

Minutes – Business Meeting – Board of Education – New Paltz Central High School – October 19, 2011 – 7:00 PM

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

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Meeting was called to order at 6:29 PM by Donald Kerr, Board President.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Stephen Bagley
Kathleen Tobin Flusser (arrived at 6:30 PM)
Donald Kerr
Patrick Rausch
Edgar Rodriguez
Daniel Torres

QUORUM CHECK

ALSO PRESENT: Maria Rice, Superintendent of Schools

EXCUSED: Robert Rich

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. Rausch and seconded by Mr. Torres that the Board of Education move into Executive Session at 6:30 PM for the purpose of discussing negotiations with a firm or company. Motion carried 5 - 0 with 5 members voting. Ms. Tobin Flusser was not yet present during voting.

Out of Executive Session - Motion made by Mr. Bagley and seconded by Mr. Torres that the Board return to Public Session at 7:04 PM. Motion carried 6 - 0 with 6 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: Stephen Bagley
Kathleen Tobin Flusser
Donald Kerr
Patrick Rausch
Edgar Rodriguez
Daniel Torres

QUORUM CHECK

EXCUSED: Robert Rich

ALSO PRESENT: Maria Rice, Superintendent of Schools
Debora Banner, Assistant Superintendent
Richard Linden, Assistant Superintendent for Business
Jo-Anne Dobbins, Director of Pupil Personnel Services
Barbara Clinton, Principal, High School
Debra Hogencamp, Principal, Duzine Elementary School
Michael Robinson, Director of Food Services
Elena Maskell, District Clerk
Erin Barclay, Student Representative
Members of the Public and Press

ROLL CALL The roll was called as reflected above.

ROLL CALL

AGENDA CHANGES

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

Mr. Kerr asked to remove from the Board Communications Agenda item 9.1 from the Agenda. Mr. Kerr would like to add a discussion about Dodge ball. Mr. Kerr also asked to change the effective date for Personnel Agenda item 12.6 changing effective date to 10/21/11.

Ms. Tobin Flusser would like to remove third reading of Animals in the Schools off the agenda so it can go back to the Policy Committee before final voting.

All were in favor with none opposed. Motion carried 6-0.

SPOTLIGHT ON PROGRAM:

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Spanish Class Demonstration –Debra Hogencamp, the Principal of Duzine Elementary, introduced Jen Pizzarello her second grade class. Ms. Pizzarello and her class gave a demonstration to the board and sang songs in Spanish.

5. PUBLIC HEARING

SCHOOL TAX EXEMPTION FOR DISABLED PERSONS ON LIMITED INCOMES

Mr. Kerr explained that a public hearing was necessary to change the exemptions for the disabled persons on limited incomes. Mr. Linden stated that these limits will now match the exemptions for senior citizens. Mr. Linden stated that people fill out their tax returns, and the Assessor in the town they live in determines their exemptions.

There were no public comments for the public hearing.

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

5.1 Request for Approval to Grant Tax Exemption for Disabled Persons on Limited Incomes

WHEREAS, the Board of Education wishes to adopt the provisions of Section 459-c of the Real Property Tax Law which would grant a partial exemption from taxation for school district purposes of real property situated in the School District and owned by an eligible person with a disability;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board hereby adopts the provisions of Section 459-c of the Real Property Tax Law and hereby establishes the maximum income eligibility limits for the partial real property tax exemption applicable to otherwise qualified property owners with disabilities regarding assessment rolls prepared on the basis of taxable status dates 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%

All in favor with none opposed. Motion carried 6-0.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

PUBLIC COMMENT

Steven Greenfield New Paltz

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORT

STUDENT REP

Erin Barclay introduced herself. Ms. Barclay stated spirit week was last week that ended in the Homecoming game and dance. Ms. Barclay gave an update about sports. Ms. Barclay said the Drama Club is working on their play “The Death and Life of Larry Benson.” Ms. Barclay said there was a Peer Leadership did a Food Drive for Family of New Paltz and also noted that the Piglet class collected 1,000 books in a book drive to sustain silent reading.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORTS & DISCUSSION ITEMS

SUPT REPORT

SUPERINTENDENT’S COMMENTS

Superintendent Rice said she would like to congratulate Kate Fishman, a 7th grader in the middle school, for winning first place in the Poughkeepsie Journal’s Scary Stories contest for grades 6-8.

Mrs. Rice said the New Paltz Central School District Foundation for Student Enhancement held their first fundraiser this past weekend to raise money for Nooks. The Endowment raised enough money for 20 Nooks plus raising money in the Foundation for the students of New Paltz Central Schools.

Mrs. Rice said Mr. Rausch the Audit Committee Chair, asked her to announce an opening on the Audit Committee for a community member who is interested in volunteering on the Committee.

Mrs. Rice stated that Chief Snyder made a suggestion regarding the crossing guard situation. The Chief would like to start a volunteer corps of senior citizens to work with the police department. They would be trained in crowd control and crossing guards, so they could be utilized in other ways than just the crossing guard. Chief Snyder said since the Village of New Paltz has a budget line item to fund this position, the Chief could provide the training, the school would provide the fingerprinting, and the money would come from the village allocated for this line item. The money would go to paying for their signs, clothing, and other material this position requires.

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORTS

CALORIE PROJECT – Michael Robinson, the Director of Food Services, presented information on the calorie project he has been working on. Mr. Robinson had information on the calorie project and passed out information to the Board Members for their review. Mr. Kerr thanked Mr. Robinson for a job well done. Mr. Rausch asked if the information could be shared with the teachers so they could include the information in their lesson plans. Mr. Robinson stated that the information will be available on the district’s website and each school will have their own nutritional listing.

PRE-K – 12 GUIDANCE PLAN – Mrs. Rice said it is a state mandate to have a Pre-K – 12 guidance plan presented and approved by the Board of Education on an annual basis. Jo-Anne Dobbins, Director of Pupil Personnel Services introduced the guidance staff that was in attendance: Kathryn Flanagan, Director of Guidance, Katie Magarity Tracz, Guidance Counselor, Stephanie Shoemaker HS Joanne Metzger MS, and Stacey Sands. Ms. Dobbins, Ms. Flanagan and Ms. Tracz presented an overview of the Pre-K – 12 Guidance Plan. Discussion ensued. Mr. Kerr commended the guidance department for their work and the plan that was presented.

Motion made by Mr. Rausch and seconded by Ms. Tobin Flusser to approve the following Guidance Plan:

8.1 Request for Approval of 2010-2011 Pre-K-12 Guidance Plan

Recommendation – that the following resolution be approved: BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of Superintendent Maria C. Rice, does hereby approve the 2011-2012 Pre K-12 Guidance Plan as presented.

All in favor with none opposed. Motion carried 6-0.

COMMON CORE LEARNING STANDARDS UPDATE – Deborah Banner, Assistant Superintendent, presented information on the Common Core Standards to the Board. Common Core is one of the four legs to Race to the Top. Ms. Banner stated that the Common Core Standards raise the bar for students’ performance. Ms. Banner gave updated information on what the common core standards are, a timeline for implementing the integration of standards, and a forecast of challenges that lay ahead.

BOARD COMMUNICATIONS

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FACILITIES SURVEY

Mr. Kerr said there is an Ad Hoc Facilities Survey Committee of the Board comprised of Mr. Kerr, Ms. Tobin Flusser, and Mr. Rausch, to come up with a survey to distribute to the public. This is one of the items to be discussed at the October 26, 2011 Facilities Committee Meeting. Mr. Kerr said as new drafts of the survey are developed they will be given to the full Board for their review and input.

9.1 Request for Approval of Facilities Survey – Item removed from the agenda.

COMMUNITY CONVERSATIONS

Mr. Kerr gave information to Board Members regarding community conversations. Discussion ensued. Mr. Kerr would like to have an idea of the cost of this program, and have this information for the next meeting as well as moving forward with a concrete plan for the community conversations.

DODGEBALL DISCUSSION – Mr. Kerr stated a decision needs to be made for a Dodge ball team. Discussion ensued. Mr. Torres said he would arrange a team of 10 members and be the team captain.

BOE OPERATING GUIDELINES – Mr. Kerr stated the Board Operating Guidelines were handed out to the members in their packets. Mr. Kerr asked how members thought the guidelines were and if they had any comments or suggestions. Dr. Rodriguez suggested changing the end time of meetings to 10:00 PM. Dr. Rodriguez made a comment about free form language as well.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

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AUDIT COMMITTEE – Patrick Rausch stated the Audit Committee has been looking at internal auditor RFP’s. The committee interviewed four last week, and has narrowed it down to two. The Committee will decide which they will chose and bring a recommendation to the Board at the next meeting.

LEGISLATIVE ACTION ADVISORY COMMITTEE – Daniel Torres said the committee is focusing on three big issues. One is working with other school districts to form a coalition. Mr. Torres said the committee conducted the forum with Kevin Cahill last year, and he is going to reach out to John Bonacic’s office to see if they can come up with another forum of that nature. The last topic was unfunded mandates and possible civil disobedience. Mr. Torres said he would like to meet with Mrs. Rice to discuss this in the future. Mr. Kerr said he spoke with Jay Worona from NYSSBA’s legal office, and he was not encouraging about the concept of civil disobedience from a Board. Discussion ensued. Mr. Torres said there has been no feedback yet from community members to be on the Legislative Action Committee.

POLICY COMMITTEE – Kathleen Tobin Flusser noted that the Animals in the Schools Policy was pulled because it was unclear why the policy was being presented. Mrs. Rice stated that the second part of this is a required policy mandated by the state. The first part of the policy was a recommendation of the County Health Department. Discussion ensued. Motion was made by Ms. Tobin Flusser and seconded by Mr. Torres to put Old Business Agenda Item 13.1 back onto the Agenda. Mr. Rausch suggested that the passing of this policy should result in signage being put up on fields. It was agreed upon by all to take out the phrase “upon prior notification to the Building Principal so that any necessary precautions can be implemented.”

MINUTES OF MEETING

MINUTES

Motion made by Mr. Rausch and seconded by Mr. Bagley 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 October 5, 2011. Motion carried 6 - 0 with 6 members voting.

PERSONNEL (CONSENT AGENDA)

PERSONNEL

Motion made by Mr. Rausch and seconded by Mr. Torres that the Board of Education approve the following personnel (consent agenda) resolutions: 12.1 through 12.8:

12.1 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 2011-2012 school year:

Name

Isabelle Grizolet-Evans

12.2 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 6, 2011 Organizational Meeting.

Name	Effective Date
Jeffrey Beck	10/20/11 - 6/30/12
Elaine Bossong	10/20/11 - 6/30/12
Domenique Canino	10/20/11 - 6/30/12
Valerie Hughes	10/20/11 - 6/30/12
Melissa Manning	10/20/11 - 6/30/12
Marley Myriantopoulos	10/20/11 - 6/30/12
Ashley Nordahl	10/20/11 - 6/30/12
Charnikia Pinesett	10/20/11 - 6/30/12
Jade Rankin	10/20/11 - 6/30/12
Ashley Sasso	10/20/11 - 6/30/12
Heather Swanson	10/20/11 - 6/30/12
Catherine Swift	10/20/11 - 6/30/12
Rita Toohey	10/20/11 - 6/30/12
Hilda Velez	10/20/11 - 6/30/12

12.3 Advisorships

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 to the following advisorships for the 2011/2012 school year, with remuneration as per NPUT contract:

High School Building

National Honor Society	Kathleen Nugent – Co-Advisor William DeFino – Co-Advisor
Spanish Club	Mary Fisher - Co-Advisor Renee Salamone – Co-Advisor

Middle School

Student Council	Nicole Sullivan/Jennifer Hicks
School Newspaper (Mirror)	Susan Periera
Reflections	Randi Rosen
Yearbook	Jill Belgrave
Art Club	Kim Sturgis
Geography Club	Trina Naclerio
Drama Club	Mary Holmes
Drama Club Assistant	Lauren O'Malley
Rock & Soul	Charlie Seymour/Scott Milici
All-County Band	Charlie Seymour
All-County Chorus	Scott Milici

12.4 Correcting Resolution – Advisorships

Recommendation - that the New Paltz Central Schools Board of Education, upon the recommendation of Maria C. Rice, Superintendent of Schools, does hereby approve a correcting resolution change the title of Alexis Mallory from Co-Advisor of Yearbook to Advisor of Yearbook, from a resolution previously approved at the October 5, 2011 Board Meeting.

12.5 2011-2012 Winter 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 2011-2012 school year:

Position	Name	Stipend
Boys JV Basketball	Stuart Robinson	\$3,280.00
Boys Modified Basketball	David Moore	\$2,250.00
Boys Varsity Basketball	Matthew Moore	\$4,680.00
Girls JV Basketball	William DeFino	\$3,280.00
Girls Modified Basketball	Nicole Vitale	\$2,250.00
Girls Varsity Basketball	Partick Barberio	\$4,680.00
Skiing Nordic Assistant	Ann Gregory	\$3,740.00
Varsity Skiing Nordic	John Stern	\$4,680.00
Boys Varsity Swimming	Matthew Suits	\$3,860.00
JV Wrestling	Chris Brooker	\$3,280.00
Modified Wrestling	William Hennessey	\$2,250.00
Varsity Wrestling	Ryan Pullman	\$4,680.00

12.6 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 resignation of the following non-instructional employees:

Name	Title	Effective Date
Phylis Horbert	School Lunch Cashier	10/21/2011
Jessica Petrovsky	Food Service Helper	10/11/2011

12.7 Non-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 non-instructional employee:

Name	Title	Effective
Kimberly Decker	School Bus Attendant	December 5, 2011 to February 27, 2012 (unpaid)

12.8 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
Brian Hoornbeek	Custodial Worker (part-time)	10/20/2011	\$16,045/yr (pro-rated)	4 hrs per day
Benjamin Clay	Student-Lighting and Sound Technician	10/20/11-6/30/12	\$15.00/hr	as needed
Connor Morabito	Student-Lighting and Sound Technician	10/20/11-6/30/12	\$15.00/hr	as needed
Jonah Allibone	Student-Lighting and Sound Technician	10/20/11-6/30/12	\$15.00/hr	as needed
Adin Gold	Student-Lighting and Sound Technician	10/20/11-6/30/12	\$15.00/hr	as needed
Jennifer Cone	Lighting and Sound Coordinator/ Technician	10/20/11- 6/30/12	\$25.00/hr	maximum of \$1,000 for the 2011-12 school year

Motion carried 6 - 0 with 6 members voting.

OLD BUSINESS

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With prior discussion under Policy Committee, a Motion was made by Mr. Rausch and seconded by Ms. Tobin Flusser to approve the following resolution:

13.1 Third Reading and Approval to New Policy 8250 Animals in the Schools

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SUBJECT: ANIMALS IN THE SCHOOLS

Animals and Pets on School Property:

It is the policy of the Board of Education, for health and safety reasons, to prohibit animals and pets of any kind in school buildings and on school district property (including playing fields, school buses) except:

- For purposes of the instructional program with the prior approval of the building administrator;
- Animals under the control of public safety officers with the prior approval of the Superintendent of Schools or designee; and
- Animals trained to assist individuals with disabilities (e.g., service dogs) in compliance with federal and state law; ~~upon prior notification to the Building Principal so that any necessary precautions can be implemented.~~

If the Building Principal or designee determines that this policy has been violated, he/she is authorized to contact the Superintendent of Schools, the County Health Department, Animal Control and/or the Police Department to request assistance to enforce this policy.

Animal Dissection:

The Board of Education recognizes that animal dissection is an integral part of the study of living things and instruction in the life sciences. The Board also recognizes that some students have a moral or religious objection to dissection or otherwise harming or destroying animals. In accordance with Section 809 of the Education Law, any student who objects to dissecting animals may opt-out of dissection activities, provided that the student performs an alternative project through which he or she can learn and be assessed on material required by the course. An alternative project may include but is not limited to computer programs, internet simulations, plastic models, videotapes, and digital videodiscs, and is subject to approval by the student’s teacher. The student’s objection must be substantiated in writing by the student’s parent/guardian.

At the start of each year, teachers of courses that include animal dissection shall give written notice to the students in those classes and their parents/guardians of the right to opt-out of animal dissection and to perform an alternative activity.

No student shall be discriminated against based upon his or her decision to exercise the right to opt-out of animal dissection.

Ref: Section 809, Education Law

All in favor with none opposed. Motion carried 6-0.

NEW BUSINESS

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Motion made by Mr. Rausch and seconded by Mr. Torres that the Board of Education approve the following New Business consent agenda resolutions 14.1 through 14.4:

14.1 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: 12307, 11258, 10843, 12629, 8017.

14.2 Request for Approval of Health & Welfare Contract – Wallkill 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 Wallkill Central School District for a total amount of \$398.02 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 Wallkill Central School District.

14.4 Request for Approval to Dispose of Surplus Equipment

Recommendation – that the Board of Education approve the following resolution: BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of Maria C. Rice, Superintendent, declares the following listed vehicles as excess, unneeded property and authorizes the sale/disposition as surplus property:

<u>Bus #</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Make</u>	<u>Passenger:</u>
72	1998	FORD	20 Passenger
74	1998	FORD	20 Passenger
81	1999	FORD	20 Passenger
68	1998	INTNL	65 Passenger
75	1997	INTNL	65 Passenger

Truck # 210 with plow
 1998 Chevrolet Pickup Dual Wheel
 Van # 216 2002 Dodge Van
 Cushman Riding Mower with hopper

All in favor with none opposed. Motion carried 6-0.

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

14.5 Request for Approval of Donation

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education accept a donation from SUNY New Paltz of exercise equipment and dumbbells to include a Precor Stepper, two Precor Recumbent bikes, and four sets of dumbbells with equipment, to the New Paltz Central Schools, and directs the District Clerk to send a letter of appreciation from the Board of Education to SUNY New Paltz Department of Athletics, Wellness & Recreation for this donation.

Mr. Kerr thanked SUNY New Paltz for this donation. Motion carried 6 – 0 with 6 members voting.

FINANCIAL REPORTS None

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OTHER DISCUSSION None

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PUBLIC COMMENTS

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With no need for Executive Session, a Motion was made by Mr. Rausch and seconded by Mr. Torres that the Board adjourn at 9:50 PM.

Motion carried 6 - 0 with 6 members voting.

Respectfully submitted,

Elena Rae Maskell
District Clerk