

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

Business Meeting
Monday, September 14, 2009

The Business Meeting of the Board of Education of the Pocantico Hills Central School District was held on Monday, September 14 at 6:40 p.m. in the school Library, Bedford Road, Sleepy Hollow, New York.

With no objection from the Board, President Katherine Yu opened the Business Meeting at 6:40 p.m.

**BUSINESS MEETING –
CALL TO ORDER**

On a motion by Vice President David Wilens and seconded by Trustee Robert Balog the Board of Education moved to Executive Session at 6:40 p.m. to discuss Collective Bargaining and Personnel. The motion was passed (4-0).

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Present: Katherine Yu, President
David Wilens, Vice President
Robert Balog, Trustee
John Conrad, Trustee (arrived at 6:45 p.m.)
Maurice Curran, Trustee

ROLL CALL

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

On a motion by Trustee John Conrad and seconded by Trustee Robert Balog the Board of Education adjourned the Executive Session at 8:04 p.m. The motion was passed unanimously (5-0).

**ADJOURNMENT FROM
EXECUTIVE SESSION**

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

BUSINESS 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

ROLL CALL

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

President Katherine Yu announced a change to the procedures for “Hearing From Those Present”. Each community member who wishes to speak will have an allotted time of three minutes. They will address the Board from the podium; state their name and address and then their comment. There

**HEARING FROM THOSE
PRESENT**

were no comments from the community.

District Clerk Gina Downes read a “thank you” letter to Mr. Steele and members of the Board of Education from a community member regarding the Walkabout Program.

CORRESPONDENCE

President Yu distributed to the Board books ordered by Dr. Freddie Smith entitled, “Becoming a Better Board Member” and “The Key Work of School Boards” for each Board member.

BOARD / SUPERINTENDENT ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dr. Smith commended the custodians and faculty for a seamless opening of the first day of school.

Dr. Smith thanked the teachers and faculty for a successful Primary Open House on Wednesday, September 9, 2009. He mentioned that at each Open House Nurse Debbi and Dr. Kapoor will make a presentation on H1N1(Swine Flu).

The PTA Welcome Back Cookout was very successful. The first PTA General Meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 14 at 7:00 p.m.

Dr. Smith and Mr. McVeigh visited all three high schools to check on our students.

Dr. Smith attended the Sleepy Hollow Lions Club (community service organization) meeting on Thursday, September 10. All Board members are invited to attend their meetings.

Dr. Smith announced that Pocantico Hills was awarded the *2009 Best of Tarrytown Award* from the U.S. Chamber of Commerce Organization.

Dr. Smith announced that Pre-Kindergarten will begin on Tuesday, September 15, 2009.

Dr. Smith received an email from a Professor at the University School of Nova Southeastern University in Fort Lauderdale commending Pocantico Hills on our wonderful website filled with students’ work.

President Yu thanked Dr. Smith for inviting all Board members to the Superintendent’s Conference Day and the opening of school. Dr. Smith’s speech to the faculty and staff was inspiring to all.

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

PERSONNEL

Appointments, Resignations, Substitute Teachers, and Amended Contract

Name: Joi Johnson
Title: Director of After School Program
Effective Date: September 1, 2009
Rate: \$34,397

Name: Joseph Gizzo
Title: After School Program Instructor

Effective Date: September 1, 2009
Rate: \$30,543

Name: Michael Wisniewski
Title: Athletic Director
Effective Date: September 1, 2009
Rate: \$9,773

Name: Patricia Guzzo
Title: Teacher Aide
Effective Date: September 1, 2009
Rate: \$112.54/day

Name: Ricardo Tlatoa Aquino
Title: Cleaner - Temp
Effective Date: July 1, 2009
Rate: \$17.53/hour

Name: Quesean Patterson
Title: Cleaner - Temp
Effective Date: July 1, 2009
Rate: \$17.53/hour

Name: Robert Downes
Title: Substitute Bus Attendant
Effective Date: September 14, 2009
Rate: \$17.31/hour

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

Resignations: On a motion by Trustee Robert Balog and seconded by Trustee Maurice Curran the Board voted on the following resignations. The motion passed unanimously (5-0).

Name: Margaret Sbarra
Title: Elementary Teacher
Effective Date: June 30, 2010 **

Name: Antonia Moscarello
Title: Teacher Aide
Effective Date: September 1, 2009

Name: Wendy Regalado
Title: School Monitor and Bus Attendant
Effective Date: September 1, 2009

** Subject to verification by New York State Retirement System
Subject to early retirement incentive

Substitute Teachers: On a motion by Trustee Maurice Curran and seconded by Trustee John Conrad the Board voted on the following 2008-

2009 substitute teachers. The motion was passed 4 yes and 1 abstention (Trustee Robert Balog).

Term: 2008-2009

Rate: \$90.00

Names:

Anechiarico, Laura
Balog, Caitlin
Balog, Lyndsey
Bird, Barbara
Brown, Raquel
Buckle, Oliver
Chamberlain, Judith
Chanin, Jeffrey
Chaudhari, Ashok
Collins, Kelly
DeCandido, Kristen
Downes, Robert
Finsmith, Dana
Fitzgerald, Mark
Gentzsch, William
Glover, Liza
Groenewoud, Carmen
Groh, Wayne
Guzzo, Patricia
Hansen, Laura
Hartman, Janet
Havdala, Carol
Horbatuk, Kelly
Horecky, Dawn
Imrich, Christina
Jackson, C. Thomas
Jacobs, Aaron
Jarosz, Alexander
Jones, Gina
Kringas, Maureen
Loiacono, Anthony
Martin, Brittany
Masi, Jr., Joseph
Mc Intyre, Ryan
Moscarello, Antonio
Nitschke, Marcia
Policastro, Gina
Priore, Danielle
Rubeo, Peter
Rubeo, Sharon
Rudner, Stephanie
Saldis, Christopher
Shaul, Nancy
Shemin, Jane
Simon, Elizabeth
Singh, Anjuli

Smith, Jessica
Steele, Maryellen
Suarez, Will
Wisniewski, Michael
Yuen, Robbie

Amended Contract: On a motion by Trustee Maurice Curran and seconded by Trustee Robert Balog the Board voted on the following resolution. The motion was passed unanimously (5-0).

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board President is authorized to execute the Second amendment dated September 14, 2009 amending the May 27, 2008 agreement between the Pocantico Hills CSD and Dr. Freddie D. Smith.

Acknowledgement of Custodial Staff: Dr. Smith and members of the Board of Education acknowledged the Custodial Staff with certificates for their outstanding work.

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS
Acknowledgement of Custodial Staff

Swine Flu Update: Dr. Kapoor and Nurse Debbie Calandrello presented to the Board on all steps the school is taking to prevent an outbreak of H1N1.

Swine Flu Update

Project Lead the Way: Glenn Brigham presented to the Board on Project Lead the Way.

Project Lead the Way

Approval of Minutes – August 24, 2009: On a motion by Trustee John Conrad and seconded by Trustee Robert Balog the Board voted and approved the Discussion Meeting minutes of August 24, 2009. The motion was passed unanimously (5-0).

APPROVAL OF MINUTES
Discussion Meeting – 8/24/09

Regular Meeting – July 8, 2009: On motion by Trustee John Conrad and seconded by Trustee Robert Balog the Board voted and approved the Regular Meeting minutes of July 8, 2009 as amended. The motion passed unanimously (5-0).

Regular Meeting – 7/8/09

Re-Organization Meeting – July 8, 2009: On a motion by Trustee John Conrad and seconded by Vice President David Wilens the Board voted and approved the Re-Organization Meeting minutes of July 8, 2009 as amended. The motion passed unanimously (5-0).

Re-Organization Meeting – 7/8/09

Soccer Merger Update: Dr. Smith gave an update on the progress of the girls soccer merger with Pleasantville middle school.

OLD BUSINESS
Soccer Merger Update

After School Program Update: Dr. Smith gave an update on the progress of the after school program.

After School Program Update

2010 Summer Camp Program: The Board postponed choosing the start and end date of the 2010 summer camp program until the construction project has been approved by the state and the new timeline is distributed.

2010 Summer Camp Program

Middle School Awards Dinner: On a motion by Trustee Robert Balog and seconded by Trustee Maurice Curran the Board voted on the following resolution. The motion was passed unanimously (5-0).

Middle School Awards Dinner

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 for the May 21, 2010 event between the Double Tree Hotel and the Pocantico Hills Central School District.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Assistant Superintendent is hereby authorized to execute the contract for the May 21, 2010 event between the Double Tree Hotel and the Pocantico Hills Central School District.

Goals & Objectives: On a motion by Trustee Robert Balog seconded by Vice President David Wilens the Board voted and approved the Goals & Objectives for the 2009-2010 school year. The motion was passed unanimously (5-0).

Goals & Objectives

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

Modified Football

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Pocantico Hills Board of Education approve the 2009-2010 football merger between the Union Free School District of the Tarrytowns and the Pocantico Hills Central School District.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board President Katherine Yu is authorized by the Pocantico Hills Board of Education to execute the letter of intent for the 2009-2010 school year.

Board Liaisons: The Pocantico Hills Board of Education has chosen the following liaisons for the following committees:

Board Liaisons

- Foundation – David Wilens
- PTA – Maurice Curran
- Tax Certiorari – Robert Balog
- Safety – Katherine Yu
- Wellness – Katherine Yu
- Briarcliff High School – Robert Balog
- Pleasantville High School – Robert Balog/David Wilens
- Sleepy Hollow High School – John Conrad
- Westchester Putnam School Boards Association – John Conrad

Policy Review: The Board has postponed the first reading of new/ revised policies from NYSSBA to the September 29, 2009 Board of Education meeting.

Policy Review

Contract for Cooperative Educational Services: On a motion by Trustee Robert Balog and seconded by Trustee Maurice Curran the Board voted on the following resolution. The motion passed unanimously (5-0).

Contract for Cooperative Educational Services

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Pocantico Hills Central School District at Sleepy Hollow, New York approve the 2009-2010 contract for Educational Services with the Board of Cooperative Educational

Services for the 2009-2010 school year.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the District Clerk is hereby authorized to execute the contract for Educational Services for the 2009-2010 school between the Board of Cooperative Educational Services and the Pocantico Hills Central School District.

Board Training: On a motion by Trustee Robert Balog and seconded by Trustee Maurice Curran the Board approved Katherine Yu to attend the Board Officer Academy on Thursday, September 17, 2009. The motion passed 4 yes, 1 abstention (President Katherine Yu).

Board Training

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

Committee on Special Education

Adjournment from Business Meeting: On a motion by Trustee Robert Balog and seconded by Trustee John Conrad the Board of Education adjourned the Business Meeting at 11:10 p.m. The motion was passed unanimously (5-0).

ADJOURNMENT FROM BUSINESS MEETING

Respectfully submitted,
Gina L. Downes
District Clerk

Katherine Yu, School Board President

Date: _____

Gina L. Downes, District Clerk

Date: _____