

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

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Meeting was called to order at 6:32 PM by Don Kerr, Board President.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Kathleen Tobin Flusser
Steven Greenfield (arrived at 6:35 PM)
Donald Kerr
Patrick Rausch
Robert Rich
Edgar Rodriguez
Daniel Torres

QUORUM CHECK

ALSO PRESENT: Maria Rice, Superintendent of Schools

ROLL CALL As reflected above.

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EXECUTIVE SESSION

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Motion made by Mr. Torres and seconded by Ms. Tobin Flusser that the Board of Education move into Executive Session at 6:32 PM for the purpose of discussing the employment history of particular individuals, and discussing contract negotiations (collective bargaining agreements) Motion carried 6 - 0 with 6 members voting. Mr. Greenfield was not yet present during voting.

Out of Executive Session - Motion made by Ms. Tobin Flusser and seconded by Mr. Rich that the Board return to Public Session at 7:02 PM. Motion carried 7 - 0 with 7 members voting.

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

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Daniel Torres

QUORUM CHECK

ALSO PRESENT: Maria Rice, Superintendent of Schools
Richard Linden, Assistant Superintendent for Business
Connie Hayes, Assistant Superintendent for Pupil Personnel Services
Barbara Clinton, Principal, New Paltz Central High School
Richard Wiesenthal, Principal, New Paltz Middle School
Michelle Martoni, Principal, Lenape Elementary School
Debra Hogencamp, Principal, Duzine Elementary School
Antonia Woody, Director of Physical Education, Health, Athletics & Health Services
Maureen Ryan, Director of Transportation
Michael Robinson, Director of Food Services
Stephen J. Callahan, Director of Facilities & Operations
Elena Maskell, District Clerk
Sarah Freedman, Student Representative
Members of the Public and Press

ROLL CALL - As reflected above.

ROLL CALL

PLEDGE TO THE FLAG

PLEDGE

AGENDA CHANGES

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Motion made by Mr. Rich and seconded by Mr. Torres to accept the agenda changes below.

DELETE ITEM #4 ON THE AGENDA “SPOTLIGHT ON PROGRAM.”

ADD UNDER BOE COMMUNICATIONS:

BOARD COMMUNICATIONS

- CONFERENCE ON ADVANCING STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT THROUGH LABOR-MANAGEMENT COLLABORATION
- NYSSBA’S STATE ISSUES CONFERENCE – KT TOBIN FLUSSER

ADD UNDER SUPERINTENDENT COMMENTS

- SUPERINTENDENT COMMENTS
- WEBINAR ON THE GOVERNOR’S BUDGET

MOVE PUBLIC COMMENTS AFTER SUPERINTENDENT REPORTS

MOVE SUPERINTENDENT COMMENTS AFTER PUBLIC COMMENTS

PERSONNEL:

DELETE from Personnel Agenda Item 10.3 2010-2011 Spring Coaching Appointments the following coach and name: Roger Norcross.

REVISE Personnel Agenda Item number **10.1 Non-Union Personnel Salaries for 2011-2012**

10.1 Non-Union Personnel Salaries for 2011-2012: Change salaries of two non-instructional employees, which were amended at the July 7, 2010 BOE Meeting, to the following:

Sigrun Mathews	\$29,380
Michelle Ribas	\$29,380

ADD to Personnel Agenda new Item number **10.4 Non-Instructional Leave of Absence:**

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ADD under New Business, new Agenda Item number 12.2 Request for Approval of Budgetary Transfer:

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Transfer (To)				Transfer (From)	
A1621435	Architect	\$106,000.00	A9020800	Teacher	\$106,000.00
	Fees			Retirement	

All in favor with none opposed. Motion carried 7-0.

4. SPOTLIGHT ON PROGRAM – Removed from Agenda

5. STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORT STUDENT REP
 Sarah Freedman appeared and gave a student representative report updating the Board and public on: the winter concert, coffee houses run by student government, sports, and the senior class snow ball. Ms. Freedman noted that most seniors have already finished their applications and are waiting to hear about college choices.

6. SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORTS & DISCUSSION ITEMS SUPT REPT
 SUPERINTENDENT REPORTS
 Mrs. Rice asked if any board members had questions on information provided at the last BOE meeting. There were none.

PRELIMINARY BUDGET PRIORITIZATION AND REQUEST FOR BOE BUDGET
 Mrs. Rice gave a Power Point presentation on budget development, research, and preparation. Superintendent Rice noted that numbers may change throughout the budget development process.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Rachel Busher,	NPUT President	Statement from NPUT
Eric Schwartz	Esopus	
Anthony Abby	Esopus	
Kimiko Link	New Paltz	
Laura Trifilo	Gardiner, President of PTA	
Kathy Simpson	Gardiner	
Estelle Weeks	New Paltz	
Bret Harris	New Paltz	

DEVELOPMENT DIRECTION

The Superintendent was directed to do the following by the Board:
 Create a 2% tax levy budget including a school consolidation option and removing the vehicles from the budget; and
 Prepare three preliminary budgets at the following tax levy increases: 2%, 3.5% and 5.25%. Discussion ensued.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Matt Elkin	New Paltz
Elizabeth Rizza	New Paltz
Kimiko Link	New Paltz
Rebecca Burdette	New Paltz
Kimiko Link	New Paltz

After Matt Elikin’s remarks, Superintendent Rice was directed by the Board to research the following option: Duzine school housing K-3 students, Lenape school housing 4-7 students, and the High School housing 8-12 students with the possibility of allowing BOCES students to remain as they are.

STATE AID REVENUE REPORT

SUPERINTENDENT COMMENTS

Superintendent Rice noted that one of the English teachers, had some of her students enter the “Poetry Out Loud” National Recitation Contest at New Paltz High School, wherein three of her students will be advancing to the New York State competition.

2011-2012 CALENDAR

Mrs. Rice asked for questions regarding the proposed 2011-2012 calendar. The calendar will be approved on Wednesday, February 2, 2011. They have added one snow day to the calendar of previous years from 7 to 8. There was a suggestion putting a notification on the new calendar regarding moving BOE meetings on snow days or emergency days, to the following day, Thursday. The District Clerk will put out a press release on this once calendar is approved.

WEBINAR ON THE GOVERNOR’S BUDGET

Superintendent Rice gave a reminder to the Board about a webinar in the District Office conference room on Thursday, February 3, 2011, 3:30PM. The webinar is put on by NYSSBA and it is of no cost to the district. Maria C. Rice invited all Board members to attend.

Mrs. Rice noted she sent a letter to Senator Bonacic. She included the letter to the Senator for the members to review.

8. BOARD COMMUNICATIONS

SCHOOL BOARDS MEETING REPORT – KT TOBIN FLUSSER

Mr. Rausch and Ms. Tobin Flusser attended the meeting on January 18, 2011. The speaker was Assemblyman Kevin Cahill, and Ms. Tobin Flusser stated these meetings are beneficial and encouraged all to attend.

8.1 Request for Approval of 2010-2011 Board of Education Goals

BOARD GOALS 2010-2011

Motion made by Mr. Greenfield and seconded by Mr. Rich to approve the following: **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Education does hereby approve the 2010-2011 Board of Education Goals as presented.

Discussion ensued regarding the wording on Goal #2. It was decided to edit Goal #2 to read: Maintain the position of BOE members as community members who are advocates for students, staff and public education with the best interest of our community in mind.

All in favor with none opposed. Motion carried 7-0.

CONFERENCE ON ADVANCING STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT THROUGH LABOR-MANAGEMENT COLLABORATION

Mr. Kerr noted an invitation was received by the US Dept of Education for a two-day conference in Colorado from February 15 - 16, 2011. This is an offer made with the provision that the BOE President, the Superintendent, and the Union President all had to attend together. If all three agreed to attend all of the travel costs, meals, and hotel expenses would be paid for by the Ford Foundation. February 16, 2011 happens to be a BOE meeting date, so Mr. Kerr proposed that the BOE meeting be moved from February 16th to February 17th. Mr. Kerr made a motion to reschedule the February 16, 2011 BOE meeting to February 17, 2011. Motion seconded by Mr. Greenfield. All in favor with none opposed. Motion carried 7-0. The District Clerk was instructed to send a press release out regarding the change in the meeting date.

Dr. Rodriguez noted he will not be available February 23, 2011.

NYSSBA’S STATE ISSUES CONFERENCE: Discussion ensued regarding who would like to attend. Mr. Rausch is already signed up. Mr. Greenfield, Dr. Rodriguez, and Ms. Tobin Flusser all stated they would like to go. Mr. Torres and Mr. Rich will check their availability and let the District Clerk know.

9. MINUTES OF MEETING

Motion made by Mr. Torres and seconded by Mr. Rich to approve the following: Recommendation - that the New Paltz Central Schools Board of Education accept the minutes of the Regular Business Meeting of January 5, 2011.

All in favor with none opposed. Motion carried 7-0.

10. PERSONNEL (CONSENT AGENDA)

Motion made by Mr. Torres and seconded by Mr. Rich to approve the following consent agenda items 10.1 through 10.8:

10.1 Non-Union Personnel Salaries for 2011-2012

Recommendation – that the New Paltz Central Schools Board of Education, upon the recommendation of Maria C. Rice, Superintendent of Schools, does hereby approve the following Non-Union Personnel salaries for the 2011-2012 School Year which remain at the same level as the 2010-2011 School Year:

Maria	Rice	\$192,870
Debora	Banner	\$150,420
Stephen	Callahan	\$81,940
Kathleen	Clark-Simmons	\$88,870
Connie	Hayes	\$120,280
Richard	Linden	\$170,700
Michael	Robinson	\$85,310
Maureen	Ryan	\$82,540
Barbara	Hastie	\$88, 870
Leigh	Benton	\$51,550
Jennifer	Chase	\$37,140
Ann	Cunniff	\$35,330
Walter	Earl	\$36,930
Susan	Greene	\$43,720
Melody	Kajkowski	\$51,770
Deborah	Long	\$47,270
Tina	Long	\$48,630
Elena	Maskell	\$49,980
Sigrun	Mathews	\$29,380
DeCoeur	Mary-Grace	\$29,000
Cheryl	Pettus	\$57,640
Dorothy	Plitsch	\$32,090
Michele	Ribas	\$29,380
Carol	Robinson	\$70,340
Starleen	Shirk	\$57,190
Beverly	Sickler	\$71,590
Ann	Stickel	\$40,240
Maria	Urquidi	\$55,680
Melissa	VanVliet	\$40,040

10.2 Instructional Appointment - Substitute

Recommendation that the New Paltz Central Schools Board of Education upon the recommendation of Maria C. Rice, Superintendent, does hereby appoint the following substitute teacher with remuneration as per rates established at the July 7, 2010 Organizational Meeting.

Name	Effective Date
Kerri L. Enright	1/20/11 -6/30/11
Linnea Masson	1/20/11 – 6/30/11

10.3 2010-2011 Spring Coaching Appointments

Recommendation - that the New Paltz Central Schools Board of Education, upon the recommendation of Maria C. Rice, Superintendent, does hereby appoint the following coaches for the 2010-2011 school year:

<u>Position</u>	<u>Coach</u>	<u>Stipend</u>
Varsity Girls Lacrosse	Kerri Hirsch	\$3,710.00
Varsity Boys Lacrosse	Ronald Constable	\$3,710.00
Varsity Baseball	Samuel Phelps	\$3,710.00
Modified Softball	Jeff Salt	\$2,250.00

Varsity	Softball	Kristen Conrad	\$3,710.00
Varsity	Girls Golf	Thomas Tegeler	\$3,710.00
Varsity	Boys Tennis	Kieran Bell	\$3,710.00
Assistant	Boys Track	Mikael Vance	\$3,600.00
Varsity	Boys Track	Donald Bartlett	\$4,509.00
Assistant	Girls Track	Patrick Barberio	\$3,600.00
Varsity	Girls Track	Ann Gregory	\$5,196.00

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All in favor with none opposed. Motion carried 5-2. Dr. Rodriguez and Mr. Rausch opposed the motion

Mr. Kerr made a motion to go into Executive Session. Motion never seconded.

11. OLD BUSINESS

Motion made by Ms. Tobin Flusser and seconded by Mr. Torres to approve the following consent agenda items 11.1 through 11.12:

11.1 Second Reading and Request for Approval of Revisions to Policy 5571 Allegations of Fraud

200810 5571
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Non-Instructional/Business
Operations

**SUBJECT: ALLEGATIONS OF FRAUD
Reporting and Investigations of Allegations of Fraud**

All Board members and officers, District employees and third party consultants are required to abide by the District's policies, administrative regulations and procedures in the conduct of their duties. Further, all applicable federal and/or state

SUBJECT: ALLEGATIONS OF FRAUD (Cont'd.)

laws and regulations must be adhered to in the course of District operations and practices. Any individual who has reason to believe that financial improprieties or wrongful conduct is occurring within the School System is to disclose such information according to the reporting procedures established by the District. The reporting procedures will follow the chain of command as established within the department or school building or as enumerated in the District's Organizational Chart. In the event that the allegations of financial improprieties/fraud and/or wrongful conduct concern the investigating official, the report shall be made to the next level of supervisory authority. If the chain of supervisory command is not sufficient to ensure impartial, independent investigation, allegations of financial improprieties/fraud and/or wrongful conduct will be reported as applicable, to the Internal Auditor (if available), or the Independent (External) Auditor, or the School Attorney, or the Board of Education. The District's prohibition of wrongful conduct, including fraud, will be publicized within the District as deemed appropriate; and written notification will be provided to all employees with fiscal accounting/oversight and/or financial duties including the handling of money.

Upon receipt of an allegation of financial improprieties/fraud and/or wrongful conduct, the Board or designated employee(s) will conduct a thorough investigation of the charges. However, even in the absence of a report of suspected wrongful conduct, if the District has knowledge of, or reason to know of, any occurrence of financial improprieties/fraud and/or wrongful conduct, the District will investigate such conduct promptly and thoroughly. To the extent possible, within legal constraints, all reports will be treated as confidentially and privately as possible. However, disclosure may be necessary to complete a thorough investigation of the charges and/or to notify law enforcement officials as warranted, and any disclosure will be provided on a "need to know" basis. Written records of the allegation, and resulting investigation and outcome will be maintained in accordance with law.

Based upon the results of this investigation, if the District determines that a school official has engaged in financial improprieties/fraudulent and/or wrongful actions, appropriate disciplinary measures will be applied, up to and including termination of employment, in accordance with legal guidelines, District policy and regulation, and any applicable collective bargaining agreement. Third parties who are found to have engaged in financial improprieties/fraud and/or wrongful conduct will be subject to appropriate sanctions as warranted and in compliance with law. *The application of such disciplinary measures by the District does not preclude the filing of civil and/or criminal charges as may be warranted. Rather, when school officials receive a complaint or report of alleged financial improprieties/fraud and/or wrongful conduct that may be criminal in nature, law authorities should be immediately notified.*

An appeal procedure will also be provided, as applicable, to address any unresolved complaints and/or unsatisfactory prior determinations by the applicable investigating officer(s).

Protection of School Employees who Report Information Regarding Illegal or Inappropriate Financial Practices

Any employee of the School District who has reasonable cause to believe that the fiscal practices or actions of an employee or officer of the District violates any local, state, federal law or rule and regulation relating to the financial practices of the District, and who in good faith reports such information to an official of the District, or to the Office of the State Comptroller, the Commissioner of Education, or to law enforcement authorities, shall have immunity from any civil liability that may arise from the making of such report. Further, neither the School District, nor employee or officer thereof, shall take, request, or cause a retaliatory action against any such employee who makes such a report.

The Board also prohibits any retaliatory behavior directed against any witnesses and/or any other individuals who participate in the investigation of an allegation of illegal or inappropriate fiscal practices or actions. Follow-up inquiries shall be made to ensure that no reprisals or retaliatory behavior has occurred to those involved in the investigation. Any act of retaliation is prohibited and subject to appropriate disciplinary action by the District.

Knowingly Makes False Accusations

Any individual who *knowingly* makes false accusations against another individual as to allegations of financial improprieties/fraud may also face appropriate disciplinary action.

[Education Law Section 3028-d](#)

Adopted: 7/16/08

11.2 Second Reading and Request for Approval of Revisions to Policy 7511 Immunization of Students

200810 7511
Students

Reviewed 9/1/10 ok

SUBJECT: IMMUNIZATION OF STUDENTS

SUBJECT: IMMUNIZATION OF STUDENTS (Cont.)

Immunizations

In order to safeguard the school community from the spread of certain communicable diseases and in recognition that prevention is a means of combating the spread of disease, the Board requires all students to be immunized against certain diseases in accordance with State statutes and rules of the New York State Department of Health.

Upon registration, all new students are required to present a record of required immunizations from a licensed physician, as set forth in Section 2164 of the Public Health Law. No child will be admitted to school or allowed to attend school without certification of the child's immunizations. The District shall provide the Ulster County Health Department with the name and address of any child denied admission or attendance due to lack of immunization.

Notwithstanding the above, students may be admitted to school or continue attendance without proof of the required immunizations if:

- a) A physician will certify in writing that administering a vaccine or vaccines to a specific student will be detrimental to that student's health;
- b) A physician certifies in writing that the student has had measles or mumps;
- c) A physician provides written results of a rubella, **varicella & hepatitis B**, measles or mumps antibody test which shows immunity;
- d) A student or his/her parent(s)/guardian(s) request an exemption from immunization based upon true and sincere religious beliefs which are contrary to the practice of immunization. The request must be in writing, notarized and submitted to the Superintendent of Schools.

Education Law Sections 310, 912, and 914
 Public Health Law Section 2164
 8 New York Code of Rules and Regulations (NYCRR)
 Part 136 and Sections 135.4 and 136
 10 New York Code of Rules and Regulations (NYCRR)
 Subpart 66-1

NOTE: Refer also to Policy #7131 -- Education of Homeless Children and Youth
 Adopted: 7/16/08

11.3 Second Reading and Request for Approval of Revisions to Policy 3510 Emergency School Closing

2010 3510
 Community Relations

SUBJECT: EMERGENCY SCHOOL CLOSINGS

The Superintendent may close the District schools or dismiss students early when hazardous weather or other emergencies threatens their health and safety, or that of personnel. The Superintendent may delegate this authority to another staff member in the event of his/her absence.

Schools will not be closed merely to avoid inconvenience. While it may be prudent, under certain circumstances, to excuse all students early, the Superintendent has the responsibility to ensure that administrative, supervisory, and operational activity is continued to the extent possible. Therefore, if conditions affect only a single school, only that school shall be closed.

In making the decision to close schools, the Superintendent will consider many factors, including the following which relate to the safety and health of children:

- a) Weather conditions, both existing and predicted;
- b) Driving, traffic, and parking conditions affecting public and private transportation facilities;
- c) Actual occurrence or imminent possibility of any emergency condition that would make the operation of schools difficult or dangerous; and
- d) Inability of **teaching** personnel to report for duty, which might result in inadequate supervision of students.

The Superintendent will weigh these factors and take action to close the schools only after consultation with traffic and weather authorities, **Building Principals**, and school officials from neighboring districts.

The Superintendent of Schools shall develop procedures to assure the safety of District students in the event of an emergency school(s) closing. Such procedures shall include notification of bus drivers and radio stations, order of

SUBJECT: EMERGENCY SCHOOL CLOSINGS (Cont.)

dismissal, emergency dismissal procedure forms, single school closing, emergency accommodations, clearance for returning to schools, cancellations and delayed openings.

When school is closed, athletic events and student activities will ordinarily be suspended for that day and evening. The attendance of personnel shall be governed by their respective contracts.

The **Student Handbook** required **District Parental Notification Packets** provided annually prior to the opening of school shall contain a copy of the Emergency School Closing Policy, and the Emergency Dismissal Procedure Parental Request Form. It is the parents' responsibility to return their form within the first two (2) weeks of school.

Education Law section 3604(7)

Adopted: 7/16/08

11.4 Second Reading and Request for Approval of Revisions to Policy 5750 School Bus Safety Program

200810 5750
Non-Instructional/Business
Operations

SUBJECT: SCHOOL BUS SAFETY PROGRAM

The safe transportation of students to and from school is of primary concern in the administration of the school bus program. All state laws and regulations pertaining to the safe use of school buses shall be observed by drivers, students and school personnel.

To assure the safety and security of students boarding or exiting school buses on school property, it shall be unlawful for a driver of a vehicle to pass a stopped school bus when the red bus signal is in operation.

The **Director of Transportation Supervisor**, in cooperation with the Principals, has the responsibility of developing and publishing safety rules to be followed by drivers and passengers, including rules of student conduct. In order to ensure maximum safety to those riding school buses, it is necessary that students and drivers cooperate in this effort. There is no substitute for training to develop safe habits in pedestrian and vehicular traffic.

All buses and other vehicles owned and operated by the School District will have frequent safety inspections, and will be serviced regularly. The **Director of Transportation Supervisor** will maintain a comprehensive record of all maintenance performed on each vehicle.

Every bus driver is required to report promptly any school bus accident involving death, injury, or property damage. All accidents, regardless of damage involved, must be reported at once to the **Director of Transportation Supervisor**.

Education Law Section 3623
Vehicle and Traffic Law
Sections 509-a(7), 509-1(1-b), 1174(a) and 1174(b)
8 New York Code of Rules and Regulations (NYCRR)
Section 156.3

NOTE: Refer also to Policies #5683 -- Fire Drills, Bomb Threats and Bus Emergency Drills
#5761 -- Drug and Alcohol Testing for School Bus Drivers and Other Safety-Sensitive Employees

Adopted: 7/16/08

11.5 Second Reading and Request for Approval of Revisions to Policy 5761 Drug and Alcohol Testing for School Bus Drivers and Other Safety-Sensitive Employees

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Non-Instructional/Business
Operations

SUBJECT: DRUG AND ALCOHOL TESTING FOR SCHOOL BUS DRIVERS AND OTHER SAFETY-SENSITIVE EMPLOYEES

Federal regulations require that the District test school bus drivers and other safety-sensitive employees (SSE) for alcohol and drugs at the following times:

- a) Drug testing will be conducted after an offer to hire, but before actually performing safety-sensitive functions for the first time. Such pre-employment testing will also be required when employees transfer to a safety-sensitive position.

SUBJECT: DRUG AND ALCOHOL TESTING FOR SCHOOL BUS DRIVERS AND OTHER SAFETY-SENSITIVE EMPLOYEES (Cont.)

- b) Safety-sensitive employees are also subject to a random drug and/or alcohol test on an unannounced basis just before, during or just after performance of safety-sensitive functions.
- c) In addition, testing will be ordered if a trained supervisor has a "reasonable suspicion" that an employee has engaged in prohibited use of drugs and/or alcohol.
- d) **Post accident testing will be conducted on an employee if the accident matches the post testing criteria as stated in the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations.** ~~There will also be post accident testing conducted after accidents on employees whose performance could have contributed to the accidents.~~
- e) Finally, return-to-duty and follow-up testing will be conducted when an individual who has violated the prohibited alcohol and/or drug conduct standards returns to performing safety-sensitive duties. Follow-up tests are unannounced and at least six (6) tests must be conducted in the first twelve (12) months after an employee returns to duty. Follow-up testing may be extended for up to sixty (60) months following return-to-duty.

All employee drug and alcohol testing will be kept confidential and shall only be revealed without the driver's consent to the employer, a substance abuse professional, drug testing laboratory, medical review officer and any other individual designated by law.

The following alcohol and controlled substance-related activities are prohibited by the Federal Highway Administration's drug use and alcohol misuse rules for drivers of commercial motor vehicles and other SSEs:

- a) Reporting for duty or remaining on duty to perform safety-sensitive functions while having an alcohol concentration of 0.04 or greater. If testing shows an alcohol concentration of 0.02 or greater but less than 0.04, the employee must be removed from performing safety-sensitive activities for twenty-four (24) hours, but no punitive action will be taken by the employer.
- b) Being on duty or operating a commercial motor vehicle (CMV) while the driver possesses alcohol, unless the alcohol is manifested and transported as part of a shipment. This includes the possession of medicines containing alcohol (prescription or over-the-counter), unless the packaging seal is unbroken.
- c) Using alcohol while performing safety-sensitive functions.
- d) Using alcohol four (4) hours or less before duty. (New York State law prohibits use six (6) hours or less before duty.)
- e) When required to take a post-accident alcohol test, using alcohol within eight (8) hours following the accident or prior to undergoing a post-accident alcohol test, whichever comes first.
- f) Refusing to submit to an alcohol or controlled substance test required by post-accident, random, reasonable suspicion or follow-up testing requirements.
- g) Reporting for duty or remaining on duty, requiring the performance of safety-sensitive functions, when the SSE uses any controlled substance. This prohibition does not apply when instructed by a physician who has advised the SSE that the substance does not adversely affect the SSE's ability to safely operate a CMV.
- h) Reporting for duty, remaining on duty or performing a safety-sensitive function, if the SSE tests positive for controlled substances.

The Superintendent or his/her designee shall arrange for training of all supervisors who may be utilized to determine whether "reasonable suspicion" exists to test a driver for prohibited conduct involving alcohol or controlled substance use/abuse.

Any violation of this policy and/or District procedures, and applicable federal and state laws by a covered employee shall be grounds for disciplinary action including, but not limited to, fines, suspension, and/or discharge in a manner consistent with District policy, collective bargaining agreements and applicable law.

The Superintendent of Schools shall establish regulations, an employee handbook and a receipt form to implement this policy.

Omnibus Transportation Employee Testing Act of 1991
(Public Law 102-143) 49 United States Code (USC)
Sections 31136 and 31306
49 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Parts 40, 172, 382,
383, 391, 392 and 395
Vehicle and Traffic Law Section 509-L

Adopted: 7/16/08

11.6 Second Reading and Request for Approval of Revisions to Policy 7520 Accidents and Medical Emergencies

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Students

SUBJECT: ACCIDENTS AND MEDICAL EMERGENCIES

Procedures shall be established and maintained by the Superintendent for the handling of student injuries and medical emergencies that occur on school property and during school activities.

Student Emergency Treatment

All staff members of the School District are responsible to obtain first aid care for students who are injured or become ill while under school supervision.

In most instances first aid should be rendered, and then the parent should be contacted to come to school and transport the student to the family physician. Beyond first aid, the medical care of the student is the parent's responsibility. However, the student's welfare is always the primary concern, and it is the responsibility of school personnel to exercise good judgment and care under all circumstances.

The Board of Education encourages all staff members to become qualified to give emergency treatment through instruction in first aid, Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) and Automated External Defibrillators (AEDs).

Transporting an Ill or Injured Student

In the event of an emergent illness or injury to a student, an ambulance may be called if warranted. Parent/person in parental relation shall be contacted. If a parent is unavailable, an employee shall accompany the student to the treatment center in the ambulance. A District employee will remain at the treatment center until a parent/person in parental relation arrives.

Insurance

The Board of Education shall approve provisions for all students to be covered by group insurance.

Such student accident insurance policies are to be a co-insurance with family coverage(s) as primary.

Accident Reports

The Board of Education directs the Superintendent of Schools to ensure that all injuries or accidents occurring on school property are immediately reported to the school authorities in charge at the time of the occurrence. Proper safety management requires that all accidents or injuries be reported as soon as possible after they occur.

The Board of Education directs the Superintendent of Schools to prepare a standard form to be used by all schools within the District. Reports should be completed by the authority in charge at the time of the accident. Copies of each report shall be submitted to the ~~kept on file with the reporting school nurse.~~ **Accidents shall be reported to:**

- a) Superintendent of Schools
- b) Building Principal
- c) ~~School Safety~~ Director of School Health Services
- d) Assistant Superintendent for Business

The Superintendent of Schools or Superintendent's designee, is responsible for insuring that reports of accidents of a serious nature are given immediately to the school attorney and insurance carrier. A copy shall be kept in the student's permanent health record.

Education Law Sections 1604(7-a), 1604(7-b), 1709(8-a)
and 1709(8-b)

Adopted: 7/16/08

11.7 Second Reading and Request for Approval of Revisions to Policy 7513 Administration of Medication

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Students

SUBJECT: ADMINISTRATION OF MEDICATION

Under certain circumstances, when it is necessary for a student to take medication (prescription and non-prescription) during school hours, the school's registered professional nurse may administer the medication if the parent or person in parental relation submits a written request accompanied by a written request from a physician indicating the

SUBJECT: ADMINISTRATION OF MEDICATION (Cont.)

frequency and dosage of prescribed medication. The parent or person in parental relation must assume responsibility to have the medication delivered directly to the health office in a properly labeled original container.

Procedures for receipt, storage and disposal of medications as well as procedures for taking medications off school grounds or after school hours while participating in a school-sponsored activity will be in accordance with State Education Department Guidelines.

Emergency Medication

The administration of emergency medication (injectable, including "epi-pens," **glucagon**, and/or oral) to a student for extreme hypersensitivity **or diabetic emergency** may be performed by a school staff member responding to an emergency situation when such use has been prescribed by a licensed prescriber. However, a registered professional nurse/nurse practitioner/physician/physician's assistant *must* have trained the staff member to administer the emergency medication for that particular emergency situation (e.g., "epi-pen," **glucagon**) and given him/her approval to assist the student in the event of an emergency anaphylactic reaction, **or diabetic incident**. Such a response would fall under the Good Samaritan exemption for rendering emergency care during a life threatening situation.

Use of Inhalers in Schools

In accordance with law, the School District must permit students who have been diagnosed by a physician or other duly authorized health care provider as having a severe asthmatic condition to carry and use a prescribed inhaler during the school day. Prior to permitting such use, the school health office must receive the written permission of the prescribing physician or other duly authorized health care provider, and parental consent, based on such physician's or provider's determination that the student is subject to sudden asthmatic attacks severe enough to debilitate that student. In addition, upon the written request of a parent or person in parental relation, the Board shall allow such pupils to maintain an extra inhaler in the care and custody of the school's registered professional nurse employed by the District. However, the law does not require the District to retain a school nurse solely for the purpose of taking custody of a spare inhaler, or require that a school nurse be available at all times in a school building for such purpose.

A record of such physician or health care provider/parental permission shall be maintained in the school health office.

Health office personnel will maintain regular parental contact in order to monitor the effectiveness of such self-medication procedures and to clarify parental responsibility as to the daily monitoring of their child to ensure that the medication is being utilized in accordance with the **student's** physician's **or provider's** instructions. Additionally, the student will be required to report to the health office on a periodic basis as determined by health office personnel so as to maintain an ongoing evaluation of the student's management of such self-medication techniques, and to work cooperatively with the parents and the student regarding such self-care management.

Students who self-administer medication without proper authorization, under any circumstances, will be referred for counseling by school nursing personnel. Additionally, school administration and parents will be notified of such unauthorized use of medication by the student, and school administration may also be involved in determining the proper resolution of such student behavior.

Use Of Epinephrine Auto Injector Devices

The New Paltz Central School District recognizes that early use of Epinephrine can enhance the survival rate of individuals from incidents of anaphylaxis. Therefore, it is the policy of the Board of Education to make Epinephrine Auto Injectors (commonly known as Epi-pens) available to Registered Nurses and substitute Registered Nurses, employed by the District and to authorize their use in accordance with the Medical Practice Act (Section 6527[4][a] Education Law), the Nurse Practice Act (Section 6908[1][a][iv], Education Law) and Section 3000-c of the Public Health Law. Other District employees (such as coaches) may also be authorized to use Epinephrine Auto Injectors upon successful completion of an approved training course in the use of such devices **for patient specific physician's orders**. An Emergency Health Care Provider, as defined in Section 3000-c of the Public Health Law, shall be appointed to provide medical oversight for the use of Epinephrine Auto Injectors by District employees.

The Superintendent, in collaboration with the School Physician and Emergency Health Care Provider, shall develop regulations and protocols governing the use of the Epinephrine Auto Injectors by employees of the District. These regulations and protocols shall be incorporated within the District's School Safety Plan.

Education Law Sections 902(b), 916, 6527(4)(a) and 6908(1)(a)(iv)

Adopted: 7/16/08

11.8 Second Reading and Request for Approval of Revisions to Policy 3530 Use of Epinephrine Auto Injector Devices

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Community Relations

SUBJECT: USE OF EPINEPHRINE AUTO INJECTOR DEVICES

The New Paltz Central School District recognizes that early use of Epinephrine can enhance the survival rate of individuals from incidents of anaphylaxis. Therefore, it is the policy of the Board of Education to make Epinephrine Auto Injectors (commonly known as Epi-pens) available to Registered Nurses and substitute Registered Nurses, employed by the District and to authorize their use in accordance with the Medical Practice Act (Section 6527[4][a] Education Law), the Nurse Practice Act (Section 6908[1][a][iv], Education Law) and Section 3000-c of the Public Health Law. Other District employees (such as coaches) may also be authorized to use Epinephrine Auto Injectors upon successful completion of an approved training course in the use of such devices. An Emergency Health Care Provider, as defined in Section 3000-c of the Public Health Law, shall be appointed to provide medical oversight for the use of Epinephrine Auto Injectors by District employees.

The Superintendent, in collaboration with the **School Physician** **District Medical Director** and Emergency Health Care Provider, shall develop regulations and protocols governing the use of the Epinephrine Auto Injectors by employees of the District. These regulations and protocols shall be incorporated within the District's School Safety Plan.

Adopted: 7/16/08

11.9 Second Reading and Request for Approval of Revisions to Policy 3520 Cardiac Automated External Defibrillators In Public School Facilities

200810 3520
Community Relations

SUBJECT: CARDIAC AUTOMATED EXTERNAL DEFIBRILLATORS (AEDs) IN PUBLIC SCHOOL FACILITIES

The Board of Education of the New Paltz Central School District recognizes the desirability of making automatic external defibrillators (AED's) available in its buildings based upon the reported success of AED's in enhancing survival from incidents of sudden cardiac arrest.

Therefore, it is the policy of the Board of Education that the use of AED's is authorized in the buildings of the New Paltz Central School District pursuant to a collaborative agreement with an emergency health care provider in accordance with the Public Access Defibrillation Law (Sections 3000-b, Public Health Law). A copy of the collaborative agreement shall be filed with the Department of Health and the appropriate regional council prior to use of the AED'S.

No individual may operate an AED device unless the individual has current training and certification in CPR and has successfully completed a training course in the operation of the AED from a nationally recognized training agency or the state emergency medical services council. A physician shall be appointed to provide medical oversight for the use of the AED's. The Regional Emergency Services Council and the State Department of Health, as well as the local emergency services providers, shall be notified of the location of the AED's within the District and each use of an AED on a patient.

The Superintendent, in consultation with the **District Medical Director** and the emergency health care provider, shall develop regulations and protocols governing the use of AED's within the District. These regulations and protocols shall be incorporated in the District's School Safety Plan and shall be reviewed periodically by **the District Medical Director** and the emergency health care provider.

Education Law Section 917
Public Health Law Sections 3000-a and 3000-b
8 New York Code of Rules and Regulations (NYCRR) Sections 135.4 and 136.4

Adopted: 7/16/08

11.10 Second Reading and Request for Approval of Revisions to Policy 7512 Student Physicals

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Students

**SUBJECT: STUDENT PHYSICALS
Health Examination**

Each student enrolled in District schools must have a satisfactory health examination conducted by **the student's-a New York State licensed** physician, physician assistant or nurse practitioner within twelve (12) months prior to the commencement of the school year of:

- a) The student's entrance in a District school at any grade level;
- b) Entrance to pre-kindergarten or kindergarten;
- c) Entry into the 2nd, 4th, 7th and 10th grades.

The District may also require an examination and health history of a student when it is determined by the District that it would promote the educational interests of the student.

In addition, the District requires a certificate of physical fitness for:

- a) All athletes prior to their first sport of the school year, then only those who were injured or ill during their first sport before participating in a second sport during the school year; and
- b) All students who need work permits.

Health Certificate

Each student must submit a health certificate attesting to the health examination within thirty (30) days after his/her entrance into school and within thirty (30) days after his/her entry into the 2nd, 4th, 7th and 10th grades. The health certificate shall be filed in the student's cumulative record. The health certificate must:

- a) Describe the condition of the student when the examination was given;
- b) State the results of any test conducted on the student for sickle cell anemia;
- c) State whether the student is in a fit condition of health to permit his/her attendance at public school and, where applicable, whether the student has defective sight or hearing, or any other physical disability which may tend to prevent the student from receiving the full benefit of school work or from receiving the best educational results, or which may require a modification of such work to prevent injury to the student;
- d) Include a calculation of the student's body mass index (BMI) and weight status category. BMI is computed as the weight in kilograms divided by the square of height in meters or the weight in pounds divided by the square of height in inches multiplied by a conversion factor of 703. Weight status categories for children and adolescents shall be defined by the Commissioner of Health. ~~BMI collection and reporting is voluntary for 2007-2008 becoming effective September 2008.~~
- e) Be signed by a duly licensed physician, physician assistant, or nurse practitioner, who is authorized by law to practice in New York State consistent with any applicable written practice agreement; or authorized to practice in the jurisdiction in which the examination was given, provided that the Commissioner of Health has determined that such jurisdiction has standards of licensure and practice comparable to those of New York. A certificate signed by a chiropractor is not acceptable except for a scoliosis evaluation.
- f) At the same time a health certificate is required, a student is requested to furnish a dental health certificate signed by a duly licensed dentist authorized by law to practice in New York State describing the dental health condition of the student upon examination and stating whether such student is in fit condition of dental health to permit his/her attendance at the public schools. Such examination shall be made not more than twelve (12) months prior to the commencement of the school year in which the examination is requested. Dental certification becomes effective in September 2008.

Examination by Health Appraisal

The Principal or the Principal's designee will send a notice to the parents of, or person in parental relationship to, any student who does not present a health certificate, that if the required health certificate is not furnished within thirty (30) days from the date of such notice, an examination by health appraisal will be made of such student by the ~~Director of School Health Services~~ **District Medical Director**.

The ~~District Medical Director~~ **Director of School Health Services** shall cause such students to be separately and carefully examined and tested to ascertain whether any such student has defective sight or hearing, or any other physical disability which may tend to prevent the student from receiving the full benefit of school work or from receiving the best educational results, or which may require a modification of such work to prevent injury to the student.

The physician, physician assistant or nurse practitioner administering such examination shall determine whether a one-time test for sickle cell anemia is necessary or desirable and, if so determined, shall conduct such test and include the results in the health certificate.

Unless otherwise prohibited by law, if it is ascertained that any students have defective sight or hearing, or a physical disability or other condition, including sickle cell anemia which may require professional attention with regard to health, the Principal or Principal's designee shall notify, in writing, the student's parents or persons in parental relation as to the existence of such disability. If the parents or persons in parental relation are unable or unwilling to provide the necessary relief and treatment for such students, such fact shall be reported by the Principal or Principal's designee to the ~~Director of School Health Services~~, **District Medical Director** who then has the duty to provide relief for such students.

STUDENT PHYSICALS (Cont.)

Dental Exam

All students enrolling in pre-kindergarten, kindergarten or first grade in a public elementary school are required to present a dental health certificate; such dental health certificate must contain a report of a comprehensive dental examination performed on such child. Each student is requested to furnish a dental health certificate at the same time that health certificates are required. Each certificate shall be signed by a duly licensed dentist who is authorized by law to practice in this state.

Health Screenings

The District will provide:

- a) Scoliosis screening at least once each school year for all students in grades 5 through 9. The positive results of any such screening examinations for the presence of scoliosis shall be provided in writing to the student's parent or person in parental relation within ninety (90) days after such finding;
- b) Vision screening to all students who enroll in school including at a minimum color perception, distance acuity, near vision and hyperopia within six (6) months of admission to the school. In addition, all students shall be screened for distance acuity in grades Kindergarten, 1, 2, 3, 5, 7 and 10 and at any other time deemed necessary. The results of all such vision screening examinations shall be in provided in writing to the student's parent or person in parental relation and to any teacher of the student. The vision report will be kept in a permanent file of the school for at least as long as the minimum retention period for such records;
- c) Hearing screening to all students within six months of admission to the school and in grades Kindergarten, 1, 3, 5, 7 and 10, as well as at any other time deemed necessary. Screening shall include, but not be limited to, pure tone and threshold air conduction screening. The results of any such hearing tests shall be provided in writing to the student's parent or person in parental relation and to any teacher of the student.

The results of all health screenings (dental, hearing, vision and scoliosis) shall be recorded on appropriate forms signed by the health professional making the examination, include appropriate recommendations, and be kept on file in the school. The health records of individual students will be kept confidential in accordance with the federal Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) and any other applicable federal and State laws.

Accommodation for Religious Beliefs

No health examinations, health history, examinations for health appraisal, screening examinations for sickle cell anemia and/or other health screenings shall be required where a student or the parent or person in parental relation to such student objects thereto on the grounds that such examinations, health history and/or screenings conflict with their genuine and sincere religious beliefs.

A written and signed statement from the student or the student's parent or person in parental relation that such person holds such beliefs shall be submitted to the Principal or Principal's designee, in which case the Principal or Principal's designee may require supporting documents.

Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974 (FERPA)
20 United States Code (USC) Section 1232(g)
Education Law Sections 901-905, 912 and 3217
8 New York Code of Rules and Regulations (NYCRR) Part 136

- NOTE: Refer also to Policies #5690 -- Exposure Control Program
 #5691 -- Communicable Diseases
 #5692 -- Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV) Related Illnesses
 #7121 -- Diagnostic Screening of Students
 #7131 -- Education of Homeless Children and Youth
 #7511 -- Immunization of Students

Adopted: 7/16/08

11.11 Second Reading and Request for Approval of Revisions to Policy 7510 School Health Services

200810 7510
Students

SUBJECT: SCHOOL HEALTH SERVICES

All districts must provide and maintain a continuous program of health services which includes, but is not limited to:

- a) Providing medical examinations, dental inspection and/or screening, scoliosis screening, vision screening and audiometer tests, designed to determine the health status of the student;

- b) Informing parents or other persons in parental relation to the student, pupils and teachers of the individual student's health condition subject to federal and state confidentiality laws. The District will provide this notice in writing if the District becomes aware that the student has defective sight or hearing or a physical disability, including sickle cell anemia, or other condition which may require professional attention with regard to health;
- c) Where the exigencies warrant (where the parents/persons in parental relation are unable or unwilling to provide the necessary relief and treatment), providing relief in situations where the student would otherwise be deprived of the full benefit of education through inability to follow the instruction offered;
- d) Guiding parents, students and teachers in procedures for preventing and correcting defects and diseases and for the general improvement of the health of students;
- e) Instructing school personnel in procedures to take in case of accident or illness;
- f) Maintaining a program of education to inform school personnel, parents, non-school health agencies, welfare agencies and the general public regarding school health conditions, services and factors relating to the health of students;
- g) Providing inspections and supervision of the health and safety aspects of the school plant;
- h) Providing health examinations before participation in strenuous physical activity and periodically throughout the season as necessary;
- i) Providing health examinations necessary for the issuance of employment certificates ~~vacation~~-work permits-~~newspaper carrier certificates and street trades badges~~; and
- j) Surveying and making necessary recommendations concerning the health and safety aspects of school facilities and the provision of health information.

Education Law Article 19
8 New York Code of Rules and Regulations (NYCRR)
Part 136
Adopted: 7/16/08

11.12 Second Reading and Request for Approval of Revisions to Policy 5691 Communicable Diseases

200810 5691
Non-Instructional/Business
Operations

SUBJECT: COMMUNICABLE DISEASES

Whenever, upon investigation and evaluation by the ~~Director of School Health Services~~ District Medical Director or other health professionals acting upon direction or referral of the ~~director~~ District Medical Director, a student in the ~~public schools~~ district shows symptoms of any communicable or infectious disease reportable under the public health law that imposes a significant risk of infection of others in the school, he/she shall be excluded from the school and sent home immediately, in a safe and proper conveyance. The Director of School Health Services shall immediately notify ~~a local public~~ The Ulster County Department of Health health agency of any disease reportable under the public health law.

Following absence on account of illness or from unknown cause, the ~~Director of School Health Services~~ District Medical Director may examine each student returning to a school without a certificate from a local public health officer, a New York State duly licensed physician, physician assistant, or nurse practitioner.

The ~~Director of School Health Services~~ District Medical Director or other health professionals acting upon direction or referral of the director, may make evaluations of teachers and any other school employees, school buildings and premises as, in their discretion, they may deem necessary to protect the health of the students and staff.

Regulations and procedures will be developed for dealing with communicable diseases in ways that protect the health of both students and staff while minimizing the disruption of the education process.

Education Law Section 906

Adopted: 7/16/08

All in favor with none opposed. Motion carried 7-0.

12. NEW BUSINESS

Motion made by Mr. Torres and seconded by Ms. Tobin Flusser to approve the following consent agenda items 12.1 and 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: 2083, 11322, 8001, 2571, 9531, 9101, 9890, 1798, 1706, 1422, 5817, 8412, 258, 259, 1332, 11152, 809, 11344, 10956, 12389, 12394, 12407, 10633.

12.2 Request for Approval of Budgetary Transfer Recommendation - that the New Paltz Central Schools Board of Education, upon the recommendation of Maria C. Rice, Superintendent of Schools, and Richard A. Linden, Assistant Superintendent for Business, does hereby approve the following transfer:

Transfer (To)		Transfer (From)
Architect		Teacher
A1621435 Fees \$106,000.00	A9020800	Retirement \$106,000.00

All in favor with none opposed. Motion carried 7-0.

13. FINANCIAL REPORTS None

14. OTHER DISCUSSION

Mr. Kerr attended two PIG classes last week. He would like to speak at a future meeting regarding textbooks being obsolete and not being utilized in some classes and saving budget funds by doing audit on textbooks versus electronic devices like Kindles. Mr. Kerr also would like to have a discussion about cell phone use, more specifically students wanting wider cell phone use, and comments regarding confiscation of cell phones. If cell phones are confiscated they must be picked up by the parents, which sometimes cause issues with students who have parents who both work. Mrs. Rice stated the Code of Conduct was changed to reflect student use of cell phones for educational use. Mr. Kerr also noted the students had an interest in taking a Driver’s Education course, and in district-wide WiFi.

Mr. Kerr noted that the water district will be discussed by Facilities Committee in the future.

Mr. Torres spoke about moving BOE meetings to other towns or schools to make them more accessible to people in different towns.

15. PUBLIC COMMENTS None

PUBLIC COMMENT

16. EXECUTIVE SESSION

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion made by Mr. Kerr and seconded by Mr. Greenfield to move into Executive Session at 10:15 PM to discuss the employment history of particular individuals, and to discuss negotiations with a firm or company.

Motion carried 6 - 1 with 7 members voting. Mr. Rausch was opposed to the motion.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Kathleen Tobin Flusser
Steven Greenfield
Donald Kerr
Patrick Rausch
Robert Rich
Edgar Rodriguez
Daniel Torres

QUORUM CHECK

ALSO PRESENT: Maria Rice, Superintendent

Out of Executive Session

RETURN PUBLIC SESSION

Motion made by Mr. Torres and seconded by Mr. Rich that the Board return to Public Session at 10:45 PM.
Motion carried 7 - 0 with 7 members voting.

ADJOURN

ADJOURN

Motion made by Mr. Rausch and seconded by Mr. Rich that the Board adjourn at 10:45 PM.
Motion carried 7 - 0 with 7 members voting.

Respectfully submitted,

Elena Rae Maskell
District Clerk