

**CALL MEETING TO ORDER**

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Meeting was called to order at 6:05 PM by Don Kerr, Board President. Mrs. Rice was appointed District Clerk Pro Tempore for this portion of the meeting.

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:** Kathleen Tobin Flusser  
Steven Greenfield (arrived at 6:08 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.

**ROLL CALL**

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

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Motion made by Mr. Torres and seconded by Mr. Rich that the Board of Education move into Executive Session at 6:05 PM for the purpose of discussing contract negotiations, discussing employment history of certain individuals, and student matters under FERPA. Motion carried 6 - 0 with 6 members voting. Mr. Greenfield was not yet present during voting.

Out of Executive Session - Motion made by Mr. Torres and seconded by Mr. Rich that the Board return to Public Session at 6:55 PM. Motion carried 7 - 0 with 7 members voting.

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The Public Meeting was called to order at 7:03 PM 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  
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  
Julie Apuzzo, Student Representative  
Members of the Public and Press

**ROLL CALL** - As reflected above.

**ROLL CALL**

**PLEDGE TO THE FLAG**

**PLEDGE**

**SPOTLIGHT ON PROGRAM:** Michelle Martoni introduced Ms. Burdick, Mr. Doyle and the Lenape students who gave a presentation on Native American Studies Iroquois Storytelling.

**RECOGNITION** High School Principal Mrs. Clinton introduced Julianna Apuzzo, Valedictorian of the Class of 2011 and Brian Busby, Salutatorian of the Class of 2011.

**AGENDA CHANGES**

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Motion made by Mr. Torres and seconded by Ms. Tobin Flusser to approve the following agenda changes:

**14.6 Request for Approval to Execute a Settlement Agreement for an Impartial Hearing**  
BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education authorizes the Board President to execute a Settlement Agreement regarding the Impartial Hearing of Student No. 727.

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

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Cathleen Stackelrodt New Paltz

**STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORT**

**STUDENT REP**

Julianna Apuzzo noted that the fourth quarter has just started. Ms. Apuzzo noted there was an assembly called “Breaking the Cycle” on April 12, 2011 on violence and forgiveness. Ms. Apuzzo spoke of the following events: NHS Blood Drive, Peer Leadership food drive, the end of the Mock Trial Season, and the Drama Club performing A Chorus Line. Ms. Apuzzo stated spring sports started with a win by the boys lacrosse team, Student Government and National Honor Society will sponsor a Senior Citizen dinner, Dodge ball will be on May 16, 2011, and the Pickle Ball tournament on the same day. Ms. Apuzzo noted that the Senior Ball is on June 3, 2011.

**SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORTS & DISCUSSION ITEMS**

**SUPT REPORT**

SUPERINTENDENT COMMENTS Superintendent Rice noted A Chorus Line was an amazing performance.

SUPERINTENDENT REPORTS - PRESENTATION OF REVISED BUDGET– Maria C. Rice and Richard Linden presented the most recent budget to the Board and the public.

**BOARD COMMUNICATIONS**

**FINALIZATION AND ADOPTION OF THE 2011-2012 BUDGET**

Mr. Linden stated the actual numbers have come out from State Aid. Mr. Linden stated there was a one-time Building Aid from this year’s emergency building projects, and there is an additional \$180,000 in State Aid available. Discussion ensued regarding the allocation of the funds. Superintendent Rice and Mr. Linden were given a directive from the Board to apply the \$180,000 as follows: \$110 to purchase one large bus and lower the proposition by one large bus, \$60, 000 towards lowering the tax levy, or however much it takes to lower the tax levy by 0.2 %, and the remainder of the funds go toward the fund balance.

**SCHOOL LUNCH PRICES – R. Linden and M. Robinson**

Mr. Linden noted that the Board members were given a State Education Department memo regarding a change in lunch prices according to a new formula. Director of Food Services Michael Robinson discussed ways the Board could absorb the cost. Mr. Robinson was given a directive by the Board to increase the cost of school lunches by \$.05 starting July 1, 2011 and to have the new amount appear on the reorganizational agenda.

Motion made by Mr. Torres and seconded by Mr. Rich Agenda to approve Personnel Agenda Item 12.1 and New Business Agenda Item 14.1:

**12.1 Resolution to Approve the SMOA for Retirements**

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 resolution:

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board hereby approves of the terms of a Supplemental Memorandum of Agreement executed by the Superintendent of Schools and the President of NPUT, dated April 12, 2011, setting forth the terms of a retirement incentive program for retirements that will occur effective July 1, 2011, December 31, 2011, July 1, 2012, July 1, 2013, or July 1, 2014 as presented to the Board at this meeting. A copy of said Supplemental Memorandum of Agreement shall be incorporated by reference within the minutes of this meeting.

**14.1 Resolution to Approve the MOA Between the District and NPUT**

Recommendation - that the New Paltz Central Schools Board of Education does hereby approve the following resolution:

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby ratifies the provisions of the Memorandum of Agreement between the District and the New Paltz United Teachers (NPUT), dated April 12, 2011, and authorizes the expenditure of those monies necessary to fund the terms of the two-year extension of the 2007-2012 Collectively Negotiated Agreement with the NPUT, for the period from July 1, 2012 through June 30, 2014.

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

Motion made by Mr. Torres and seconded by Mr. Greenfield to approve Personnel Consent Agenda Items 12.2 and 12.3 with regret and gratitude for service and dedication:

**12.2 Instructional Resignations – Purposes of Retirement**

Recommendation – that the New Paltz Central Schools Board of Education, upon the recommendation of Maria C. Rice, Superintendent of Schools, does hereby accept the resignation of the following instructional employees for purposes of retirement:

<b>Name</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Effective Date</b>
Mary P. Fisher	Foreign Language Teacher	7/01/13
Helen Musumeci	Elementary Teacher	12/31/11
Susan Pereira	Elementary Teacher	7/01/14
Charles Seymour	Music Teacher	7/01/12
Barbara Washin	Special Education Teacher	7/01/12
Gayle M. Wilhelm	Elementary Teacher	7/01/11
Susan Woodburn	Elementary Teacher	7/01/13

**12.3 Correcting Resolution – Instructional Resignations – Purposes of Retirement**

Recommendation - that the New Paltz Central Schools Board of Education, upon the recommendation of Maria C. Rice, Superintendent, does hereby approve a correcting resolution to change the effective date of instructional resignations for purposes of retirement approved at the Business Meeting on April 6, 2011 from 6/30/11 to 7/01/11:

<b>Name</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Effective Date</b>
Maryann Antonelle	School Counselor	7/01/11
Margaret Decker	School Library Media Specialist	7/01/11
Eileen Graves	Elementary Teacher	7/01/11
Liz Krivda	School Nurse	7/01/11
Brian Nagle	Elementary Teacher	7/01/11
Lynn Orcutt	School Nurse	7/01/11
Kathleen Puntar	Occupational Therapist Assistant	7/01/11
Carole Ryan	Special Education Teacher	7/01/11

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

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

**9.1 Request for Approval to Adopt the 2011-2012 School District Budget for Presentation to Voters**

Recommendation – that the following resolution be approved:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of the New Paltz Central School District adopt a budget of fifty million two hundred sixty thousand dollars (\$50,260,000) for school district purposes for the school year July 1, 2011 through June 30, 2012 to be presented to the voters on May 17, 2011.

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

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

**9.2 Request for Approval to Place Proposition on Ballot at the Annual Meeting on May 17, 2011 Approving Purchase of Vehicles**

Recommendation – that the following resolution be approved:

BE IT RESOLVED that the following proposition be placed on the ballot at the Annual Meeting of the qualified voters of the New Paltz Central School District, to be conducted on May 17, 2011:

Shall the Board of Education of the New Paltz Central School District, Ulster County, New York, be authorized to purchase one 65-passenger or larger school bus at a cost of \$110,000, for a maximum estimated cost of \$110,000; and two 20-passenger or smaller school buses at a cost of \$50,000 each, for a maximum estimated cost of \$100,000; for an aggregate maximum estimated cost of \$210,000; and that the sum of \$210,000, or so much thereof as may be necessary, shall be raised by the levy of a tax upon the taxable property of said School District and collected in annual installments, as provided by Section 416 of the Education Law, and, in anticipation of such tax, obligations of the District shall be issued.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the School District Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to publish this proposition in the Legal Notice of Annual Meeting, Election and Vote in the designated newspapers.

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

Motion made by Mr. Torres and seconded by Mr. Rausch to approve the following New Business Agenda Item 14.3:

**14.3 Request for Approval of Donation**

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education accept the following donations to the New Paltz Central Schools for labor and materials for construction of the baseball field dugouts:

- Coordination – Mr. Geoff Meyer
- Masonry – Local #17
- Roofing/Siding – Hazard Construction
- Plan/Drawings – Mr. Paul Mele – PE
- Materials – Devin Meyer Memorial Fund

President Kerr stated he was greatly appreciative of the contributions given especially to the Meyer Family. All were in favor with none opposed. Motion carried 7-0.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**AUDIT COMMITTEE** – Patrick Rausch stated the Committee is still working on the internal audit. Mr. Rausch stated the Committee has started talking about long range planning. Mr. Rausch stated there were expenses submitted after the books were closed, and the Committee cannot change the process, but the staff needs to be ensured that everyone is informed because they do not want to do continue reimbursing employees in this fashion in the future.

**FACILITIES COMMITTEE** – Steven Greenfield stated most of their meeting was taken up by presentations by CSArch regarding the FiT report and the Facilities Planning Process. Mr. Greenfield stated the Committee communicated with CSArch that they were not satisfied with the progress, guidance, and work received by CSArch. Mr. Greenfield stated the Facilities Planning Process has been updated and there are meetings going on presently. The Middle School Roof Project was updated as well as the Middle School gutter project. The Lenape Oil Tank is in the ground and that project is also underway.

**HEALTH ADVISORY COMMITTEE** – Daniel Torres stated the minutes from the last meeting were in the Board Packet, and Superintendent Rice noted that there will be a public hearing on the Code of Conduct, Safety Plan, and Board’s Approved budget. Superintendent Rice stated the subsequent meeting the Code of Conduct and Safety Plan will be accepted. Superintendent Rice noted that the Draft version of the Code of Conduct was given to the Board Members for their review.

Superintendent Rice noted she was invited to a roundtable discussion by Congressman Maurice Hinchey on Wednesday, April 27, 2011. Superintendent Rice will not be able to attend and Mr. Torres stated he would like to attend the discussion on the Superintendent’s behalf. Superintendent Rice directed the District Clerk to obtain the information, pass it onto Mr. Torres and RSVP on his behalf.

**LEGISLATIVE ACTION ADVISORY COMMITTEE** – Daniel Torres stated that a public forum was held on March 24, 2011 with Jerry Benjamin, Frank Mauro, and Assemblyman Cahill on the panel answering questions regarding, “Financing Education through Income Taxes.” Mr. Torres stated the panel discussion was a success and many were in attendance. Dr. Rodriguez noted he will not be able to attend the next Legislative Action Committee.

**POLICY COMMITTEE** – Kathleen Tobin Flusser noted there were some attorney questions from the last meeting regarding the foundation, and other matters. Mr. Rich noted there was a Foundation Board meeting. The Foundation is entering into the next stage with a Board of Directors, and one of the questions dealt with potential revenue stream and the policies that currently exist that may unintentionally be hampering the ability to generate revenue. Ms. Tobin Flusser stated the Policy Committee will try and meet before the next Foundation meeting, which will be on the second Tuesday of May.

**MINUTES OF MEETING**

MINUTES

Motion made by Mr. Rausch 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 Regular Business Meeting of April 6, 2011. Motion carried 7 - 0 with 7 members voting.

**PERSONNEL (CONSENT AGENDA)**

PERSONNEL

Motion made by Mr. Torres and seconded by Mr. Greenfield that the Board of Education approve the following personnel (consent agenda) resolutions 12.4 through 12.8:

**12.4 Tenure Recommendation**

Recommendation – that the New Paltz Central Schools Board of Education, upon the recommendation of Maria C. Rice, Superintendent of Schools, does hereby grant tenure to the following instructional employee:

<b>Name</b>	<b>Tenure Area</b>	<b>Effective Date</b>
Catherine Wanko	School Psychologist	03/23/2011

**12.5 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.

<b>Name</b>	<b>Effective Date</b>
Sharon Adams	4/5/11 - 6/30/11

**12.6 Non-Instructional Termination**

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: **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board hereby terminates the employment of employee #3795, a Food Service Helper, effective the close of business on April 14, 2011.

**12.7 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:

<b>Name</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Effective Date</b>
Denise Sukunda	School Bus Driver	5/9/2011

**12.8 Request for Board Approval to Conduct a 913 Examination**

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: **BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Superintendent is hereby authorized to direct a comprehensive medical examination and evaluation, including psychiatric/psychological examination and evaluation, if necessary, of Employee No. 2839, in accordance with the provisions of Section 913 of the Education Law; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board hereby directs that Employee No. 2839 submit their medical records, if any, from the last two years to the School appointed physician(s) at or before such examination/evaluation.

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 to approve the following (consent agenda) resolutions 14.2, 14.4, 14.5 and 14.6:

**14.2 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: 9184, 9555, 8153, 9531, 9638, 9060, 9101, 8404, 12154, 9890, 9550, 10417, 10452, 12437, 10554.

**14.4 Request for Approval of Health & Welfare Contract – Saugerties Central School District 2010-2011**

Recommendation – that the following resolution be approved: **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Education approve the Health and Welfare Contract, forwarded under separate cover, for Saugerties Central School District for a total amount of \$613.35 for the 2010-2011 school year for one (1) child who is a resident in the New Paltz Central School District attending a school in the Saugerties Central School District.

**14.5 Request for Approval of Health & Welfare Contract – Kingston City School District 2010-2011**

Recommendation – that the following resolution be approved: **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Education approve the Health and Welfare Contract, forwarded under separate cover, for Kingston City School District for a total amount of \$7,380.00 for the 2010-2011 school year for ten (10) children who are residents in the New Paltz Central School District attending a school in the Kingston City School District.

**14.6 Request for Approval to Execute a Settlement Agreement for an Impartial Hearing**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education authorizes the Board President to execute a Settlement Agreement regarding the Impartial Hearing of Student No. 727.

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

**FINANCIAL REPORTS - None**

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**OTHER DISCUSSION**

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Mr. Rich stated the High School Scholarship committee is having their annual auction both silent and live gavel auction on May 2, 2011, at the Gilded Otter. This is their main fundraising event and Mr. Rich encouraged all to attend the event.

Ms. Tobin Flusser wanted to know if the Board was interested in fielding a dodge ball team. They decided to field a team.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

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Rheam Deans                      School Psychologist  
Kimiko Link                      New Paltz

**ADJOURN**

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Motion made by Mr. Rausch and seconded by Mr. Rich that the Board adjourn at 9:23 PM. Motion carried 7 - 0 with 7 members voting.

Respectfully submitted,

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Elena Rae Maskell  
District Clerk