

<p>New Paltz Central School District Board of Education  Workshop Meeting – June 2, 2021  6:00 PM Executive Session  7:00 PM Lenape Gymnasium  <b>MEETING MINUTES</b></p>
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**CALL MEETING TO ORDER**

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order at 6:03 PM by Glenn LaPolt, Board President.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

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Motion made by Bianca Tanis and seconded by Brian Cournoyer that the Board of Education move into Executive Session at 6:05 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.

**DISTRICT CLERK PRO-TEMPORE**

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Board President, Glenn LaPolt, acted as District Clerk Pro-Tempore for the Executive Session portion of the meeting.

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:**

QUORUM CHECK

- Glenn LaPolt
- Diana Armstead
- Brian Cournoyer
- Michael O'Donnell
- Bianca Tanis
- Teresa Thompson
- Matthew Williams

**ALSO PRESENT:**

- Angela Urbina-Medina, Superintendent
- Sharifa Carbon, Assistant Superintendent for Business

**ROLL CALL**

ROLL CALL

The roll was called as reflected above.

**OUT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Motion made by Teresa Thompson and seconded by Michael O'Donnell that the Board return to Public Session at 7:00 PM. Motion carried 7 - 0 with 7 members voting.

**CALL TO ORDER/LAND ACKNOWLEDGMENT**

CALL TO ORDER

The Public Meeting was called to order at 7:07 PM by Glenn LaPolt, Board President.

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:**

QUORUM CHECK

- Glenn LaPolt
- Diana Armstead
- Brian Cournoyer
- Michael O'Donnell
- Bianca Tanis
- Teresa Thompson
- Matthew Williams

**ALSO PRESENT:**

- Angela Urbina-Medina, Superintendent
- Sharifa Carbon, Assistant Superintendent for Business
- Sandra Ermo, District Clerk
- Janety Encarnacion, Director of Pupil Personnel Services and Special Education
- Fredericka Butler, Director of Student Support Services
- Keith Baisley, Director of Integrated Technology
- Greg Warren, Director of Athletics

Ann Sheldon, Middle School Principal  
Sean Inglee, Lenape Principal  
Ross Hogan, Duzine Principal  
Members of the Public and Press

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

**ROLL CALL**

**PLEDGE TO THE FLAG**

**PLEDGE**

**AGENDA CHANGES**

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The Board President announced the following agenda changes: Item 12.3, remove the appointment of Selena Velez, Item 12.5, remove the resignation of Selena Velez, and Item 12.5, the effective date should be 5/21/2021 through 9/20/2021. Motion made by Matthew Williams and seconded by Michael O'Donnell to approve the agenda changes. Motion carried 7-0 with 7 members voting.

**RECOGNITION**

- Rachel Reinking – 2021 Salutatorian

The Board President announced the Public Hearing on the Code of Conduct.

**PUBLIC HEARING**

- Code of Conduct: Ricki Butler, Director of Student Support Services and Bianca Tanis, Trustee

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

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The following people made public comments:  
Rebecca Masters  
Eli Kassirer  
Kimiko Link

Following the Public Comments portion of the meeting, the Board President asked for a motion to approve the Code of Conduct as presented. Motion was made by Bianca Tanis and seconded by Matthew Williams. Motion carried 7 to 0 with 7 members voting.

**STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORT**

The Student Representative was not present at the meeting so no report was given.

**SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORTS & DISCUSSION ITEMS**

**SUPT REPORT**

- Educational Update

**BOARD COMMUNICATIONS**

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- Discussion - School Board Evaluation

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**CMTE REPORTS**

- Audit Committee - Michael O'Donnell, Chair
- Policy Committee - Brian Cournoyer, Chair
- Facilities Committee - Teresa Thompson, Chair
- Legislative Action Committee - Bianca Tanis, Chair
- Racial Equity Initiative Advisory Committee - Diana Armstead, BOE Representative

**MINUTES OF MEETING**

**MINUTES**

Motion made by Brian Cournoyer and seconded by Bianca Tanis 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 Business Meeting of May 19, 2021.

Motion carried 7-0 with 7 members voting.

**PERSONNEL (CONSENT AGENDA)**

**PERSONNEL**

Motion made by Diana Armstead and seconded by Matthew Williams that the Board of Education approve the following personnel (consent agenda) resolutions: 12.1-12.2

**12.1 Administrative Resignation**

Recommendation - that the New Paltz Central School District Board of Education, upon the recommendation of Angela Urbina-Medina, Superintendent of Schools, does hereby accept the resignation of the following administrative employee: Mario Fernandez.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board does hereby accept the resignation of Mario Fernandez, Principal, New Paltz High School, effective the close of business on July 7, 2021 as set forth in a letter presented to the Superintendent on May 24, 2021.

**12.2 Administrative Resignation**

Recommendation - that the New Paltz Central School District Board of Education, upon the recommendation of Angela Urbina-Medina, Superintendent of Schools, does hereby accept the resignation of the following administrative employee: Michael Teator.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board does hereby accept the resignation of Michael Teator, Assistant Principal-New Paltz High School, effective the close of business on July 7, 2021 as set forth in a letter presented to the Superintendent on May 24, 2021.

Motion carried 7-0 with 7 members voting.

Motion made by Michael O'Donnell and seconded by Matthew Williams that the Board of Education approve the following personnel (consent agenda) resolution: 12.3

**12.3 Non-Instructional Appointments**

Recommendation that the New Paltz Central Schools Board of Education, upon the recommendation of Angela Urbina-Medina, Superintendent of Schools, does hereby submit the following non-instructional appointments:

<b>Name</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Effective Date</b>	<b>Salary/Rate</b>
Erin Metzger	School Monitor	5/25/2021	\$13.50/hour

Motion carried 7-0 with 7 members voting.

Motion made by Brian Cournoyer and seconded by Bianca Tanis that the Board of Education approve the following personnel (consent agenda) resolutions: 12.4

**12.4 Non-Instructional Resignation**

Recommendation that the New Paltz Central Schools Board of Education, upon the recommendation of Angela Urbina-Medina, Superintendent of Schools, does hereby accept the following non-instructional resignation:

<b>Name</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Effective Date</b>
Jessica Walker	Teacher Aide	6/8/2021

Motion carried 7-0 with 7 members voting.

Motion made by Brian Cournoyer and seconded by Matthew Williams that the Board of Education approve the following personnel (consent agenda) resolution: 12.5

**12.5 Non-Instructional Substitute Resignations**

Recommendation that the New Paltz Central Schools Board of Education, upon the recommendation of Angela Urbina-Medina, Superintendent of Schools, does hereby accept the following non-instructional substitute resignations:

<b>Name</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Effective Date</b>
Katelyn Dietz	Substitute School Bus Attendant	5/25/2021
Jody Bivona Mesches	Substitute School Nurse	5/28/2021

Motion carried 7-0 with 7 members voting.

Motion made by Diana Armstead and seconded by Teresa Thompson that the Board of Education approve the following personnel (consent agenda) resolutions: 12.6

**12.6 Non-Instructional Resignation for the Purpose of Retirement**

Recommendation that the New Paltz Central Schools Board of Education, upon the recommendation of Angela Urbina-Medina, Superintendent of Schools, does hereby accept the following resignation for the purpose of retirement:

<b>Name</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Effective Date</b>	<b>Years in District</b>
Walter Huntoon	School Bus Driver	6/8/2021	39

Motion carried 7-0 with 7 members voting.

Motion made by Matthew Williams and seconded by Teresa Thompson that the Board of Education approve the following personnel (consent agenda) resolutions: 12.7

**12.7 Approval of Non-Instructional Leave of Absence Extension**

Upon the recommendation of Angela Urbina-Medina, Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education does hereby approve unpaid leave of absence extension for the following employee:

<b>Name</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Effective Date</b>
Valerie Mesceda-Grajewski	School Bus Driver	5/21/2021 thru 9/20/2021 unpaid

Motion carried 7-0 with 7 members voting.

Motion made by Bianca Tanis and seconded by Diana Armstead that the Board of Education approve the following personnel (consent agenda) resolutions: 12.8

**12.8 Summer CSE Evaluations/Meetings**

Recommendation that the New Paltz Central School Board of Education upon the recommendation of Angela Urbina-Medina, Superintendent of Schools, does hereby appoint, as needed, the following employees effective July 1, 2021 – August 31, 2021.

**CSE Summer Work:**

<b><u>Name</u></b>	<b><u>Title</u></b>
Elizabeth Hamilton	ESY provider in Occupational Therapy

**CSE Meetings/Evaluations:**

<b><u>Name</u></b>	<b><u>Title</u></b>
Michelle Quattrone	CSE Meetings/Psychologist

Motion carried 7-0 with 7 members voting.

Motion made by Brian Cournoyer and seconded by Teresa Thompson that the Board of Education approve the following personnel (consent agenda) resolutions: 12.9

**12.9 Instructional Resignation for the Purpose of Retirement**

Recommendation that the New Paltz Central Schools Board of Education, upon the recommendation of Angela Urbina-Medina, Superintendent of Schools, does hereby accept the resignation, of the following instructional employee for the purpose of retirement:

<b>Name</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Effective Date</b>	<b>Years in District</b>
Donald Bartlett	Social Studies Teacher	7/01/2021	28

Motion carried 7-0 with 7 members voting.

Motion made by Brian Cournoyer and seconded by Bianca Tanis that the Board of Education approve the following personnel (consent agenda) resolutions: 12.10-12.14

**12.10 Summer School Appointments**

Recommendation that the New Paltz Central Schools Board of Education upon recommendation of Angela Urbina-Medina, Superintendent of Schools, does hereby appoint the following summer school employees with remuneration as per union contracts or Board of Education approved rates effective July 6, 2021 through August 12, 2021, plus a professional development day on July 1, 2021:

<b>Name</b>	<b>Title</b>
Melissa Manning Sokota	Teacher
Marsha Cotten	Teacher
Melissa Gigliotti	Teacher
Daniel Monheit	Teacher
Patricia Kosinetz	Teacher
Jessica Abrams	Teacher
Joy Van Vlack Weiss	Nurse
Erin Bush	Nurse
Renee Reynolds	Social Worker
Jasmine Cruz	Social Worker

**12.11 Summer School Substitute Appointments**

Recommendation that the New Paltz Central Schools Board of Education upon recommendation of Angela Urbina-Medina, Superintendent of Schools, does hereby appoint the following summer school substitute employees with remuneration as per union contracts or Board of Education approved rates effective July 6, 2021 through August 12, 2021:

<b>Name</b>	<b>Title</b>
Jennifer Cone	Substitute Teacher
Aaron Copenhaver	Substitute Teacher

**12.12 Amending Resolution**

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education does hereby amend resolution 12.3-Appointment of Election Inspectors which was approved at the May 5, 2021 Board of Education Meeting, to provide that full day election inspectors be paid at a rate of \$200 per day (covering the hours of 6:00 am – 10:00 pm), and be paid for additional hours at the hourly rate of \$12.50 per hour.

**12.13 Create New Position – School Social Worker**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the New Paltz Central School District Board of Education, upon the recommendation of Angela-Urbina-Medina, Superintendent of Schools, does hereby approve the creation of the following position:

<b>Title</b>	<b>Effective Date</b>
1.0 FTE School Social Worker - Secondary	9/1/2021

**12.14 Administrative Appointment – Summer School Principal**

BE IT RESOLVED that the New Paltz Central School District Board of Education, upon the recommendation of Angela Urbina-Medina, Superintendent of Schools, does hereby appoint Meryle Lederer as Summer School Principal effective July 1, 2021 through August 13, 2021 at a salary of \$7,250.00.

Motion carried 7-0 with 7 members voting.

**OLD BUSINESS**

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Motion was made by Brian Cournoyer and seconded by Teresa Thompson that the Board of Education approve Policy 7680, as amended.

Motion carried 7-0 with 7 members voting.

**13.1 Third Reading of Policy 7680 - Independent Educational Evaluations**

2021	7680
Students	

**SUBJECT: INDEPENDENT EDUCATIONAL EVALUATIONS**

An Independent Educational Evaluation is an individual evaluation of a student thought to have a disability, conducted by a qualified examiner who is not employed by the New Paltz Central School District or any public agency responsible for educating the student.

If a parent disagrees with the initial evaluation or re-evaluation conducted by the school district, the parent should explain, in writing, to the Director of Pupil Personnel Services(PPS) and Special Education, the reason(s) why they disagree with the district’s evaluation. The Director of PPS and Special Education will promptly make a decision as to whether the request for an independent educational evaluation at public expense will be granted. If such a request is denied, the district will, without unnecessary delay, commence an impartial hearing to demonstrate the appropriateness of the challenged evaluation(s). If the hearing officer’s decision is that the challenged evaluation is appropriate, the parent still has the right to an independent educational evaluation, but not at public expense. The results of any independent educational evaluation will be considered by the Committee on Special Education (CSE) or the Committee on Preschool Special Education (CPSE) in any decision made with respect to the student’s educational program.

Whenever an independent educational evaluation is at public expense, the criteria under which the evaluation is obtained, including the location of the evaluation and the qualifications of the examiner, must be **comparable to the same as** the criteria that the district uses when it initiates an evaluation, **to the extent those criteria are consistent with the parent’s right to an independent education evaluation.** Thus, whenever approval of a parent’s request for an independent evaluation is granted, **the independent evaluator must possess licensure and qualifications comparable to district personnel.** ~~be licensed or certified or have met any minimum qualification requirements that an evaluator(s) employed by the District would need to possess to perform the same evaluation.~~

The Board hereby directs the Superintendent of Schools to develop regulations which ensure that information regarding independent educational evaluations are made available to parents who request the same. Such information should include the minimum qualifications required of independent evaluators and provide a schedule of the fees that the District will pay for independent educational evaluations in a variety of disciplines. The fee schedule shall be reflective of community standard rates in each discipline. In exceptional circumstances (e.g., if an unusual evaluation is needed, or if no appropriately certified independent evaluators can be found whose rates meet those set by the District), the Director of PPS and Special Education may authorize an independent evaluation for which the fee charged will exceed the allowable fee which may be paid for a particular type of independent evaluation.

Adopted: 7/16/08

Revised: ??/??/2021

**NEW BUSINESS**

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Motion made by Matthew Williams and seconded by Bianca Tanis that the Board of Education approve the following resolution:

**14.1 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: 10961, 11424, 11494, 14536, 14232, 13949, 14206, 13183, 11258, 10880, 11143, 13959, 12516, 10883, 13922, 14855, 14236, 15383, 14885, 14841, 14979, 13031, 14580, 15109, 15041, 14818, 15146, 14978, 10949, 10850, 11530, 14519, 14408, 13869, 13089, 12720, 12029, 12470, 11437, 10956, 12565, 14802, 14921, 15116, 14829, 15000, 14132, 14058, 14095, 15491, 14036, 15274, 15062, 14107, 14254, 11127, 10881, 11020, 10885, 12070, 11282, 12372, 12008, 12330, 14400, 12541, 12210, 12466, 14557, 11059, 11111, 10889, 13815, 15276, 12440, 12644, 13975, 12312, 12826, 14828, 13233, 10525.

Motion carried 7-0 with 7 members voting.

Motion made by Brian Cournoyer and seconded by Matthew Williams that the Board of Education approve the following resolution:

**14.2 Request for Approval of Automotive Diesel Fuel Bid**

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education award the Diesel Fuel Bid to Bottini Fuel for marketer differential prices of \$0.0110 for Premium Diesel and \$0.2500 for Kerosene.

Motion carried 7-0 with 7 members voting.

Motion made by Teresa Thompson and seconded by Matthew Williams that the Board of Education approve the following resolution:

**14.3 Acceptance of Donation**

Recommendation that the New Paltz Central Schools Board of Education, upon the recommendation of Angela Urbina-Medina, Superintendent of Schools, does hereby accept a donation of \$1612.95 from ShowTix4U on behalf of parents and community members who decided to donate ticket refunds to the High School Musical Club.

Motion carried 7-0 with 7 members voting.

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

**14.4 Acceptance of Donation**

Recommendation that the New Paltz Central Schools Board of Education, upon the recommendation of Angela Urbina-Medina, Superintendent of Schools, does hereby accept a donation of 56 facial tissue packets and 110 packages of 10 hand sanitizing wipes valued at \$200.00 from Walgreens Pharmacy of New Paltz, NY.

Motion carried 7-0 with 7 members voting.

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

**14.5 Request for Approval of Agreement with Transfinder**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the New Paltz Central School District, upon the recommendation of Angela Urbina-Medina, Superintendent, does hereby approve the agreement between the New Paltz Central School District and Transfinder for transportation software licenses, hosting services, training and support in the amount of \$21,380.00 for the first year of the contract, and \$6,550.00 for contract renewal commencing one year from initial activation date, and authorizes the Assistant Superintendent for Business to execute the contract.

Motion carried 7-0 with 7 members voting.

**OTHER DISCUSSION**

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- Public Comments process at Board Meetings

**ADJOURN**

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Motion made by Brian Cournoyer and seconded by Bianca Tanis that the Board adjourn at 8:19 PM.  
Motion carried 7-0 with 7 members voting.

Respectfully submitted,

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Sandra Ermo  
District Clerk