

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

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Meeting was called to order at 7:04 PM by Ms. Tobin Flusser, Board Vice President.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Stephen Bagley
 Kathleen Tobin Flusser
 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
 Jo-Anne Dobbins, Director of Pupil Personnel Services
 Barbara Clinton, Principal, New Paltz Central High School
 Richard Wiesenthal, Principal, New Paltz Middle School
 Jacqueline Sinatra, Principal, Lenape Elementary School
 Debra Hogencamp, Principal, Duzine Elementary School
 Maureen Ryan, Director of Transportation
 Michael Robinson, Director of Food Services
 Stephen J. Callahan, Director of Facilities & Operations
 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

PLEDGE TO THE FLAG

PLEDGE

AGENDA CHANGES

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

ADD Before Public Comments the Following New Agenda Item:

6. BOARD BUSINESS

- ACKNOWLEDGE RECEIPT OF RESIGNATION OF DONALD KERR
- BOE VACANCY APPOINTMENT
- ELECTION OF BOARD PRESIDENT

REMOVE the Following Items from Board Communications

- ACKNOWLEDGE RECEIPT OF RESIGNATION OF DONALD KERR
- BOE VACANCY

CHANGE all numbered items on the agenda accordingly by one digit with the addition of Agenda Item number six Board Communications. All numbered items after #6 will change with an increase of one digit.

ADD the Following Name to Existing Personnel Agenda Item **13.6 Non-Instructional Appointment**

Name	Title	Effective Date	Salary	Hours
Garfield Crawn	Automotive Mechanic	12/1/2011	\$45,440/yr (pro-rated)	full-time

ADD the Following Personnel Agenda Item **13.10 Winter Coaching Appointments**

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ADD the Following Personnel Agenda Item 13.11 Leave of Absence

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Name	Effective Dates
Mary Abbott	11/14/11 – 12/31/11

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

SPOTLIGHT ON PROGRAM: Lenape - Music Hoedown Dance Program

SPOTLIGHT

Jackie Sinatra and Laura Fore gave a presentation to the Board that included video of the children performing dances at the Hoedown Dance Program.

RECOGNITION: RETIREMENT

RECOGNITION

Non-Instructional Resignations

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

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
Roger Hoornbeek	Head Custodian	12/31/2011 (for purpose of retirement)
John McKenna	School Bus Mechanic	11/30/2011 (for purpose of retirement)

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

5.2 Recognition of Retirees

Name	Title	Approximate Years of Service
Wren Rzepnicki	Teacher Aide	22
Roger Hoornbeek	Custodian	16
John McKenna	School Bus Mechanic	30

Jackie Sinatra and Steve Callahan spoke of Roger Hoornbeek and his years of service to the district. He was commended and thanked by all.

6. BOARD BUSINESS

ACKNOWLEDGE RECEIPT OF RESIGNATION OF DONALD KERR

Ms. Tobin Flusser acknowledged the receipt of the resignation of Donald Kerr effective November 7, 2011.

BOE VACANCY APPOINTMENT

With an opening on the Board, Ms. Tobin Flusser recommended the appointment of Barbara Carroll to fill the Board vacancy. Ms. Tobin Flusser moved to appoint Barbara Carroll as Board Member to fill the vacant seat created by Donald Kerr's resignation until the Annual Meeting and Election. Mr. Rausch seconded the motion. All in favor with none opposed. Motion carried 6-0.

ELECTION OF BOARD PRESIDENT

Ms. Tobin Flusser encouraged the board members to nominate Mr. Rausch for Board President. Motion made by Mr. Rich and seconded by Dr. Rodriguez to appoint Mr. Rausch as Board President for the remainder of the school year. All were in favor with none opposed. Motion carried 7-0.

PUBLIC COMMENTS - None

PUBLIC COMMENT

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORT

STUDENT REP

Erin Barclay reported that the annual Dodge Ball Game was last week. Ms. Barclay stated the Night in the Day Presentation took place along with a multi-cultural presentation at SUNY, and students also attended a presentation at Columbia University. Ms. Barclay gave notification of the following events: The Life and Death of Larry Benson on November 17, 18, 19; the Talent Show on December 6, 2011; and Financial Aid Night on Dec 13, 2011. Ms. Barclay noted that Student Government will be running an anti-bullying campaign throughout the year along with a food drive for the holiday.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORTS & DISCUSSION ITEMS

SUPT REPORT

Superintendent Rice thanked NPUT for paying for the Senior Citizen Thanksgiving Lunch given at Duzine and Lenape. Mrs. Rice noted on October 26, 2011 the food service staff prepared carrot soup from the carrots grown from the Duzine garden. Also on November 4, 2011 the food service staff prepared pumpkin soup from the pumpkins grown from the Lenape garden. Superintendent Rice commended the schools and the food service staff for utilizing the available harvest from their gardens.

Superintendent Rice stated school related professionals recognition day was yesterday, and she thanked Bernadette Koonz and the SRP staff for all of their hard work and the dedication to the children of the district.

2010-2011 STATE OF THE DISTRICT REPORT - Leadership Team

Superintendent Rice and the district leadership team gave a presentation on the 2010-2011 State of the District Report. Mrs. Rice noted that new staff members are reporting on old material that they did not prepare. Superintendent Rice also noted that Antonia Woody is at a training that was vital to her role in the district, so she was not able to give a presentation.

Richard Linden gave a presentation on Business and Finance. Debora Banner gave a presentation on the Educational Program. Jo-Anne Dobbins along with Kathleen Clark and Daniel Scherrer, gave a presentation on the Special Education Programs and Procedures. Mrs. Rice gave the information on the Physical Education and Health Program and Assessment. Debra Hogencamp presented information on Duzine Elementary School. Jacqueline Sinatra presented information on Lenape Elementary School. Included with Ms. Hogencamp and Ms. Sinatra’s presentation was information on their building action plans. Richard Wiesenthal gave a presentation on the Middle School which included the Middle School Action Plan. Barbara Clinton gave a presentation on the High School incorporating the High School Building Action Plan. Maureen Ryan gave a presentation on the Transportation Department. Michael Robinson gave an update on the Food Service Department. Stephen Callahan gave a presentation on the Facilities & Operations Department.

Mrs. Rice asked the Board if they had any questions on the material presented. Mr. Rausch asked about the decrease in the classification rates. Ms. Dobbins said declassification is done as appropriate, and depending on the students, the rates will change upon the needs of the students.

Dr. Rodriguez noted that the number of colored students is a higher proportion for classification than white students.

BOARD COMMUNICATIONS

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COMMUNITY CONVERSATIONS UPDATE

Ms. Tobin Flusser noted that on November 30, 2011, the Board will be holding a Community Conversations Forum for approaching broad facility needs of the district. The three main issues up for discussion are: 1) only fix problems as they arise, 2) issue a 20-30 year bond to maintain our existing facilities via preventative maintenance, small-scale renovations, and upgrades, or 3) issue a 30 year bond invest in consolidating to fewer campuses for increased efficiency and reduced annual costs.

Discussion ensued regarding providing precise information about educational costs and associated timelines.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

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Motion made by Ms. Tobin Flusser and seconded by Mr. Rausch to move into Executive Session at 8:45 PM for the purpose of discussing the employment history of certain individuals, discussing the school history of particular students in accordance with their FERPA rights, and discussing matters made exempt by FERPA. Motion carried 7 - 0 with 7 members voting.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Stephen Bagley
Barbara Carroll
Kathleen Tobin Flusser
Patrick Rausch
Robert Rich
Edgar Rodriguez
Daniel Torres

QUORUM CHECK

ALSO PRESENT: Maria Rice, Superintendent

Out of Executive Session

RETURN PUBLIC SESSION

Motion made by Mr. Bagley seconded by Mr. Torres that the Board return to Public Session at 9:00 PM. Motion carried 7 - 0 with 7 members voting.

Mr. Rich left the meeting at 9:01 PM.

Motion made by Mr. Rausch and seconded by Mr. Bagley to approve the Minutes of the Meeting, Personnel Consent Agenda Items 13.1 through 13.11, and New Business Agenda Item 15.1:

MINUTES OF MEETING

BE IT RESOLVED that the New Paltz Central Schools Board of Education accept the minutes of the Regular Business Meeting of November 2, 2011, and the Special Meeting of November 9, 2011.

PERSONNEL (CONSENT AGENDA)

PERSONNEL

13.1 Instructional Leave of Absences

Recommendation - that the New Paltz Central Schools Board of Education, upon the recommendation of Maria C. Rice, Superintendent of Schools, does hereby approve to extend the unpaid leave of absences for the following instructional employees:

Name	Title	Effective Date
Nicole Sullivan	Music Teacher	2/1/12 – 6/30/12
Camille Vining	Special Education Teacher	9/1/11 – 1/1/12

13.2 Instructional Leave Replacement Appointment

Recommendation - that the New Paltz Central Schools Board of Education, upon the recommendation of Maria C. Rice, Superintendent of Schools, does hereby approve the leave replacement appointment of the following instructional employee for the 2011/2012 school year:

Name	Title	Effective Date	Salary/Step
Jill Terkelsen	Elementary Teacher	1/1/12 - 6/30/12	BA Step C (\$51,620) prorated

13.3 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 employee, on an as-needed basis with remuneration as per NPUT contract effective for the 2011-2012 school year:

Name
Karen Bryant

13.4 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
Samara Berman	11/17/11 - 6/30/12
Jill Peters	11/17/11 - 6/30/12
Margo Tucker	11/17/11 - 6/30/12
Rebecca Williams	11/17/11 - 6/30/12

13.5 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
Katrina Siple	Food Service Helper	11/7/2011

13.6 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:

Name	Title	Effective Date	Salary	Hours
Brittany Purdy	Substitute Food Service Helper	11/1/2011	\$10.50/hr	as needed
Brittany Purdy	School Lunch Cashier	11/17/2011	\$12.50/hr	5.5 hrs per day
Bernardine Nowacki	Food Service Helper	11/17/2011	\$12.00/hr	3 hrs per day
John Visconti	Substitute Custodial Worker	10/31/2011	\$11.00/hr	as needed
John Visconti	Substitute Maintenance Worker	10/31/2011	\$15.00/hr	as needed
Michael Ferrendino	Substitute Custodial Worker	10/31/2011	\$11.00/hr	as needed
Michael Ferrendino	Substitute Maintenance Worker	10/31/2011	\$15.00/hr	as needed
Katrina Siple	School Lunch Cashier	11/8/2011	\$13.23/hr	5 hrs per day
Starleen Shirk	Substitute Custodial Worker	10/26/2011	\$11.00/hr	as needed
Debbie Long	Substitute Custodial Worker	10/26/2011	\$11.00/hr	as needed
Melissa VanVliet	Substitute Custodial Worker	11/7/2011	\$11.00/hr	as needed
Garfield Crawn	Automotive Mechanic	12/1/2011	\$45,440/yr (pro-rated)	full-time

13.7 Fall Coaching Appointment – Resignation

Recommendation - that the New Paltz Central Schools Board of Education, upon the recommendation of Maria C. Rice, Superintendent, does hereby accept the coaching resignation for the 2011/2012 school year of the following:

Name	Title
William Hennessey	Modified Wrestling Coach

13.8 Correcting Resolution – 2011-2012 Winter Coaching Appointments

Recommendation - that the New Paltz Central Schools Board of Education, upon the recommendation of Maria C. Rice, Superintendent of Schools, hereby approves a correcting resolution including stipends for the 2011-2012 Winter Coaching Appointments, from a resolution previously approved at the November 2, 2011 Board Meeting. The stipends are as follows:

Name	Title	Stipend
Harry Cooper	Varsity Gymnastics	\$3,860
Marissa Morris	Varsity Boys Swim Assistant	\$3,740

13.9 Correcting Resolution – Advisorships

Recommendation - that the New Paltz Central Schools Board of Education, upon the recommendation of Maria C. Rice, Superintendent of Schools, hereby approves a correcting resolution including stipends for the Advisorship Appointments, from a resolution previously approved at the November 2, 2011 Board Meeting. The stipends are as follows:

Name	Title	Stipend
Jen Cone	Technology/Computer Club	\$3,170
Eliezer Espinosa	Youth for Unity	\$ 920

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15.1 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: 11491, 11532, 12621, 10080, 12427, 12470, 11363, 11081, 12083, 10186, 1752, 8127, 10927, 8173.

MOTION carried 6 - 0 with 6 members voting.

FINANCIAL REPORTS None

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OTHER DISCUSSION

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Outreach to Community by BOE members Barbara Carroll is to be put on the Comeback List.

PUBLIC COMMENTS None

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ADJOURN

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Motion made by Ms. Tobin Flusser and seconded by Barbara Carroll that the Board adjourn at 9:22 PM. Motion carried 6 - 0 with 6 members voting.

Respectfully submitted,

Elena Rae Maskell
District Clerk