

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

Discussion Meeting  
Monday, November 17, 2008

The Discussion Meeting of the Board of Education of the Pocantico Hills Central School District was held on Monday, November 17 at 7:02 p.m. in the School Library, Bedford Road, Sleepy Hollow, New York.

With no objection from the Board, President Robert Balog called the Discussion Meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. **CALL TO ORDER**

On a motion by Vice President Katherine Yu, seconded by Trustee John Conrad and passed 4-0 the Board opened the Executive Session at 7:02 p.m. (note: Trustee Maurice Curran arrived at 7:23 p.m.) to discuss personnel. **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

On a motion by Vice President Katherine Yu, 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 Discussion Meeting to order at 8:10 p.m. **CALL TO ORDER**

Students from the Student Government led the pledge of allegiance. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Present: Robert Balog, President  
Katherine Yu, Vice President  
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

**Student Government Induction Ceremony:** Student Government participants were given an Oath of Office and received certificates for their service on the Student Government. **SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS**  
Student Government Induction Ceremony

**High School Presentations:** Dr. George Cancro, Principal of Pleasantville High School and Ms. Carolyn McGuffog, Director of Educational Services provided an update on the scholastic program for Pocantico students for the 2007-2008 school year. High School Presentation

**Summer Day Camp Rates:** On a motion by Trustee Maurice Curran, seconded by Trustee John Conrad and passed unanimously 5-0 the Board voted and approved the following resolution: **OLD BUSINESS**  
Summer Day Camp Rates

**BE IT RESOLVED,** that the summer day camp rates for 2009 are approved by the Pocantico Hills Central School District Board of Education as follows:

District Resident (and employees)

1<sup>st</sup> child - \$890.00

2<sup>nd</sup> child - \$825.00

Each additional child - \$725.00

Grand Child of Resident

Each child - \$1,200.00

Non-Residents

1<sup>st</sup> child - \$2,345.00

2<sup>nd</sup> child - \$2,175.00

Each additional child - \$320.00

Scholarship – Reduced Tuition Students

Each child \$395.00

Scholarship – Free Tuition Students

Each child \$ -0-

To be eligible for the scholarship rates listed above the resident student must be eligible to receive the applicable Free or Reduced priced lunch, as approved in the prior school year.

Late Registration (After May 1, 2009)

District Resident (and employees)

1<sup>st</sup> child - \$940.00

2<sup>nd</sup> child - \$875.00

Each additional child - \$775.00

Grand Child of Resident

Each child - \$1,250.00

Non-Residents

1<sup>st</sup> child - \$2,445.00

2<sup>nd</sup> child - \$2,275.00

Each additional child - \$420.00

Activity Fee

An activity fee will be collected in addition to the registration fee, prior to the camp season. This will cover all class trips and the camp fair.

\$35 Pre K, K, 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Grades

\$45 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Grades

\$75 5<sup>th</sup> Grade

\$115 6<sup>th</sup> Grade

Teens Program - Fees will be collected throughout the camp season.

Two Three-Week Programs will be prorated at 60% of the regular program.

**2008-209 High School Contract with Briarcliff:** On a motion by Vice President Katherine Yu, seconded by Trustee Maurice Curran and passed unanimously 5-0 the Board voted and approved the following high school tuition rate for Briarcliff High School:

**NEW BUSINESS**  
08-09 High School  
Contract – Briarcliff

<b>School</b>	<b>Estimated Regular Rate</b>	<b>Estimated Rate Special Education</b>
Briarcliff	\$24,939	\$60,558

**Tax Certiorari Reserve:** On a motion by Trustee David Wilens, seconded by Trustee Maurice Curran and passed unanimously 5-0 the Board voted and approved the following resolution:

Tax Certiorari  
Reserve

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that it is hereby moved that the Tax Certiorari Reserve Fund be increased by \$807,000 funded by the June 20, 2008 unappropriated fund balance to cover claims against the 2007-2008 assessment year.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that funds set aside for claims against the fiscal year 2003-2004 be applied to claims for the 2004-2005 fiscal year in the amount of \$32,648.94, and that funds set aside for the fiscal year 2005-2006 be applied to claims for the fiscal years ending 1998-2002 in the amount of \$351,629.66.

**Awards Dinner Contract:** On a motion by Trustee Maurice Curran, seconded by Trustee John Conrad and passed unanimously 5-0 the Board voted and approved the contract for the middle school awards dinner to be held at the Double Tree Hotel in Tarrytown, NY.

Awards Dinner  
Contract

**Appointment of Day Camp Director & Assistant Director:** On a motion by Vice President Katherine Yu, seconded by Trustee Maurice Curran and passed unanimously 5-0 the Board voted and approved the following personnel:

**PERSONNEL**

Name: David Levine  
Rate: \$25,750  
Effective Date: November 18, 2008-November 17, 2009  
Title: Summer Day Camp Director

Name: Laura Hansen  
Rate: \$7,725  
Effective Date: November 18, 2008-November 17, 2009  
Title: Assistant Summer Day Camp Director

**Superintendent Announcements:** Dr. Freddie D. Smith made the following announcements:

**SUPERINTENDENT/  
BOARD  
ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Dr. Smith, Robert Balog and Katherine Yu met with Paul Feiner (Town of Greenburgh Supervisor) and Edye McCarthy (Town of Greenburgh Tax Assessor) to discuss tax certiorari issues and the upcoming LCOR project.

Dr. Smith and Mr. Jay Scotto-Friedman discussed the impact of projected 2008-2009 state aide cuts from Governor Patterson.

Dr. Smith reminded the Board and community members about the Blue Ribbon Ceremony being held on Wednesday, November 19, 2008 at 2:00 p.m. in the school gymnasium.

Dr. Smith updated the Board and community on the gas leak in the science room and reviewed the procedures put into place.

Dr. Smith reminded the community about the upcoming Special Board meeting to review the following architectural designs: pool, home economics, science lab, and library.

President Robert Balog announced the girls varsity soccer team at Briarcliff High School won for the second year in a row the Class B Soccer Title.

**Financial Reports:** On a motion by Vice President Katherine Yu, seconded by Trustee John Conrad and passed unanimously 5-0, the Board voted and approved the following financial reports: Treasurer’s Report – October 1-31, 2008; Warrant Report #4, Claims Auditor Report #1.

**FINANCIAL  
REPORTS**

**Approval of Minutes:** On a motion by Trustee Maurice Curran, seconded by Vice President Katherine Yu and passed unanimously 5-0 the Board voted and approved the Business Meeting minutes of November 3, 2008.

**APPROVAL OF  
MINUTES**

**Adjournment:** On a motion by Trustee John Conrad, seconded by Vice President Katherine Yu and passed unanimously 5-0 the Board adjourned the Discussion Meeting at 11:05 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: \_\_\_\_\_