Minutes - Business Meeting - Board of Education - New Paltz Central High School - December 21, 2011 - 7:00 PM

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order at 5:57 PM by Trustee Rodriguez.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Stephen Bagley

QUORUM CHECK

Patrick Rausch (arrived at 6:50 PM)

Robert Rich Edgar Rodriguez Daniel Torres

EXCUSED: Barbara Carroll

Kathleen Tobin Flusser

ALSO PRESENT: Maria Rice, Superintendent of Schools

**ROLL CALL** The roll was called as reflected above.

**ROLL CALL** 

EXECUTIVE SESSION EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion made by Mr. Rich and seconded by Dr. Rodriguez that the Board of Education move into Executive Session at 5:58 PM for the purpose of discussing the employment history of particular individuals, discussing the school history of particular students in accordance with their FERPA rights, and to discuss matters made exempt from public discussion by Public Officers Law §105(a-h) (the proposed acquisition of real property). Motion carried 4 - 0 with 4 members voting. Mr. Rausch was not yet present during voting.

Out of Executive Session - Motion made by Mr. Rausch and seconded by Mr. Rich that the Board return to Public Session at 6:58 PM. Motion carried 5 - 0 with 5 members voting.

CALL TO ORDER CALL TO ORDER

The Public Meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Patrick Rausch, Board President.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Stephen Bagley QUORUM CHECK

Patrick Rausch Robert Rich Edgar Rodriguez Daniel Torres

EXCUSED: Barbara Carroll

Kathleen Tobin Flusser

ALSO PRESENT: Maria Rice, Superintendent of Schools

Debora Banner, Assistant Superintendent

Jo-Anne Dobbins, Director of Pupil Personnel Services Barbara Clinton, Principal, New Paltz Central High School Debra Hogencamp, Principal, Duzine Elementary School

Elena Maskell, District Clerk

Ella MacKinnon, Student Representative

Members of the Public and Press

ROLL CALL The roll was called as reflected above.

ROLL CALL

PLEDGE TO THE FLAG
PLEDGE

AGENDA CHANGES AGENDA CHANGES

Motion made by Mr. Rich and seconded by Mr. Torres to approve the following agenda changes.

**ADD** Under Board Communications the following:

8. BOARD COMMUNICATIONS

CROSSING GUARD AT THE MIDDLE SCHOOL

## 2 – Approved at the 1/04/12 BOE Meeting

**ADD** the Following Name Under Existing Personnel Agenda Item 11.2 Home Tutors:

Name

Jacqueline Wild

**REMOVE** the Following Name Under Existing Personnel Agenda Item 11.4 High School Advisorships:

TitleNameStipendLiterary MagazineMichelle Diana\$1,480

Motion carried 5-0 with 5 members voting.

**SPOTLIGHT ON PROGRAM** Barbara Clinton, Principal of the New Paltz High School introduced Project Lead the Way, which is a college ready program for intro to engineering and design. Mrs. Clinton stated students can receive college credit at Rochester Institute of Technology for taking this class. Mrs. Clinton introduced New Paltz School Teacher Alexis Mallory and Professor Mike Otis from SUNY New Paltz. Ms. Mallory and Mr. Otis gave a brief presentation followed by several students who spoke about the program.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENTS** None

PUBLIC COMMENT

## STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORT

STUDENT REP

Ella MacKinnon introduced herself. She gave an overview of several things going on in the high school including: adding color pages to the Maroon, Amnesty International, the participation of many of the clubs in an anti-bullying campaign, and National Honor Society inductions. Ms. MacKinnon stated winter sports have begun and so far sports are going well.

#### SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORTS & DISCUSSION ITEMS

SUPT REPORT

#### SUPERINTENDENT'S COMMENTS

Mrs. Rice stated the latest edition of Maroon was given out to all Board Members. Mrs. Rice went to a journalism class to do an interview recently, and Superintendent Rice stated she believes the quality of Maroon is exceptional. Mrs. Rice stated there is a science research project course much like Project Lead the Way, and some very in-depth research comes out of it. Superintendent Rice commended Mrs. Clinton and Deb Banner for the implementation of these educational programs.

Mrs. Rice stated the National Honor Society had their induction ceremony and Barbara Carroll attended as a representative of the Board. Superintendent Rice stated there is a large number of scholar athlete teams this year in soccer, varsity girls tennis, soccer, varsity boys golf, varsity girls cross country, varsity girls swimming, and varsity boys cross country. Superintendent Rice also stated there was the 76<sup>th</sup> annual all state concerts in early December and New Paltz had three students who participated with the All State Wind Ensemble.

## SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORTS

## APPR UPDATE

Mrs. Rice continued her monthly update on the APPR legislation. Superintendent Rice gave a PowerPoint Presentation that gave an update on: the Danielson Rubrics, observations and trainings, data analysis, and evidence. Mrs. Rice spoke of the seven themes to the Danielson Rubrics, and the Rubric/Master Plan Match. Superintendent Rice gave a framework for teaching and explained the four domains. Mrs. Rice also went over the process and components of the APPR system.

## DIVERSITY COMMITTEE ACTION PLAN PRESENTATION

Superintendent Rice introduced Debra Hogencamp, Principal of Duzine Elementary and the Chairperson of the Diversity Committee. Ms. Hogencamp gave an update on the Diversity Committee Action Plan for the 2011-2012 school year. Ms. Hogencamp said there is a focus this year on the individual school buildings and what is happening in each building. Projects and ideas being worked on this year are: Hispanic Heritage Month, attendance of the multicultural conference at SUNY New Paltz by several employees, the focus on students being kind, respectful and also courageous, and Ms. Hogencamp also stated the Diversity Committee is considering re-administering the biased awareness survey at the secondary level.

# **BOARD COMMUNICATIONS**

**BOARD COMMUNICATION** 

## ROBO CALLS TO ALL DISTRICT RESIDENTS

Superintendent Rice said this is a per-pupil cost that is provided by the district. The work is merged with our student database system so the district can communicate with parents of students. Mr. Rausch stated an idea has come up from a Board Member. Dr. Rodriguez suggested vehicles such as these that used for elections and other larger-scale projects should be used by the district. Dr. Rodriguez suggested using the Robo Calls to go out to all district residents, not just to parents of students in the district. Dr. Rodriguez stated the Board of Elections provides different voter lists according to what demographics you need, and he believes these records are accurate. These could be used in conjunction with the Robo Calls. Mr. Torres suggested using this service during the day so messages can be left in order to reach more people.

Mrs. Rice stated there is an extra cost when additional people get added to the Robo Call list. Mr. Rausch stated from a Board perspective, he would like to know if members would like to pursue adding district residents. Mrs. Rice stated she would like two separate lists so they still have a way to reach parents. Mr. Rausch gave a directive to the Superintendent to explore options and costs associated with adding district residents to the Robo Call list. Mrs. Rice stated the contract they have for the Robo Call ends at the end of this school year, so this is a good time to explore this option.

## **FACILITIES SURVEY**

Mr. Rausch stated at the last Facilities Committee Meeting they worked on finalizing the survey. Mr. Rausch stated Ms. Tobin Flusser is completing the work on the facilities survey and will be emailing it to members shortly. Mr. Rausch said item 8.1 from today's agenda will be tabled until the first meeting in January.

## **8.1** Request for Approval of Facilities Survey – Item tabled until next BOE meeting.

#### CROSSING GUARD AT THE MIDDLE SCHOOL

Mr. Rausch stated a draft letter regarding the middle school crossing guard situation was handed out to Board Members. Mr. Rausch stated Chief Snyder has offered to train volunteers to do the job and the school district has volunteered to provide the fingerprinting at the cost of the volunteer, yet they have not been able to find anyone to fill this position. Mr. Rausch said although there has been work on getting a school crossing guard nothing has been done as of yet. Mrs. Rice stated Mayor West did some research and typically the cost of the position would come from either the Village or Police Department. Mrs. Rice stated there is a safety issue with the municipality and it is important to fill this position as soon as possible. Mr. Rausch said Susan Zimet also has voiced concern on getting this position filled as well. None of the Board members had changes or additional comments to the letter. It was agreed to send the letter out as written with no changes. The District Clerk was given a directive to send the letter out.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

#### AUDIT COMMITTEE – Patrick Rausch (5 MIN)

Mr. Rausch stated they had an Audit Committee Meeting recently and interviewed someone for the committee member of the Audit Committee. A recommendation will be made later in the agenda to appoint a person to this community member position. Mr. Rausch directed the District Clerk to contact the Internal Auditor to get the risk assessment and provide him with the date of the next audit committee meeting so he can attend.

# FACILITIES COMMITTEE – Patrick Rausch (10 MIN)

Mr. Rausch stated Palumbo Group was at the meeting and cost analysis was reviewed along with discussion of timelines regarding putting up a bond for vote. Mr. Rausch discussed the different scenarios for putting up a bond for vote.

Mr. Rausch stated there are community members on the Audit Committee and Legislative Action Advisory Committee, and he would like the Board's input on allowing community members to be on the Facilities Committee. Mr. Rich said he thinks it would be beneficial to have someone from the community who has some construction or architectural knowledge. Mr. Torres concurred as did Mr. Bagley and Dr. Rodriguez. Mr. Rausch said the only issue would be avoiding a conflict of interest in a community member on the committee. It was decided that there would be two community members sitting on the committee for two-year terms. The District Clerk was directed to do a press release to solicit volunteers for the Facilities Committee.

Mr. Rausch stated the Alliance for the Quality of Education is trying to solicit the district to attend events. Discussion of this will be on the next agenda.

MINUTES OF MEETING MINUTES

Motion made by Mr. Rich and seconded by Mr. Bagley that the Board of Education approve the following resolution: BE IT RESOLVED that the New Paltz Central Schools Board of Education accept the minutes of the Regular Business Meeting of December 7, 2011. Motion carried 5 - 0 with 5 members voting.

## PERSONNEL (CONSENT AGENDA)

**PERSONNEL** 

Motion made by Mr. Torres and seconded by Mr. Rich that the Board of Education approve the following personnel (consent agenda) resolutions 11.1 through 11.7 as modified by the previously approved addendum:

## 11.1 Non-Instructional Stipend Approval

Recommendation - that the New Paltz Central Schools Board of Education, upon the recommendation of Maria C. Rice, Superintendent of Schools, does hereby approve a \$5,500 annual stipend for Maria Urquidi, Educational Technology Resource Specialist, for work performed on evenings and weekends:

NameEffective DatesMaria Urquidi7/1/11 - 6/30/12

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#### 11.2 Home Tutors

Recommendation - that the New Paltz Central Schools Board of Education, upon the recommendation of Maria C. Rice, Superintendent of Schools, does hereby appoint the following instructional employees, on an as-needed basis with remuneration as per NPUT contract effective for the 2011-2012 school year:

#### Name

Cathy Law Charnikia Pinesett Jacqueline Wild

# 11.3 Instructional Appointment - Substitutes

Recommendation that the New Paltz Central Schools Board of Education upon the recommendation of Maria C. Rice, Superintendent, does hereby appoint the following substitute teachers with remuneration as per rates established at the July 6, 2011 Organizational Meeting.

| Name             | <b>Effective Dates</b> |  |  |
|------------------|------------------------|--|--|
| William McKay    | 12/22/11 - 6/30/12     |  |  |
| Antonella Lazar  | 10/05/11 - 6/30/12     |  |  |
| Seth VanGaasbeek | 12/22/11 - 6/30/12     |  |  |

# 11.4 High School Advisorships

Recommendation - that the New Paltz Central Schools Board of Education upon the recommendation of Maria C. Rice, Superintendent of Schools, does hereby appoint the following instructional employees to the following advisorships for the 2011/2012 school year, with remuneration as per NPUT contract:

| Title | Name           | Stipend |
|-------|----------------|---------|
| SADD  | Michelle Diana | \$1,480 |

## 11.5 Coaching Resignation

Recommendation - that the New Paltz Central Schools Board of Education, upon the recommendation of Maria Rice, Superintendent of Schools, does hereby accept the resignation of the following employee:

NameTitleEffective DateTom TegelerModified Wresting Coach12/1/2011

# 11.6 Coaching Appointments

Recommendation - that the New Paltz Central Schools Board of Education, upon the recommendation of Maria Rice, Superintendent of Schools, does hereby appoint the following employee:

| Name        | Title                   | Effective Date | Salary                 |
|-------------|-------------------------|----------------|------------------------|
| Dean Hottum | Modified Wresting Coach | 12/2/2011      | \$2,340.00 (pro-rated) |

## 11.7 Non-Instructional Appointments

Recommendation - that the New Paltz Central Schools Board of Education, upon the recommendation of Maria C. Rice, Superintendent of Schools, does hereby appoint the following:

| Name              | Title                     | <b>Effective Date</b> | Salary     | Hours     |
|-------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------|------------|-----------|
| John Falck        | Substitute Teacher Aide   | 9/1/2011              | \$10.50/hr | as needed |
| Lynn Robinson     | Substitute Teacher Aide   | 9/1/2011              | \$10.50/hr | as needed |
| Sandra Heimbender | Substitute Teacher Aide   | 9/1/2011              | \$10.50/hr | as needed |
| Sandra Heimbender | Substitute School Monitor | 9/1/2011              | \$ 9.00/hr | as needed |
| Sandra Heimbender | Substitute Clerical       | 9/1/2011              | \$11.00/hr | as needed |
| Paul Mattes       | Substitute Teacher Aide   | 9/1/2011              | \$10.50/hr | as needed |
| Paul Mattes       | Substitute School Monitor | 9/1/2011              | \$ 9.00/hr | as needed |
| Paul Mattes       | Substitute Clerical       | 9/1/2011              | \$11.00/hr | as needed |
| Tatianna Mullins  | Substitute Teacher Aide   | 9/1/2011              | \$10.50/hr | as needed |
| Tatianna Mullins  | Substitute School Monitor | 9/1/2011              | \$ 9.00/hr | as needed |
| Tatianna Mullins  | Substitute Clerical       | 9/1/2011              | \$11.00/hr | as needed |
| Jeanine Ridgeway  | Substitute Teacher Aide   | 9/1/2011              | \$10.50/hr | as needed |
| Jeanine Ridgeway  | Substitute School Monitor | 9/1/2011              | \$ 9.00/hr | as needed |
| Jeanine Ridgeway  | Substitute Clerical       | 9/1/2011              | \$11.00/hr | as needed |
| Amy Suttle        | Substitute Teacher Aide   | 9/1/2011              | \$10.50/hr | as needed |
| Amy Suttle        | Substitute School Monitor | 9/1/2011              | \$ 9.00/hr | as needed |
| Amy Suttle        | Substitute Clerical       | 9/1/2011              | \$11.00/hr | as needed |

MOTION carried 5 - 0 with 5 members voting.

OLD BUSINESS OLD BUSINESS

Motion made by Mr. Torres and seconded by Mr. Bagley to approve the following resolution:

# 12.1 Request for Approval to Adopt the 2012 Legislative Program of the Ulster County School Boards Association

Recommendation – that the following resolution be approved: BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of the New Paltz Central School District adopt the following 2012 Legislative Program of the Ulster County School Boards Association:

# Specifically, we support:

- 1. Phasing out reliance on local property tax to provide a "sound basic education" state-wide in favor of a broader state-wide taxing system including income tax.
- 2. Revision of the Contingency Revision of the Contingency Budget Law to exclude increases in Special Education, energy expenses, and health costs for staff and retirees from the formula.
- 3. Revision of the BOCES Aid Formula to encourage additional shared services including inter-municipal agreements, (i.e. snow-plowing, county-wide contracts, etc.).
- 4. Wicks Law Reform
- 5. Legislation that provides for:
  - o Full state funding of existing mandates.
  - Legislative reform of existing cost drivers (ex. Triborough Amendment and Pension System reform).
  - Full state funding of any and all new mandates.
  - The elimination of the requirement to publicly fund charter school initiatives.
- 6. The utilization of technology to reduce or eliminate redundant reporting requirements (annual Special Education reports; etc.).

## We do not support:

- 1. To attract and retain regional education leaders, increase the salary and benefit cap on District Superintendents;
- 2. Legislation that permits school districts whose Boards adopt budgets that stay at or below the permitted tax levy limit to forego the need to conduct an election on the budget question in May.

Motion carried 5-0 with 5 members voting.

NEW BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

Motion made by Mr. Bagley and seconded by Mr. Rich that the Board of Education approve the following resolution:

# 13.1 Request for Approval of Committee on Special Education Recommendations and Student Placements

Recommendation - that the following resolution be approved: BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the New Paltz Central School District approve the Committee on Special Education (CSE) and Committee on Pre-School Special Education (CPSE) recommendations and student placements: 12521, 10759, 10417, 10554, 9355, 12146, 9489, 9327, 8127, 11540, 9837, 12067, 10883, 10758.

Motion carried 5-0 with 5 members voting.

Motion made by Mr. Rich and seconded by Mr. Torres to approve the following resolution:

# 13.2 Request for Acceptance of Donation of "The Book of the World"

Recommendation – that the following resolution be approved: BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the New Paltz Central School District, upon the recommendation of Superintendent Maria C. Rice, does hereby accept a donation to the New Paltz Central Schools of a book titled "The Book of the World", and directs the District Clerk to send a letter of appreciation from the Board of Education to Barbara McNenny for this donation.

Motion carried 5-0 with 5 members voting.

Motion made by Mr. Torres and seconded by Mr. Rich to approve the following resolution:

# 13.3 Request for Approval to Appoint Community Member to the Audit Committee

Recommendation – that the following resolution be approved: BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approve the appointment of the following community member to the Audit Committee:

Name Effective Date
Julia Robbins 12/22/11 – 6/30/13
MOTION carried 5 - 0 with 5 members voting.

## 13.4 First Reading of Revisions to Policy 6470 Staff Use of Computerized Information Resources

6470 Personnel

## SUBJECT: STAFF USE OF COMPUTERIZED INFORMATION RESOURCES

The Board of Education will provide staff with access to various computerized information resources through the District's computer system (DCS hereafter) consisting of software, hardware, computer networks and electronic communication systems. This may include access to electronic mail, so-called "on-line services" and the "Internet." It may also include the opportunity for some staff to have independent access to the DCS from their home or other remote locations. All use of the DCS, including independent use off school premises, shall be subject to this policy and accompanying regulations.

The Board encourages staff to make use of the DCS to explore educational topics, conduct research and contact others in the educational world. The Board anticipates that staff access to various computerized information resources will both expedite and enhance the performance of tasks associated with their positions and assignments. Toward that end, the Board directs the Superintendent or his/her designee(s) to provide staff with training in the proper and effective use of the DCS.

Staff use of the DCS is conditioned upon written agreement by the staff member that use of the DCS will conform to the requirements of this policy and any regulations adopted to ensure acceptable use of the DCS. All such agreements shall be kept on file in the District office.

Generally, the same standards of acceptable staff conduct which apply to any aspect of job performance shall apply to use of the DCS. Employees are expected to communicate in a professional manner consistent with applicable District policies and regulations governing the behavior of school staff. Electronic mail and telecommunications are not to be utilized to share confidential information about students or other employees.

This policy does not attempt to articulate all required and/or acceptable uses of the DCS; nor is it the intention of this policy to define all inappropriate usage. Administrative regulations will further define general guidelines of appropriate staff conduct and use as well as proscribed behavior.

District staff shall also adhere to the laws, policies and rules governing computers including, but not limited to, copyright laws, rights of software publishers, license agreements, and rights of privacy created by federal and state law.

Staff members who engage in unacceptable use may lose access to the DCS and may be subject to further discipline under the law and in accordance with applicable collective bargaining agreements. Legal action may be initiated against a staff member who willfully, maliciously or unlawfully damages or destroys property of the District.

# **Social Media Use by Employees**

The District recognizes the value of teacher and professional staff inquiry, investigation and communication using new technology tools to enhance student learning experiences. The District also realizes its obligations to teach and ensure responsible and safe use of these new technologies. The Board of Education encourages the use of District approved social media tools and the exploration of new and emerging technologies to supplement the range of communication and educational services.

For purposes of this policy, the definition of public social media networks or Social Networking Sites (SNS) are defined to include: Web sites, Web logs (blogs), wikis, social networks, online forums, virtual worlds, and any other social media generally available to the school district community which do not fall within the District's electronic technology network (e.g., Facebook, MySpace, Twitter, LinkedIn, Flickr, blog sites, etc.). The definition of District approved password-protected social media tools are those that fall within the District's electronic technology network or which the District has approved for educational use. Within these internal forums, the District has greater authority and ability to protect minors from inappropriate content and can limit public access within these internal forums.

The use of social media (whether public or internal) can generally be defined as Official District Use, Professional/Instructional Use and Personal Use. The definitions, uses and responsibilities will be further defined and differentiated in the Administrative Regulation. The School District takes no position on an employee's decision to participate in the use of social media or SNS for personal use on personal time. However, personal use of these media during District time or on District-owned equipment is allowed on a limited basis. In addition, employees are encouraged to

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maintain the highest levels of professionalism. They have responsibility for addressing inappropriate behavior or activity on these networks, including requirements for mandated reporting and compliance with all applicable District Policies and Regulations.

# **Privacy Rights**

Staff data files and electronic storage areas shall remain District property, subject to District control and inspection. The Computer Coordinator District may access all such files and communication without prior notice to ensure system integrity and that users are complying with requirements of this policy and accompanying regulations. Staff should **NOT** expect that information stored on the DCS will be private.

## **Implementation**

Administrative regulations will be developed to implement the terms of this policy, addressing general parameters of acceptable staff conduct as well as prohibited activities so as to provide appropriate guidelines for employee use of the DCS.

NOTE: Refer also to Policy #8271 -- Children's Internet Protection Act: Internet Content Filtering/Safety Policy

Adopted: 7/16/08 Revised: 10/05/11

#### 13.5 First Reading of New Policy 5512 Fund Balance Policy

5512

# Non-Instructional Business Operations

## SUBJECT: FUND BALANCE POLICY

In accordance with GASB Statement No. 54, Fund Balance Reporting and Governmental Fund Type Definitions (GASB 54), fund balance designations have been changed in order to provide clearer fund balance classifications that can be more consistently applied.

Fund balance amounts will be reported by the District according to the following classifications:

**Nonspendable** -consists of assets that are inherently nonspendable in the current period either because of their form or because they must be maintained intact, such as prepaid items, inventories, long-term portions of loans receivable, financial assets held for resale, and principal of endowments.

**Restricted** -consists of amounts that are subject to externally enforceable legal purpose restrictions imposed by creditors, grantors, contributors, or laws and regulations of other governments; or through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation. Because the State regulates the establishment, funding and use of school district reserves, generally, reserves will be classified as restricted fund balance.

**Committed** -consists of amounts that are subject to a purpose constraint imposed by a formal action of the government's highest level of decision-making authority before the end of the fiscal year, and that require the same level of formal action to remove the constraint. The New York State Office of the State Comptroller at the present time believes that in New York State school districts will not have any committed fund balance.

**Assigned** -consists of amounts that are subject to a purpose constraint that represents an intended use established by the board or by their designated official. The purpose of the assignment must be narrower than the purpose of the general fund, and in funds other than the general fund, assigned fund balance represents the residual amount of fund balance. Assigned Fund Balance generally includes encumbrances and appropriated fund balance.

**Unassigned** -represents the residual classification for the government's general fund, and could report a surplus or deficit. In funds other than the general fund, the unassigned classification should be used only to report a deficit balance resulting from overspending for specific purposes for which amounts had been restricted, committed, or assigned.

#### **General Provisions**

Fund balance measures the net financial resources available to finance expenditures within current or future periods. The District's Unassigned General Fund Fund Balance will be maintained to provide the District with financial stability and a margin of safety to fund unanticipated contingent expenditures that may occur unexpectedly during the fiscal year. The Unassigned General Fund Fund Balance used for these purposes may only be appropriated by resolution of the Board of Education unless voter approval is required.

Any portion of Fund Balance may be applied or transferred for a specific purpose either by voter approval if required by law or by formal action of the Board of Education if voter approval is not required. Amendments or modification to the

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applied or transferred fund balance must also be approved by formal action of the Board of Education.

The Board of Education shall delegate the authority to assign fund balance, for encumbrance purposes, to the person(s) to whom it has delegated the authority to sign purchase orders.

In circumstances where an expenditure is incurred for a purpose for which amounts are available in multiple fund balance classifications (e.g., expenditures related to reserves), the Board will assess the current financial condition of the district and then determine the order of application of expenditures to which fund balance classification will be charged.

Mr. Torres had a question about the changes to the Staff Use of Computerized Information Resources policy. Mrs. Rice said NYSSBA and Erie 1 BOCES are recommending adding the language to the first policy so there are no gray areas. It is not mandatory, but it is being recommended by NYSSBA and Erie 1 BOCES.

Mr. Rausch said the Fund Balance Policy is primarily definitive and recommended by our External Auditor.

FINANCIAL REPORTS FINANCIAL REPORTS

Motion made by Mr. Torres and seconded by Mr. Bagley that the Treasurer's Report for November 2011 and Budget Transfer Schedule #5 be approved. Motion carried 5-0 with 5 members voting.

OTHER DISCUSSION OTHER DISCUSSION

Mr. Rausch stated invitations are received for events very close to the date of the events. Mr. Rausch said he would like to make a list of events for the year so the members know when events take place. Mrs. Rice stated the district calendar has dates and times on there. Mr. Rausch suggested a "cheat sheet" of monthly activities. This will be put on the comeback list.

PUBLIC COMMENTS - None PUBLIC COMMENT

ADJOURN ADJOURN

Motion made by Dr. Rodriguez and seconded by Mr. Rich that the Board adjourn at 8:44 PM. Motion carried 5 - 0 with 5 members voting.

Respectfully submitted,

Elena Rae Maskell
District Clerk