

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

Business Meeting  
Tuesday, May 7, 2013

The Business Meeting of the Board of Education of the Pocantico Hills Central School District was held on Tuesday, May 7, 2013 at 6:34 p.m. in the school Library, Bedford Road, Sleepy Hollow, New York.

On a motion by Trustee Emily Segal and seconded by Trustee Fred Rickles the Board of Education opened the Business Meeting at 6:34 p.m. The motion was passed (3-0).

**CALL TO ORDER**

On a motion by Trustee Fred Rickles and seconded by Trustee Emily Segal the Board of Education moved into Executive Session at 6:35 p.m. to discuss the employment history of a particular individual. The motion was passed (3-0).

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Present: David Wilens, Vice President  
Joan Cusanelli, Trustee (arrived 6:45 p.m.)  
Fred Rickles, Trustee  
Emily Segal, Trustee

**ROLL CALL**

Also Present: Valencia F. Douglas, Superintendent  
Jay Scotto-Friedman, Assistant Superintendent

Absent: John Conrad, President

On a motion by Trustee Joan Cuanelli and seconded by Trustee Fred Rickles the Board of Education adjourned from Executive Session at 7:55 p.m. The motion was passed (4-0).

**ADJOURNMENT  
FROM EXECUTIVE  
SESSION**

With no objection from the Board, Vice President David Wilens called the Business Meeting to Order at 8:04 p.m.

**CALL TO ORDER**

On a motion by Trustee Emily Segal and seconded by Trustee Joan Cusanelli, Assistant Superintendent Jay Scotto-Friedman was appointed Clerk Pro Tem for the Business Meeting of Tuesday, May 7, 2013. The motion was unanimously passed (4-0).

**CLERK PRO TEM**

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Trustee Emily Segal.

**PLEDGE OF  
ALLEGIANCE**

Present: John Conrad, President (arrived 9:30 p.m.)  
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

Absent: Gina L. Downes, District Clerk

**Middle School Reading Group Presentation:** The Board of Education received a presentation from Laura Garrido, Debbie O’Neill and middle school students on their reading group program.

**Public Hearing on 2013-2014 Proposed School Budget:** The Board of Education was presented with the Public Hearing on the 2013-2014 proposed school budget by Assistant Superintendent, Jay Scotto-Friedman.

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

**Correspondence:** There was no correspondence.

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

The middle school concert will be held on Wednesday, May 8<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. in the auditorium. There will be a plant sale and the 8<sup>th</sup> grade class will be having a bake sale and raffle to raise money for their end of year activities.

Tuesday, May 14<sup>th</sup> is the Photography Club Exhibit. It will be held in the cafeteria from 7:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. We hope you can join us.

This is Teacher Appreciation Week. We would like to thank all of our teachers and staff for their hard work and effort in educating our students. The demands are many, the hours are long, but the rewards are many for having our students learn and reach their greatest potential.

The PTA will hold a Staff Luncheon on Friday, May 10<sup>th</sup> and the Administration will be having a breakfast for the staff on Friday, May 17<sup>th</sup>.

Trustee Fred Rickles gave a “shout out” to Steve Cowles and Dave Owen for stepping in to coach the boys’ baseball game last week.

**Approval of Minutes:** On a motion by Trustee Emily Segal and seconded by Trustee Fred Rickles the Board of Education voted and approved the April 23, 2013 Discussion Meeting minutes as amended. The motion was unanimously passed (4-0).

**Greenburgh Town Assessor:** Greenburgh Town Assessor, Edye McCarthy addressed the community and Board of Education regarding the assessed valuation in the Town of Greenburgh.

**MIDDLE SCHOOL  
READING GROUP  
PRESENTATION**

**PUBLIC HEARING  
ON 2013-2014  
PROPOSED SCHOOL  
BUDGET**

**HEARING FROM  
THOSE PRESENT**

**CORRESPONDENCE**

**BOARD /  
SUPERINTENDENT  
ANNOUNCE-MENTS**

**APPROVAL OF  
MINUTES  
April 23, 2013**

**SPECIAL  
PRESENTATION  
Greenburgh Town  
Assessor**

**Recess:** At 9:40 p.m. the Board of Education took a recess. The Board of Education returned at 9:45 p.m.

**RECESS**

**2012-2013 Capital Project:** On a motion by Emily Segal and seconded by Trustee Red Rickles the Board of Education voted and approved the following resolution. The motion was unanimously passed (5-0).

**NEW BUSINESS**  
2012-2013 Capital Project

WHEREAS, as part of the voter approved 2012-2013 school budget, there were funds therein for the replacement of auditorium seats and for the installation of a motorized gate and fence at Gate #1; and

WHEREAS, the Board would like to delay the implementation of these projects until a comprehensive master capital plan has been developed for the District;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby determines that the funds in the voter approved 2012-2013 school budget for the following capital projects: replacement of auditorium seats (\$60,000) and installation of motorized gate and fence at Gate #1 (\$60,000), shall not utilized for such projects and shall, instead, be returned to the General Fund from the Capital Fund by June 30, 2013: and

BE IF FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board directs that the replacement of auditorium seats and the installation of a motorized gate and fence are to be considered by the Facilities Committee for possible inclusion in a more comprehensive master capital plan developed during the 2013-2014 school year.

**CSEA Holiday Schedule:** On a motion by Trustee Fred Rickles and seconded by Trustee Emily Segal the Board of Education voted and approved the following CSEA Holiday Schedule. The motion was unanimously passed (5-0).

CSEA Holiday Schedule

### **2013**

1. July 4, 2013 Independence Day
2. September 2, 2013 Labor Day
3. October 14, 2013 Columbus Day
4. November 11, 2013 Veterans Day
5. November 28, 2013 Thanksgiving Day
6. November 29, 2013 Day after Thanksgiving
7. December 25, 2013 Christmas Day

### **2014**

8. January 1, 2014 New Year's Day
9. January 20, 2014 Martin Luther King
10. February 17, 2014 President's Day
11. April 18, 2014 Good Friday
12. May 26, 2014 Memorial Day
  
13. Floater
14. Floater
15. Floater

The three floating holidays will be selected by each individual and will require the approval of the administration.

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

Right of Entry Agreement

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Pocantico Hills Central School District Board of Education hereby approves the Right of Entry Agreement between BMR-Landmark at Eastview LLC and the Pocantico Hills Central School District for May 2-3, 2013.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Pocantico Hills Central School District Board of Education authorizes Superintendent Valencia Douglas to execute the Right of Entry Agreement between BMR-Landmark at Eastview LLC and the Pocantico Hills Central School District for May 2-3, 2013 art show.

**Donation:** On a motion by Trustee Joan Cusanelli and seconded by Trustee Emily Segal the Board of Education voted and approved the following resolution. The motion was unanimously passed (5-0).

Donation

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Pocantico Hills Board of Education accept a donation from the Sullivan Family of a Kousa Dogwood tree to be planted in the memorial circle through Gate 1, with a plaque for Robert Hamilton Barstow II, class of 2007.

**Pocantico Hills Recreation Rules & Regulations:** The Board of Education reviewed and had a discussion on the Recreation Rules & Regulations for the 2013 summer season. The Pool Director will make changes and bring this topic back for review and approval at the next Board of Education meeting.

Pocantico Hills  
Recreation – Rules &  
Regulations

**Committee on Special Education:** On a motion by Trustee Joan Cusanelli and seconded by Trustee Fred Rickles the Board of Education voted and approved by consent the following recommendations from the committee on Special Education. The motion was unanimously passed (5-0). Student ID #002006005, #2003627, #2003692, #2003746, #0012559, #0000, #0012580, #0012580, 0012579, #2003923, #002006118, #002006143, and #002006118.

Committee on Special  
Education

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

District Vision Statement

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Pocantico Hills Board of Education adopt the District Vision Statement, Guiding Principals and Essential Skills developed by the Principles Vision Committee during 2012-2013 school year.

**Personnel:** On a motion by Trustee Joan Cusanelli and seconded by President John Conrad the Board of Education voted and approved the following personnel by consent. The motion was unanimously passed (5-0).

**PERSONNEL**

**1. Appointments:**

**Part Time Teaching Assistant**

Name: Ellie Fosnot  
Title: Part Time Teaching Assistant (.4)  
Effective Date: May 8, 2013 – June 30, 2013  
Salary: Step 9 \$36,501 prorated to \$14,600  
FTE: .4

**Recreation Guards 2013**

Claire Descamps - \$8.00/hour  
Nick Fleder - \$8.50/hour  
Taylor Savastano - \$8.50/hour

**Assistant Swim Team Coach Salary 2013**

Tyler Colangelo - \$2000

**Summer Camp Appointments 2013****Pre K A**

Head Counselor Jessi Smith - \$2,500  
Junior Counselor Meredith Lyons - \$1,100

**Pre KB**

Head Counselor Mona Kaufman - \$2,800  
Junior Counselor Harold Pineda - \$920

**KA**

Head Counselor Mary Ann Fitzsimmons - \$3,300  
Junior Counselor Tanishai Samuels - \$800

**KB**

Head Counselor Danielle Borowitz - \$2,425  
Junior Counselor Timothy Tribble - \$800

**1A**

Head Counselor Michelle Darcy - \$2,200  
Junior Counselor Rahsaan Simmonds - \$1,100  
Junior Counselor Nikki Seiler - \$800

**1B**

Head Counselor Arun Matthew - \$2,425  
Junior Counselor Jennifer Padilla - \$1,330  
Junior Counselor Reynelson Diaz - \$1,100

**2A**

Head Counselor Tara Gallery - \$2,425  
Junior Counselor Billy Schiavone - \$800  
Junior Counselor Malik White - \$800

**2B**

Head Counselor Ana Torres - \$2,500  
Junior Counselor Casey McBride - \$800  
Junior Counselor Michael Acocella - \$800

**3<sup>rd</sup>**

Head Counselor Amanda Carpentieri - \$2,200  
Junior Counselor Kevin Lopez - \$920  
Junior Counselor Matt Kaufman - \$920  
Junior Counselor Elena Vander Els - \$800  
Junior Counselor Julia Rennert - \$920  
Junior Counselor Diana Hiltz - \$1,100

#### **4th**

Head Counselor Caliph Mohammed - \$3,050  
Junior Counselor Matthew Dineen - \$800  
Junior Counselor Gabrielle Minton - \$1,100  
Junior Counselor Kara Fanelli - \$1,100

#### **5th**

Head Counselor Brittany Martin - \$2,500  
Junior Counselor Dylan Pastore - \$1,330  
Junior Counselor Frank Tirri - \$800  
Junior Counselor Samantha Rubeo - \$1,330  
Junior Counselor Dominick Simonetti - \$800

#### **6th**

Head Counselor Maureen Gallery - \$5,883  
Junior Counselor Manny Roopchand - \$3,775  
Junior Counselor Anthony Policastro - \$1,100  
Junior Counselor Jennifer Vander Els - \$1,100  
Junior Counselor Nora Cusanelli - \$920

#### **Teens**

Head Counselor Kristen DeCandido - \$2,500  
Junior Counselor John Kenndy - \$1,100  
Junior Counselor Katie Philpot - \$1,330  
Junior Counselor James Gallery - \$1,330

#### **Wilderness**

Head Counselor Demetrios Kringas - \$2,500  
Junior Counselor Kiera Goin - \$1,100  
Junior Counselor Fernanda Cabrera - \$800  
Junior Counselor Brian Smith - \$2,200  
Junior Counselor Chris Madera - \$1,330  
Junior Counselor Luis Reyes - \$1900

#### **Athletics**

Head Counselor Matt Kleiman - \$3,570  
Head Counselor Gina Policastro - \$3,050  
Junior Counselor Jonathan Marrero - \$1,330  
Junior Counselor Brandon Castro - \$800

#### **Studio**

Head Counselor Jessica Ford - \$2,500  
Junior Counselor Noelle Hansley - \$920

#### **Dance**

Head Counselor Stacey Rubeo - \$2,500

**Primary Fun Factory**

Head Counselor Judy Bowen - \$3,775  
Junior Counselor Megan Dall - \$800

**Upper Fun Factory**

Head Counselor Deborah Kraemer - \$2,730

**Reading/Nature**

Head Counselor Grace Labrador - \$3,300

**Sports Clinic**

Head Counselor Joseph Deprossino - \$3,200

**Nurse**

Alyson Perriott - \$6,500

**Substitute Nurse**

Maureen Kringas - \$200 per overnight

**Home Economics**

Head Counselor Jean Hiltz - \$4,000  
Asst Jacqueline Newbey - \$1,800

**Video**

Peter Rubeo - \$3,570

**Reading Progam**

Lori Rollman - \$4,620  
Debbie O’Neill - \$4,620

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

**Discussion/Planning for Future Meetings:** The next Board of Education meeting will be held on Monday, May 20<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 p.m. in the Library.

**DISCUSSION /  
PLANNING FOR  
FUTURE MEETINGS**

The Board of Education had a discussion on the 2013 high school graduation dates and Board Member/Administrative attendance.

**Briarcliff High School**

Jay Scotto-Friedman, Stan Steele, John Conrad, Joan Cusanelli (note: Valencia was going to ask Stan and Adam which they wanted to attend)

**Pleasantville High School**

Valencia Douglas, Adam Brown, Stan Steele, John Conrad, David Wilens, Joan Cusanelli, Fred, Rickles, and Emily Segal (note: Valencia was going to ask Stan and Adam which they wanted to attend)

**Sleepy Hollow High School**

Valencia Douglas, Emily Segal and David Wilens

**Adjournment of Business 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 Business Meeting at 11:03 p.m. The motion was unanimously passed (5-0).

**ADJOURNMENT OF  
BUSINESS MEETING**

Respectfully submitted,  
Gina L. Downes  
District Clerk

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John Conrad, School Board President

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

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Jay Scotto-Friedman, Clerk Pro Tem

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