

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

Discussion Meeting  
Tuesday, September 29, 2009

The Discussion Meeting of the Board of Education of the Pocantico Hills Central School District was held on Tuesday, September 29 at 7:00 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 7:00 p.m.

**DISCUSSION MEETING –  
CALL TO ORDER**

On a motion by Trustee Robert Balog and seconded by Trustee Maurice Curran the Board of Education moved to Executive Session at 7:00 p.m. to discuss Personnel. The motion was unanimously passed (4-0).

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Present: Katherine Yu, President  
Robert Balog, Trustee  
John Conrad, Trustee  
Maurice Curran, Trustee

**ROLL CALL**

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

Absent: David Wilens, Vice President

On a motion by Trustee John Conrad and seconded by Trustee Robert Balog the Board of Education adjourned the Executive Session at 8:07 p.m. The motion was unanimously passed (4-0).

**ADJOURNMENT FROM  
EXECUTIVE SESSION**

With no objection from the Board, President Katherine Yu opened the Discussion Meeting at 8:10 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  
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

Absent: David Wilens, Vice President

There were no comments from the community.

**HEARING FROM THOSE  
PRESENT**

There was no correspondence.

## CORRESPONDENCE

Trustee Maurice Curran gave a brief update on his attendance at the September 15 PTA meeting.

## BOARD / SUPERINTENDENT ANNOUNCEMENTS

Trustee Robert Balog gave a brief update on his attendance at the September 23 Real Property Tax Advisory Committee meeting.

Trustee John Conrad gave a brief update on the two recent Open Houses.

Assistant Superintendent Jay Scotto-Friedman announced that the school has been rated AA by Standard & Poors. This rating resulted in a savings of \$13,500 on the sale of the bonds.

President Katherine Yu thanked the Board for approving her attendance at the Board Officers Academy. The session was extremely informative.

Superintendent Freddie D. Smith made the following announcements:

The soccer and volleyball teams had their first games. Both teams played really hard, but unfortunately lost.

Thank you to Dr. Kapoor and Nurse Debbi for their informative presentations on H1N1 during the Open Houses and a recent Board of Education meeting.

Briarcliff High School had a water main break last Thursday. School was closed for the day and Pocantico was informed of this closure.

The Animal Warden informed the school that a poisonous snake was found in the area.

A former Pocantico Hills student currently a Pleasantville High School student was selected by the local American Legion to represent Pleasantville High School at BOYS State Leadership Conference At SUNY Morrisville.

A former Pocantico Hill student currently a Pleasantville High School student has created a club for students at Pleasantville to have lunch with those students who are autistic.

Dr. Smith will be joining the 8<sup>th</sup> grade students on their field trip to NYC to visit the MOMA and MET.

Stone Barns is holding its annual Harvest Fest on Saturday, October 3.

Pocantico Hills was awarded the *2009 Best of Tarrytown Nursery School Award* from the U.S. Chamber of Commerce.

**Approval of Minutes:** On a motion by Trustee Robert Balog and seconded by Trustee Maurice Curran the Board of Education voted and approved the minutes of the Business Meeting held on September 14, 2009. The motion was unanimously passed (4-0).

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**  
September 14, 2009

**High School Presentation:** Carol Conklin, Principal of Sleepy Hollow High School, gave a presentation on their program highlights, student performance and Pocantico Hills student and family involvement.

**SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS**  
High School Presentation

**Capital Project Update:** Brian Ceislinski and Zach Kaskey of SEI Design Group, and Joe Tola of Savin Engineers gave an update on the status of the Capital Project.

Capital Project Update

**Policy Review:** The Board of Education has a first reading on new/revised policy from NYSSA, as well as revised current Pocantico policies. The Board will have a second reading and approval at the October 5, 2009 meeting.

**OLD BUSINESS**  
Policy Review

**Donation - Foundation:** On a motion by Trustee Maurice Curran and seconded by Trustee John Conrad the Board voted and approved the following resolution. The motion was unanimously passed (4-0).

**NEW BUSINESS**  
Donation - Foundation

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT,** pursuant to School Board Policy #6225 the Pocantico Hills Board of Education accept a donation of a check in the amount of \$10,529 for the purchase of educationally related goods and services from the 2008-2009 school year.

**Donation - Higle:** On a motion by Trustee John Conrad and seconded by Trustee Maurice Curran the Board voted and approved the following resolution. The motion was unanimously passed (4-0).

Donation - Higle

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT,** pursuant to School Board Policy #6225 the Pocantico Hills Board of Education accept a donation of seven footballs from Robert Higle, Jr., 68 Eastview Drive, Valhalla, NY 10595 valued at a total of \$140.00.

**Donation - CSEA:** On a motion by Trustee John Conrad and seconded by Trustee Maurice Curran the Board voted and approved the following resolution. The motion was unanimously passed (4-0).

Donation - CSEA

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT,** pursuant to School Board Policy #6225 the Pocantico Hills Board of Education accept a donation of up to \$500.00 of sporting equipment such as badminton, horseshoes (rubber), ring toss or other safe games for the ELO program from the Pocantico Hills Civil Service Employee Association.

**Cafeteria Bids:** On a motion by Trustee Robert Balog and seconded by Trustee John Conrad the Board voted and approved the following resolution. The motion was unanimously passed (4-0).

Cafeteria Bids

**BE IT RESOLVED,** that item numbers DB1,DB2, DB3, DB4,DB5,DB6, DB7,DB8,DB9,DB11,DB12, DB14, DB15,DB16, DB17,DB18,DB 19,DB21, DB22,DB23, and DB24 of the 2009-2010 Deli Bid and Pa2, PA26 and Pa29 of the 2009-2010 paper bid are awarded to the lowest responsible bidder meeting specifications Feldman Foods, Inc. 2154 Albany Post Road Montrose NY 10548.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** that item numbers Pa1,

Pa3,Pa4,Pa5,Pa6,Pa7, Pa8, Pa9, Pa10, Pa11, Pa12, Pa13, Pa14, Pa15, Pa16, Pa17, Pa18, Pa19, Pa20, Pa21, Pa21, Pa22,Pa23, P24,Pa25,Pa27,Pa28,Pa30,Pa31, and Pa32 of the 2009-2010 Paper Bid are awarded to the lowest responsible bidder meeting specifications Eastern Bag & Paper Group 200 Research Drive Milford, CT 06460.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that item numbers Da1, Da2, Da3 Da4, Da5, Da6, Da7, Da8, Da9, Da10, Da14, Da15, Da16, DA17, Da18, Da19, Da20, Da21, Da22, Da23, Da24, Da25, Da26, Da27, Da28, Da29, Da30, Da31, Da32, Da33, Da34 and Da35 of the 2009-2010 Dairy Bid are awarded to the lowest responsible bidder meeting specifications, Diamond Dairy P.O. Box 990 Ossining NY 10562.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that item numbersDB10, DB12, DB20, Pa33 and Da11, Da12, Da13 are not awarded.

**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.

**Fuel Oil Bid:** On a motion by Trustee Robert Balog and seconded by Trustee Maurice Curran, the Board voted and approved the following resolution. The motion was unanimously passed (4-0).

Fuel Oil Bid

**BE IT RESOLVED**, That the Board of Education of the Pocantico Hills Central School District approves the district participation with Mt. Pleasant CSD, Valhalla UFSD, Hawthorne Cedar Knolls UFSD, Irvington UFSD and Pleasantville UFSD for the purpose of bidding the purchase of #2 Fuel Oil for the period July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2010.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, That the Pocantico Hills Central School District Board of Education hereby awards the #2 Fuel Oil Bid for the period July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2010 to the lowest responsible bidder, N & S Fuel 40 Broadway Hawthorne N.Y. in accordance with the specifications stipulated by Pocantico Hills CSD, Mt. Pleasant CSD, Valhalla UFSD, Hawthorne Cedar Knolls UFSD, Irvington UFSD, and Pleasantville UFSD as follows:

#2 Fuel Oil (Minus) .045 Mark-up Price per gallon below Low NY Harbor Barge consumer Price.

**Award of Serial Bond:** On a motion by Trustee Maurice Curran and seconded by Trustee John Conrad, the Board voted and approved the following resolution. The motion passed 3 yes and 1 abstention (Trustee Robert Balog).

Award of Serial Bond

**BE IT RESOVED THAT**, the Board of Education award the sale of Serial Bonds for the satisfaction of Tax Certiorari claims made against the Pocantico Hills Central School District as follows:

	<u>Principal Amount</u>	<u>Net Interest Rate</u>	<u>Maturity Date</u>
Roosevelt & Cross Inc. and Associates	\$1,991,596	3.6949%	2029

**2009-2010 Non-Resident Tuition Rate:** On a motion by Trustee Maurice Curran and seconded by Trustee John Conrad, the Board voted and approved the following resolution. The motion passed 3 yes and 1 no (Trustee Robert Balog).

2009-2010 Non-Resident Tuition Rate

**BE IT RESOLVED,** That upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools the non-resident tuition rate for the 2009-10 school year for all non resident students enrolled in Pocantico for the 2009-2010 school year pursuant to board Policy # 4002 shall pay the following rate:

Pre K & K	\$4,942
Grade 1-5	\$6,735
Grade 6-8	\$7,144

**BE IT ALSO RESOLVED,** That upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools the non resident tuition rate for 2009-10 school year for all non resident students newly enrolled for the 2009-2010 school year pursuant to board Policy # 4002 shall pay the following rate:

Pre K -6	\$30,930
Grade 7-8	\$66,224

The tuition rate presented above reflects the 2008-2009 Estimated Non-Resident Tuition rate and is subject to change.

**2009-2010 Transportation Contracts:** On a motion by Trustee John Conrad and seconded by Trustee Maurice Curran, the Board voted and approved the following resolution. The motion was unanimously passed (4-0).

2009-2010 Transportation Contracts

**BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Transportation Contracts for 2009 between Southern Westchester BOCES and the Pocantico Hills Central School District are approved in the amounts of \$373,908, and \$34,754.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** that the Pocantico Hills Board of Education President, Katherine Yu, is authorized to execute the Transportation Contracts on behalf of the Pocantico Hills Central School District.

**Committee on Special Education:** Superintendent Freddie D. Smith requested this be postponed to the October 5, 2009 Board of Education meeting.

Committee on Special Education

**Appointment:** On a motion by Trustee Robert Balog and seconded by Trustee Maurice Curran, the Board voted and approved the following appointment. The motion was unanimously passed (4-0).

**PERSONNEL**  
Appointment

Name:	Joy E. Scantlebury
Rate:	MA Step 13 (Full Time Equivalent 1.0 FTE) \$102,694.10
Effective Date	September 17, 2009
Title:	ESL Teacher

This is a three year Probationary Appointment

This employee was appointed as a .6 FTE ESL teacher effective September 1, 2008; fingerprint clearance was obtained at that time.

**Mentoring Rate:** On a motion by Trustee Maurice Curran and seconded by Trustee John Conrad and the Board voted an approved the following mentoring rate. The motion was unanimously passed (4-0). Mentoring Rate

Term: 2009-2010 School Year  
Rate: \$75.00 per period

**Adjournment from Business Meeting:** On a motion by Trustee John Conrad and seconded by Trustee Maurice Curran the Board adjourned the Discussion Meeting at 10:40 p.m. The motion was unanimously passed (4-0).

**ADJOURNMENT FROM DISCUSSION MEETING**

**Executive Session:** On a motion by Trustee John Conrad and seconded by Trustee Maurice Curran the Board moved to Executive Session at 10:45 p.m. to discuss Personnel. The motion was unanimously passed (4-0).

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**Adjournment from Executive Session:** On a motion by Trustee John Conrad and seconded by Trustee Robert Balog the Board adjourned from Executive Session at 10:49 p.m. The motion was unanimously passed (4-0).

**ADJOURNMENT FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**Adjournment from Discussion Meeting:** With no objection from the Board, President Katherine Yu adjourned the Discussion Meeting at 10:50 p.m.

**ADJOURNMENT FROM DISCUSSION MEETING**

Respectfully submitted,  
Gina L. Downes  
District Clerk

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Katherine Yu, School Board President

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

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Gina L. Downes, District Clerk

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