

**Minutes – Business Meeting – Board of Education – New Paltz Central High School – May 4, 2011 – 7:00 PM**

**CALL MEETING TO ORDER**

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Meeting was called to order at 6:02 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 6:05 PM)  
Donald Kerr  
Patrick Rausch  
Robert Rich  
Edgar Rodriguez  
Daniel Torres

**QUORUM CHECK**

**ALSO PRESENT:** Maria Rice, Superintendent of Schools  
David Shaw, Esq. Shaw Perelson May & Lambert

**ROLL CALL** The roll was called as reflected above.

**ROLL CALL**

**PLEDGE TO THE FLAG**

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**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 6:02 PM for the purpose of discussing the employment history of particular individuals, discussing the school history of particular students in accordance with their FERPA rights, and discussing contract negotiations (collective bargaining agreements). Motion carried 6 - 0 with 6 members voting. Mr. Greenfield was not yet present during voting. Mrs. Rice left Executive Session at 7:00 PM. President Kerr appointed Daniel Torres as District Clerk Pro Tempore for the remainder of the Executive Session.

Out of Executive Session - Motion made by Mr. Rich and seconded by Mr. Greenfield that the Board return to Public Session at 7:06 PM. Motion carried 7 - 0 with 7 members voting.

**CALL TO ORDER**

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The Public Meeting was called to order at 7:07 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  
Debra Hogencamp, Principal, Duzine Elementary School  
Elena Maskell, District Clerk  
Members of the Public and Press

**ROLL CALL** As reflected above.

**ROLL CALL**

**AGENDA CHANGES**

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

**ADD Under Board Communications, New Item Ulster BOCES Board Candidate Vote**

**BOARD COMMUNICATIONS**

➤ **ULSTER BOCES BOARD CANDIDATE RUN-OFF SPECIAL ELECTION MAY 17, 2011**

**ADD Under Personnel New Agenda Item 11.7 Instructional Appointment –Long Term Substitute Extension**

**11.7 Instructional Appointment - Long Term Substitute Extension**

Recommendation - that the New Paltz Central Schools Board of Education, upon the recommendation of Maria C. Rice, Superintendent of Schools, does hereby approve the extension of the appointment of **Paul Mattes**, a long term substitute, through June 30, 2011 at a salary of MA Step C-\$59,160 (prorated) with remuneration as per NPUT contract.

All in favor with none opposed. Motion carried 6-0. Mr. Rausch was not present during voting.

**PUBLIC HEARINGS**

Mr. Kerr noted that copies of the changes to the Code of Conduct and Safety Plan were not available to the public. The Board gave a directive to the Administration and District Clerk to have the recommended changes in draft form immediately put on the website for public viewing. President Kerr also gave a directive for the District Clerk to provide 10 copies of each document available for the public at the next Board Meeting.

**Code of Conduct**

Connie Hayes presented changes to the Code of Conduct. There was discussion by the Board regarding Zero Tolerance.

**District Safety Plan**

Mr. Rich noted that the address listed for the District Office is 196 Main Street, which should read 1 Henry W. DuBois Drive.

**2011-2012 Budget**

Richard Linden gave a presentation to the public regarding the final budget being presented to the voters on May 17, 2011.

Discussion ensued regarding reinstating the third psychologist position. Mr. Linden stated there will be a budget transfer that the board will have to approve after July 1, 2011. The proposed budget has only 2 psychologists. The Board directed Superintendent Rice to restore the third psychologist position. Motion So Moved by Mr. Greenfield and seconded by Mr. Torres. Superintendent Rice said there are a total of 4 psychologist, so this motion would mean cutting one position in order of seniority. The grant is not part of the operational budget, but reinstating the position will have an impact on the budget in that the money set aside for special education contingencies will be decreased by the salary amount. Mr. Kerr called the question. All in favor with none opposed. Motion carried 7-0.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

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Brian Cournoyer            New Paltz

**STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORT** No report

**STUDENT REP**

**SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORTS & DISCUSSION ITEMS**

**SUPT REPORT**

Superintendent Rice announced that there will be a first annual “New Paltz Day” on May 15, 2011 at the Ulster County Fairgrounds. Superintendent Rice stated the High School’s PIGLET class has taken an active role in developing this in conjunction with Copes for Kids Celebration. Superintendent Rice also stated the Duzine students participated in a T-Shirt design opportunity, and the winner was a kindergarten student, Fallon Geisler, and her design will be printed on the T-Shirts that will be for sale to commemorate the first New Paltz Day.

Superintendent Rice stated it is teacher appreciation week, and she commended the entire faculty for doing such a great job and continually performing at a superior level.

**BOARD COMMUNICATIONS**

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**PRONUNCIATION OF THE WORD LENAPE**

Mr. Kerr stated the name of the school was chosen by a student, who was subsequently tracked down, to get discuss the pronunciation, and the Board would like faculty and staff to start pronouncing Lenape as (len ah’ pay). Mr. Rausch and Mr. Rich stated this has already been done. Discussion ensued.

**MULTIPLE LOCATIONS FOR BOE MEETINGS**

Superintendent Rice stated there is a great deal of difficulty when the meetings are in other locations due to the technology and the taping of the meetings. Mr. Kerr noted that the Village Hall, Town Hall, and SUNY all have modulators, which would allow meetings to broadcast live. Mr. Kerr noted that modulators are give to municipal buildings for broadcasting live meetings. After discussion it was noted to keep meetings as they are for now and not move them to additional buildings.

Mr. Rausch discussed inviting different groups to BOE Meetings. Mr. Kerr directed putting BOE Outreach Sessions and BOE Public Forums on the Comeback List.

**ULSTER BOCES BOARD CANDIDATE RUN-OFF SPECIAL ELECTION MAY 17, 2011**

A run-off election is necessary due to a tie in votes for the at-large 2-year term. The Board directed the District Clerk to publicize a meeting on May 17, 2011 for the purpose of having the BOCES Vote and to approve the results of the Annual Election at 9:15 PM. The regular BOE business meeting will occur as scheduled on May 18, 2011.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**POLICY COMMITTEE** – Ms. Tobin Flusser stated the Committee is still waiting for information from the attorney.

**MINUTES OF MEETING**

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Motion made by Mr. Rich and seconded by Mr. Torres 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 Special Meeting of April 12, 2011, the Regular Workshop Meeting of April 13, 2011, and the Special Meeting of April 27, 2011 regarding the BOCES County-Wide Vote. Motion carried 7 - 0 with 7 members voting.

**PERSONNEL (CONSENT AGENDA)**

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Motion made by Mr. Torres and seconded by Mr. Rich that the Board of Education approve the following personnel (consent agenda) resolutions: 11.1 – 11.7

**11.1 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>
Scott Humphrey	5/5/11 - 6/30/11

**11.2 Home Tutors**

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:

<b>Name</b>
Antoinette Russolello
Nancy Patton
Ron Bonagura

**11.3 Instructional Appointment - Mentors**

Recommendation - that the New Paltz Schools Board of Education, upon the recommendation of Maria C. Rice, Superintendent of Schools, does hereby appoint the following instructional employees as mentors for the 2010/2011 school year with remuneration, as per NPUT contract:

<b>Name</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Effective Date</b>
Adrienne Houk-Maley	Co-Mentor	5/5/11 – 6/30/11
Robin Taliaferro	Co-Mentor	5/5/11 – 6/30/11

**11.4 Instructional Leave of Absence**

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>
Lisa Hasbrouck	Special Education Teacher	4/25/11 – 6/30/11
Nicole Sullivan	Elementary Teacher	9/01/11 – 2/01/12

**11.5 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>
Assistant Girls Softball	Dawn Borrello	Unpaid

**11.6 Non-Instructional Appointments**

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:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>	<u>Salary</u>	<u>Hours</u>
Michelle Herter	Substitute Teacher Aide	4/12/2011	\$10.50/hr	as needed
Michelle Herter	Substitute Clerical	4/12/2011	\$12.00/hr	as needed
Susann Fleck	Substitute Teacher Aide	4/12/2011	\$10.50/hr	as needed
Susann Fleck	Substitute Clerical	4/12/2011	\$12.00/hr	as needed
Susann Fleck	Substitute School Monitor	4/12/2011	\$9.00/hr	as needed

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MOTION carried 7 - 0 with 7 members voting.

**OLD BUSINESS - None**

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**NEW BUSINESS**

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Motion made by Mr. Torres and seconded by Ms. Tobin Flusser 13.1 and 13.2

**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: 9837, 8040, 10861, 1648, 8415, 1888, 9030, 1619, 1697, 1735, 1805, 9971, 1752, 12212, 1798, 6939, 12123, 9603, 8233, 8818, 9064, 8409, 8884, 1718, 10179, 11517, 10966, 10452, 12370, 12157, 12158, 1706, 11252, 1792, 2565, 1677, 1737, 8938, 10268, 8936, 10598, 10586, 2032, 9020, 12103, 11503, 11510, 12076, 11496, 12378.

**13.2 Request for Approval of Health & Welfare Contract – Wappingers 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 Wappingers Central School District for a total amount of \$521.51 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 Wappingers Central School District.

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

**FINANCIAL REPORTS - None**

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**OTHER DISCUSSION**

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Dr. Rodriguez noted that Community Partnership will be having a meeting tomorrow at 9:00 a.m. to help organize the New Paltz Day event and encouraged all to come out and help.

Mr. Torres noted that Ana Sturgis, Kim Sturgis’ daughter won an art contest with Maurice Hinchey’s Office.

It was noted that fourth grader Maya Greenfield won a design a bookmark contest, and she won an award from the Elting Memorial Library.

The Duzine Art Show and Music is May 10, 2011 from 5:30-7:30 p.m.

The High School Art Show and Concert are on May 17, 2011.

Mr. Kerr stated he went to A Chorus Line and “Breaking the Cycl” and both events were fantastic. Mr. Kerr stated that all programs he has attended at the High School have been amazing and he gave accolades to Mrs. Clinton and her staff and students. “Breaking the Cycle” on April 12, 2011 on violence and forgiveness.

Mr. Rich stated that the public came out to the annual auction fundraiser at the Gilded Otter for the scholarship Committee. Mr. Greenfield addressed the concept of reversing the start times of the two different levels of schools so the elementary start earlier and MS and HS start later. Mr. Greenfield stated educational data exists that supports this change. It was noted to put this on the Comeback List.

Mr. Kerr would like cell phone confiscation return procedure on Comeback List.

Mr. Rausch asked that Superintendent Rice, the NPUT President, and Mr. Kerr give a presentation to the BOE and the public on what they did and learned and discussed at the US DOE Conference, “Advancing Student Achievement Through Labor-Management Collaboration” that they attended in February. It was noted that a presentation was given, but Mr. Rausch was not in attendance at that meeting.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

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None

**ADJOURN**

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Motion made by Mr. Torres and seconded by Mr. Rich that the Board adjourn at 9:09 PM.  
Motion carried 7 - 0 with 7 members voting.

Respectfully submitted,

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Elena Rae Maskell  
District Clerk