

Minutes – Business Meeting – Board of Education – New Paltz Central High School – May 18, 2011 – 7:00 PM

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

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Meeting was called to order at 6:01 PM by Don Kerr, Board President. Maria C. Rice was appointed as Clerk Pro Tempore for this portion of the meeting.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Kathleen Tobin Flusser
Donald Kerr
Patrick Rausch (arrived at 7:46 PM)
Robert Rich
Edgar Rodriguez

QUORUM CHECK

EXCUSED: Daniel Torres
Steven Greenfield

ALSO PRESENT: Debora Banner, Assistant Superintendent
Maria Rice, Superintendent of Schools
Michele Martoni, Principal Lenape School
Debra Hogencamp, Principal, Duzine Elementary School

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 6:01 PM for the purpose of discussing the employment history of particular individuals (tenure reviews). Motion carried 4 - 0 with 4 members voting. Mr. Rausch was not yet present during voting

Out of Executive Session - Motion made by Mr. Rich and seconded by Ms. Tobin Flusser that the Board return to Public Session at 7:00 PM. Motion carried 5 - 0 with 5 members voting.

CALL TO ORDER

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The Public Meeting was called to order at 7:09 PM by Donald Kerr, Board President.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Kathleen Tobin Flusser
Donald Kerr
Patrick Rausch
Robert Rich
Edgar Rodriguez

QUORUM CHECK

EXCUSED: Daniel Torres
Steven Greenfield

ALSO PRESENT: Maria Rice, Superintendent of Schools
Debora Banner, Assistant Superintendent
Richard Linden, Assistant Superintendent for Business
Barbara Clinton, Principal New Paltz High School
Connie Hayes, Assistant Superintendent for Pupil Personnel Services
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
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. Kerr to approve the following agenda changes.

ADD Under Personnel New Agenda Item 8.5 Instructional Resignation

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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 the resignation of the following instructional employee:

Name	Title	Effective Date
John Orcutt	Social Studies Teacher	7/31/11

ADD Under Personnel New Agenda Item 8.6 Home Tutors

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

Name

Amie S. Worley

All in favor with none opposed. Motion carried 5-0.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

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There were no public comments.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORTS & DISCUSSION ITEMS

SUPT REPORT

SUPERINTENDENT COMMENTS

Mrs. Rice thanked all of the community members who came out to vote to elect the board of education members, the passing of the budget, and the passing of the bus resolution.

SUPERINTENDENT REPORTS

HAC – ACTION PLAN EVIDENCE OF ACHIEVEMENT REPORT – C. Hayes

Jim O’Dowd and Ramona spoke of the Wellness Subcommittee.

EMAIL HAC ACTION PLAN TO EDGAR PER MCR

There is a Work Day scheduled after school on Friday, May 20, 2011 and Jim O’Dowd asked for volunteers to come out at the middle school depending on the weather. If it rains, the delivery of the top soil may be delayed. Mr. O’Dowd also stated they are open to donations or volunteering to help them with their projects.

Jessica Perez and Lanora Hoffman presented information on the Prevention Subcommittee regarding a social norming campaign and a presentation being done through the internet for parents and students.

Toni Woody, Maureen Ryan and Steve Callahan presented information on the Safety Subcommittee. They spoke of the National Incident Management Training, and how the subcommittee made revisions to approximately 35 policies dealing with health, wellness, and safety. Mrs. Woody also spoke of conducting a safety plan for district vehicles in addition to the buses.

Michele Martoni gave information on the Code of Conduct Subcommittee. Ms. Martoni stated that the subcommittee viewed the Code of Conduct through the lens of zero tolerance. Mr. Kerr thanked the subcommittee for their work and for addressing the zero tolerance question from the board.

Connie Hayes noted that terms are up at the end of this year, and there is always room for new volunteers.

BOARD COMMUNICATIONS

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DECIDE ON COMEBACK LIST ITEMS FOR 6/1/11 AGENDA

Mr. Kerr wanted to go through the items to see which items the Board wants to add to the next agenda under Board Communications. It was decided to put the following items on the next agenda:

- Resources available to members to fulfill BOE duties
- Eligibility Criteria – discussion of what makes academic, athletic, and co-curricular criteria. Ability of students to participates in any extracurricular activity.

- BOE Outreach Sessions.
- Reverse start times for secondary and elementary schools.
- Community Recommendation for Discussion
 - Automation Committee
 - Citizen’s Budget Advisory Committee – It was noted by Mr. Kerr that a Citizen’s Budget Advisory Committee already exists, and it is called the Board of Education. There was discussion regarding inviting the people who made the suggestions about these committees to attend the next BOE meeting to discuss these issues.

Textbooks versus electronic devices and performing a textbook audit. Because of state law there will be a shift in purchases of textbooks with use of digital print and other print media. Mr. Kerr stated he did not feel this needed further board discussion.

Cell phone use and confiscation. Mr. Kerr stated if a student uses a cell phone in school it can only be returned to the parent. Mr. Kerr gave Mrs. Rice a directive to look into this further.

Driver’s Education course. This was taken off the comeback list

MINUTES OF MEETING

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Motion made by Ms. Tobin Flusser 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 May 4, 2011 Workshop Meeting. Motion carried 5 - 0 with 5 members voting.

PERSONNEL (CONSENT AGENDA)

PERSONNEL

Motion made by Ms. Tobin Flusser and seconded by Mr. Rich that the Board of Education approve the following personnel (consent agenda) Items 8.1 through 8.4 and 8.6:

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.

Name	Effective Date
Cristina Viaña	5/5/11 - 6/30/11
Kristen Rodecker	5/5/11 - 6/30/11

8.2 Non-Instructional Resignations

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

Name	Title	Effective Date
Darlene Morabito	Teacher Aide	6/30/2011
Jessica Morhous	School Lunch Cashier	5/24/2011

8.3 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:

Name	Title	Effective Date	Salary	Hours
Judy Cohen	Substitute Teacher Aide	5/2/2011	\$10.50/hr	as needed
Vanessa Quiles	Substitute Teacher Aide	4/25/2011	\$10.50/hr	as needed
Vanessa Quiles	Substitute Clerical	4/25/2011	\$12.00/hr	as needed
Vanessa Quiles	Substitute School Monitor	4/25/2011	\$9.00/hr	as needed
Clancy Vos	Food Service Helper	5/19/2011	\$12.20/hr	4 hrs per day
Name	Title	Effective Date	Salary	Hours
Scott Cottam	Substitute Teacher Aide	5/10/2011	\$10.50/hr	as needed
Scott Cottam	Substitute Clerical	5/10/2011	\$12.00/hr	as needed
Scott Cottam	Substitute School Monitor	5/10/2011	\$9.00/hr	as needed

8.4 Paid Administrative Leave

Recommendation – that the following resolution be approved: BE IT RESOLVED that the Board hereby grants paid administrative leave to Employee No. 2839 effective 4/25/11 and pending an examination being conducted and fitness for work report being issued pursuant to Education Law Section 913.

8.6 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:

Name

Amie S. Worley

Motion made (with regret) by Mr. Rich and seconded by Ms. Tobin Flusser to approve the following resolution:

8.5 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

John Orcutt Social Studies Teacher 7/31/11

The Board made the motion with regret and wished Mr. Orcutt the best in his professional career and thanked him for his service at New Paltz Central Schools. Motion carried 5 - 0 with 5 members voting.

OLD BUSINESS

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9. OLD BUSINESS

Motion made by Ms. Tobin Flusser and seconded by Mr. Kerr to approve the following resolution:

9.1 Request for Approval of Revisions to Code of Conduct and the District Safety Plan

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 Maria C. Rice, Superintendent of Schools, does hereby approve revisions to the District Code of Conduct and the District Safety Plan pursuant to the Safe Schools Against Violence in Education Act (SAVE), as presented.

All in favor with none opposed. Motion carried 5-0.

NEW BUSINESS

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Motion made by Mr. Rich and seconded by Ms. Tobin Flusser that the Board of Education approve the following new business consent agenda items 10.1, and 10.3 through 10.7:

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: 2097, 9995, 10277, 12381, 551, 8828, 2517, 10598, 12402, 8910, 1325, 12397, 464, 355, 1811, 8161, 12398, 9120, 11449, 9150, 1688, 9505, 10388, 9355, 10892, 11426, 11157, 11495, 11532, 11507, 12008, 12307, 10956, 11127, 10699, 10060, 10438, 10644, 10127, 12404, 12444, 12445, 12332, 10964, 11363, 10981, 10933, 9903, 10060, 10109, 12118, 12304, 12096, 12110, 12165, 12170, 12173.

10.3 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)		
A2110140	Substitute Teacher Salaries	\$155,000	A211012011	Salaries, Teachers, K-12	\$90,000
			A211013020	Salaries, Teachers 9-12	\$ 60,000

10.4 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)		
A9089809	Retirement Incentive – TRS	\$255,000	A2250150	Salaries, Special Ed Teachers, DW	\$180,000
			A9060800	Hosp/Medical	\$ 75,000

10.5 Request for Approval of Contract with Town of New Paltz for School Bus Usage

Recommendation – that the following resolution be approved: BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of Maria C. Rice, Superintendent of Schools, does hereby approve the Recreation Transportation Agreement with the Town of New Paltz for the use of district buses at a reimbursement rate of \$2.50 per mile commencing on July 1, 2011 and concluding on June 30, 2012.

10.6 Request for Approval of Contract with Town of Gardiner for School Bus Usage

Recommendation – that the following resolution be approved: BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of Maria C. Rice, Superintendent of Schools, does hereby approve the Recreation Transportation Agreement with the Town of Gardiner for the use of district buses at a reimbursement rate of \$2.50 per mile commencing on July 1, 2011 and concluding on June 30, 2012.

10.7 Request for Approval of Health & Welfare Contract – Highland 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 Highland Central School District for a total amount of \$5,526.64 for the 2010-2011 school year for eight (8) children who is a resident in the New Paltz Central School District attending a school in the Highland Central School District.

Motion made by Mr. Rich and seconded by Ms. Tobin Flusser to approve the following resolution:

10.2 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:

Roofing Materials – aRZee Supply Corporation

All in favor with none opposed. Motion carried 5-0. Mr. Kerr directed the District Clerk to send a letter of thanks to aRZee Supply Corporation and once again thanked all sponsors involved in this project.

FINANCIAL REPORTS

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Mr. Kerr thanked the Audit Committee for their work in reviewing all of the financial data. Motion made by Mr. Rausch and seconded by Mr. Rich that the Treasurer’s Reports for December 2010, January 2011, February 2011, March 2011, and April 2011 and Budget Transfer Schedules #5, 6, 7, 8, and 9 be approved.

Motion carried 5 – 0 with 5 members voting.

OTHER DISCUSSION

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Mr. Kerr gave special thanks to all those involved in the dugout project.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

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There were no public comments.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

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Motion made by Mr. Rich and seconded by Mr. Kerr to move into Executive Session at 8:09 PM to discuss the employment history of particular individuals, discussing contract negotiations, and receiving legal advice from the district’s attorney. Ms. Tobin Flusser was appointed as Clerk Pro Tempore for this portion of the meeting.

Motion carried 5 - 0 with 5 members voting.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Kathleen Tobin Flusser
Donald Kerr
Patrick Rausch
Robert Rich
Edgar Rodriguez

QUORUM CHECK

EXCUSED: Daniel Torres
Steven Greenfield

ALSO PRESENT: David Shaw, Counsel for NPCSD

Out of Executive Session

RETURN PUBLIC SESSION

Motion made by Mr. Rich and seconded by Mr. Kerr that the Board return to Public Session at 9:13 PM.

Motion carried 7 - 0 with 7 members voting.

ADJOURN

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Motion made by Mr. Kerr and seconded by Mr. Rich that the Board adjourn at 9:14 PM.
Motion carried 7 - 0 with 7 members voting.

Respectfully submitted,

Elena Rae Maskell
District Clerk