

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

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Meeting was called to order at 6:01 PM by Don 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: Richard Linden, Assistant Superintendent for Business
Connie Hayes, Assistant Superintendent for Pupil Personnel Services
David Shaw, School District Attorney via phone

EXCUSED: Maria Rice, Superintendent of Schools

ROLL CALL - As reflected above.

ROLL CALL

EXECUTIVE SESSION

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Motion made by Mr. Rich and seconded by Mr. Torres that the Board of Education move into Executive Session at 6:03 pm for the purpose of discussing the employment history of particular individuals, discussing contract negotiations (collective bargaining agreements, and receiving legal advice from the district’s attorney regarding pending litigation.
Motion carried 7 - 0 with 7 members voting.

Out of Executive Session - Motion made by Mr. Kerr and seconded by Mr. Greenfield that the Board return to Public Session at 7:05 PM. Motion carried 7 - 0 with 7 members voting.

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The Public Meeting was called to order at 9:24 PM by Donald Kerr, Board President.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT Kathleen Tobin Flusser
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Patrick Rausch
Robert Rich
Edgar Rodriguez
Daniel Torres

QUORUM CHECK

EXCUSED: Maria Rice, Superintendent of Schools

ALSO PRESENT: Richard Linden, Assistant Superintendent for Business
Connie Hayes, Assistant Superintendent for Pupil Personnel Services
Elena Maskell, District Clerk
Julie Apuzzo, 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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Mr. Kerr stated item number four on the agenda “Spotlight on Program” would be held at another date due to the late start of the meeting tonight. Mr. Kerr also stated the Board would decide if Committee Reports were warranted given the time of the meeting.

Mr. Kerr read the addendum aloud to add to the agenda changes as follows:

ADD to New Business Agenda Item 13.6 the following Request for Approval of the New Paltz Administrators Association Contract:

Recommendation – that the Board of Education of the New Paltz Central School District, upon the recommendation of Maria C. Rice, Superintendent of Schools, does hereby approve the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the negotiating teams for the District and the New Paltz Administrators Association executed a Memorandum of Agreement dated, March 21, 2011, calling for the creation of a three-year successor Collectively Negotiated Agreement to the one that expired on June 30, 2011;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board hereby approves the Memorandum of Agreement between the District and New Paltz Administrators Association covering the period from July 1, 2011 through June 30, 2014, and authorizes the funding of those monies necessary to implement the provisions of the 2011-2014 Collectively Negotiated Agreement.

Motion made by Mr. Rich and seconded by Ms. Tobin Flusser to accept the agenda changes as presented. All in favor with none opposed. Motion carried 7-0.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

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Cathleen Stachelrodt	New Paltz
Terrence Quinn	Esopus
Theresa Cortavano	New Paltz
Dave Tanner	New Paltz
Ed Burke	New Paltz

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORT

STUDENT REP

Julie Apuzzo spoke about recent events including: funding music scholarships, Dancing with the Teachers, the undefeated mock trial team, field trip to NYC, and a Stop DWI Presentation. Ms. Apuzzo said there were two NPAL scholars, the proms are upcoming, and so is a Student Government Sponsored blood drive and senior citizen dinner. Ms Apuzzo also notified the public about the upcoming school musical A Chorus Line.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORTS & DISCUSSION ITEMS

SUPT REPORT

SUPERINTENDENT COMMENTS

Mr. Kerr noted that the Town of New Paltz Summer Recreation Program will take place at Lenape school. Mr. Kerr stated the district is working in partnership with SUNY for a literary clinic next year at Lenape. Mr. Kerr stated that more information will follow as it is available. Mr. Kerr stated Board of Education candidates can pick up petitions at the District Office and packets are also available on the district's website. Mr. Kerr stated Beauty and the Beast was a fantastic program he and Superintendent Rice attended at the New Paltz Middle School. The program was terrific and kudos and congratulations were given to all involved. Mr. Kerr stated there was an article in the Daily Freeman recently but some of the information was not accurate. Mr. Kerr stated that Superintendent Rice was to provide information to the community regarding projections into the next 3 years and this information will be available in the budget presentation today.

SUPERINTENDENT REPORTS

2011-2012 THIRD BUDGET PRESENTATION – Richard Linden

Mr. Linden gave an updated power point presentation on the budget. Mr. Linden provided the Board and the public with new slides and updated information pursuant to requests. Discussion ensued.

Superintendent Rice was directed to fill the open Principal vacancy with an internal candidate and save the district money.

Ms. Tobin Flusser wanted to know if contingencies could be put in the budget to allow for any potential money that may be given to the district by the State. Mr. Linden said once we adopt our budget, no changes can be made. Mr. Linden stated it was possible to adopt a budget with an added monetary amount which the district could use if more aid does come in than expected.

Superintendent Rice was directed to provide the Board with an additional slide to the budget presentation that contains information on reserve funds available, and what are the itemized (by fund) implications of recent, current, and projected use of these reserves.

Superintendent Rice was asked to add an asterisk to the slide regarding staffing reductions by unit showing percentage changes. The asterisk should indicate when savings have been realized by shifting salaries from NPCSD to grants rather than elimination of staff. Example was 18% reduction in Administration salary dollars - there was not an 18% reduction in head count. That warrants an asterisk.

Ms. Tobin Flusser wanted to know who answers blog questions on the district's website.

BOARD COMMUNICATIONS

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NOMINATIONS FOR BOCES BOARD VACANCIES

Motion made by Mr. Greenfield and seconded by Mr. Torres that the Board of Education approve the following resolution:
BE IT RESOLVED that the New Paltz Central School District Board of Education approve the nomination of Patrick Rausch to run for a three year term as a trustee to the Ulster County BOCES Board of Education effective July 1, 2011 through June 30, 2014 as an At Large candidate.

Motion carried 6-0 with 6 members voting. Mr. Rausch abstained from the vote.

STATE ISSUES CONFERENCE REPORT – It was decided to move this item to the next meeting for discussion.

REVISING THE SENIOR EXEMPTION INCOME CRITERIA - Mr. Kerr stated the levels that were in place for the district were from the 1990’s and have been modified.

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

Request for Approval to Establish Maximum Income Eligibility Limits for Property Tax Exemption for Senior Citizens Effective for the 2012-2013 School Year

WHEREAS, the Board of Education has heretofore adopted the provisions of Section 467 of the Real Property Tax Law, as amended, regarding the granting of a partial exemption from taxation for school district purposes of real property situated in the School District and owned by a person or persons 65 years of age or older; and

WHEREAS, the Board desires to amend such previous resolution consistent with such law;

NOW, THEREFORE, **BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board hereby establishes, effective for the 2012-2013 School Year, the maximum income eligibility limits for the partial real property tax exemption applicable to otherwise qualified taxpayers over the age of 65, regarding assessment rolls prepared on the basis of the taxable status date occurring on or after January 1, 2012, as follows:

Annual Income		Percent Exemption	
\$0	to	\$29,000.00	50%
\$29,000.01	to	\$29,999.99	45%
\$30,000	to	\$30,999.99	40%
\$31,000	to	\$31,999.99	35%
\$32,000	to	\$32,899.99	30%
\$32,900	to	\$33,799.99	25%
\$33,800	to	\$34,699.99	20%
\$34,700	to	\$35,599.99	15%
\$35,600	to	\$36,499.99	10%
\$36,500	to	\$37,399.99	5%

AND **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Board hereby provides that any individual, otherwise qualified pursuant to the provisions of Section 467 of the Real Property Tax Law, shall be entitled to such property tax exemption if he/she becomes 65 years of age after the appropriate status date and before December 31st of the same year.

Mr. Linden said this should be put on the reorganizational meeting for annual review. Mr. Kerr directed the Superintendent to put it on the annual organizational meeting for future years in an annual review.

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

MINUTES OF MEETING

MINUTES

Motion made by Mr. Torres and seconded by Mr. Rich 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 February 17, 2011, and the Community Budget Forum of March 9, 2011.

Motion carried 7 - 0 with 7 members voting.

PERSONNEL (CONSENT AGENDA)

PERSONNEL

Motion made by Mr. Rausch (with regret) and seconded by Mr. Torres that the Board of Education approve the following:

11.1 Administrative Resignation

Recommendation - that the New Paltz Central Schools Board of Education, upon the recommendation of Maria C. Rice, Superintendent, does hereby accept the resignation of the following:

Name	Title	Effective Date
Michelle Martoni	Principal	7/01/11

All in favor with none opposed. Motion carried 7-0. Mr. Kerr wished Ms. Martoni well.

Motion made by Mr. Torres and seconded by Mr. Rausch to approve the following personnel (consent agenda) resolutions: 11.2 through 11.9

11.2 Instructional Probationary Appointment

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, with remuneration as per NPUT contract.

Name	Title	Effective Date	Step/Salary
Amanda Rivero	Special Education Teacher	3/24/11 – 3/23/14	BA Step C (\$50,480) prorated

11.3 Instructional Resignation

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

Name	Title	Effective Date
Matthew W. McGuire	Special Education Teacher	3/04/11

11.4 Home Tutor

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 employees, on an as-needed basis with remuneration as per NPUT contract effective for the 2010-2011 school year:

Carol Ray

11.5 2010-2011 Spring Coach Appointment

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

Spring 2010-2011 Coaching

<u>Position</u>	<u>Coach</u>	<u>Stipend</u>
Track Coach	Melissa Milano	unpaid

11.6 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.

Name	Effective Date
Christine M. Rankin	3/24/11 – 6/30/11
Erin T. Rauth	3/24/11 – 6/30/11
Mary Dietsch	3/07/11 – 6/30/11
Michael Burke	3/24/11 – 6/30/11
Dana Schiaffo	3/24/11 – 6/30/11

11.7 Non-Instructional Appointment

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:

Name	Title	Effective Date	Salary	Hours
Clancy Vos	Substitute Food Service Helper	3/2/2011	\$10.50/hr	as needed

11.8 Non-Instructional Resignation

Recommendation - that the New Paltz Central Schools Board of Education, upon the recommendation of Maria Rice, Superintendent of Schools, does hereby accept the resignation of the following non-instructional employee:

Name	Title	Effective Date
Yuliya Kornyeva	School Monitor	3/25/2011

11.9 Accompanist for Lenape Spring Concert

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 accompanist for the Lenape Spring Concert at a rate of \$100.00 for the event:

Name
Felice Kren

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

OLD BUSINESS - None

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

Motion made by Mr. Torres and seconded by Mr. Rich that the Board of Education approve the following new business (consent agenda) resolutions 13.1, 13.3, and 13.4 All in favor with none opposed. Motion carried 7-0.

13.1 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: 8001, 10581, 8127, 10627, 12435, 9078, 9565, 11423, 9618, 9610, 11322, 12435, 10811, 11318, 8910, 11542, 8036, 8215, 9579, 9128, 11222, 9825, 8075, 12386, 10931, 9541, 10774, 9624, 9629, 9854, 9537, 9327, 9651, 9150, 9827, 9165, 9317, 9151,10755, 10956, 10932, 10687, 10381, 10949, 10652, 10732, 10115, 10063, 10596, 12305, 9318, 10935, 10580, 10349, 10080, 9911, 10139, 12431, 10186, 10013, 10889.

13.3 Request for Approval to Participate in 2011-2012 Cooperative Bidding with Ulster County BOCES

Recommendation – that the following resolution be approved:

WHEREAS it is the desire of the participating school districts of the Board of Cooperative Educational Services, Ulster County, adopting this resolution to jointly request bids for certain commodities to be determined by the Superintendent of this school district from time to time for the 2011-12 school year,

NOW, therefore, be it

RESOLVED that the New Paltz Central School District hereby agrees to participate with other school districts of the Board of Cooperative Educational Services, Ulster County, New York, in the joint bidding of commodities to be requested by the school district Purchasing Agent and approved by the Superintendent; and be it further

RESOLVED that the specifications as prepared by the Steering Committee of participating school districts and presented to this Board of Education will be used and that this Board, if it desires to purchase these commodities agrees to purchase said commodities at the lowest bid price recommended by the Steering Committee of the joint school districts; provided, however, that each participating Board of Education in exercising its legal responsibilities, has the right to reject and/or modify the recommendation of the Steering Committee in the awarding of the bid; and be it further

RESOLVED that the invitation to bid will be advertised by BOCES in the Kingston Daily Freeman, the Middletown Record and the Poughkeepsie Journal in accordance with the provisions of Section 103 of the General Municipal Law.

13.4 Request for Approval to Participate in Cooperative Bidding with Other School Districts & Rockland BOCES for 2011-2012

Recommendation – that the following resolution be approved:

WHEREAS, it would be in the joint interest of the NEW PALTZ CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT to participate in cooperative bids with other school districts and Rockland BOCES for the years 2011-2012, as provided by General Municipal Law, Section 119-0, for the purchase of:

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WHEREAS each BOARD retains the legal authority to contract with the successful vendor(s) and shall not be bound by purchase contracts or other agreements made by the other BOARD(s) THEREFORE:

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that it is agreed that the specifications as presented will be used, and that this BOARD agrees to bid its required amount of said product jointly with the other school districts and Rockland BOCES. The recommendation of the Purchasing Steering Committee will be considered when this BOARD acts on the purchase of said product.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the BOARD OF EDUCATION of the New Paltz Central School District hereby agrees to participate in such cooperative bids.

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

13.2 Request for Approval to Establish Student Scholarship Award

Recommendation – that the following resolution be approved: BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the New Paltz Central School District, upon the recommendation of Superintendent Maria C. Rice, does hereby approve the establishment of the “Tots to Teens Pediatrics Award for Academic Excellence” Scholarship in the amount of \$300.00 each to be awarded to the Valedictorian and Salutatorian, and directs the District Clerk to send a letter of appreciation from the Board of Education to Dr. Veena Sankappanavar Gangasani for funding this scholarship.

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

13.5 First Reading of Revisions to Policy 3280 Community Use of School Facilities, Materials, and Equipment

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Community Relations

SUBJECT: COMMUNITY USE OF SCHOOL FACILITIES, MATERIALS AND EQUIPMENT

School Facilities

The Board of Education recognizes and affirms the primary purpose of school facilities is to provide and promote the education of the District's children. It shall be the policy of the Board to encourage the greatest possible use of school facilities for community-wide activities. This is meant to include use by recognized athletic, civic, social and fraternal and religious organizations in accordance with law. Groups wishing who wish to use the school facilities must secure written permission from the Superintendent must submit a district Facilities Use Form in order to receive approval by the New Paltz Central School District. Groups must and abide by the rules and regulations established for such use including restrictions on alcohol, tobacco and drug use. The Superintendent, at his/her discretion, may consult with the Board of Education.

Excepted from this policy is the Floyd A. Patterson Field Complex.

Materials and Equipment

Except when used in connection with or when rented under provisions of Education Law Section 414, school-owned materials or equipment may be used by members of the community or by District employees and/or students for school related purposes only. Private and/or personal use of school-owned materials and equipment is strictly prohibited.

The Board will permit school materials and equipment to be loaned to staff members when such use is related to their employment and loaned to students when the material and equipment is to be used in connection with their studies or extracurricular activities. Community members will be allowed to use school-owned materials and equipment only for educational purposes that relate to school operations.

Administrative regulations will be developed to assure the lender's responsibility for, and return of, all such materials and equipment. Users may be charged for damaged and/or unreturned equipment and materials.

Specific Requirements Relating to Boy Scouts and other Title 36 Patriotic Youth Groups

The Boy Scouts Act applies to any local educational agency (LEA) that has a designated open forum or limited public forum and that receives funds made available through the U.S. Department of Education (DOE). It applies to any group officially affiliated with the Boy Scouts of America or any other youth group designated in Title 36 of the United States Code as a patriotic society.

This statute provides for the following:

- a) No covered entity (elementary school, secondary school or LEA) shall deny equal access or a fair opportunity to meet, or discriminate against any group affiliated with the Boy Scouts of America or any other Title 36 patriotic youth group that requests to conduct a meeting within the covered entity's designated open forum or limited public forum.
 1. A designated open forum exists when the school designates a time and place for one or more outside youth community groups to meet on school premises or in school facilities, including during the hours in which attendance at the school is compulsory, for reasons other than to provide the school's educational program.
 2. A limited public forum exists when the school allows one or more outside youth or community groups to meet on school premises or in school facilities before or after the hours during which attendance at the school is compulsory.
- b) No covered entity shall deny access or opportunity or discriminate for reasons including the membership or leadership criteria or oath of allegiance to God and country of the Boy Scouts of America or of the Title 36 patriotic youth group.
- c) Access to facilities and the ability to communicate using school-related means of communication must be provided to any group officially affiliated with the Boy Scouts of America or any other Title 36 patriotic youth group on terms that are no less favorable than the most favorable terms provided to other outside youth or community groups.

The statute applies regardless of the entity's authority to make decisions about the use of its own school facilities. However, no entity is required to sponsor any group officially affiliated with Boy Scouts or any other Title 36 patriotic youth group.

The obligation to comply with the Boy Scouts Act is not obviated or alleviated by any State of local law or other requirement.

20 United States Code (USC) Section 7905
36 United States Code (USC) Subtitle II
34 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Parts 75, 76 and 108
Education Law Section 414

NOTE: Refer also to Policies #3410 -- Code of Conduct on School Property
#5640 -- Smoking/Tobacco Use
#7310 -- Code of Conduct
#7320 -- Alcohol, Tobacco, Drugs and Other Substances (Students)
#7410 -- Extracurricular Activities
District Code of Conduct on School Property

Adopted: 7/16/08

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

13.6 Request for Approval of the New Paltz Administrators Association Contract:

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Mr. Rausch is voting no based upon the fact that there is another provision in this contract stating there will be no administrators laid off. Mr. Rausch does not agree with this with respect to the long term interest of the community. Mr. Rausch commended the administrators for coming forth with this effort, but does not agree with the limitation of not laying off anyone from their unit. Mr. Kerr read aloud the highlights of the MOA.

Dr. Rodriguez stated he is not voting for this for the same reasons Mr. Rausch stated. Discussion ensued.

Five members were favor with two members opposed. Motion carried 5-0. Mr. Rausch and Dr. Rodriguez opposed.

FINANCIAL REPORTS

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Due to the volume of the financials given in this packet and the late hour, the financials were held for discussion and vote until the next meeting.

OTHER DISCUSSION

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Mr. Torres noted that the Poughkeepsie Journal printed an article regarding a New Paltz Central School District Student who received a full athletic scholarship to Dominican College. Mr. Torres noted that the article is also scheduled to be in the Times Herald Record. Mr. Torres commended the student and wanted the article noted.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Rebecca Burdette New Paltz
Ed Burke New Paltz

PUBLIC COMMENT

ADJOURN

Motion made by Mr. Rausch and seconded by Mr. Rich that the Board adjourn at 11:27 PM.
Motion carried 7 - 0 with 7 members voting.

ADJOURN

Respectfully submitted,

Elena Rae Maskell
District Clerk