

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

Discussion Meeting
Monday, August 24, 2009

The Discussion Meeting of the Board of Education of the Pocantico Hills Central School District was held on Monday, August 24 at 7:08 p.m. in the school Library, Bedford Road, Sleepy Hollow, New York.

With no objection from the Board, President Katherine Yu opened the Discussion Meeting at 7:08 p.m.

**DISCUSSION MEETING –
CALL TO ORDER**

On a motion by Trustee Robert Balog and seconded by Trustee John Conrad the Board of Education moved to Executive Session at 7:08 p.m. to discuss Litigation and Personnel. The motion was passed unanimously (5-0).

EXECUTIVE SESSION

On a motion by Trustee Robert Balog and seconded by Trustee Maurice Curran the Board of Education adjourned the Executive Session at 8:10 p.m. The motion was passed unanimously (5-0).

**ADJOURNMENT FROM
EXECUTIVE SESSION**

With no objection from the Board, President Katherine Yu opened the Discussion Meeting at 8:15 p.m.

DISCUSSION MEETING

Pledge of Allegiance: The Pledge of Allegiance was conducted by Superintendent Dr. Freddie D. Smith.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Present: Katherine Yu, President
David Wilens, Vice President
Robert Balog, Trustee
John Conrad, Trustee
Maurice Curran, Trustee
(arrived meeting at 7:15 pm departed meeting at 11:05 pm)

ROLL CALL

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

Absent: Gina L. Downes, District Clerk

President Katherine Yu stated that there was a change to the procedures for “Hearing From Those Present”. Each community member who wishes to speak will step up to the podium, state their name and address and then state their comment and speak for no more than three minutes.

**HEARING FROM THOSE
PRESENT**

There was no correspondence.

CORRESPONDENCE

Superintendent Freddie D. Smith gave a brief camp update.

**BOARD /
SUPERINTENDENT
ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Superintendent Freddie D. Smith announced that the calendars were mailed and will arrive in the homes shortly.
Superintendent Freddie D. Smith read a letter received from the Class of

1963 thanking the Board and the school for their hospitality for their reunion.

Video Taping of BOE Meetings: Sunny McClean, of Community Media on Hudson, discussed the possibility of video taping Board meetings, as well as other media for the school.

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS
Video Taping of BOE Meetings

School Achievement & Instructional Leadership: Superintendent Freddie D. Smith, Principal Stanley Steele and Adam Brown gave a presentation on school achievement and instructional leadership.

School Achievement &
Instructional Leadership

Mentoring Program: Principal Stanley Steele and Lory Rollman discussed the Mentoring Program offered for new teachers.

Mentoring Program

High School Selection: Superintendent Freddie D. Smith, Assistant Superintendent Jay Scotto-Friedman and Principal Stanley Steele discussed the high school selection process.

High School Selection

Approval of Minutes: On a motion by Trustee John Conrad, seconded by Trustee Robert Balog the Board voted and approved the following meeting minutes by consent agenda. The motion was passed unanimously (5-0).

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Regular Meeting – July 8, 2009
Re-Organization Meeting – July 8, 2009
Board Retreat – August 5, 2009
Board Retreat – August 6, 2009

On a motion by Trustee Robert Balog, seconded by Vice President David Wilens the Board voted and approved the following financial reports by consent agenda. The motion was passed unanimously (5-0).

FINANCIAL REPORTS

Treasurer's Report – June 2009
Warrant Report #11 & 12

Policy Review: On a motion by Vice President David Wilens, seconded by Trustee Robert Balog the Board voted and approved Policy #9520.2 (Family & Medical Leave). The motion was passed unanimously (5-0).

OLD BUSINESS
Policy Review

On a motion by Trustee John Conrad, seconded by Vice President David Wilens the Board voted and approved Policy #9520.2R (Family & Medical Leave Regulation). The motion was passed unanimously (5-0).

On a motion by Trustee Robert Balog, seconded by Vice President David Wilens the Board voted and approved Policy #1225 (Relationship with Local Education Foundation). The motion was passed unanimously (5-0).

On a motion by Trustee John Conrad, seconded by Vice President David Wilens the Board voted and approved Policy #5500 (Student Records). The motion was passed unanimously (5-0).

On a motion by Trustee Robert Balog, seconded by Trustee John Conrad the Board voted and approved Policy #5500-R (Student Records Regulation). The motion was passed unanimously (5-0).

On a motion by Trustee Robert Balog, seconded by Vice President David Wilens the Board voted and approved Policy #5500-E.1 (Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act <FERPA> Notice Regarding Access to Student Records and Student Information). The motion was passed unanimously (5-0).

On a motion by Trustee Robert Balog, seconded by Vice President David Wilens the Board voted and approved Policy #5500-E.2 (Sample Form). The motion was passed unanimously (5-0).

On a motion by Trustee Robert Balog, seconded by Trustee John Conrad and the Board voted and approved Policy #5500-E.3 (Sample Notification – Disclosure to the Military). The motion was passed unanimously (5-0).

On a motion by Vice President David Wilens, seconded by Trustee John Conrad the Board voted and approved Policy #8414.6 (Idling Prohibition for Buses and Other School Vehicles). The motion was passed unanimously (5-0).

On a motion by Trustee Robert Balog. No second motion. Policy #5152 (Admission of Non-Resident Students) failed due to no second motion.

Pool Hours Extension

Pool Hours Extension: On a motion by Vice President David Wilens, seconded by Trustee Robert Balog the Board voted and approved the pool be opened on Friday, September 4 between the hours of 3:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. (or dusk). The motion passed unanimously (5-0).

After School Program

After School Program: On a motion by Trustee John Conrad, seconded by Vice President David Wilens the Board accepted the report from Dr. Margaret Olson regarding the changes to the After School Program. The motion was passed unanimously (5-0).

Liaison for Homeless Students: On a motion by Trustee Robert Balog, seconded by Vice President David Wilens the Board voted and approved the following resolution. The motion passed unanimously (5-0).

NEW BUSINESS

Liaison for Homeless Students

BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the Pocantico Hills Board of Education hereby designates Stanley Steele as the Pocantico Hills Central School District Liaison for Homeless Students for the 2009-2010 school year.

WIHD: On a motion by Trustee Robert Balog, seconded by Trustee John Conrad the Board voted and approved the following resolution. The motion passed unanimously (5-0).

WIHD

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 attached contract dated July 15, 2009 between the Westchester Institute for Human Development and the Pocantico Hills Central School District.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Assistant Superintendent is hereby authorized to execute the contract dated July 15, 2009 between the

Westchester Institute for Human Development and the Pocantico Hills Central School District.

Agreement and Release: On a motion by Trustee Robert Balog, seconded by Trustee John Conrad the Board voted and approved the following resolution. The motion was passed unanimously (5-0). Agreement and Release

BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the President of the Board of Education is authorized to enter into an Agreement resolving a request for an impartial hearing filed on behalf of a student dated September 2009.

Chess Program: On a motion by Trustee Robert Balog, seconded by Trustee John Conrad the Board voted and approved the following resolution. The motion was passed unanimously (5-0). Chess 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 attached 2009-10 contract between Pocantico Hills CSD and the National Scholastic Chess Foundation, Inc. for a chess Program at the rate of \$125.00 per class for 30 sessions.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Superintendent is hereby authorized to execute the contract for a chess program between the national Scholastic Chess foundation, Inc and the Pocantico Hills Central School District.

Pleasantville Merger: On a motion by Trustee Robert Balog, seconded by Vice President David Wilens the Board voted and approved the following resolution. The motion was passed unanimously (5-0). Pleasantville Merger

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Pocantico Hills Board of Education approve the modified girls soccer merger between the Pleasantville Union Free School District and Pocantico Hills Central School District for the 2009/10 school year.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Superintendent is hereby authorized to execute the letter of intent for the girls soccer merger between the Pleasantville Union Free School District and the Pocantico Hills Central School District for the 2009/10 school year.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Pocantico Hills Board of Education specifically authorizes the transportation of Pleasantville Union Free School District students participating in the 2009-2010 girls soccer merger.

Donation: On a motion by Vice President David Wilens, seconded by Trustee Robert Balog the Board voted and approved the following resolution. The motion was passed unanimously (5-0). Donation

BE IT RESOLVED THAT, pursuant to School Board Policy #6225 the Pocantico Hills Board of Education accept a donation of \$3,000 donated by the Pocantico Hills PTA for use by the Pocantico Hills Central School District toward the purchase of an ID Badge system.

Committee on Special Education: On a motion by Trustee John Conrad, seconded by Trustee Robert Balog the Board voted and approved the following recommendations from the Committee on Special Education. The motion passed unanimously (5-0).

Committee on Special Education

Student ID# 2003789, Student ID #12441, Student ID #12549, Student ID #0012567, Student ID #2003840, Student ID #187556, and Student ID #12436.

Middle School Awards Dinner: The following has been postponed to the September 14, 2009 Board of Education meeting.

Middle School Awards Dinner

Milk Bid: On a motion by Trustee Robert Balog, seconded by Trustee John Conrad the Board voted and approved the following resolution. The motion passed unanimously (5-0).

Milk Bid

BE IT RESOLVED, that it is hereby moved that the Pocantico Hills Central School District Board of Education hereby award the bid to supply and deliver milk for the period September 1, 2009 through June 30, 2010 to the lowest responsible bidder, Diamond Dairy, Inc. - 97 North Water Street – Ossining - New York - 10562, in accordance with the specifications stipulated by Pocantico Hills CSD as follows:

ITEM	UNIT	BID
White Milk	½ pint	\$.2012
Choc. Milk	½ pint	\$.2020
Skim Milk	½ pint	\$.2001
1% Milk	½ pint	\$.1956
Straw. Milk	½ pint	\$.2013

Cooperative Bidding Resolution: On a motion by Trustee Robert Balog, seconded by Vice President David Wilens the Board voted and approved the following resolution. The motion was passed unanimously (5-0).

Cooperative Bidding Resolution

WHEREAS, it is the plan of a number of PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICTS, OTHE BOCES ORGANIZATIONS, AND THE Monroe 2-Orleans BOCES (the “BOCES”) during the 2009-2010 school year to bid jointly for the purchase of various types of computers and technology commodities (“the Commodities”); and

WHEREAS, the Pocantico Hills Central School District (“the School District”) is desirous of participating in the joint bidding of the Commodities, as authorized by General Municipal Law, Article 5-G; and

BE IT RESOLVED, THAT THE Board of Education hereby appoints the superintendent or designee to represent it in all matters related above; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that in accordance with Cooperative Bid Procedures the Board of Education agrees to award bid item purchases according to the recommendations of the BOCES if such award is in the

best interest of the school district.

CERTIFICATION OF DISTRICT CLERK

I, Gina L. Downes, District Clerk of the aforementioned School District, hereby certify that the above resolution was adopted by the required majority vote of the Board of Education at its meeting held on August 24, 2009, and have attached a copy of such resolution.

School Breakfast Program Exemption: On a motion by Vice President David Wilens, seconded by Trustee Robert Balog the Board voted and approved the following resolution. The motion passed 4 yes and 1 no (Trustee John Conrad).

School Breakfast Program Exemption

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Pocantico Hills Board of Education hereby authorizes the request for an exemption to provide a school breakfast program due to a lack of participation.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Pocantico Hills Board of Education authorizes the School Board President, Mrs. Katherine Yu, to execute the exemption request.

2010-2011 Summer Camp Program: The following has been postponed to the September 14, 2009 Board of Education Meeting.

2010-2011 Summer Camp Program

School Leadership LLC: On a motion by Trustee Robert Balog, seconded by Vice President David Wilens the Board voted and approved the consultant work completed by School Leadership LLC in the amount of \$3,500. School Leadership LLC will follow up with the Board of Education in November of 2009 for a wrap-up of their work.

School Leadership LLC

Summer Custodians: On a motion by Trustee John Conrad, seconded by Vice President David Wilens the Board voted and approved the following custodians for summer work. The motion was passed unanimously (5-0).

PERSONNEL
Summer Custodians

Name:

- Albie Abraham
- Alan Cervantes
- Alba DeLeon
- Doris Jenkins
- Aurelia Matos
- Kelly Owen
- Michael Praino
- Wendy Regalado
- Anne Steele
- Frederick Von Pichl, Jr.
- Joshua Whitaker

Effective Date: July 1, 2009 – September 1, 2009

Rate: \$17.53 per hour

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

Part Time Bus Driver: On a motion by Trustee Robert Balog, seconded by Trustee John Conrad the Board voted and approved the following part time bus driver. The motion passed unanimously (5-0). Part Time Bus Driver

Name: Antonio G. Vidal
Rate: \$22.12/hour
Effective Date: August 11, 2009

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

Teacher Aide: On a motion by Trustee Robert Balog, seconded by Trustee John Conrad the Board voted and approved the following teacher aide. The motion passed unanimously (5-0). Teacher Aide

Name: Ryan McIntyre
Rate: \$112.54/day
Effective Date: August 25, 2009

Adjournment to Executive Session: On a motion by Trustee John Conrad, seconded by Vice President David Wilens the Board of Education moved into Executive Session at 10:15 p.m. to discuss personnel. The motion was passed unanimously (5-0).

ADJOURNMENT TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

Adjournment from Executive Session back to Discussion Meeting: On a motion by Trustee John Conrad, seconded by Vice President David Wilens the Board of Education moved back into General Session at 10:50 p.m. to discuss planning for future meetings. The motion was passed unanimously (5-0)

ADJOURNMENT FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION BACK TO DISCUSSION MEETING

Adjournment from Discussion Meeting: On a motion by Trustee John Conrad, seconded by Trustee Robert Balog the Board of Education adjourned the Discussion Meeting at 12:20 p.m. The motion was passed unanimously (4-0)

ADJOURNMENT FROM DISCUSSION MEETING

Respectfully submitted,
Gina L. Downes
District Clerk

Katherine Yu, School Board President

Date: _____

Gina L. Downes, District Clerk

Date: _____