

**PAWLING CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT  
MINUTES -  
BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**APPROVED**

Pawling Central School

Date of Meeting: Tuesday, January 23, 2007  
Time of Meeting: 7:30 P.M.  
Type of Meeting: Business Meeting  
Place of Meeting: Elementary School Multi-Purpose Room

Board Members Present: Pauline Kaplan, Board President  
Henrietta Lodge, Vice President  
Helen Grosso (arr. 7:35pm)  
Bruce Cunningham  
Dennis Munnely

Board Members Absent: Thomas Clark  
Teri Olson

Admin. Staff Present: Joseph Sciortino, Superintendent  
Frank Tolan (arr. 8:55pm)  
George Vanderzell  
Anthony Saracino  
Susan Frank  
John Bellucci  
Sonya Abbye Taylor  
George Newman  
Margie Clarke  
Robert Hamilton

Admin. Staff Absent:

Business Meeting **called to order** by Board President  
**Roll Call** was taken by the Board Clerk  
**Pledge** to the Flag

**Board President Comments**

Thanks to everyone for coming tonight. We will be discussing the land purchase and enrollment questions during old business tonight.

**Visitor's Comments**

None

**Board Remarks**

Henrietta wanted to bring the emails about leadership from the School Boards Association to everyone attention. They are reaching out to the State Legislature and the new people on board to develop a more effective partnership between School Boards and the state leaders. I will get copies of this to the board.

**Presentations**

**PHOTOCOPIER ACQUISITIONS – Judy Kear, Purchasing Agent**

Overview of the purchasing process for the copiers for all three schools

**CALL TO ORDER  
ROLL CALL  
PLEDGE**

**Board Pres. Comments**

**Visitor's Comments**

**Board Remarks**

**PRESENTATIONS**

**OPERATIONS & MAINTENANCE BUDGET REPORT  
FIVE YEAR PLAN UPDATE - Joseph Sciortino, Superintendent  
Margie Clarke, Asst. Supt. for  
Finance**

Overview of the 5 year plan projects that were completed and those still to be completed, plus the priorities for the High School.

**Agenda order**

Motion by Dennis Munnely, seconded by Henrietta Lodge and carried unanimously to approve the following additions, deletions/changes and order of the agenda as presented.

- 8.5 D. change effective date January 25, 2007 (not June)
- E. addition part time Science teacher

Motion by Henrietta Lodge, seconded by Dennis Munnely and carried unanimously that the Board of Education accepts all (\*) asterisked items as the consent agenda

- 8.1 Resignation/Retirement – Elementary Principal
- 8.2 Resignation - Bus Monitor dependent upon appointment as bus driver
- 8.3 Leave(s) of Absence
  - A. Special Education Teacher
  - B. Teaching Assistant
- 8.4 Rescind Appointment of Supervisor of Transportation
- 8.5 Appointments
  - A. Long Term Special Education Teacher
  - B. Substitute Teachers
  - C. Bus Driver
  - D. Substitute Cleaner
  - E. Part time Science teacher
- 8.6 Approve Student Teachers
- 8.7 Approve Intern (for Ele. Special Education teacher)
- 8.8 Approve Payment for 7<sup>th</sup> Period to M.S. Music Teacher
- 8.9 Approve Substitute Cafeteria Worker
- 9.1 Accept Financial Reports
- 9.2 Approve Contract with D.C. BOCES for Acquisition of Computer Related Equipment
- 9.3 Declare School Van Obsolete and Authorize Seeking Bids
- 10.1 Accept Individualized Education Plans
- 11.1 Approve Continuation with Dover High School in Varsity Ice Hockey
- 11.2 Approve to Accept Independent Wrestler from Dover to Train with Pawling Team

**Consent Agenda Discussion**

Board President wanted to thank Tony Saracino for his years of service as the elementary school principal; he is retiring as of June. We wish you well with whatever comes next.

**AGENDA ORDER**

**APPROVE CONSENT  
AGENDA**

**Minutes**

Motion by Bruce Cunningham, seconded by Dennis Munnely and carried unanimously that the Board of Education approve the Minutes of the following meeting:

**January 8, 2007 Business Meeting**

**Personnel**

\*Approved as part of the consent agenda that the Board of Education accept, with regret, the following resignation for the purpose of retirement:

Anthony Saracino as Pawling Elementary School Principal, effective June 30, 2007.

\*Approved as part of the consent agenda that the Board of Education accept the resignation of Gretchen Woolley from her position as Bus Monitor dependent upon her appointment as a bus driver, effective February 10, 2007.

\*Approved as part of the consent agenda that the Board of Education approve the following leave request(s):

Nicole Moore, Special Education teacher, under the Family Medical Leave Act, effective on or about March 26, 2007 through June 22, 2007.

Kimberly Boettcher, from her teaching assistant position, dependent upon her appointment as a Regular Substitute Special Education Teacher, effective January 23, 2007.

\*Approved as part of the consent agenda that the Board of Education rescind the January 8, 2007 appointment resolution of Holley Alger Vinchiarello who withdrew her acceptance of the position.

\*Approved as part of the consent agenda that the Board of Education approve the following appointments:

Kimberly Boettcher, as a Long Term Special Education Teacher replacing a teacher on family medical leave, effective January 23, 2007 to June 30, 2007, and that she be paid at Step 1B (\$42,571.00 prorated) of the salary schedule as contained in the agreement between the district and the Pawling Teachers Association.

The following individuals as per diem substitute teachers for the remainder of 2006-2007 school year and dependent upon fingerprint clearance from the State Education Department:

- Nicole Cooper - 2 yr. degree (college student)
- John Lodge – 4 yr. degree

Gretchen Woolley, as a bus driver, effective February 10, 2007, at the hourly rate of \$18.69 with a probationary period in accordance with the CSEA contract subject to passing her road test on February 9, 2007 and DMV fingerprint clearance.

**APPROVE MINUTES**

**PERSONNEL**

Resignation/Retirement

Pawling Elementary School Principal

Resignation Bus Monitor

Leave of Absence

Special Education teacher

Teaching assistant position

Rescind Appointment Resolution of Supervisor of Transportation

Appointments

Long Term Special Education Teacher

per diem substitute teachers

Bus driver

Ian Callan, as a substitute cleaner, at the hourly rate of \$8.50, effective January 24, 2007 with continuing employment dependent upon fingerprint clearance from SED.

Substitute cleaner

Chezdis Sanchez as a part time (.5) Science teacher fro Secondary Biology and Chemistry labs effective January 25, 2007 through June 22, 2007 and that Ms. Sanchez be paid at Step 1B42M (\$46,155 prorated) of the salary schedule as contained in the agreement between the District and the Pawling Teacher Association.

Part time Science teacher

\*Approved as part of the consent agenda that the Board of Education approve the following student teachers:

Approve Student Teachers

Lauren Rogers from SUNY New Paltz – January 22<sup>nd</sup> to March 19<sup>th</sup> – with Betty Nagasing

Elizabeth Ann Tobey from SUNY New Paltz – January 22<sup>nd</sup> to March 29<sup>th</sup> – with Jaclyn Mayland, High School French

Erin Lutz from SUNY New Paltz – January 22<sup>nd</sup> to March 19<sup>th</sup> – with Alison Scanlon, High School English

Raina Feig-Yarden from SUNY New Paltz – March 19<sup>th</sup> to May 18<sup>th</sup> – with Pat Denema, Middle School Math

Jill Bell from SUNY New Paltz – January 22<sup>nd</sup> to March 19<sup>th</sup> - with Amy Maucieri, Middle School Art

\*Approved as part of the consent agenda that the Board of Education approve the internship for Fara Tomarchio (one day per week) under Grace McColgan, Special Education Teacher at the Elementary School, beginning the first week in February and ending the first week of April 2007, dependent upon fingerprint clearance from SED and a signed agreement from her Supervisor at Dutchess Community College.

Approve Intern

\*Approved as part of the consent agenda that the Board of Education pay Elizabeth Stevens, Middle School Music Teacher, for teaching a 7<sup>th</sup> period from September 1, 2006 through January 26, 2007, at one-sixth of her salary.

Approve Payment to Music Teacher for Additional Class

\*Approved as part of the consent agenda that the Board of Education approve Angela DelBene as a substitute cafeteria worker, for the remainder of the 2006-2007 school year, at the hourly rate of \$7.15, with continuing employment dependent upon fingerprint clearance from SED.

Approve Substitute Cafeteria Worker

Financial

\*Approved as part of the consent agenda that the Board of Education accept the following financial reports:

**FINANCIAL**  
Accept Financial Reports

- Bank Reconciliations m/e October, 2007
- Revenue/Expenditure Report m/e October, 2007
- Summary of Cash Balances m/e October, 2007
- M.S. Activity Fund Report m/e October, 2007
- H.S. Activity Fund Report m/e October, 2007

\*Approved as part of the consent agenda that the Board of Education does hereby approve a contract with the Dutchess County BOCES for the acquisition of computer/technology hardware, copier/printer and related equipment through a three-year installment purchase agreement (IPA) commencing in the 2006-2007 school year with maximum total principal cost of \$173,000 and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Pawling Central School District will pay the Dutchess County BOCES through its regular monthly billing cycle over the three-year period to commence during the 2006-2007 school year.

\*Approved as part of the consent agenda that the Board of Education declare the 1996 Ford – Model 35C – 20 Passenger School Van, Vin #1FDJE37F0THA20543, obsolete and authorize the Assistant Superintendent for Finance to seek bids, if possible, or arrange for its removal.

**Committee on Special Education**

\*Approved as part of the consent agenda that the Board of Education accept the following Individualized Education plans:

5064, 200826, 10853, 200358, 10227, 200663, 200209, 02015, 09902, 10855, 10179, 0000067, 10688, 5084, 10102, 11009, 9417, 200803

**Board of Education**

\*Approved as part of the consent agenda that the Board of Education approve a sports merger between the Pawling Central School District and Dover U.F.S.D. for Ice Hockey for the 2007-08 contingent upon receipt of written agreement from Dover UFSD. This approval may be rescinded at the discretion of the administration and will be reviewed annually.

\*Approved as part of the consent agenda that the Board of Education accept Dover Student William Wiese as an independent wrestler to train and participate with the Pawling Wrestling Team for the 2006-07 school year, with the Dover Board of Education responsible for transportation of said student to and from practices and meets and any other incidental costs, contingent upon written agreement from Dover UFSD.

Motion by Henrietta Lodge, seconded by Bruce Cunningham and carried unanimously that the board of Education approve Partial Property Tax Exemption in Accordance with RPTL for Seniors WHEREAS, the Board of Education has previously adopted the provisions of Section 467 of the Real Property Tax Law, providing for a partial exemption from taxation on residential property owned by qualified persons at least 65 years of age; and

WHEREAS, Section 467 of the Real Property Tax Law has been amended by Chapter 187 of the 2006 Laws of the State of New York, to raise the maximum income limits for persons qualifying for said partial exemption in accordance with the following schedule(s):

Approve Contract with D.C. BOCES for Acquisition of Computer Related Equipment

Declare School Van Obsolete and Authorize Seeking Bids

**SPECIAL EDUCATION**  
Accept IEP's

**BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
Approve Continuation with Dover High School in Varsity Ice Hockey

Approve to Accept Independent Wrestler from Dover to Train with Pawling Team

Approve Partial Property Tax Exemption in Accordance with RPTL for Seniors

Effective July 1, 2007

Tax Exemptions as follows:

<u>Annual Income</u>	<u>% Assessed Valuation Exemption from Taxation</u>
\$27,000 or less	50%
More than \$27,000 but less than \$28,000	45%
More than \$28,000 but less than \$29,000	40%
More than \$29,000 but less than \$30,000	35%
More than \$30,000 but less than \$30,900	30%
More than \$30,900 but less than \$31,800	25%
More than \$31,800 but less than \$32,700	20%
More than \$32,700 but less than \$33,600	15%
More than \$33,600 but less than \$34,500	10%
More than \$34,500 but less than \$35,400	5%

Effective July 1, 2008

Tax Exemptions as follows:

<u>Annual Income</u>	<u>% Assessed Valuation Exemption from Taxation</u>
\$28,000 or less	50%
More than \$28,000 but less than \$29,000	45%
More than \$29,000 but less than \$30,000	40%
More than \$30,000 but less than \$31,000	35%
More than \$31,000 but less than \$31,900	30%
More than \$31,900 but less than \$32,800	25%
More than \$32,800 but less than \$33,700	20%
More than \$33,700 but less than \$34,600	15%
More than \$34,600 but less than \$35,500	10%
More than \$35,500 but less than \$36,400	5%

Effective July 1, 2009

Tax Exemptions as follows:

<u>Annual Income</u>	<u>% Assessed Valuation Exemption from Taxation</u>
\$29,000 or less	50%
More than \$29,000 but less than \$30,000	45%
More than \$30,000 but less than \$31,000	40%
More than \$31,000 but less than \$32,000	35%
More than \$32,000 but less than \$32,900	30%
More than \$32,900 but less than \$33,800	25%
More than \$33,800 but less than \$34,700	20%
More than \$34,700 but less than \$35,600	15%
More than \$35,600 but less than \$36,500	10%
More than \$36,500 but less than \$37,400	5%

WHEREAS, the Board of Education has held a public meeting for the purpose of considering a proposed amendment to its prior resolution granting a partial tax exemption for qualified senior citizen property owners, which would increase the maximum income limits in accordance with the aforementioned statutory amendments;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education does hereby adopt and establish that the maximum income limit for the

partial real property tax exemptions for qualified persons at least 65 years of age to be twenty-seven thousand dollars beginning July first, two thousand seven, twenty-eight thousand dollars beginning July first, two thousand eight and twenty-nine thousand dollars beginning July first, two thousand nine, in accordance with the amendments to Section 467 of the Real Property Tax Law.

Dated: January 23, 2007

Motion by Henrietta Lodge, seconded by Dennis Munnely and carried unanimously that the Board of Education approve the District's revised AIS (Academic Intervention Services) Plan effective January 2007.

Approve AIS Plan

Old Business

Enrollment/Land Purchase Update – Joseph Sciortino

Work is continuing with the search for a company to do the Demographic study. Looking for 3 companies to provide us with bids to complete this study. The Land search is still continuing, we have walked a few pieces to see the feasibility of those properties.

**OLD BUSINESS**

A community member had questions with regard to the answers on the Questions and Answers document on the website.

The first being question # 26 – Were the plans based on false information. Could I get a yes or no answers to that.

– No, at the time that those conclusions were made those people were operating under the assumption that the information provided to them was correct.

Question # 40 - It is implied that you are buying land to put up a building... if voters approved the original Middle School proposal would we still need to build/renovate now?

- If there was physical more space in the district then you would have more room for students, the administrative offices are currently rented the original Middle School building including space for these offices.

A community member was also a bit concerned with the process of the Land purchase, we are having discussion of enrollment for the future, but at the same time we are considering purchasing property on the assumption of what those studies may find.

- The board is trying to be proactive and look for property that would suit the needs of the district for a future school. The amount of available property in Pawling that would be of the proper size to house a school is shrinking, if property was purchased now, that does not mean that a school would be built anytime soon. Also nothing can be done without a favorable vote by the community.

New Business

Discussion - Gym Waiver for Seniors Playing 3 Varsity Level Sports (Ref. Policy 5280)

The general feeling of the board was that if Seniors are playing 3 varsity level sports then they were getting enough physical activity to allow them a gym waiver. This time slot could be then used for a study hall. The resolution should be put on the next meeting agenda for approval.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Discussion - Revision to Policy 5305 Regulations regarding Parent Pickup from Sporting Events

The general feeling of the board was that this issue needed to be researched as to the legal liability of the school if someone took a student home from an away sporting event.

#### Voting times for the Budget Vote in May

Petitions are available for anyone who wants to run for the board. They will be available at the next meeting as well. They need to be returned to the district office. We also need to decide on a time of the vote. The board feels that 9am to 9pm was the best time frame for the polls to be open for the vote. This giving everyone time to vote.

New York Power Authority - Power to Schools Program, were you can have an audit done and then if you do the work NYPA pays for half of the audit. Rob was unsure of what the restrictions are, but this is a meeting that he attends.

The Town of Pawling has invited a member of the board to attend a group of meeting regarding the State of the Fire Department. The meeting is February 6<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm at the Town Hall – Dennis will go to represent the Board.

#### Administrative Reports

Superintendent – Thanks to Tony for his years of service to the Pawling School district. We are continuing our search for a Supervisor of Transportation. The Budget meetings are continuing we had approximately 20 people attend the last meeting. The minutes of this meeting will be on the website.

Elementary Principal – Thank you to everyone for all your support during my years here. I will work to help find my replacement. The Elementary school is in the process of gathering information for Kindergarten origination in early March.

Middle School Principal – We survived ELA testing. Also told Joseph that I would help in finding my replacement.

Middle School Dean of Students – Continuing plans for the Washington DC trip as well as other class trips. Working with the PTSA in bring the book fair to the Middle school in February from the 9<sup>th</sup> - 15<sup>th</sup>.

High School Principal – Spring musical preparations are under way. We as also in the middle of final exams and reports card will be out soon.

Asst. Superintendent for Curriculum and Personnel – Was at the Mock Trial on Friday at the Town Hall last week was very impress with the level of preparation and how serious the kids took this. Jennifer Buckley the social studies teacher was up on trail for drunk driving. The kids did a wonderful job.

Asst. Superintendent for Finance – Oil is below 50.00 a barrel. We have also received a 2 page list from the internal auditors of every document that they need. So we are starting with the internal auditors.

Director of Special Education – Nicole Moore head of the PACE program which serves kids in the Middle & High School are on the autism spectrum provides parent training the first training will be on Thursday Feb 1<sup>st</sup>. Another training will be scheduled in April.

Dean of Students/Athletic Director – All of the teams are in full swing, sectional are beginning. Thanks to the Student Council and Lakeside part for their help with the first annual Snowball it was a good time.

Director of Facilities and Operations – Just wanted to make the board

## **ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS**

aware of the problem with the some of the Middle School doors. The manufacturer has been contacted and they will be sending a team to fix the doors at no cost to us.

Supervisor of Transportation - None

**Visitors' Comments** –

A community member mentioned that our new governor has on his agenda a universal Pre-K and what was the opinion of the board about our district have a Pre-K.

The board would have to comply with this if it became mandated. It was also mentioned that this governor promised that he was going to look into school funding and it would be hard to believe that he would have a mandate that was not funded. Also there are a large number of school district in the state that do not have full day Kindergarten and those schools would have to be dealt with prior to having everyone do a Pre-K.

**Executive Session**

Motion by Henrietta Lodge, seconded by Dennis Munnely and carried unanimously that the Board of Education enters Executive Session to discuss specific personnel issues and legal issues.

**Time: 9:25 PM**

The following was recorded by Henrietta Lodge, clerk pro tem:

Motion by Bruce Cunningham, seconded by Dennis Munnely and carried unanimously that the Board of Education reconvenes to open session.

**Time: 10:28 PM**

Motion by Helen Grosso, seconded by Bruce Cunningham and carried unanimously that the Board of Education adjourns this meeting.

**Time: 10:30 PM**

Respectfully submitted,

Margaret Generoso  
District Clerk

**VISITORS' COMMENTS**

**ADJOURN**