

NEW PALTZ CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT  
BOARD OF EDUCATION WORKSHOP MEETING  
April 4, 2018  
6:00 PM - Executive Session-Subject to Board Approval  
7:00 PM - High School

**2017-2018 Board and District Focus Areas**

- \*Start Time/Sleep Time
- \*Non-Academic Success Indicators
- \*Racial Equity Initiative

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER/ROLL CALL
2. PLEDGE TO THE FLAG
3. AGENDA CHANGES
4. SPOTLIGHT ON PROGRAM: Lenape Elementary
5. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Speakers are asked to please limit their comments to two minutes in order to ensure everyone has a chance to speak. Public comments are not meant to be a dialogue, rather a time for the board to hear comments from the public.

6. STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORT
  - Ben Williams
7. SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORTS & DISCUSSION ITEMS
  - SUPERINTENDENT’S COMMENTS
  - SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORTS
    - 2018-2019 Budget

**7.1 Adoption of 2018-2019 School Budget**

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of the New Paltz Central School District hereby adopts a budget of \_\_\_\_\_ dollars (\$\_\_\_\_\_) for school district purposes for the school year July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019 to be presented to the voters at the Annual Meeting on May 15, 2018.

8. BOARD COMMUNICATIONS
  - South Putt Corners Road Safety Initiative

**8.1 Request for Approval of South Putt Corners Road Safety Initiative**

Recommendation - that the New Paltz Central Schools Board of Education approve the following:

**WHEREAS**, in accordance with a letter from Thomas H. Jackson, Jr., Ulster County Commissioner of Public Works, dated March 20, 2018, the Ulster County Department of Public Works (UCDPW), as part of County Executive Hein’s commitment to traffic safety in Ulster County, is seeking to study the possibility of establishing a regulated School Zone on South Putt Corners Road near New Paltz High School, which would, among other things, reduce the speed limit in the area around the entrance to the High School; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Education believes that the safety of students, staff and visitors at New Paltz High School, as well as the general public, is of paramount importance;

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education expresses its strong support of the UCDPW initiative to study and establish a regulated School Zone on South Putt Corners Road and concomitant speed reduction in the areas near the entrance to the High School and authorizes the Board President to execute and issue a letter in support of this initiative to be sent to Town of New Paltz Supervisor Bettez and copied to Commissioner Jackson.

**8.2 Resolution on High Stakes Testing**

**WHEREAS**, our nation’s and New York State’s future well-being relies on a high-quality public education system that prepares all students for college, careers, citizenship, and lifelong learning, and strengthens the nation’s social and economic well-being; and

**WHEREAS**, our nation’s school systems have been spending growing amounts of time, money and energy on high-stakes standardized testing, in which student performance on standardized tests is used to make major decisions affecting individual students, educators, and schools; and

**WHEREAS**, the overreliance on high-stakes standardized testing in state and federal accountability systems is undermining educational quality and equity in U.S. public schools by hampering educators' efforts to focus on the broad range of learning experiences that promote the innovation, creativity, problem solving, collaboration, communication, critical thinking and deep subject-matter knowledge that will allow students to thrive in a democracy and an increasingly global society and economy; and

**WHEREAS**, it is widely recognized that standardized testing is an inadequate and often unreliable measure of both student learning and educator effectiveness; and

**WHEREAS**, the over-emphasis on standardized testing has caused considerable collateral damage in too many schools, including narrowing the curriculum, teaching to the test, reducing love of learning, pushing students out of school, driving excellent teachers out of the profession, and undermining school climate; and

**WHEREAS**, high-stakes standardized testing has negative effects for students from all backgrounds, and especially for low-income students, English language learners, children of color, and those with disabilities; and

**WHEREAS**, we do not oppose accountability in public schools and point with pride to the stellar performance of our students and teachers, but believe that standardized tests dominate instructional time and block our ability to make progress toward a world-class education system of student-centered schools and future-ready students;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that New Paltz Central School District calls on Governor Cuomo, Commissioner Elia, the State Legislature, and the Board of Regents to reexamine public school accountability systems in this state, including the Annual Professional Performance Review (APPR) and to develop a system based on multiple forms of assessment which does not require extensive standardized testing, more accurately reflects the broad range of student learning, and is used to support students and improve schools.

9. **MINUTES OF MEETING**

Recommendation - that the New Paltz Central Schools Board of Education accept the minutes of the Regular Workshop Meeting of March 14, 2018 and the Community Budget Forum of March 21, 2018.

10. **PERSONNEL (CONSENT AGENDA)**

**10.1 Instructional Leave of Absence - Extension**

Recommendation that the New Paltz Central Schools Board of Education, upon the recommendation of Maria C. Rice, Superintendent of Schools, does hereby approve an extended unpaid leave of absence for the following instructional employee:

| <b>Name</b>   | <b>Title</b> | <b>Original Effective Dates</b> | <b>Extension</b>    |
|---------------|--------------|---------------------------------|---------------------|
| Sarah Potenza | Math Teacher | 9/1/2017-5/27/2018              | 5/28/2018-1/27/2019 |

**10.2 Instructional Leave of Absence**

Recommendation that the New Paltz Central Schools Board of Education, upon the recommendation of Maria C. Rice, Superintendent of Schools, does hereby approve an unpaid leave of absence for the following instructional employee:

| <b>Name</b>   | <b>Title</b>                      | <b>Effective Dates</b> |
|---------------|-----------------------------------|------------------------|
| Alicia Tuttle | Family & Consumer Science Teacher | 4/9/2018 – 4/30/2018   |

**10.3 Instructional Leave Replacement Appointment - Extension**

Recommendation that the New Paltz Central Schools Board of Education, upon the recommendation of Maria C. Rice, Superintendent of Schools, does hereby approve the extended leave replacement appointment of the following instructional employee for the 2017/2018 school year:

| <b>Name</b>      | <b>Title</b>       | <b>Original Effective Dates</b> | <b>Extension</b> | <b>Step/Salary</b>             |
|------------------|--------------------|---------------------------------|------------------|--------------------------------|
| Rebecca Williams | Elementary Teacher | 1/2/18 – 4/2/18                 | 4/2/18 – 6/30/18 | MA Step 2 \$63,900 (pro-rated) |

**10.4 Instructional Appointment-Substitutes**

Recommendation that the New Paltz Central School District Board of Education, upon the recommendation of Maria C. Rice, Superintendent of Schools, does hereby appoint the following substitute teachers with remuneration as per rates established at the July 12, 2017 Organizational Meeting:

| <b>Name</b>       | <b>Effective Dates</b>    |
|-------------------|---------------------------|
| Dyani Fitzpatrick | April 5, 2018 - 6/30/2018 |
| Sarah Hough       | April 2, 2018 - 6/30/2018 |

### 10.5 Coaching Resignation

The New Paltz Central Schools Board of Education, upon the recommendation of Maria C. Rice, Superintendent, does hereby accept the resignation for the following employee:

| <b>Name</b>    | <b>Title</b>      |
|----------------|-------------------|
| Anthony Covino | Modified Baseball |

### 10.6 Coaching Appointments

The New Paltz Central Schools Board of Education, upon the recommendation of Maria C. Rice, Superintendent of Schools, does hereby appoint the following coaches for the 2017/2018 school year, with remuneration as per NPUT contract:

| <b>Name</b>    | <b>Title</b>                         | <b>Stipend</b> |
|----------------|--------------------------------------|----------------|
| Gerard Barbato | Modified Baseball                    | \$2,340        |
| Michael Watts  | Modified Softball                    | \$2,340        |
| Betty Watts    | Modified Softball Scorekeeper        | unpaid         |
| Dylan Scribani | Assistant Boys Varsity Track & Field | unpaid         |

### 10.7 Non-Instructional Resignation for the Purpose of Retirement

The New Paltz Central Schools Board of Education, upon the recommendation of Maria C. Rice, Superintendent of Schools, does hereby accept the resignation of the following non-instructional employee for the purpose of retirement:

| <b>Name</b>    | <b>Title</b>     | <b>Effective Date</b> | <b>Years in District</b> |
|----------------|------------------|-----------------------|--------------------------|
| Kevin Lawrence | Custodial Worker | 05/30/2018            | 10                       |

### 10.8 Non-Instructional Resignation

The New Paltz Central Schools Board of Education, upon the recommendation of Maria C. Rice, Superintendent of Schools, does hereby accept the resignation of the following non-instructional employee:

| <b>Name</b>  | <b>Title</b>                   | <b>Effective Date</b> |
|--------------|--------------------------------|-----------------------|
| Ray Scheffel | Facilities & Operations Worker | 04/06/2018            |

### 10.9 Request for Approval of Settlement Agreement

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education hereby approves the terms of and authorizes its Superintendent of Schools to execute a Settlement Agreement between Employee No. 04062, and the New Paltz Central School District, dated March 15, 2018 as presented to the Board at this meeting. A copy of said Settlement Agreement shall be incorporated by reference within the minutes of this meeting.

### 10.10 Instructional Appointment-Mentors

Recommendation that the New Paltz Central School District Board of Education, upon the recommendation of Maria C. Rice, Superintendent of Schools, does hereby appoint the following instructional employee as a mentor for the 2017/2018 school year with remuneration as per NPUT contract:

**Name**  
Rachel Busher  
Catherine Law  
Linda Sinforoso

11. OLD BUSINESS

12. NEW BUSINESS

### 12.1 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. 14447, 12939, 13177, 12864, 12943, 14161, 14132, 13757, 13478, 14040, 14812, 14115, 13008, 13025, 13004, 12868, 12926, 12720, 12708, 14175, 13819, 13995, 14800, 14438, 14310, 14552, 14393, 14678, 14617, 14405, 14553, 14434, 14620, 14279, 14710, 14607, 14774, 14791, 14748, 14750, 10259, 12565, 14831, 13233, 10933, 10633, 11051, 11127, 10981, 10880, 11494, 13227, 12516, 12541, 11196, 10946, 11053, 10758, 14190, 12618, 11522, 12542, 12383, 10715, 10744, 10637, 10644, 12250, 11173, 12355, 13392, 12141, 13229, 11301, 14408, 10885, 11122, 12265, 10430, 13226, 10452, 10346, 12424, 14826, 14227, 12176, 12029, 13912, 12277, 11525, 12082, 14827

**12.2 Request for Approval of 2017-2018 Health and Welfare Tuition**

Recommendation - that the following resolution be approved:

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education of the New Paltz Central School District establishes the rate of \$903.08 per pupil for the school year 2017-2018 for Health Services provided for non-resident pupils attending non-public schools in the New Paltz Central School District.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Superintendent and Clerk of the Board of Education be authorized to sign contracts for health services for the 2017-2018 school year.

|                        |                  |
|------------------------|------------------|
| Physician Services     | 25,461           |
| Nursing Services       | 230,645          |
| Psychological Services | 365,690          |
| Social Work Services   | 443,630          |
| Speech Services        | 435,300          |
| Benefits               | 506,697          |
| Administrative Fee     | 100,371          |
| <b>Total Cost</b>      | <b>2,107,794</b> |

|                         |              |
|-------------------------|--------------|
| Local Students          | 2,206        |
| Non-Public, Mt. Laurel  | 128          |
| <b>Total Enrollment</b> | <b>2,336</b> |

**Cost per pupil: 903.08**

**12.3 Request for Approval to Participate in 2018-2019 Cooperative Bidding with Ulster County BOCES**

Recommendation - that the following resolution be approved:

**WHEREAS** it is the desire of the participating school districts of the Board of Cooperative Educational Services, Ulster County, adopting this resolution to jointly request bids for certain commodities to be determined by the Superintendent of this school district from time to time for the 2018-19 school year,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the New Paltz Central School District hereby agrees to participate with other school districts of the Board of Cooperative Educational Services, Ulster County, New York, in the joint bidding of commodities to be requested by the school district Purchasing Agent and approved by the Superintendent; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the specifications as prepared by the Steering Committee of participating school districts and presented to this Board of Education will be used and that this Board, if it desires to purchase these commodities agrees to purchase said commodities at the lowest bid price recommended by the Steering Committee of the joint school districts; provided, however, that each participating Board of Education in exercising its legal responsibilities, has the right to reject and/or modify the recommendation of the Steering Committee in the awarding of the bid; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the invitation to bid will be advertised by BOCES in the Kingston Daily Freeman, the Middletown Record and the Poughkeepsie Journal in accordance with the provisions of Section 103 of the General Municipal Law.

**12.4 Request for Approval of Health and Welfare Contract – Valley Central School District 2017-2018**

Recommendation – that the following resolution be approved:

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Education approve the Health and Welfare Contract, forwarded under separate cover, for Valley Central School District for a total amount of \$3,566.70 for health and welfare services for the 2017-2018 school year for three (3) children who are residents in the New Paltz Central School District attending non-public schools in the Valley Central School District

- 13. OTHER DISCUSSION
- 14. PUBLIC COMMENTS
- 15. EXECUTIVE SESSION – SUBJECT TO BOARD APPROVAL
- 16. ADJOURN