

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

Business Meeting
Tuesday, March 5, 2013

The Business Meeting of the Board of Education of the Pocantico Hills Central School District was held on Tuesday, March 5, 2013 at 8:04 p.m. in the school Library, Bedford Road, Sleepy Hollow, New York.

With no objection from the Board, President John Conrad opened the Business Meeting at 8:04 p.m. The motion was unanimously passed (5-0).

CALL TO ORDER

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by the middle school students.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Present: John Conrad, President
David Wilens, Vice President
Joan Cusanelli, Trustee
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: There was no correspondence.

CORRESPONDENCE

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

BOARD/SUPERINTENDENT ANNOUNCEMENTS

- DARE graduation was held on Thursday, February 28th at 1:15 in the Auditorium.
- Our first neighborhood budget meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 12th at the Westchester Hills Condominium Recreation Hall beginning at 7:00 p.m. We are working on scheduling two more community budget meetings at the Firehouse in Pocantico.
- The Foundation Fundraiser, “Something’s Brewing at Pocantico”, will be held on Saturday, March 16th at The Captain Lawrence Brewery in Elmsford beginning at 7:30 p.m. Look forward to seeing everyone there!
- Spring recess begins on Tuesday, March 26th through Friday, March 29th. Please note that due to hurricane Sandy and the recent winter storm we lost three days (March 22nd, March 25th and April 1st) of the original spring recess.
- This year’s reading challenge has begun. For the next 6 weeks we

ask you to help make reading a priority in your home. Ms. Gordon will track weekly “outside of school reading minutes” using the “Pocantico Power Readers Program” – an online program that student’s access and enter their data. We want to thank the PTA and Foundation for helping to sponsor this great event, and we would like to thank the Foundation for donating 4 kindles to raffle off at the end of the challenge.

- Please note that there have been a couple of errors on the School Calendar relating to the School Budget Vote and School Board Election. (1) The calendar states the petitions are due on Monday, April 15th. The actual date the petitions are due is Monday, April 22nd. (2) The date of the school budget vote and school board election is also incorrect. The correct date of the vote is Tuesday, May 21st. We apologize for these errors.
- School Board petitions are available in the District Clerk’s office if anyone is interested in running for the School Board. There are two seats open.

Approval of Minutes: On a motion by Trustee Joan Cusanelli and seconded by Trustee Fred Rickles the Board of Education voted and approved the Discussion Meeting minutes of February 26, 2013 as amended. The motion was passed 4 yes and 1 abstention (Vice President David Wilens).

APPROVAL OF MINUTES
February 26, 2013

Olweus Presentation: The Board of Education received a presentation on the kick-off of Olweus from Jim McVeigh – Guidance Counselor, Adam Brown – Supervisor of Curriculum & Instruction and Stan Steele - Principal.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION
Olweus Presentation

Budget Work Session: The Board of Education received a presentation from Jay Scotto Friedman, Assistant Superintendent and Valencia Douglas, Superintendent on the 2013-2014 proposed school budget.

Budget Work Session

Policy Review: The Board of Education had a first reading on Policy #5695 – Students and Personal Electronic Devices. The policy will be brought back to the March 19th meeting for a second reading.

NEW BUSINESS
Policy Review - #5695

Resolution Authorizing Participation in BOCES Cooperative Bids: 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).

Resolution Authorizing
Participation in BOCES
Cooperative Bids

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the participating school districts of the Southern Westchester Board of Cooperative Services, adopting this Resolution to bid jointly in those supplies, commodities, materials and equipment set forth below.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Pocantico hills Central School Districts agrees to participate with other school districts of the Southern Westchester Board of Education Services, Westchester County, New York adopting this in the joint bidding of:

1. Art Supplies
2. General School Supplies

3. Office Supplies
4. Fine Paper Supplies
5. Audio Visual Supplies & Equipment
6. Bakery Goods
7. Cafeteria Food Supplies
8. Custodial Supplies
9. Trash Liners
10. Custodial Paper Supplies
11. Lumber Supplies
12. Laser & Ink Jet Toners
13. Microcomputer Hardware
14. Office and Classroom Furniture
15. Graphing Calculators

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Resolution shall remain in effect until June 30, 2014,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that it is agreed that the specifications as presented will be used, and that the Pocantico Hills CSD Board of Education agrees to bid its required amount of said commodities jointly with other participating school districts in Southern Westchester and the Southern Westchester Board of Cooperative Educational Services. The recommendation of the Purchasing Steering Committee will be considered when this Board acts on the purchase of said Commodities.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the invitation to bid will be advertised by BOCES in The Journal News in accordance with the provisions of Section 103 to the General Municipal law.

Gina Downes
Clerk

Pocantico Hills Central School District
School District

March 5, 2013
Date of Board Adoption

599 Bedford Road, Sleepy Hollow, NY 10591
Address

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

Contract for Educational Services

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 2012-2013 contract for Educational Services for sixteen Pocantico Hills resident students with the Pleasantville UFSD totaling \$888,700 as follows:

Student 1	\$43,080
Student 2	\$88,680
Student 3	\$64,800
Student 4	\$44,250
Student 5	\$36,450
Student 6	\$45,225
Student 7	\$40,350
Student 8	\$39,375

Student 9	\$84,300
Student 10	\$78,960
Student 11	\$86,250
Student 12	\$87,450
Student 13	\$58,570
Student 14	\$80,960
Student 15	\$ 5,000
Student 16	\$ 5,000

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Superintendent Dr. Valencia Douglas is hereby authorized to execute the contract for Special Educational Services for the 2012-2013 school year between the Pleasantville Union Free School District, and the Pocantico Hills Central School District.

Appointments and Resignations: On a motion by Trustee Emily Segal and seconded by Trustee Joan Cusanelli the Board of Education voted and approved the following appointments and resignations by consent as listed below. The motion was unanimously passed (5-0).

PERSONNEL
Appointments & Resignations

1. Appointments:

Name: Michael Gimblette
Title: Assistant Pool Director
Term: March 6, 2013 – March 5, 2014
Rate: \$15.50/hour

Name: Lauren Pizzolla
Title: Assistant Pool Director
Term: March 6, 2013 – March 5, 2014
Rate: \$14.00/hour

Name: Lauren Pizzolla
Title: Head Swim Coach
Term: March 6, 2013 – March 5, 2014
Rate: \$2,500 per season

Name: Ryan Nastasi
Title: Part-Time Clerk (.5 FTE)
Rate: Step 7 CSEA Column A Contract \$24,642.50
Term: March 6, 2013 – March 5, 2014

Name: Ryan Nastasi
Title: Part-Time Teacher Aide
Rate: \$57.12 per day
Term: March 6, 2013 – March 5, 2014

Name: Marcia Finsmith
Title: Monitor
Rate: \$17.61 per hour
Term: March 6, 2013 – June 30, 2013

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

Resignation:

Name: Marcia Finsmith
Title: Part-Time Clerk (.5 FTE)
Effective Date: March 6, 2013

Name: Ryan Nastasi
Title: Secretary to School Administrator – Provisional
Effective Date: March 6, 2013

Discussion/Planning for Future Meetings: The next Board of Education meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 19th at 8:00 p.m. in the Library. The first neighborhood budget meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 12th at 7:00 p.m. at the Westchester Hills Condominium Recreation Hall.

**DISCUSSION/PLANNING
FOR FUTURE MEETINGS**

Adjournment of Discussion Meeting: There being no further business, on a motion by Trustee Fred Rickles and seconded by Trustee Joan Cusanelli the Board of Education adjourned the Discussion Meeting at 11:30 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: _____