

**Minutes – Business Meeting – Board of Education – New Paltz Central High School – February 3, 2011 – 7:00 PM**

**CALL MEETING TO ORDER**

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Meeting was called to order at - PM by Don Kerr, Board President.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Kathleen Tobin Flusser  
Steven Greenfield  
Donald Kerr  
Patrick Rausch  
Robert Rich  
Edgar Rodriguez (arrived at 6:11 PM)

QUORUM CHECK

ABSENT Daniel Torres

ALSO PRESENT: Maria Rice, Superintendent of Schools  
Richard Linden, Assistant Superintendent for Business  
Paige Lewis, CSArch  
Luis Rodriguez, Polombo Group

**ROLL CALL** - As reflected above.

ROLL CALL

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

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Motion made by Mr. Rich and seconded by Ms. Tobin Flusser that the Board of Education move into Executive Session at 6:02 PM for the purpose of discussing the employment history of particular individuals, discussing contract negotiations (collective bargaining agreements), and discussing negotiations with a firm or company. Motion carried 5 - 0 with 5 members voting. Dr. Rodriguez and Mr. Torres were not yet present during voting.

Out of Executive Session - Motion made by Mr. Kerr and seconded by Mr. Rich that the Board return to Public Session at - PM. Motion carried 6 - 0 with 6 members voting. Mr. Torres was not yet present during voting.

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The Public Meeting was called to order at -7:12PM by Donald Kerr, Board President.

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 of Schools  
Debora Banner, Assistant Superintendent  
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  
Dennis DiBari, Assistant Principal, High School  
Anthony Tantillo, Assistant Principal, Middle 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  
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 st and seconded by Ms. Tobin Flusser

**DELETE ITEM #7 ON THE AGENDA “MINUTES OF MEETING”**

**ADD UNDER BOE COMMUNICATIONS:**

**UPDATES**

- STATE ISSUES CONFERENCE IN ALBANY
- US DOE CONFERENCE, ADVANCING STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT THROUGH LABOR-MANAGEMENT COLLABORATION
- BOE RETREAT, MARCH 30, 2011
- BOE COMMITTEE SCHEDULES

**REMOVE UNDER SUPERINTENDENT COMMENTS “2011-2012 PRELIMINARY BUDGET PRESENTATION, RENAME AND MOVE UNDER SUPERINTENDENT REPORTS “BUDGET OVERVIEW IN RESPONSE TO GOVERNOR’S PROPOSAL**

**ADD UNDER SUPERINTENDENT COMMENTS**

**SUPERINTENDENT COMMENTS**

- THREE-HOUR DELAY
- SCHOOL COUNSELOR RECOGNITION WEEK
- OTHER

**ADD UNDER SUPERINTENDENT REPORTS**

**SUPERINTENDENT REPORTS**

- MIDDLE SCHOOL GUTTERS – STEPHEN CALLAHAN & RICHARD LINDEN
- BUDGET DEVELOPMENT QUESTIONNAIRE – MARIA C. RICE
- BUDGET OVERVIEW IN RESPONSE TO GOVERNOR’S PROPOSAL – MARIA RICE & RICHARD LINDEN

**PERSONNEL:**

**ADD** to Existing Personnel Agenda Item number 8.3 the Following Additional Spring Coaching Appointments

**8.3 - 2010-2011 Spring Coaching Appointments** - that the New Paltz Central Schools Board of Education, upon the recommendation of Maria C. Rice, Superintendent, does hereby appoint the following spring coaches for the 2010-2011 school year:

Position		Coach	Stipend
JV	Softball	Bonne Maseo	\$3,150
JV	Softball	Jessica Pretsch	unpaid

**ADD** to Personnel Agenda Item new Item number **8.4 Home Tutor**

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Recommendation - that the New Paltz Central Schools Board of Education, upon the recommendation of Maria C. Rice, Superintendent of Schools, does hereby appoint the following instructional employee, on an as-needed basis with remuneration as per NPUT contract effective for the 2010-2011 school year:

**Name**

Laurel Porterfield Manly

**ADD** to Personnel Agenda Item new Item number **8.5 Instructional Leave of Absence**

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Recommendation - that the New Paltz Central Schools Board of Education, upon the recommendation of Maria C. Rice, Superintendent of Schools, does hereby approve an unpaid leave of absence for the following instructional employee:

<b>Name</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Effective Date</b>
Alexandra Nneji	Social Studies Teacher	10/29/10 – 4/8/11

**ADD** under **New Business**, new Agenda Item number **10.3 Request for Acceptance of Donation**

**10.3 Acceptance of Donation**

Recommendation - that the New Paltz Central Schools Board of Education, upon the recommendation of Maria C. Rice, Superintendent of Schools, does hereby accept a donation of a Dell Computer Lab from Microsoft Corporation that includes: 20 desktops loaded with Microsoft Office Home & Student software, a touch screen laptop with Microsoft Office Home & Student software, three multi-function color laser printers, and a supply of ink and toner, which have an approximate retail value of \$19,269.60, and authorizes Maria Urquidi to execute an agreement on behalf of the New Paltz Central School district to accept this gift.

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

**SPOTLIGHT ON PRORAM**

Alicia Tuttle and Mary Rappleyea and their Clothing and Design Class were introduced by Principal Barbara Clinton. Students Marcelina Martynec and Allison Albrecht gave a PowerPoint Presentation to the Board regarding a project the Clothing and Design class worked on taking old garments and creating new up-to-date fashion from them.

Ms. Tobin Flusser thanked the PTA and Laura Trifilo, the PTA President, for providing child care for parents during the hours of 7-9PM during Board Meetings during the budget development process.

**SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORTS & DISCUSSION ITEMS**

SUPT REPORT

5. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORTS & DISCUSSION ITEMS  
SUPERINTENDENT COMMENTS

➤ THREE HOUR DELAY

Maria C. Rice noted the three hour delay plan for in climate weather conditions including snow and flooding. She has received a great deal of feedback and will use this in making a determination. Discussion ensued. If the district goes over in snow days, the time will be taken from the Spring Break starting April 19, 2011.

➤ SCHOOL COUNSELOR RECOGNITION WEEK

February 7 – 11, 2011 is School Counselor Recognition Week, and Superintendent Rice thanked the counselors and everyone in the guidance department for their hard work and effort.

SUPERINTENDENT REPORTS

➤ MIDDLE SCHOOL GUTTERS – STEPHEN CALLAHAN & RICHARD LINDEN

Mr. Greenfield informed the Board that due to the movement of substantial amounts of snow and ice several sections of gutters along the outside of the old building of the Middle School became detached from the building. Mr. Greenfield noted this did not happen during the school day, and no children were on campus. All of the areas were secured before the children came back to school this morning. Fencing will be installed to ensure the area is secured, and wood planks have been installed as well to mark off the hazardous area.

➤ BUDGET DEVELOPMENT QUESTIONNAIRE – MARIA C. RICE

Maria C. Rice handed out a questionnaire based on last year's budget in the hopes of obtaining more information from the Board regarding the budget process. Maria C. Rice stated we can put this on our website if the Board agrees. Mrs. Rice was directed to provide the Board with the questionnaire via email and to put it on the next agenda for discussion.

➤ BUDGET OVERVIEW IN RESPONSE TO GOVERNOR'S PROPOSAL – MARIA C. RICE & RICHARD LINDEN

Mrs. Rice and Richard Linden presented information to the Board and to the public regarding a budget overview. Mr. Linden noted the district will remain the same as far as State Aid.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

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Ira Margolis	New Paltz
David Graubarg	Plattekill
Kevin Barry	New Paltz
Julie Tresco	West Park
Cheryl Murphy	New Paltz
Deborah Engel-DiMauro	New Paltz
Anthony Aebi	Esopus
Diane Tanner	New Paltz
Donna Mannix	New Paltz
Ruth Quinn	Esopus

Gina Grundstead	New Paltz
Mark Pizzarello	New Paltz
Brett Harris	New Paltz
Kimiko Link	New Paltz
Eric Schwartz	Esopus

Lengthy discussion ensued.

**BOARD COMMUNICATIONS:**

**UPDATES**

Board members reacted to the Superintendent’s budget presentation.

Ms. Tobin Flusser noted that Kevin Cahill has proposed two educational bills in the last month. Mr. Cahill will be speaking on February 10, 2011 in the Library in Garrison, and Ms. Tobin Flusser encouraged all to attend

➤ **STATE ISSUES CONFERENCE IN ALBANY**

Mr. Rausch, Mr. Greenfield, Ms. Tobin Flusser, and Dr. Rodriguez are all signed up to attend the conference in March.

➤ **US DOE CONFERENCE, ADVANCING STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT THROUGH LABOR-MANAGEMENT COLLABORATION**

Mr. Kerr noted that the Superintendent , the Union President, and the BOE President will all be attending this conference in Colorado, courtesy of the Ford Foundation.

➤ **BOE RETREAT, MARCH 30, 2011**

Dr. Rodriguez will be out of the country on March 30, 2011, and will not be able to attend. Mr. Rausch will keep the audit Committee meeting scheduled for that night. Mr. Kerr stated he will report back to the Board as to rescheduling or cancelling the retreat.

➤ **BOE COMMITTEE SCHEDULES**

Mr. Kerr encouraged anyone having trouble with their Committee schedules or agendas .to work them out as best as possible. Dr. Rodriguez noted he will not be able to attend the February 17, 2011 BOE meeting, as he is attending a Professional Educational Conference out of state.

MINUTES OF MEETING – Deleted from Agenda

MINUTES

8. **PERSONNEL (CONSENT AGENDA)**

PERSONNEL

Motion made by Mr. Torres and seconded by Mr. Rich to approve the following consent agenda items 8.1 through 8.5:

**8.1 Instructional Appointment - Substitutes**

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

<b>Name</b>	<b>Effective Date</b>
Katie Jackson	2/3/11 – 6/30/11
Jessica Pretsch	2/3/11 – 6/30/11
Christopher Wittaker	2/3/11 – 6/30/11

**8.2 Health Advisory Committee (HAC) Appointment/Confirmation**

Recommendation – that the New Paltz Central Schools Board of Education upon the recommendation of Maria C. Rice, Superintendent, does hereby appoint/confirm the following individual as a member of the Health Advisory Committee:

<b>Title</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Term Expires</b>
School Safety Personnel	John Orcutt	6/30/12

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Modified Baseball	Matthew Suits	\$2,250

Varsity	Assistant Basketball	Boys	David Moore	unpaid
Modified	Track	Boys	Erin O’Sullivan	\$2,250
Modified	Track	Girls	David Moore	\$2,250
JV	Baseball		Bill DeFino	\$3,150
	Track		Jon Stern	unpaid
	Track		Glenn Eckert	unpaid
JV	Softball		Bonne Maseo	\$3,150
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**Name**

**Title**

**Effective Date**

Alexandra Nneji

Social Studies Teacher

10/29/10 – 4/8/11

Motion carried 7-0 with 7 members voting.

9. OLD BUSINESS

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10. NEW BUSINESS

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Motion made by Mr. Torres and seconded by Mr. Rich to approve the following:

**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: 9615, 10311, 10259, 10637, 12420, 12423, 12367, 12395, 12418, 10180, 10950, 814, 6829, 875, 1304, 636, 864, 900, 2487, 10938, 8233, 9458, 8200, 8162, 8161, 512, 11542, 427, 1306, 869, 8173, 9489, 12338.

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

Motion made by Mr. Torres and seconded by Mr. Rich to approve the following:

**10.2 Request for Approval of the 2011-2012 School District Calendar**

Recommendation – that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of Superintendent Maria C. Rice, does hereby approve the 2011-2012 School District Calendar as presented.

Ms. Tobin Flusser noted the school should not be opened on Election Day, and she disagrees with the half-days at the end of the school year. All were in favor with none opposed. Motion carried 7-0.

Motion made by Mr. Torres and seconded by Mr. Rich to approve the following:

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**OTHER DISCUSSION**

Mr. Greenfield gave the meeting minutes from the emergency Facilities Committee Meeting today. They were given to the District Clerk who will distribute them to the members, the Superintendent and Steve Callahan.

There is a Facilities Committee meeting scheduled next week and Mr. Greenfield will have more information for the Board at the next meeting.

Ms. Tobin Flusser noted that on Tuesday, February 15, 2011, the Rosendale Theater is presenting “Speaking in Tongues,” about Foreign Language Education.

Ms. Tobin Flusser asked about the Governor’s webinar. Mrs. Rice stated a link will be sent so members can view the webinar.

Maria C. Rice stated that the Budget book with line by line budgets will be delivered by courier on February 11, 2011, with an electronic version on-line.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

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**ADJOURN**

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Motion made by Mr. Rich and seconded by Mr. Greenfield that the Board adjourn at 10:06 PM.

Motion carried 7 - 0 with 7 members voting.

Respectfully submitted,

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Elena Rae Maskell  
District Clerk