

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

Business Meeting
Monday, December 1, 2008

The Business Meeting of the Board of Education of the Pocantico Hills Central School District was held on Monday, December 1 at 7:06 p.m. in the School Library, Bedford Road, Sleepy Hollow, and New York.

With no objection from the Board, President Robert Balog called the Business Meeting to order at 7:06 p.m. **CALL TO ORDER**

On a motion by Trustee John Conrad, seconded by Trustee David Wilens and passed 5-0 the Board convened Executive Session at 7:06 p.m. to discuss pending litigation. **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

On a motion by Trustee David Wilens, seconded by Vice President Katherine Yu and passed 5-0 the Board adjourned from Executive Session at 7:30 p.m. **ADJOURNMENT FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION**

With no objection from the Board, President Robert Balog called the Business Meeting to order at 8:04 p.m. **CALL TO ORDER**

Superintendent Freddie D. Smith 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
Gina L. Downes, District Clerk

Absent: Jay Scotto-Friedman, Assistant Superintendent

Superintendent Announcements: Superintendent Dr. Freddie D. Smith announced the following: **SUPERINTENDENT ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Sleepy Hollow High School presentation will be Monday, December 15 at 8:00 p.m.

The 8th grade parents will visit Sleepy Hollow High School on Wednesday, December 10 at 6:00 p.m. This has been changed from the original date of Thursday, January 22, 2009.

The senior citizen luncheon is being held on Tuesday, December 2 beginning at 10:15 a.m.

The Middle School concert is on Wednesday, December 3 at 7:30 p.m.

Nancy Letts will be in on Wednesday, December 10, 11 to work with the teachers on differentiated instruction.

Dr. Smith thanked the Board for approving all the architectural plans for the capital improvement project.

Fall Interscholastic Sports Ceremony: Students from the middle school received certificates from the Superintendent and their coaches for their participation in the fall interscholastic sports program.

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS
Fall Interscholastic Sports Ceremony

Pool Report: Pool Director Mike Wisniewski gave a brief end of year report on the 2008 recreation season.

Pool Report

Hearing From Those Present: There were no comments from the community.

HEARING FROM THOSE PRESENT

Approval of Minutes: On a motion by Trustee John Conrad, seconded by Vice President Katherine Yu and passed unanimously 5-0 the Board voted and approved the following minutes by consent agenda: Discussion Meeting – November 17, 2008 and Special Meeting – November 20, 2008.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES
Nov. 17, 2008 and
Nov. 20, 2008

Committee on Special Education: On a motion by Vice President Katherine Yu, seconded by Trustee David Wilens and passed unanimously 5-0 the Board voted and approved the recommendations from the Committee on Special Education.

NEW BUSINESS
Committee on Special Education

Sub-Committee of Tax Certiorari Committee: The Board discussed organizing a sub-committee of the tax certiorari committee. Trustee John Conrad will come up with a charge for the sub-committee and will discuss approving a sub-committee at the next meeting.

Sub Committee of Tax Cert Committee

Settlement of Tax Certiorari Claim: On a motion by Trustee David Wilens, seconded by Trustee Maurice Curran and passed 4-0 (President Robert Balog abstained from voting) the Board voted and approved the following resolution:

Settlement of Tax Certiorari Claim

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING TAX CERTIORARI SETTLEMENT

WHEREAS, petitions having been filed by the property owner, below challenging real property tax assessments on the assessment roll of the Town of Mount Pleasant, within the Pocantico Hills Central School District, with respect to the following property:

Property Owner	Address/Description	Year(s)
PEPE-FARERI ONE, LLC	19 Bradhurst Avenue	2004-2007
	Tax ID: 117.9-1-1	

WHEREAS, petitioner's tax certiorari proceedings are now pending in Supreme Court, Westchester County; and

WHEREAS, the Town and the property owner have reached a resolution with regard to the assessments at issue in the tax certiorari proceedings; and

WHEREAS, the School District has reviewed the settlement and has found that the terms of the settlement are reasonable; and

WHEREAS, the settlement of these proceedings are in the best interests of the School District;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Special Counsel for Tax Certiorari are authorized to execute a settlement on behalf of the School District as follows:

<u>Year</u>	<u>Original AV</u>	<u>Reduced AV</u>	<u>AV Reduction</u>
2004	883,900	600,000	283,900
2005	883,900	540,000	343,900
2006	883,900	420,000	463,900
2007	400,000	400,000	0

The refund of School District taxes will amount to \$400,000.00.

Rescission of Appointment / Appointment - Stipend: On a motion by Vice President Katherine Yu, seconded by Trustee David Wilens and passed unanimously 5-0 the Board voted and approved the following personnel by consent agenda:

PERSONNEL
Rescission of
Appointment /
Appointment – Stipend

Rescission of Appointment – Karen Smith – late bus supervisor - \$40.50 (this employee was appointed on October 20, 2008 at the rate listed above).

Appointment – Stipend

Name: Karen Smith
Rate: \$6,885
Effective Date: September 1, 2008
Title: Late Bus Supervisor

Resignation: 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 resignation:

Resignation

Name: Barbara Lawrence
Rate: \$102.21/day
Effective Date: November 16, 2008
Title: Teaching Aide

Appointment: On a motion by Trustee Maurice Curran, seconded by Trustee John Conrad and passed 4-0 (President Robert Balog abstained from voting) the Board voted and approved the following appointment:

Appointment

Name: Antonio Moscarello
Rate: \$102.21/day
Effective Date: November 17, 2008
Title: Teaching Aide

Winter Coach Stipends: On a motion by Trustee Maurice Curran, seconded by Trustee John Conrad and passed unanimously 5-0 the Board voted and approved the following stipends:

Winter Coach
Stipends

<u>Name</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Robert Downes	Boys Basketball	\$3,140.00
Mario Suarez	Girls Basketball	\$3,140.00

Adjournment: On a motion by Vice President Katherine Yu, seconded by Trustee Maurice Curran and passed unanimously 5-0 the Board adjourned the Business Meeting at 9:21 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Respectfully submitted,
Gina L. Downes
District Clerk

Robert W. Balog, School Board President

Date: _____

Gina L. Downes, District Clerk

Date: _____