

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

Business Meeting  
Monday, November 3, 2008

The Business Meeting of the Board of Education of the Pocantico Hills Central School District was held on Monday, November 3 at 7:00 p.m. in the School Library, Bedford Road, Sleepy Hollow, New York.

On a motion by Vice President Katherine Yu, seconded by Trustee John Conrad and passed 5-0 the Board opened the Business Meeting at 7:00 p.m.

**CALL TO ORDER**

On a motion by Trustee Maurice Curran, seconded by Trustee John Conrad and passed 5-0 the Board moved into Executive Session at 7:00 p.m. to discuss personnel matters.

**EXECUTIVE  
SESSION**

On a motion by Trustee David Wilens, seconded by Trustee John Conrad and passed 5-0 the Board adjourned from Executive Session at 8:00 p.m.

**ADJOURNMENT  
FROM EXECUTIVE  
SESSION**

With no objection from the Board, President Robert Balog called the Business Meeting to order at 8:07 p.m.

**CALL TO ORDER**

Superintendent Dr. Freddie D. Smith led the pledge of allegiance.

**PLEDGE OF  
ALLEGIANCE**

Present: Robert Balog, President  
Katherine Yu, Vice President (departed at 9:15 p.m.)  
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

There were no comments from the community.

**HEARING FROM  
THOSE PRESENT**

**Correspondence:** District Clerk, Gina Downes read a letter from Dr. George Cancro addressed to the 8<sup>th</sup> grade parents regarding their visit on Wednesday, November 12 at 7:00 p.m.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

District Clerk, Gina Downes read a letter from Westchester County Clerk Timothy Idoni expressing his apologies for being unable to attend the Blue Ribbon Ceremony on Wednesday, November 19.

**Superintendent Announcements:** Superintendent Dr. Freddie D. Smith recognized the Board for their dedication to the school for Board Recognition Week.

**SUPERINTENDENT  
ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Dr. Smith read two notes of "KUDOS" for the following teachers: Mr. Cioffi, Mrs. Garrido, Ms. Peterson, Ms. Quinn, Bus Driver Maria and Bus Monitor Laurie.

There have been some procedural changes surrounding the Middle School Awards Dinner. Going forward, the Board will be authorizing the contract for the location of the Middle School Awards Dinner. The Board will also be accepting the donation presented by the PTA for the Middle School Awards Dinner.

Please note the change of date for the Blue Ribbon Ceremony. It has been moved to Wednesday, November 19 at 2:00 p.m. in the gymnasium.

Dr. Freddie Smith, Mr. Stanley Steele, Mr. David Rothstein, Mr. Vincent Cook and Mr. Glenn Brigham have been touring surrounding shop/tech labs for ideas for our own renovation to the shop/science area. Middle School districts visited include Haldane and Pelham. Upcoming visits will include Somers, Greenburgh (Woodlands) and Scarsdale Middle Schools.

Dr. Olson has been meeting with parents of the after school program to discuss specific concerns and ways the program might be improved. Dr. Olson will have a report of her findings for the Board at their January 20, 2009 meeting.

The two High School Selection meetings were informative for those parents who attended.

The architects met with the Administration to discuss the pool designs and will present the designs to the Board for discussion and approval in the near future.

**BOARD ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Approval of Minutes:** On a motion by Trustee Maurice Curran, seconded by Trustee John Conrad and passed unanimously 4-0 the Board voted and approved the minutes of the Business Meeting of October 7, 2008.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**Student Government Induction Ceremony:** This presentation has been postponed to a future Board meeting.

**SPECIAL PRESENTATION**

**Physical Science:** The Board discussed the middle school physical science class. The students were given two additional special study group sessions per week to take advantage of extra help. The students have nine 44 minute periods of physical science per week.

**OLD BUSINESS**  
Physical Science

**2008-2009 High School Contracts with Pleasantville and Tarrytown:** On a motion by Vice President Katherine Yu, seconded by Trustee David Wilens and passed 5-0 the Board voted and approved the following tuition rates for Pleasantville and Sleepy Hollow High Schools:

**NEW BUSINESS**  
High School  
Contracts –  
Pleasantville &  
Sleepy Hollow

<u>School</u>	<u>Estimated Regular Rate 2008-2009</u>	<u>Estimated Rate Special Education 2008-2009</u>
Pleasantville	\$15,753	\$50,967
Sleepy Hollow	\$15,129	\$34,522

**Day Camp Rates:** The Board agreed to postpone to the next meeting being held on Monday, November 17.

Day Camp Rates

**Special Education Contract:** On a motion by Trustee Maurice Curran, seconded by Trustee John Conrad and passed 4-0 the Board voted and approved the following resolution:

Special Education  
Contract

**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 2008-09 contract for Educational Services with the Eastchester UFSD to provide basic Special Education instructional

services for the 2008-09 school year for one student at the tuition rate of \$46,386.50 and to provide the student additional services of individual and group speech, counseling, occupational therapy, physical therapy and a 1-1 teacher aide as prescribed by the student's I.E.P. anticipated to be a total of an additional \$48,687.30 for the 2008-09 school year.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Assistant Superintendent is hereby authorized to execute the contract for Educational Services for the 2008-09 school between the Eastchester Union Free School District, and the Pocantico Hills Central School District.

**Committee on Special Education:** On a motion by Trustee David Wilens, seconded by Trustee Maurice Curran and passed 4-0 the Board voted and approved the following recommendation from the committee on special education: Student ID #12445.

Committee on Special Education

**Consultation to the Board of Education:** On a motion by Trustee David Wilens, seconded by Trustee Maurice Curran and passed 4-0 the Board voted and approved the following resolution:

Consultation to the Board of Education

**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 Dr. Edward Fergus to provide consulting services in connection with a Board Retreat for the 2008-2009 school year in the amount of \$2,000.00.

**RFP – Litigation Appraisal:** On a motion by Trustee Maurice Curran, seconded by Trustee John Conrad and passed 3-0 (President Robert Balog recused his vote) the Board voted and approved the RFP for the preparation of litigation appraisal report for a fee of \$6,500 to include court appearances and conferences.

RFP – Litigation Appraisal

**Adjournment:** On a motion by Trustee Maurice Curran, seconded by Trustee David Wilens and passed unanimously 4-0 the Board adjourned the Business Meeting at 9:20 p.m.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Respectfully submitted,  
Gina L. Downes  
District Clerk

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Robert W. Balog, School Board President

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

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Gina L. Downes, District Clerk

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