

New Paltz Central School District Board of Education
April 1, 2020 Workshop Meeting – via Zoom 7:00 PM
MEETING MINUTES

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order at 7:02 PM by Michael O'Donnell, Board President.

CALL TO ORDER

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Michael O'Donnell
Glenn LaPolt
Diana Armstead
Dominick Profaci
Sophia Skiles
Bianca Tanis
Teresa Thompson

QUORUM CHECK

ROLL CALL

The roll was called as reflected above.

ROLL CALL

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion made by Dominick Profaci and seconded by Sophia Skiles that the Board of Education move into Executive Session at 7:02 PM for the purpose of discussing matters leading to the appointment, employment, promotion, demotion, discipline, suspension, dismissal or removal of a particular person or corporation.
Motion carried 7 - 0 with 7 members voting.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

DISTRICT CLERK PRO-TEMPORE

Board President, Michael O'Donnell, District Clerk Pro-Tempore for the Executive Session portion of the meeting.

DISTRICT CLERK PRO-TEMPORE

Out of Executive Session - Motion made by Bianca Tanis and seconded by Dominick Profaci that the Board return to Public Session at 7:24PM. Motion carried 7 to 0 with 7 members voting.

CALL TO ORDER

The Public Meeting was called to order at 7:27 PM by Michael O'Donnell, Board President.

CALL TO ORDER

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Michael O'Donnell
Glenn LaPolt
Diana Armstead
Dominick Profaci
Sophia Skiles
Bianca Tanis
Teresa Thompson

QUORUM CHECK

ALSO PRESENT:

Dr. Bernard Josefsberg, Interim Superintendent of Schools
Sharifa Carbon, Assistant Superintendent for Business
Sandra Ermo, District Clerk

ROLL CALL The roll was called as reflected above.

ROLL CALL

AGENDA CHANGES

Motion made by Bianca Tanis and seconded by Glenn LaPolt to accept the changes as presented.
Motion carried 7 to 0 with 7 members voting.

AGENDA CHANGES

SUSPENSION OF BOARD POLICY 1510

Motion made by Diana Armstead and seconded by Sophia Skiles that the Board of Education approve the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the New Paltz Central School District Board of Education, upon the recommendation of Bernard Josefsberg, Interim Superintendent of Schools, hereby suspends the provisions of Board Policy 1510, “Board of Education Meetings,” regarding public meetings, including public attendance, and videoconferencing, for tonight’s Board Meeting and for all future Board and other meetings, and may also choose to suspend the provisions in such policy regarding public expression in its discretion, until Governor Cuomo determines that a state of emergency no longer exists in New York State due to COVID-19.

Motion carried 7 to 0 with 7 members voting.

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORTS & DISCUSSION ITEMS

SUPT REPORT

- COVID-19 UPDATE

PUBLIC COMMENT

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None.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Public comments will be collected via an electronic form, accessible here: <https://forms.gle/e9KuZKUzPkyHY6W87>
 You may submit comments in advance or during the meeting (submissions will be monitored in real-time). Thank you for your patience and understanding.

BOARD COMMUNICATIONS

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- Superintendent Search Update

COMMITTEE REPORTS

None.

MINUTES OF MEETING

MINUTES

Motion made by Bianca Tanis and seconded by Glenn LaPolt 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 Workshop Meeting of March 4, 2020, and the Special Meeting of March 11, 2020.
 Motion carried 7 to 0 with 7 members voting.

FINANCIAL REPORTS

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Motion made by Dominick Profaci and seconded by Teresa Thompson that the Treasurer’s Report for February 2020 and the Summary of Revenues and Expenditures for February 2020 be approved.
 Motion carried 7 to 0 with 7 members voting.

PERSONNEL (CONSENT AGENDA)

PERSONNEL

Motion made by Teresa Thompson and seconded by Diana Armstead that the Board of Education approve the following personnel (consent agenda) resolutions: 10.1 through 10.11

10.1 Instructional Appointment – Leave Replacement: Correcting Resolution (Correction from 3/04/2020 BOE Meeting)

Recommendation that the New Paltz Central Schools Board of Education, upon recommendation of Bernard Josefsberg, Interim Superintendent of Schools, does hereby approve the following correcting resolution to change the effective date and title for Mary Grace Renella in Personnel Item 12.4 approved on March 4, 2020 as follows:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the New Paltz Central Schools Board of Education, upon the recommendation of Bernard Josefsberg, Interim Superintendent of Schools, does hereby approve the leave replacement appointment of the following instructional employee for the 2019/2020 school year:

Name	Title	Effective Dates	Step/Salary
Mary Grace Renella	School Guidance Counselor	3/19/2020 - 6/30/2020	MA Step 1, \$61,110 (pro-rated)

10.2 Instructional Appointment-Substitute

Recommendation that the New Paltz Central School District Board of Education, upon the recommendation of Bernard Josefsberg, Interim Superintendent of Schools, does hereby appoint the following substitute teacher with remuneration as per rates established at the July 10, 2019 Organizational Meeting:

Name	Effective Dates
Jaime Larson	3/02/2020 – 6/30/2020

10.3 Non-Instructional Appointment

Recommendation – that the New Paltz Central Schools Board of Education, upon the recommendation of Bernard Josefsberg, Interim Superintendent of Schools, does hereby appoint the following:

Name	Title	Effective Date	Salary/Rate	Other
Kimberly Mesic	Food Service Cashier	3/19/2020	\$14.00/hr	4.25 hrs/day
Brett Shaw	Full Time School Bus Driver	3/19/2020	\$28.50/hr	

10.4 Non-Instructional Substitutes

Recommendation – that the New Paltz Central Schools Board of Education, upon the recommendation of Bernard Josefsberg, Interim Superintendent of Schools, does hereby appoint the following substitutes:

Name	Title	Effective Date	Salary/Rate	Other
Kimberly Mesic	Substitute Food Service Helper	3/5/2020	\$13.50/hr	as needed
Frank Vilardi	Substitute School Bus Driver	3/3/2020	\$25.00/hr.	as needed
Julia Lacon	Substitute Clerical	3/19/2020	varied	as needed

10.5 Non-Instructional Resignation

The New Paltz Central School District Board of Education, upon the recommendation of Bernard Josefsberg, Interim Superintendent of Schools, does hereby accept the resignation of the following non-instructional employees:

Name	Title	Effective Date
Frank Vilardi	School Bus Attendant – Part Time	3/2/2020

10.6 Non-Instructional Resignation for the Purpose of Retirement

The New Paltz Central School District Board of Education, upon the recommendation of Bernard Josefsberg, Interim Superintendent of Schools, does hereby accept the resignation of the following non-instructional employee for the purpose of retirement:

Name	Title	Effective Date
Patricia Sorrentino	Teacher Aide	5/28/2020

10.7 Coaching Resignation

The New Paltz Central School District Board of Education, upon the recommendation of Bernard Josefsberg, Interim Superintendent of Schools, does hereby accept the resignation of the following coaching employee:

Name	Title
Brad Gambino	Modified Softball

10.8 Coaching Appointments

The New Paltz Central School District Board of Education, upon the recommendation of Bernard Josefsberg, Interim Superintendent of Schools, does hereby appoint the following coach for the 2019/2020 school year, with remuneration as per NPUT contract:

Name	Title	Stipend
Daniel Miller	Modified Baseball	\$2410
Brad Gambino	Co-Coach Modified Softball	\$1205
Angelo Bagliero	Co-Coach Modified Softball	\$1205

10.9 Volunteer Assistants

Name	Title	Stipend
Keith Walker	Girls Track & Field	Unpaid

10.10 Create New Position - Instructional

BE IT RESOLVED that the New Paltz Central School District Board of Education, upon the recommendation of Bernard Josefsberg, Interim Superintendent of Schools, does hereby approve the creation of a long term substitute Guidance Counselor position effective March 19, 2020 through June 30, 2020.

10.11 Recall from Preferred Eligibility List

WHEREAS, there is a vacancy in the English tenure area and Fiona McKenna is the most senior individual on the English Tenure area preferred eligibility list:

BE IT RESOLVED, that Fiona McKenna is hereby recalled from the English tenure area preferred eligibility list to the full time position of English Teacher effective September 1, 2020 at an annual salary for the 2020 - 2021 school year of \$71,880 (MA, Step 7).

Motion carried 7 to 0 with 7 members voting.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

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NEW BUSINESS

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Motion made by Bianca Tanis and seconded by Glenn LaPolt that the Board of Education approve the following resolutions: 12.1-12.2

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: 14254, 15064, 15261, 15190, 14011, 14732, 11374, 11464, 13121, 11053, 13227, 10880, 12070, 13478, 15213, 14648, 14127, 14040, 14978, 15270, 12909, 13914, 10889, 11020, 14400, 14942, 14405, 14686, 12708, 14824, 14442, 14011, 14236, 14692, 15259.

12.2 Request for Approval to Modify Scholarship Award

BE IT RESOLVED, that the New Paltz Central School District Board of Education, upon the recommendation of Bernard Josefsberg, Interim Superintendent of Schools, does hereby approve the modification of the Richard V. Clinton Memorial Scholarship to include one award in the amount of \$300.00. The Board further directs the District Clerk to send a letter of thanks to Mrs. Barbara Clinton for the donation funding this award.

Motion carried 7 to 0 with 7 members voting.

Motion made by Glenn LaPolt and seconded by Teresa Thompson to approve item 12.3, as amended.

12.3 Request for Approval of Grading Policy

BE IT RESOLVED, that the New Paltz Central School District Board of Education, upon the recommendation of Bernard Josefsberg, Interim Superintendent of Schools, does hereby approve the following:

Grading Policy

During the period of school closure, teachers may respond to student work qualitatively (through descriptive language) and/or quantitatively (numerically.) Any needed summary of individual student standing will be done on a Pass/Fail basis.

Motion carried 7 to 0 with 7 members voting.

Motion made by Glenn LaPolt and seconded by Teresa Thompson to approve agenda item 12.4.

12.4 Request for Approval of Revision to School Calendar

BE IT RESOLVED, that the New Paltz Central School District Board of Education, upon the recommendation of Bernard Josefsberg, Interim Superintendent of Schools, does hereby authorize a revision of the 2019-2020 school calendar as originally adopted to move the following school recess days to make up for the days lost to emergency closure: moving the spring recess dates of April 6 through April 9 and the District Holiday of April 10 to March 23 through March 27.

Motion carried 7 to 0 with 7 members voting.

OTHER DISCUSSION

None.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

ADJOURN

Motion made by Teresa Thompson and seconded by Bianca Tanis that the Board adjourn at 7:54 PM.
Motion carried 7 to 0 with 7 members voting.

ADJOURN

Respectfully submitted,

Sandra Ermo
District Clerk