

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

Business Meeting  
Monday, October 5, 2009

The Business Meeting of the Board of Education of the Pocantico Hills Central School District was held on Monday, October 5 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 Business Meeting at 7:00 p.m.

**BUSINESS MEETING –  
CALL TO ORDER**

On a motion by Trustee John Conrad and seconded by Vice President David Wilens the Board of Education moved to Executive Session at 7:00 p.m. to meet with the PHTA Executive Committee, discuss Personnel and ongoing Litigation. The motion was unanimously passed (5-0).

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

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

Absent: Jay Scotto-Friedman, Assistant Superintendent

On a motion by Trustee John Conrad and seconded by Trustee Maurice Curran the Board of Education adjourned the Executive Session at 8:30 p.m. The motion was unanimously passed (5-0).

**ADJOURNMENT FROM  
EXECUTIVE SESSION**

With no objection from the Board, President Katherine Yu opened the Business Meeting at 8:35 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 (departed at 8:45 p.m./  
returned at 9:50 p.m.)

**ROLL CALL**

Also Present: Freddie D. Smith, Superintendent  
Gina L. Downes, District Clerk

Absent: Jay Scotto-Friedman, Assistant Superintendent

**Hearing from those Present:** A community member expressed their

**HEARING FROM THOSE**

concern with starting date for the pool construction. The resident raised the question about the possibility of delaying the pool construction until September 2010?

**PRESENT**

A community member asked the Board to announce the first SEPTA and asked how they could get word out about the committee.

**Correspondence:** District Clerk, Gina Downes read an announcement received by the SEPTA Committee announcing their first meeting scheduled for Thursday, October 8 at 7:00 p.m. in the old library.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

**Board/Superintendent Announcements:** Superintendent Freddie D. Smith welcomed Briarcliff High School to the Board meeting and announced that Dr. Fran Wills apologizes for not being in attendance, but their Board of Education meeting was the same night.

**BOARD /  
SUPERINTENDENT  
ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Superintendent Freddie D. Smith announced both the soccer and football teams won their first games. Soccer won 4-0 and football won 30-0.

**Approval of Minutes:** Trustee Robert Balog motioned the approval of the September 29, 2009 Discussion Meeting minutes. Since there was no second, the motion failed. The minutes were postponed to the October 26, 2009 Board of Education meeting for further review and discussion.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**  
September 29, 2009

**High School Presentation:** Jim Kaisian, Principal of Briarcliff High School, gave a presentation on their program highlights, student performance and Pocantico Hills student and family involvement.

**SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS**  
High School Presentation

**Policy Review:** The Board of Education moved to postpone the policy review and discussion to the October 26, 2009 Board of Education meeting.

**OLD BUSINESS**  
Policy Review

**Donation:** On a motion by Trustee Maurice Curran and seconded by Trustee Robert Balog the Board of Education voted and approved the following resolution. The motion was unanimously passed (5-0).

**NEW BUSINESS**  
Donation

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT,** pursuant to School Board Policy #6225 the Pocantico Hills Board of Education accept a donation of thirteen books from Rachel Vail, 531 West 112<sup>th</sup> Street, New York, NY 10025 valued at a total of \$161.70.

**Committee on Special Education:** On a motion by Trustee Robert Balog and seconded by Trustee David Wilens the Board of Education voted and approved the recommendations from the Committee on Special Education. The motion unanimously passed (5-0). The recommendations are as follows: Student ID #2003855, #2003587, #12456, #2003918, #2003835.

Committee on Special  
Education

**Construction Contingency Plan:** The Board discussed the possibility of postponing the pool construction until September of 2010, and what the implications would be. The Board will ask Assistant Superintendent Jay Scotto-Friedman to supply the following information at the next Board of Education meeting:

Construction Contingency Plan

1. The impact on the tax rate for the 2010-2011 school year.
2. The cost of replacing the current pumps on the existing pool to guarantee the pool opening for the 2010 season and not having the Board of Health close it down.
3. The impact of going ahead with the pool construction beginning in December 2009 and the risk of it not being complete for the 2010 season. The estimated costs associated with winter/cold weather swimming pool construction including but not limited to tent rental/purchase, heating costs for the tent, fire watch and heating blankets to soften earth in winter.

The Board will continue their discussions on a contingency plan for the camp season, swim team and summer community recreation at the October 26, 2009 Board of Education meeting.

**Personnel:** There was no personnel agenda for approval.

**PERSONNEL**

**Adjournment from Business Meeting:** On a motion by Trustee Robert Balog and seconded by Trustee John Conrad the Board adjourned the Business Meeting at 10:50 p.m. The motion was unanimously passed (5-0).

**ADJOURNMENT FROM BUSINESS 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: \_\_\_\_\_