

New Paltz Central School District Board of Education
Business Meeting – October 20, 2021
Middle School Auditorium 6:30 PM
MEETING MINUTES

CALL MEETING TO ORDER/ACKNOWLEDGMENT

Meeting was called to order at 5:30 PM by Bianca Tanis, Board President.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion made by Glenn LaPolt and seconded by Brian Cournoyer that the Board of Education move into Executive Session at 5:30 PM for the purpose of

- Discussing the employment history of a particular person or corporation.

Motion carried 4 - 0 with 4 members voting.

DISTRICT CLERK PRO-TEMPORE

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

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Bianca Tanis
Brian Cournoyer
Diana Armstead-entered at 5:34 PM
Johanna Herget-entered at 5:34 PM
Glenn LaPolt
Heather O'Donnell
Teresa Thompson-entered at 5:34 PM

ALSO PRESENT:

Angela Urbina-Medina, Superintendent
Michelle Martoni, Deputy Superintendent
Sharifa Carbon, Assistant Superintendent for Business

ROLL CALL

The roll was called as reflected above.

OUT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion made by Glenn LaPolt and seconded by Teresa Thompson that the Board return to Public Session at 6:38 PM.
Motion carried 7 - 0 with 7 members voting.

CALL TO ORDER/LAND ACKNOWLEDGMENT

The Public Meeting was called to order at 6:42 PM by Bianca Tanis, Board President.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Bianca Tanis
Brian Cournoyer
Diana Armstead
Johanna Herget
Glenn LaPolt
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
Andrew Arias, Cooper Arias, LLP
Members of the Public and Press

ROLL CALL The roll was called as reflected above.

PLEDGE TO THE FLAG

AGENDA CHANGES

None.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Eli Kassirer
Howard Miller

SUPERINTENDENTS REPORTS & DISCUSSION ITEMS

- Superintendent’s Update

BOARD COMMUNICATIONS

- External Audit Report – Andrew Arias, Cooper Arias, LLP

6.1 Request for Approval to Accept the External Audit Report for the 2020-2021 Fiscal Year

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education accept the 2020-2021 External Audit Report and Corrective Action Plan, as presented by the accounting firm of Cooper-Arias, LLP, Certified Public Accountants.

Motion made by Brian Cournoyer and seconded by Teresa Thompson that the Board of Education approve the 2020-2021 External Audit Report and Corrective Action Plan, as noted in item 6.1.

Motion carried 7-0 with 7 members voting.

MINUTES OF MEETING

Motion made by Glenn LaPolt and seconded by Teresa Thompson 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 Workshop Meeting of October 6, 2021.

Motion carried 7-0 with 7 members voting.

PERSONNEL (CONSENT AGENDA)

Motion made by Diana Armstead and seconded by Brian Cournoyer that the Board of Education approve the following personnel (consent agenda) resolutions: 8.1-8.12.

8.1 Amending Resolution

BE IT RESOLVED that the new Paltz Central Schools Board of Education does hereby amend the effective date of Resolution 9.4 – Instructional Appointment Probationary-Elementary Teacher, Lljaira Dessereau, which was approved at the 10/06/2021 Board of Education Meeting. The effective date of the appointment is 11/01/2021 through 10/31/2025.

8.2 Instructional Leave of Absence - Extension

Recommendation that the New Paltz Central Schools Board of Education, upon the recommendation of Angela Urbina-Medina, Superintendent of Schools, does hereby approve an extended unpaid leave of absence for the following instructional employee:

Name	Title	Original Effective Dates	Extension
Michaela Schaller	Reading Teacher	9/03/2021 – 1/31/2022	2/01/2022 – 6/24/2022 (unpaid)

8.3 Instructional Leave Replacement Appointment - Extension

Recommendation that the New Paltz Central Schools Board of Education, upon the recommendation of Angela Urbina-Medina, Superintendent of Schools, does hereby approve the extended leave replacement appointment of the following instructional employee for the 2021/2022 school year:

Name	Title	Original Effective Dates	Extension	Step/Salary
Noam Yaffe	Reading Teacher	8/30/2021 – 1/31/2022	2/01/2022 – 6/24/2022	MA Step 1 \$62,650 (pro-rated)

8.4 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 employee for the 2021-2022 school year:

Name

Constance R. Dodd

8.5 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 submit the following non-instructional resignation:

Name	Title	Effective Date
Amy Lazaroff	Teacher Aide	10/26/2021

8.6 Non-Instructional Substitute Resignation

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 resignation:

Name	Title	Effective Date
Heidi Morgan	Substitute School Bus Driver	10/6/2021
Justine Stisi	Substitute School Bus Driver	10/6/2021
Cassandra Woinoski	Substitute School Bus Attendant	10/6/2021

8.7 Non-Instructional Appointment

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 appointment:

Name	Title	Effective Date	Salary/Rate
Olivia Snyder	Teacher Aide	10/12/2021	\$14.00/hour

8.8 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:

Name	Title	Effective Date	Salary/Rate
Lori Affronti-Cottet	Substitute Food Service Helper	10/14/2021	\$13.50/hour
Valentina Clementi	Substitute School Monitor	10/07/2021	\$13.50/hour
Ashley Mazzei	Substitute School Bus Driver	10/26/2021	\$25.00/hour

8.9 Middle School Extra Curricular Activity Advisorships

Upon the recommendation of Angela Urbina-Medina, Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education does hereby appoint the following advisors for the 2021/2022 school year with remuneration as per NPUT contract:

Name	Title	Stipend
Kristen Conrad	Middle School Student Council	\$1620
Lauren O'Malley	Middle School Newspaper (Mirror)	\$2240
Emily Perez	Middle School Reflections	\$1620
Kristen Conrad	Middle School Yearbook	\$2240
Kim Abrahamsen	Middle School Art Club	\$2240
Mary Guirma	Middle School Drama Club	\$3470
Jessica Robb	Middle School Drama Club Assistant	\$1010
William Halpern, Co-Advisor	Middle School School of Rock	\$1735
Sonja Nosovsky, Co-Advisor	Middle School School of Rock	\$1735
Sonja Nosovsky	Middle School All-County Band	\$2240
William Halpern	Middle School All-County Chorus	\$1620
Ryan Burns	Middle School Chess Club	\$1010
Randi Rosen	Middle School ABS-MS Book Club	\$1010
Melissa Gruver-LaPolt	Middle School GSA/Pride Club	\$1010

8.10 High School Extra Curricular Activity Advisorships

Upon the recommendation of Angela Urbina-Medina, Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education does hereby appoint the following advisors for the 2021/2022 school year with remuneration as per NPUT contract:

Name	Title	Stipend
Samuel Newsome	High School All County Band	\$2240
Nicole Foti	High School All County Choir	\$1010
Susan Sherburn	High School Asian Club*	\$1010
Nancy Owen	High School Drama Club	\$3470

Alexis Mallory	High School Engineering Club	\$3470
Catherine Law	High School Environmental Club	\$1620
Souad Kuzban	High School Freshman Class	\$1620
Lisa Watkins	High School Gay/Straight Alliance	\$2240
Joel Neden	High School Newspaper	\$1620
Rodrigo Castro	High School Interact Club	\$1010
Linda Sutton	High School Junior Class	\$3470
Samuel Newsome	High School Marching Band	\$3470
Kathryn Stewart	High School Math Club	\$1010
Albert Cook	High School Mock Trial	\$3470
Kristen Kiley, Co-Advisor	High School Model U.N.	\$505
James Gill, Co-Advisor	High School Model U.N.	\$505
Antoinette Russolello	High School National Honor Society	\$2240
Todd Martin	High School Open Studio in Art	\$2240
Shannan Magnetico	High School Peer Leadership	\$2240
Matthew Esposito	High School Science Olympiad	\$2240
Frances Maseo, Co-Advisor	High School Senior Class	\$1735
Joseph Dolan, Co-Advisor	High School Senior Class	\$1735
Joseph Dolan	High School Snow Club	\$2240
Jessica Bradley	High School Sophomore Class	\$1620
Nancy Owen	High School Spring Musical	\$3470
Stephanie Costello	High School Student Government	\$3470
Todd Martin, Co-Advisor	High School Ultimate Frisbee/Disc Golf	\$1120
Kurt Ulrich, Co-Advisor	High School Ultimate Frisbee/Disc Golf	\$1120
Alexis Mallory	High School Yearbook	\$3470
Jessica Fredericks, Co-Advisor	High School Youth for Unity	\$505
Albert Cook, Co-Advisor	High School Youth for Unity	\$505

8.11 Non-Instructional Substitute Resignation

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 resignation:

Name	Title	Effective Date
Cara Kubert	Long Term Substitute Teacher Aide	10/20/2021

8.12 Non-Instructional Appointment

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 appointment:

Name	Title	Effective Date	Salary/Rate
Doreen Baglieri **	Teacher Aide	10/21/2021	\$14.00/hour
Cara Kubert	Teacher Aide	10/21/2021	\$14.00/hour

** pending completion of I9 Eligibility Form

Motion carried 7-0 with 7 members voting.

NEW BUSINESS

Motion made by Johanna Herget and seconded by Teresa Thompson that the Board of Education approve the following resolution: 10.1.

10.1 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: 14513, 14271, 15146, 15489, 15008, 15218, 15213, 10956, 15623, 15429.

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 resolution: 10.2.

10.2 Amending Resolution

BE IT RESOLVED that the New Paltz Central School District Board of Education does hereby amend Resolution 11.5 – Establishment of Retirement Contribution Reserve, which was approved at the 10/06/2021 Board of Education Meeting. The reserve will be initially funded by unassigned fund balance in the amount of \$1,000,000 for the ERS Reserve and \$450,000 for the TRS Reserve (subfund).

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 resolution: 10.3.

10.3 Establishment of Workers' Compensation Reserve

BE IT RESOLVED, that the New Paltz Central Schools Board of Education, upon the recommendation of Angela Urbina Medina, Superintendent of Schools, does hereby authorize the transfer of \$700,000 from Unassigned Fund Balance to the Workers' Compensation Reserve.

Motion carried 7-0 with 7 members voting.

Motion made by Brian Cournoyer and seconded by Diana Armstead that the Board of Education approve the following resolution: 10.4.

10.4 Request for Approval of Agreement with Rhinebeck Architecture

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 an agreement with Rhinebeck Architecture, to provide architectural services as required by the New York State Education Department for the Lenape Amphitheater, in the amount of \$8,000.

Motion carried 7-0 with 7 members voting.

Motion made by Brian Cournoyer and seconded by Johanna Herget that the Board of Education approve the following resolution: 10.5.

10.5 Request for Approval of Extracurricular Activity/Club – High School

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 Ping Pong Club at the New Paltz High School, for the 2021/2022 school year.

Motion carried 7-0 with 7 members voting.

Motion made by Glenn LaPolt and seconded by Teresa Thompson that the Board of Education approve the following resolution: 10.6.

10.6 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 \$2,751.00 from New Paltz Central School District Foundation for Student Enhancement to fund the Lenape Post Office project.

Motion carried 7-0 with 7 members voting.

Motion made by Heather O'Donnell and seconded by Johanna Herget that the Board of Education approve the following resolution: 10.7.

10.7 Authorization to Establish Petty Cash Funds

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approve the establishment of the following petty cash funds in the amount of \$300.00 for the Athletic Department to be utilized for cash boxes.

Motion carried 7-0 with 7 members voting.

OTHER DISCUSSION

ADJOURN

Motion made by Brian Cournoyer and seconded by Glenn LaPolt that the Board adjourn at 7:39 PM.
Motion carried 7-0 with 7 members voting.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandra Ermo
District Clerk