAT the Pocantico Hills Board of Education accept a donation of a crab apple tree with an approximate retail value of \$245, for planting on the grounds of the Pocantico Hills Central School district on behalf of the Class of 2009's 8th grade class.

BE IT RESOLVED, THAT the Pocantico Hills Board of Education accept a donation of three copies each of the following books retail valued at \$255 on behalf of the Class of 2009's 8th grade class.

The Giving Tree, by Shel Silverstein
The Seasons of Arnold's Apple Tree, by Gail Gibbons
The Lorax, by Dr. Seuss
A Tree is Nice, by Janice May Udry

TSTT Award: Dr. Bettye Perkins of Today's Students Tomorrow's Teachers presented Pocantico with a plaque to honor the district's leadership and commitment to TSTT.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION
TSTT Award

Capital Project Update: Mr. Joe Tola, of Savin Engineers, presented the Board with a report on the current status of the capital project.

Capital Project Update

Hearing from those Present: A community member asked what actions the District will be taking to ensure the safety and security for the children during the construction project.

HEARING FROM THOSE PRESENT

Approval of Minutes: On a motion by Trustee John Conrad, seconded by Vice President Katherine Yu and passed unanimously 5-0 the Board voted and approved the following Board minutes by consent Agenda:

APPROVAL OF MINUTES
June 2, 2009
June 8, 2009
June 16, 2009

June 2, 2009 – Special Meeting
June 8, 2009 – Business Meeting
June 16, 2009 – Special Meeting

Policy Review: The Board had a second 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.

OLD BUSINESS
Policy Review

Annual Meeting: On a motion by Vice President Katherine Yu, seconded by Trustee John Conrad and passed unanimously 5-0 the Board voted approved the following resolution:

NEW BUSINESS
Annual Meeting

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby adopts Wednesday, July 8, 2009 as the 2009-2010 Re-Organization Meeting.

Memorandum of Agreement: On a motion by Trustee David Wilens, seconded by Trustee Maurice Curran and passed unanimously 5-0 the Board voted and approved the following resolution:

Memorandum of Agreement

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Pocantico Hills Board of Education approve the attached Memorandum of Agreement amending the 2007-2010 agreement between the Pocantico Hills Teachers Association and the Pocantico Hills Board of Education offering an early retirement incentive effective through June 30, 2009.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Education authorizes the Superintendent Dr. Freddie Smith to execute the Memorandum of Agreement on behalf of the Board of Education.

Software and Hardware Support Services: On a motion by Trustee Maurice Curran, seconded by Vice President Katherine Yu and passed unanimously 5-0 the Board voted and approved the following resolution:

Software and Hardware Support Services

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Pocantico Hills Central School District will participate in the above services during 2009-2010 to the extent indicated. The Board of Education agrees to pay Broome-Tioga BOCES the charges identified on the base contract according to the following schedule:

- 8 equal payments
- Beginning: October 1, 2009
- Ending: May 1, 2010

Also be it resolved that payments on supplemental contracts will be implemented by the District in consonance with the payment schedule stipulated on the contract.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the District Clerk, Gina L. Downes, is hereby authorized to execute the contract for software and hardware support services between the Broome Tioga BOCES and the Pocantico Hills Central School District.

Settlement of Tax Certiorari Claims: This item has been postponed until the next meeting.

Settlement of Tax Certiorari Claims

Committee on Special Education: On a motion by Trustee Maurice Curran, and Vice President Katherine Yu and passed unanimously 5-0 the Board voted and approved the following recommendations from the Committee on Special Education: Student ID #12436; Student ID #12538; Student ID #0012559; Student ID #2003873; Student ID #2003655; Student ID

Committee on Special Education

#2003855; Student ID #0012566; Student ID #0012558; Student ID #2003687; Student ID #2003587; Student ID #1214; Student ID #12503; Student ID #2003449; Student ID #0012562; Student ID #2003746; Student ID #2003620; Student ID #12458; Student ID #12541; Student ID #0012565; Student ID #0012555; Student ID #12449; Student ID #12473; Student ID #2003677; Student ID #002003680; Student ID #2003791; Student ID #2003726; Student ID #2003638; Student ID #12454; Student ID #2003649; Student ID #0012571; Student ID #2003685; Student ID #187587; Student ID #2003779; and Student ID #2037.

Board Retreat: The date of the Board retreat was approved for Wednesday, July 15 and Thursday, July 16 from 6:00 – 10:00 p.m. The location has yet to be determined. Board Retreat

Summer Day Camp Rescission of Appointments: On a motion by Trustee John Conrad, seconded by Trustee David Wilens and passed unanimously 5-0 the Board voted and approved the following summer day camp rescission of appointments: PERSONNEL Summer Day Camp Rescission of Appointments

Kindergarten B Head Counselor Jeff Chanin	\$2,987
Junior Counselor Teens Adrian Bonvento	\$1,400
Junior Counselor 1 st Grade B Sonia George	\$1,000

The above named employees were appointed by the Board of Education on May 11, 2009.

Appointment of Day Camp Salaries: On a motion by Trustee Maurice Curran, seconded by Vice President Katherine Yu and passed unanimously 5-0 the Board voted and approved the following appointment of day camp salaries: Appointment of Day Camp Salaries

Head Counselor 5 th Grade Stephanie Rudner	\$2,200
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Denial of clearance or conditional clearance from the Commissioner of Education shall result in immediate termination of employment for the above named appointments.

Extension of Probationary Period: On a motion by Trustee David Wilens, seconded by Trustee John Conrad and passed unanimously 5-0 the Board voted and approved the following extension of probationary period: Extension of Probationary Period

BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools and pursuant to a letter requested dated June 11, 2009; the probationary appointment of the professional staff member named in such request is hereby extended upon the terms and conditions and for the periods of time specifically contained therein.

Abolishment of Position: On a motion by Trustee John Conrad, seconded by Vice President Katherine Yu and passed unanimously 5-0 the Board voted and approved the following abolishment of position: Abolishment of Position

BE IT RESOLVED that the Pocantico Hills Central School District hereby abolishes one .5 FTE teacher of Technology (Industrial Arts) effective June 30, 2009.

Termination: On a motion by Trustee David Wilens, seconded by Trustee Maurice Curran and passed unanimously 5-0 the Board voted and approved the following termination: Termination

Name:	Jeffrey Chanin
Effective Date:	June 30, 2009
Title:	Director of After School Program

Resignation for Purposes of Retirement: On a motion by Vice President Katherine Yu, seconded by Trustee Maurice Curran and passed unanimously 5-0 the Board voted and approved the resignation for purposes of retirement:

Resignation for
Purposes of
Retirement

Name: Maryellen Almeida
Effective Date: June 30, 2009
Title: Elementary Teacher

Summer Reading/Math Program: On a motion by Trustee Maurice Curran and seconded by Vice President Katherine Yu and passed unanimously 5-0 the Board voted and approved the Summer Reading/Math Program as follows:

Summer Reading/
Math Program

Name: Lory Rollman
Effective Date: June 30, 2009
Title: Summer Reading/Math Program
Rate: \$4,453

Name: Deoborah O'Neill
Effective Date: June 30, 2009
Title: Summer Reading/Math Program
Rate: \$4,453

Summer Curriculum Work: On a motion by Vice President Katherine Yu, seconded by Trustee Maurice Curran and passed unanimously 5-0 the Board voted and approved the Summer Curriculum Work as follows:

Summer Curriculum
Work

Name: Nicole Marples
Effective Date: June 30, 2009
Title: Curriculum Work (3 days per week/5 hours per day/5 weeks)
Rate: \$2,700

Salary/Benefit Adjustment: On a motion by Vice President Katherine Yu, seconded by Trustee Maurice Curran and passed unanimously 5-0 the Board voted and approved the salary/benefit adjustment as follows:

Salary/Benefit
Adjustment

Name: Jay Scotto-Friedman
Rate: \$172,100
Effective Date: July 1, 2009

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board President is authorized to execute the Fourth amendment dated June 22, 2009 amending the November 1, 2005 agreement between the Pocantico Hills CSD and Jay Scotto-Friedman.

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

**DISCUSSION /
PLANNING FOR
FUTURE MEETINGS**

LCOR Update

Adjournment from Discussion Meeting: On a motion by Vice President Katherine Yu, seconded by Trustee David Wilens and passed unanimously 5-0 the Board adjourned from the Discussion Meeting at 9:50 p.m.

**ADJOURNMENT
FROM DISCUSSION
MEETING**

Respectfully submitted,

Katherine Yu, School Board President

Date: _____

Gina L. Downes, District Clerk

Date: _____