

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

Discussion Meeting
Tuesday, September 20, 2011

The Discussion Meeting of the Board of Education of the Pocantico Hills Central School District was held on Tuesday, September 20 at 6:35 p.m. in the school Library, Bedford Road, Sleepy Hollow, New York.

On a motion by Trustee Fred Rickles and seconded by Trustee Emily Segal the Board of Education opened the Discussion Meeting at 6:35 p.m. The motion was passed (4-0) **DISCUSSION MEETING**

Vice President David Wilens was nominated to serve as temporary clerk for the Executive Session. The motion passed 3 yes and 1 recusal (Vice President David Wilens). **NOMINATION OF TEMPORARY CLERK**

Present: John Conrad, President (arrived 6:39 p.m.)
David Wilens, Vice President
Joan Cusanelli, Trustee
Fred Rickles, Trustee
Emily Segal, Trustee **ROLL CALL**

Also Present: Dr. Valencia Douglas, Superintendent
Jay Scotto-Friedman, Assistant Superintendent
David Shaw, School Attorney

On a motion by Trustee Fred Rickles and seconded by Trustee Emily Segal the Board of Education opened the Executive Session at 6:37 p.m. to discuss collective negotiations pursuant to Article 14 of the Civil Service Law. The motion was passed (4-0). **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

On a motion by Trustee Joan Cusanelli and seconded by Vice President David Wilens the Board of Education adjourned the Executive Session at 8:00 p.m. The motion was unanimously passed (5-0). **ADJOURNMENT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION**

With no objection from the Board of Education President John Conrad called the Discussion Meeting to order at 8:10 p.m. **CALL TO ORDER**

Superintendent Valencia Douglas led the pledge of allegiance. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Present: John Conrad, President
David Wilens, Vice President
Joan Cusanelli, Trustee
Fred Rickles, Trustee
Emily Segal, Trustee **ROLL CALL**

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

Hearing From Those Present: A community member asked the Board of Education to consider a late request for transportation to a private school.

HEARING FROM THOSE PRESENT

Correspondence: No correspondence at this time.

CORRESPONDENCE

Board/Superintendent Announcements: Superintendent Douglas announced the following:

BOARD/SUPERINTENDENT ANNOUNCEMENTS

The PTA will be having a spaghetti dinner to welcome the new families and staff on Friday, September 23 at 5:30 p.m. in the cafeteria.

The ELO classes for the 3rd through 4th graders will begin on Monday, October 3rd. Flyers will be sent home soon.

Our calendars are finally out! Please enjoy the new and improved calendar.

President John Conrad thanked the teachers, Dr. Douglas and Mr. Steele for a wonderful Middle School Open House. It was great to see someone in the STEM class; the staff was enthusiastic. As a parent I felt good, but as a Board member I felt even better.

Approval of Minutes: On a motion by Trustee Emily Segal and seconded by Trustee Fred Rickles the Board of Education voted and approved the Business Meeting Minutes of September 7, 2011 as amended. The motion was unanimously passed (5-0).

APPROVAL OF MINUTES
September 7, 2011

Late Transportation Request: On a motion by Trustee Fred Rickles and seconded by Trustee Emily Segal the Board of Education voted and approved the resolution for denial of the late transportation request. The motion was unanimously passed (5-0).

NEW BUSINESS
Late Transportation Request

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 deny the late transportation request for one student attending Iona Grammar and one student attending Ursuline School since there is an identifiable cost associated with this late request.

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

High School Tuition

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education authorizes Superintendent Dr. Valencia Douglas to contact the Tarrytown, Pleasantville, and Briarcliff School Districts for the purpose of initiating discussions regarding the tuition rates.

Residency Determination: 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).

Residency Determination

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby delegates its authority, pursuant to Commissioner's Regulations 100.2(y), to Mr. Jay

Scotto-Friedman, Assistant Superintendent for Finance and Support Services who shall have the full and final authority to make determinations regarding student residency.

BOCES Transportation Contract: On a motion by Vice President David Wilens and seconded by Trustee Fred Rickles the Board of Education voted and approved the following resolution. The motion was unanimously passed (5-0).

BOCES Transportation Contract

Policy Discussions: The Board of Education had a first reading on the following policies: #4165 – Nepotism and Significant Relationships, #4730 – Homework, #9270.1 – Substitutes, #0100 – Equal Opportunity and Non-Discrimination, and #5280, Interscholastic Athletics.

Policy Discussions

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

PERSONNEL
Appointments

Substitute Teacher Appointment:

Name: Paul V. Moscarello
Rate: \$90.00 per day
Term: September 1, 2011 – June 30, 2012

Bus/Cafeteria/Recess Monitor – Substitute:

Name: Lucy Diaz
Rate: \$17.61 per hour
Term: September 21, 2011 – June 30, 2012

Name: Adam Brown
Title: Interim Coordinator of Curriculum and Instruction
Effective Date: July 1, 2011 – December 31, 2011
Annual Salary: \$121,836, prorated

This resolution supersedes the resolution approved by the Board of Education on July 6, 2011.

Stipend Appointments: On a motion by Trustee Fred Rickles and seconded by Trustee Emily Segal the Board of Education voted and approved the following stipend appointments. The motion was passed 4 yes and 1 no (Vice President David Wilens).

Stipend Appointments

Name	Stipend	Amount*
Nancy Occhicone	\$2,747.00	ELO Coordinator
Laura Garrido	\$3,863.00	Yearbook Advisor
Ilana Brennan	\$6,701.00	Student Council Advisor
Amie Doane	\$3,574.00	Photography Club Advisor
Laura Garrido	\$3,574.00	Photography Club Advisor
Jim McVeigh	\$1,722.50	Guardian Angel Advisor (half of stipend – split position)
Dan Linehan	\$1,722.50	Guardian Angel Advisor (half of stipend – split position)
Sheila Stanton	\$3574.00	Newspaper Advisor

Amounts based upon Agreement between Pocantico Hills CSD and the

Pocantico Hills Teachers Association July 1, 2010-June 30, 2012.

Discussion/Planning for Future Meetings: The next Board of Education meeting will be on Tuesday, October 4 at 8:00 p.m. Assistant Superintendent Jay Scotto-Friedman will ask the Construction Manager and Architects to speak about the tennis courts.

**DISCUSSION/PLANNING
FOR FUTURE MEETINGS**

President John Conrad would like the dates of the Board meetings to be revisited.

Vice President David Wilens would like the Facilities Use Policy to be revisited.

A presentation will be scheduled for Handwriting without Tears in the near future.

Adjournment: On a motion by Trustee Emily Segal and seconded by Trustee Fred Rickles the Board of Education adjourned the Discussion Meeting at 10:06 p.m. The motion was unanimously passed (5-0).

ADJOURNMENT

Respectfully submitted,
Gina L. Downes
District Clerk

John Conrad, School Board President

Date: _____

Gina L. Downes, District Clerk

Date: _____