

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

Business Meeting  
Tuesday, October 4, 2011

The Business Meeting of the Board of Education of the Pocantico Hills Central School District was held on Tuesday, October 4 at 6:30 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 Business Meeting at 6:30 p.m. The motion was passed (5-0) **BUSINESS MEETING**

On a motion by Trustee Fred Rickles and seconded by Trustee Emily Segal the Board of Education opened the Executive Session at 6:31 p.m. to discuss collective negotiations pursuant to Article 14 of the Civil Service Law. The motion was passed (5-0). **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

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  
David Shaw, School Attorney

On a motion by Vice President David Wilens and seconded by Trustee Emily Segal the Board of Education adjourned the Executive Session at 8:03 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 Business Meeting to order at 8:14 p.m. **CALL TO ORDER**

Trustee Fred Rickles led the pledge of allegiance. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Present: John Conrad, President  
David Wilens, Vice President  
Joan Cusanelli, Trustee (departed at 9:00 p.m.)  
Fred Rickles, Trustee  
Emily Segal, Trustee **ROLL CALL**

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

**Hearing From Those Present:** There were no comments from the **HEARING FROM THOSE**

community.

**Correspondence:** No correspondence at this time.

**Board/Superintendent Announcements:** Superintendent Douglas announced the following:

On Friday, October 7, the Foundation will have its annual walk around Swan Lake. Funds raised will be for the robotics program. The rain date for the walk is scheduled for Tuesday, October 11.

Monday, October 10 is Columbus Day and the District will be closed.

Our next Strategic Planning Committee Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, October 12 at 6:00 p.m. in the Library.

President John Conrad thanked Principal Stanley Steele and all the teachers for a great job on the elementary school open house. The teachers were enthusiastic, the classrooms looked great and the parents asked great questions.

**Reconstruction Project Update:** Project Manager, Joe Tola gave a brief update on the status of the reconstruction project to date, and the window and the bathroom reconstruction projects.

Architect Brian Cieslinski gave an update on the design recommendations for the tennis court repairs.

**Board of Education Meeting Dates:** On a motion by Trustee Joan Cusanelli and seconded by Trustee Emily Segal the Board of Education voted and approved the Board of Education meeting date change of Tuesday, November 22, 2011 to Thursday, December 1, 2011.

**Approval of Minutes:** On a motion by Vice President David Wilens and seconded by Trustee Fred Rickles the Board of Education voted and approved the Discussion Meeting Minutes of September 20, 2011 as amended. The motion was unanimously passed (5-0).

**Policy Review:** The Board of Education had a second 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. The policies will be brought back for a third reading and approval at the next Board of Education meeting.

**Policy Review:** The Board of Education had a first reading on the following policies: #1000 – Community Relations Goals, #1050 – Annual District Election and budget Vote, #1130 – Media Relations, #2382 – Broadcasting and Taping of Board meetings, and #2520 – Board Member Training. The policies will be brought back for a second reading at the next Board of Education meeting.

## PRESENT

## CORRESPONDENCE

## BOARD/SUPERINTENDENT ANNOUNCEMENTS

## SPECIAL PRESENTATION Reconstruction Project Update

## OLD BUSINESS Board of Education Meeting Dates

## APPROVAL OF MINUTES September 20, 2011

## OLD BUSINESS Policy Review

## NEW BUSINESS Policy Review

**Appointments:** On a motion by Trustee Fred Rickles and seconded by Trustee Emily Segal the Board of Education voted and approved by consent agenda the following personnel appointments. The motion was unanimously passed (4-0).

**PERSONNEL**  
Appointments

**1. Appointment:**

**Bus/Cafeteria/Recess Monitor –Substitute**

**Name:** Shazia Alirahi

**Rate:** \$17.61

**Term:** September 21, 2011-June 30, 2012

**Name:** Linda Liberatore

**Rate:** \$17.61

**Term:** September 21, 2011-June 30, 2012

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

**2. Substitute Teacher Aide**

**Name:** Michelle Tarchine

**Rate:** \$17.31

**Term:** September 1, 2011-June 30, 2012

**3. Substitute Teachers 2011-2012**

**Rate: \$90.00 per day**

**Term: September 1, 2011- June 30, 2012**

Sabrina Genco  
Brandy Gannon  
Dora DeBiase  
Trinidad Acevedo  
Rylan Borrer  
Joanne M. Cola

**Discussion/Planning for Future Meetings:** The next Board of Education meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 25 at 8:00 p.m. There will be two presentations that evening – Handwriting without Tears and Briarcliff High School.

**DISCUSSION/PLANNING  
FOR FUTURE MEETINGS**

President John Conrad requested a discussion on the Goals for 2011/2012 at a November Board Meeting. He also requested Assistant Superintendent Jay Scotto-Friedman give a brief update to the Board and community on the tax cap.

**Adjournment:** On a motion by Vice President David Wilens and seconded by Trustee Fred Rickles the Board of Education adjourned the Business Meeting at 9:58 p.m. The motion was unanimously passed (4-0).

**ADJOURNMENT**

Respectfully submitted,

Gina L. Downes  
District Clerk

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John Conrad, School Board President

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

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Gina L. Downes, District Clerk

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