

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

Discussion Meeting
Monday, May 20, 2013

The Discussion Meeting of the Board of Education of the Pocantico Hills Central School District was held on Monday, May 20, 2013 at 8:02 p.m. in the school Library, Bedford Road, Sleepy Hollow, New York.

Board President John Conrad opened the Discussion Meeting at 8:02 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Vice President David Wilens.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Present: John Conrad, President
David Wilens, Vice President
Joan Cusanelli, Trustee (arrived 8:17 p.m.)
Fred Rickles, Trustee
Emily Segal, Trustee

ROLL CALL

Also Present: Valencia F. Douglas, Superintendent
Jay Scotto-Friedman, Assistant Superintendent
Gina L. Downes, District Clerk

Hearing from those Present: There were no comments from the community.

HEARING FROM THOSE PRESENT

Correspondence: President John Conrad read a letter from Greenburgh Town Supervisor, Paul Feiner asking the school community to nominate a senior citizen who has contributed to the community. The town would like to recognize this individual at a meeting of the Town Board in the early fall.

CORRESPONDENCE

Board/Superintendent Announcements: The following announcements were made by Superintendent Valencia Douglas:

BOARD / SUPERINTENDENT ANNOUNCEMENTS

- The School Budget Vote and School Board Election will be held on Tuesday, May 21 from 7:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m. in the School Library. We look forward to seeing you all there.
- The Foundation will be having their annual Sundae Serenade on Thursday, May 23rd beginning at 7:00 p.m. Following the evening of music, there will be ice cream sundae's in the cafeteria.
- On Friday, May 24th, Pocantico Hills will be participating in their 2nd Annual Hawk Walk to sponsor Breast Cancer Awareness.
- Monday, May 27th is Memorial Day. The District will be closed. The Memorial Day parade will be held at 8:30 a.m. starting at the Hilltop Firehouse.

- The 8th grade NYS Science Performance exam will be held on Tuesday, May 28th. The 4th grade NYS Science Performance exam will be held on Wednesday, May 29th and Thursday, May 30th. The 4th & 8th grade NYS Science Written exam will be held on Monday, June 4th.
- Thursday, May 30th is Pocantico Hills Sports Awards Dinner beginning at 6:30 in the cafeteria. Please remember to respond to Mrs. McCann by Friday, May 24th if you and your family will be in attendance for the dinner.
- There will be a PTA meeting on Wednesday, May 29th at 7:00 p.m. The PTA will also be hosting a Family Rec Night on Friday, May 31st. Beginning Tuesday, May 21st through Family Rec Night the PTA Raffle Baskets will be on display in the teacher's lounge. Please take a look at these wonderful baskets and take a chance on winning; you don't have to be present to win a basket – just remember to put your name and phone number on the ticket. The drawing will be held at Rec Night.
- Friday, May 31st is the Volunteer Appreciation breakfast. The breakfast begins at 8:00 a.m. in the cafeteria and the ceremony will begin at 9:00 a.m. in the gym. We look forward to celebrating all of our volunteers.

Approval of Minutes: On a motion by Trustee Fred Rickles and seconded by Trustee Emily Segal the Board of Education voted and approved the May 7, 2013 Business Meeting minutes as amended. The motion was unanimously passed (4-0).

APPROVAL OF MINUTES
May 7, 2013

Pocantico Hills Recreation – Rules & Regulations: On a motion by Trustee Emily Segal and seconded by Trustee Joan Cusanelli the Board of Education voted and accepted the Pocantico Hills Recreation – Rules & Regulations as amended. The motion was unanimously passed (5-0).

OLD BUSINESS
Pocantico Hills
Recreation – Rules &
Regulations

Policy Review: The Board of Education had a brief discussion on Policy #4532 – School Volunteers. The Board will have a second reading at the next Board of Education meeting on Tuesday, June 4th.

NEW BUSINESS
Policy Review

WPSBA Proposed Budget Ballot and WPSBA Slate of Officers: On a motion by Trustee Fred Rickles and seconded by Trustee David Wilens the Board of Education voted and approved the following resolution. The motion was unanimously passed (5-0).

WPSBA Proposed
Budget Ballot and
WPSBA Slate of
Officers.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Pocantico Hills Board of Education approve the proposed 2013-2014 Budget and the 2013-2014 Slate of Officers for the Westchester Putnam School Boards Association.

Annual Meeting: On a motion by Trustee Fred Rickles and seconded by Trustee Joan Cusanelli the Board of Education voted and approved the following resolution. The motion was unanimously passed (5-0).

Annual Meeting

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby establishes Wednesday, July 10, 2013 to conduct the annual organizational meeting of the Pocantico Hills Central School District Board of Education at 8:00 p.m. in the school library.

Discussion of Internal Audit Requirement: On a motion by Vice President David Wilens and seconded by Trustee Emily Segal the Board of Education voted and approved the following resolution. The motion was unanimously passed (5-0).

Discussion of Internal Audit Requirement

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Pocantico Hills Board of Education approve the postponement of the 2012-2013 Risk Assessment, and the 2013-2014 Internal Audit predicated on the change in the State Law eliminating the need for an Internal Audit and Risk Assessment for school districts with an enrollment less than 1,500 students.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Pocantico Hills Internal Audit Committee will re-evaluate the postponement of the Risk Assessment and Internal Audit annually.

Discussion on Installation of Fence: The Board of Education had a discussion on the installation of a fence beginning at the entrance of Gate 1 and running through to the end of the green top. The Board has directed that consideration for the installation of this fence first be considered by the 2013-2014 Facilities Committee.

Discussion on Installation of Fence

Independent Contractor Agreement: On a motion by Trustee Emily Segal and seconded by Trustee Fred Rickles the Board of Education voted and approved the following resolution. The motion was unanimously passed (5-0).

Independent Contractor Agreement

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby approve the contract for Assistive Technology Evaluation between Marcie L. Klebanoff, MA, AFT with offices at 178 Garth Road, Suite 51, Scarsdale, NY 10583 and the Pocantico Hills Central School District for the period May 21, 2013 through June 30, 2013.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Pocantico Hills Central School District authorizes Superintendent Dr. Valencia Douglas to execute the contract between Marcie L. Kelanoff, MA, AFT with offices at 178 Garth Road, Suite 51, Scarsdale, NY 10583 and the Pocantico Hills Central School District for the period May 21, 2013 through June 30, 2013.

Committee on Special Education: On a motion by Vice President David Wilens and seconded by Trustee Fred Rickles the Board of Education voted and approved the recommendations from the Committee on Special Education. The motion was unanimously passed (5-0). Student ID #12458, #2003587, #12541, #2003808, and #0012580.

Committee on Special Education

Personnel: On a motion by Trustee Fred Rickles and seconded by Trustee Emily Segal the Board of Education voted and approved by consent the following personnel as amended. The motion was passed (4 yes and 1 abstain – Trustee Joan Cusanelli).

PERSONNEL

Recreation Guards 2013:

Nate Barasch	\$8.00/hour
Nick Fleder	\$8.50/hour
Emma Sawkins	\$9.50/hour
Chelsae Rosenberg	\$8.25/hour

Assistant Swim Team Coach Salary 2013:

Emma Sawkins \$2000
Nora Cusanelli \$2000

Gate Guards 2013:

James Gallery \$10.00/hour
Noelle Hansley \$9.00/hour

Denial of clearance or conditional clearance from the Commissioner of Education shall result in immediate termination of employment for the appointment listed above.

Substitute Teacher

Name: Matthew Glotzer
Title: Substitute Teacher
Rate: \$90 / day
Effective: May 21, 2013 – June 30, 2013

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Discussion/Planning for Future Meetings: The next Board of Education meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 4th at 8:00 p.m. There will be an Executive Session beginning at 7:15 p.m. for Board training. The Supervisor of Curriculum and Instruction will be giving a presentation on MAP/SLO.

**DISCUSSION /
PLANNING FOR
FUTURE MEETINGS**

Adjournment of Discussion Meeting: There being no further business, on a motion by Trustee Joan Cusanelli and seconded by Trustee Emily Segal the Board of Education adjourned the Discussion Meeting at 9:36 p.m. The motion was unanimously passed (5-0).

**ADJOURNMENT OF
DISCUSSION
MEETING**

Respectfully submitted,
Gina L. Downes
District Clerk

John Conrad, School Board President

Date: _____

Gina L. Downes, District Clerk

Date: _____