

New Paltz Central School District Board of Education  
Workshop Meeting – September 15, 2021  
High School Auditorium 5:30 PM  
**MEETING MINUTES**

**CALL MEETING TO ORDER/ACKNOWLEDGMENT**

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order at 5:06 PM by Bianca Tanis, Board President.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

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Motion made by Brian Cournoyer and seconded by Johanna Herget that the Board of Education move into Executive Session at 5:07 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 6 - 0 with 6 members voting.

**DISTRICT CLERK PRO-TEMPORE**

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

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:**

QUORUM CHECK

- Bianca Tanis
- Brian Cournoyer
- Diana Armstead
- Johanna Herget
- Glenn LaPolt-excused
- Heather O'Donnell
- Teresa Thompson

**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 Heather O'Donnell and seconded by Brian Cournoyer that the Board return to Public Session at 5:30 PM. Motion carried 6 - 0 with 6 members voting.

**CALL TO ORDER/LAND ACKNOWLEDGMENT**

CALL TO ORDER

The Public Meeting was called to order at 5:34 PM by Bianca Tanis, Board President.

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:**

QUORUM CHECK

- Bianca Tanis
- Brian Cournoyer
- Diana Armstead
- Johanna Herget
- Glenn LaPolt-excused
- Heather O'Donnell
- Teresa Thompson

**ALSO PRESENT:**

- Angela Urbina-Medina, Superintendent
- Michelle Martoni, Deputy Superintendent
- Sharifa Carbon, Assistant Superintendent for Business
- Sandra Ermo, District Clerk

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

ROLL CALL

**PLEDGE TO THE FLAG**

PLEDGE

**AGENDA CHANGES**

None.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None.

**RECOGNITION**

**Recognition of Nurses**

Sandra Hekking  
Erin Bush  
Maria Meoli  
Joy Vanvlack-Weis

**SUPERINTENDENTS REPORTS & DISCUSSION ITEMS**

- Superintendent’s Update
- Supporting Students’ Academic and Social and Emotional Needs Post Pandemic – Michelle Martoni, Deputy Superintendent and Fredericka Butler, Director of Student Support Services

**BOARD COMMUNICATIONS & DISCUSSION ITEMS**

**MINUTES OF MEETING**

Motion made by Brian Cournoyer and seconded by Teresa Thompson the Board of Education accept the minutes of the Workshop Meeting of September 1, 2021.  
Motion carried 6 - 0 with 6 members voting.

**FINANCIAL REPORTS**

Motion made by Brian Cournoyer and seconded by Teresa Thompson that the Board of Education accept the Claims Auditor Report for July and August 2021.  
Motion carried 6 - 0 with 6 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: 10.1-10.17.

**10.1 Amending Resolution**

BE IT RESOLVED that the New Paltz Central School District Board of Education does hereby amend Resolution 8.16 – Administrative Appointment-Probationary which was approved at the 9/1/2021 Board of Education Meeting. The Board of Education appoints Kathleen Schneck as Assistant Principal in the tenure area of Assistant Principal.

**10.2 Instructional Appointment-Substitutes**

Recommendation that the New Paltz Central School District Board of Education, upon the recommendation of Angela Urbina-Medina, Superintendent of Schools, does hereby appoint the following substitute teachers with remuneration as per rates established at the July 7, 2021 Organizational Meeting:

<b>Name</b>	<b>Effective Dates</b>
Elizabeth Lader	9/16/2021 – 6/30/2022

**10.3 Instructional 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 instructional employee: BE IT RESOLVED that the board hereby accept the resignation of Substitute Teacher, Gerald Teters, effective August 31, 2021 as set forth in a letter presented to the Board of Education Clerk on September 9, 2021.

**10.4 Amending Resolution**

BE IT RESOLVED that the new Paltz Central Schools Board of Education does hereby amend the effective date of Resolution 10.9 – Instructional Appointment Probationary-Bilingual School Social Worker, Angela Perez, which was approved at the 8/18/2021 Board of Education Meeting. The effective date of the appointment is 9/21/2021 through 9/20/2025.

**10.5 Instructional Appointment – Change**

Recommendation that the New Paltz Central School District Board of Education, upon recommendation of Angela Urbina-Medina, Superintendent of Schools, does hereby approve the additional .4 FTE from .4 to .8 FTE, appointment of the following part-time instructional employee with remuneration as per NPUT contract, pro-rated:

Name	FTE	Title	Effective Dates	Step/Salary
Mary Jane Nusbaum	.8	Art Teacher	9/01/2021 – 6/30/2022	(.8) MA Step 7, \$72,780 (pro-rated)

**10.6 Instructional Appointment – Leave Replacement**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the New Paltz Central Schools Board of Education, upon the recommendation of Angela Urbina-Medina, Superintendent of Schools, does hereby approve the leave replacement appointment of the following instructional employee (pending completion of I-9 paperwork) for the 2021/2022 school year:

Name	Title	Effective Dates	Step/Salary
Lauren Cope	Special Education Teacher	9/03/2021 – 4/01/2022	MA Step 1, \$62,640 (pro-rated)

**10.7 Home Tutor**

Recommendation that the New Paltz Central Schools Board of Education, upon the recommendation of Angela Urbina-Medina, Superintendent of Schools, does hereby appoint the following employees for the 2021-2022 school year:

**Name**

- Angela Braselmann
- George Boyle
- Amy Chapman
- Soaud Kurzban
- Randi Rosen

**10.8 Non-Instructional Resignations**

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 resignations:

Name	Title	Effective Date
Maria Sullivan	Teacher Aide	9/3/2021
Valerie Mesceda-Grajewski	School Bus Driver	9/20/2021
Thomas Mihalics	School Bus Driver	9/3/2021

**10.9 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 submit the following non-instructional resignation for the purpose of retirement:

Name	Title	Effective Date
Deborah Ellis	Substitute Sch Bus Attendant	8/24/2021
Judith Smith	Teacher Aide	9/19/2021

**10.10 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:

Name	Title	Effective Date	Salary/Rate
Rebecca Longazel	Teacher Aide	9/2/2021	\$14.00/hour
Stuart Elkins	School Bus Driver Full Time	9/3/2021	\$29.00/hour

**10.11 Non-Instructional Substitute 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 substitute appointments:

<b>Name</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Effective Date</b>	<b>Salary/Rate</b>
Cara Kubert	Long Term Substitute Teacher Aide	9/2/2021	\$14.00/hour
Deborah Powell	Substitute Food Service Helper	9/8/2021	\$13.50/hour
Tabitha Zerafa	Substitute Custodial Worker	9/16/2021	\$15.00/hour

**10.12 Non-Instructional Appointment Resolution**

BE IT RESOLVED 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 for the 2021-2022 school year:

<b>Name</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Effective</b>	<b>Hours</b>
Roberta Schwarz	Teacher Aide	9/1/2021 to 6/30/2022	6.5 Hrs/Day

**10.13 Approval of Non-Instructional Leave of Absence**

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

<b>Name</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Effective Date</b>
Darleen Halwick	School Bus Driver	9/14/2021 to 9/30/2021
Ian Turner	School Bus Driver	9/13/2021 to 6/27/2022

**10.14 Administrative Appointment-Probationary**

BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of Angela Urbina-Medina, Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education appoints Jessica Miller to a four (4) year probationary appointment as a Assistant Principal in the tenure area of Assistant Principal, effective 10/18/2021 through 10/17/2025, subject to the receipt of composite or overall annual professional performance review ratings pursuant to Education Law Section 3012-c and/or 3012-d of either effective or highly effective in at least three (3) of the four (4) preceding years, and if the probationer receives an ineffective composite in the final year of the Probationary period he shall not be eligible for tenure at that time, at an annual salary of \$111,120.00 for the 2021-2022 school year.

**10.15 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>
Elizabeth Jimenez	Teacher Aide	9/16/2021	\$14.00/hour

**10.16 Non-Instructional Substitute 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 substitute appointments:

<b>Name</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Effective Date</b>	<b>Salary/Rate</b>
Christina Pominville	Substitute Teacher Aide	9/16/2021	\$13.50/hour
Camergie McComb	Substitute Clerical	7/1/2021	\$20.00/hour
Marianne Mackay	Substitute Cook Manager	7/1/2021	\$22.98/hour

**10.17 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>
Justine Stisi	School Bus Driver Full Time	9/16/2021	\$29.00/hour

Motion carried 6 - 0 with 6 members voting.

## NEW BUSINESS

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

### **11.1 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: 15539, 15570, 15612, 14387, 13741, 14758, 15630, 14600, 12169.

Motion carried 6 - 0 with 6 members voting.

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

### **11.2 Approval of Revised 2021-2022 School Calendar**

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 Revised 2021-2022 School Calendar (revised 9/1/2021).

Motion carried 6 - 0 with 6 members voting.

Motion made by Teresa Thompson and seconded by Heather O'Donnell that the Board of Education approve the following resolution:

### **11.3 Request for Approval of Agreement with Shaw, Perelson, May & Lambert LLP**

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 the Shaw, Perelson, May & Lambert, LLP, for the provision of professional services in the amount of \$70,000.00, payable in equal monthly installments of \$5,833.33, for contract period July 1, 2021 through June 30 2022, and authorizes the Board of Education President or District Clerk to execute the contract.

Motion carried 6 - 0 with 6 members voting.

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

### **11.4 Approval of Budget Transfers**

The New Paltz Central School District Board of Education, upon the recommendation of Angela Urbina-Medina, Superintendent of Schools, does hereby approve Budget Transfers totaling \$563,443.00 for the 2021-2022 school year. These transfers are required to realign the BOCES AS-7 Services with the appropriate budget codes. There is no impact to the 2021-2022 budget.

Motion carried 6 - 0 with 6 members voting.

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

### **11.5 Request for Approval of Agreement with Astor Services for Children and Families**

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 Astor Services for Children and Families, for the provision of mental health services in the amount of \$158,280.00, payable in equal monthly installments of \$15,828.00, for contract period September 1, 2021 through June 30 2022, and authorizes the Superintendent of Schools to execute the contract.

Motion carried 6 - 0 with 6 members voting.

## OTHER DISCUSSION

**ADJOURN**

ADJOURN

Motion made by Brian Cournoyer and seconded by Teresa Thompson that the Board adjourn at 6:25 PM  
Motion carried 6 - 0 with 6 members voting.

Respectfully submitted,

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Sandra Ermo  
District Clerk