

**Minutes – Workshop Meeting – Board of Education – New Paltz Central High School – January 18, 2012 – 7:00 PM**

**CALL MEETING TO ORDER**

Meeting was called to order at 6:03 PM by Patrick Rausch, Board President.

CALL TO ORDER

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:**

- Stephen Bagley
- Barbara Carroll
- Kathleen Tobin Flusser (arrived 6:07 PM)
- Patrick Rausch
- Robert Rich
- Edgar Rodriguez
- Daniel Torres

QUORUM CHECK

ALSO PRESENT: Maria Rice, Superintendent of Schools

**ROLL CALL**

The roll was called as reflected above.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Motion made by Robert Rich and seconded by Daniel Torres that the Board of Education move into Executive Session at 6:08 PM for the purpose of discussing the employment history of particular individuals, discussing negotiations with a firm or company and discussing litigation, pending litigation, or settlement.

EXECUTIVE  
SESSION

Motion carried 6 - 0 with 6 members voting.

Out of Executive Session - Motion made by Daniel Torres and seconded by Barbara Carroll that the Board return to Public Session at 6:58 PM.

Motion carried 7 - 0 with 7 members voting.

**CALL TO ORDER**

The Public Meeting was called to order at 7:04PM by Patrick Rausch, Board President.

CALL TO ORDER

**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 of Schools
- Debora Banner, Assistant Superintendent
- Richard Linden, Assistant Superintendent for Business
- Richard Wiesenthal, Principal, New Paltz Middle School
- Anthony Tantillo, Assistant Principal, Middle School
- Jackie Sinatra, Principal, Lenape Elementary School
- Antonia Woody, Athletic Director
- Mike Robinson, Director of Food Services
- Beverly Sickler, Clerk Pro Tempore
- Ella MacKinnon, Student Representative
- Members of the Public and Press

**ROLL CALL**

The roll was called as reflected above.

ROLL CALL

**PLEDGE TO THE FLAG**

**AGENDA CHANGES**

President Rausch announced the following Addendum to the Agenda:

AGENDA  
CHANGES

**ADDENDUM**

**ADD** Under Board Communications the following discussion item:

- UCSBA ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION FEBRUARY 2, 2012

**CHANGE** Under Personnel Consent Agenda Item **11.4 Spring Coaching Appointments from Ron Constable Lacrosse Girls – Varsity to Ron Constable Lacrosse Boys – Varsity.**

**ADD** Under Personnel Consent Agenda Item **11.7 Rates of Pay for Substitutes**

**11.7 Rates of Pay for Substitutes - Recommendation - that the following resolution be approved: BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education adopt the following rates of pay for the following positions for the 2011-2012 school year:**  
\$100.00 per day for certified substitute occupational therapist  
\$70.00 per day for certified substitute occupational therapist assistant

**ADD** Under New Business the following new agenda item **13.3 Request for Approval of Sister City Relationship with Fenghua City, China**

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*Recommendation - that the following resolution be approved: WHEREAS Fenghua High School students in Zhejiang Province, China have become familiar with New Paltz and the Hudson Valley as a result of participating in the University in the High School/China program administered by the Regional Education Office of SUNY New Paltz, and*

*WHEREAS Fenghua City, like New Paltz, is a place of historical and cultural significance; and*

*WHEREAS a delegation of high school educators and students from Fenghua City visited New Paltz High School in 2011 and were most appreciative of the hospitality afforded them and the quality of education they observed; and*

*WHEREAS China is a nation of growing international political and economic importance; and*

*WHEREAS, an association with the high quality schools in Fenghua China may facilitate opportunities to enhance the education of students in the New Paltz Central School District by building their knowledge and awareness of: China and Asia generally; the role of the United States in an increasingly interdependent world, and nurture the idea of Global Citizenship; and*

*WHEREAS the development of a sister relationship with Fenghua City may help open international opportunities for New Paltz Central School District students and professional educators;*

*THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education authorizes the superintendent of schools to enter into a sister relationship between New Paltz Central School District and Fenghua City and its schools, with the understanding that this relationship shall not imply, require or commit the expenditure of public funds.*

**ADD** under FINANCIAL REPORTS the following documents for Board approval:

- TREASURER’S REPORT – December 2011
- BUDGET TRANSFER SCHEDULE - #6

**APPROVE AGENDA CHANGES**

Motion made by Kathleen Tobin Flusser and seconded by Barbara Carroll to approve the Agenda as amended by the Addendum.

Motion carried 7 – 0 with 7 members voting.

**SPOTLIGHT ON PROGRAM: ANTI-BULLYING CAMPAIGN GOALS** – A representative group of approximately twenty middle school students under the leadership of Dr. Wiesenthal, Mr. Tantillo, Ms. Gruschow, Ms. Sturgis and Ms. Lamb provided a sampling of T-shirts, videos, art work using Wordles and public service announcements to demonstrate the program that students have been involved with to deal with bullying. “Don’t be a bully – be an ally” was the theme that could be seen throughout the presentation. Dr. Wiesenthal reported that every single middle school student was a participant in this campaign to end bullying and that there seems to have been a decrease in bullying attesting to the effectiveness of the program.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

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None

**STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORT** – Ella MacKinnon, Student Representative, reported on events and activities at the high school. Clubs are promoting an anti-bullying campaign which will culminate in February.

➤ **ALLIANCE FOR QUALITY EDUCATION** - Chad Radock, representative from AQE, explained the roots of this organization going back to 2000. The goal of their efforts is to have State Aid funding restored due to recent dramatic cuts. It is also the purpose of the organization to see a more equitable distribution of State Aid. He stated that they are encouraging districts to contact their Senators to change the formula and establish better funding for School Aid. They also support the Millionaire Tax. Questions and answers followed. Kathleen Tobin Flusser commented that New Paltz is philosophically in agreement with AQE. Ms. Tobin Flusser went on to ask what concrete activities the Board as a whole could be involved with to fix educational funding. Mr. Radock encouraged that the Board resolve to ask for an additional \$500 million from the State and to ask Governor Cuomo to drop the competitive grants piece so that no district experiences losses in funding. Mr. Radock also suggested that the Board ask Albany to support the full funding of education back to levels prior to last year.

➤ **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORTS & DISCUSSION ITEMS**

➤ **SUPERINTENDENT’S COMMENTS** – Mrs. Rice recognized the district’s Scholar Athlete Teams for receiving Fall 2011 Team Awards. Superintendent Rice also recognized Ann Gregory, Physical Therapist, for her involvement in a special project called Build a Bike. Mohonk Mt. House and Regeneron were instrumental in providing resources to implement this program which is now providing bikes for students with special needs.

➤ **SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORTS**

➤ **HEALTH ADVISORY COMMITTEE ACTION PLAN PRESENTATION** – Debora Banner, Assistant Superintendent, introduced Athletic Director Toni Woody who presented the Safety Sub-committee Action Plan. Revisions are underway after a number of drills have taken place. A Lock Down drill with assistance from the Police was successful. An actual Lock Out recently took place prior to the Lock Down drill. Kathleen Tobin Flusser reported that positive feedback came from parents in the community about the Lock Out at Duzine. Ms. Woody also reported on the Prevention Sub-committee Plan. Clubs and campaigns regarding anti-bullying are seen all around in the buildings. Lenape has devised monthly Diversity Assemblies and students are involved in conflict management and peer counseling. Responsive Classroom is being done at Duzine and Lenape. Other programs will be explored to help with the social and emotional well-being of students. Jim O’Dowd reported for the Wellness Sub-committee. Goals are ongoing to provide nutrition information and promote healthy life styles for students. Hands on garden experiences have been used to acquaint students with natural sources of food. Collaboration with the Superintendent’s Comprehensive Nutrition Task Force to update recommendations promulgated in 2007 is also taking place. The consensus is to maintain those goals but to work on more realistic goals that are obtainable. Financial constraints play heavily on what can and cannot be served in the cafeterias. The committee wants feedback from the community and to do this a survey is required. It is hoped that the Sociology Department at SUNY will assist with this project. Also needed is an orientation process for new members on the HAC. Orientation packets would be helpful when new members come on board. When asked how the Board can help, Mr. O’Dowd said money is needed most for equipment and facilities. Also needed are more volunteers. It was suggested that a list of skill sets required for volunteers be created so the right kinds of volunteers are solicited. Code of Conduct Sub-committee was represented by Dr. Rich Wiesenthal, Juliet Coxum and Terence Ward. Ms. Coxum went over the Action Plan stating that the committee is looking at the effectiveness of Out of School Suspensions (OSS). They are investigating alternative

programs and looking into what other districts are doing with OSS. Positive Behavioral Intervention System (PBIS) Program is being considered. Discussion followed.

➤ **CROSSING GUARD UPDATE** – Superintendent Rice met with Chief Snyder and Transportation Director Maureen Ryan. At the last Town & Gown meeting she met with Supervisor Zimet, Chief Snyder, Mayor West, a Village Trustee, Chief Dugatkin from SUNY, and a representative from the college, Ray Schwartz. Spoke about moving money from the Village to the Town. The Town will create a budget line for Crossing Guard. Police will train and supervise. School District will be responsible for fingerprinting and cost. SUNY Police might provide backup. Still need to finalize details. Chief said maybe substitute bus drivers could serve in the morning and maybe cafeteria workers could do the afternoon shift. Timelines for AM and PM are 7:15 – 8:15 and 2:30 – 3:30. Short amount of time at \$10 per hour is not significant to encourage individuals to participate. Other places pay more. Looking at a variety of ways to get people interested in the position. Suggestion is to have different entities take on part of the financial burden. There was discussion on the best location for the Crossing Guard to stand. This will be determined by the Police.

➤ **APPR UPDATE**- Deborah Banner reported that the committee consists of 6 administrators and 8 teachers who she thanked for their services. She explained that the committee must deal with State Education documents and collective bargaining agreements in the process of their discourse. The committee is “a research and recommending body” which must look at all the pieces and make recommendations to the district and negotiating committee of the union. Danielson Rubric was selected by the committee with approval from the Union. The committee is currently working on four domains of the rubric. Ms. Banner explained that the committee has a list of ideas resulting from their work but nothing is set in stone at this time. The goal is to minimize the anxiety level and to do the job well. The question is whether or not Governor Cuomo will discard all of their work and replace it with his own plan. Ms. Banner explained that Danielson was chosen because it has been around since the 1990’s and has the most research to back it up. There has also been a correlation between this rubric and good teaching

## **BOARD COMMUNICATIONS**

- **ROBO CALLS FOR THE COMMUNITY SURVEY** – In an effort to communicate effectively with the community, Dr. Rodriguez reported that he is in contact with a provider to do robo calling for the Facilities Survey. The purpose of this is to encourage the community to fill out and return the surveys that will be mailed next week. A list of registered voters from the Ulster County Board of Elections will be used when making these calls. At present the district is under time constraints to mail out the survey and get it back in a timely manner. A response to the survey is critical. Dr. Rodriguez spoke about the cost and after discussion it was agreed that the members of the Board would approve a maximum of \$500 for implementing the robo calls. The charges will be put on the Board’s credit card since the vendor requires payment up front. A purchase order will be processed tomorrow by Richard Linden to encumber the funds. Also, the survey is to be paid from BOE staff development money. In summary it was decided that the voter registration list will be used and not the parent list. Due to time constraints, additional calls cannot be made. The calls will be in English only. The survey cannot be put on-line as only one to a household is permitted.
- **UCSBA ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION FEBRUARY 2, 2012** – Mr. Rausch announced this BOCES event. Discussion will include joint communications strategies, tax levy limit collaborative work and shared services opportunities. A light supper will be served. The following individuals agreed to attend: Kathleen Tobin Flusser, Barbara Carroll, Edgar Rodriguez (not certain), Rick Linden and Maria Rice.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- **AUDIT COMMITTEE** – Patrick Rausch (2 MIN) – President Rausch announced that Julia Robbins was appointed as the new community member. The committee is now fully constituted. At the next meeting, the Internal Risk Assessment which has been completed by the Internal Auditor will be reviewed.
- **FACILITIES COMMITTEE** – Patrick Rausch (10 MIN) Mr. Rausch reported that the committee met and finalized the Facilities Survey and cover letter. The timeline for finalizing the survey, mailing it out and following up with robo calling is fast paced but on track. CSArch and the Palombo Group will be represented at the next meeting of the committee to report on the Comprehensive Facilities Planning Project. The committee hopes to set a timeline for bonding which takes into account the most important items as well as a dollar amount for approval of a bond in May or perhaps April.
- **POLICY COMMITTEE** – Kathleen Tobin Flusser (5 MIN) Ms. Tobin Flusser reported that the Board will consider a number of first readings of policies this evening. The committee reviewed all social media policies to make sure they

are current and a new district calendar policy has been created for consideration by the Board. (All three policies that are being considered this evening have additional revisions that were provided to each Board member for discussion.)

**MINUTES OF MEETING**

Motion made by Daniel Torres and seconded by Barbara Carroll that the Board of Education approve the following resolution:

MINUTES

BE IT RESOLVED that the New Paltz Central Schools Board of Education accept the minutes of the Regular Business Meeting of January 4, 2012.

Motion carried 7 - 0 with 7 members voting.

**PERSONNEL (CONSENT AGENDA)**

PERSONNEL

Motion made by Daniel Torres and seconded by Barbara Carroll that the Board of Education approve the following personnel (consent agenda) resolutions:

**11.1 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 6, 2011 Organizational Meeting.

<b>Name</b>	<b>Effective Dates</b>
Andrea Fugazot	effective 1/09/12 - 6/30/12
Rebecca Ryan	effective 1/19/12 - 6/30/12

**11.2 Instructional Leave Replacement Extension 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 extension appointment of the following instructional employee for the 2011/2012 school year:

<b>Name</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Effective Date</b>	<b>Salary/Step</b>
Jessica Holter (Nicole Sullivan)	Music	2/3/12 - 6/30/12	BA Step C \$51,620 prorated

**11.3 Instructional Leave of Absence Extension**

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 absence for the following instructional employee:

<b>Name</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Effective Date</b>
Camille Vining	Special Education Teacher	1/1/12 – 2/5/12

**11.4 Spring Coaching Appointments**

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

<b>Name</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Salary</b>
Ron Constable	Lacrosse Boys - Varsity	\$3,860.00
Bill DeFino	Baseball – JV	\$3,280.00
Roger Norcross	Baseball – Modified	\$2,340.00
Sam Phelps	Baseball – Varsity	\$3,860.00
Jessica Pretsch	Softball – JV	\$3,280.00
Jeff Salt	Softball – Modified	\$2,340.00
Kristen Conrad	Softball – Varsity	\$3,860.00
Tom Tegeler	Golf Girls – Varsity	\$3,860.00
Scott Taylor	Tennis Boys – Varsity	\$3,860.00
Mike Vance	Track Boys Asst – Varsity	\$3,740.00
Don Bartlett	Track Boys – Varsity	\$4,680.00
Pat Barberio	Track Girls Asst – Varsity	\$3,740.00
Ann Gregory	Track Girls – Varsity	\$5,248.00

Joe Foti                                      Track Asst. – Varsity                                      Unpaid

**11.5 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:

<b>Name</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Effective Date</b>
Amy DePiero	School Monitor	1/4/12

**11.6 Non-Instructional Appointment**

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:

<b>Name</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Effective Date</b>	<b>Salary</b>	<b>Hours</b>
Lynette Salma	Sub. Food Service Helper	1/5/12	\$10.50/hr	as needed

**11.7 Rates of Pay for Substitutes** - Recommendation - that the following resolution be approved: BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education adopt the following rates of pay for the following positions for the 2011-2012 school year:  
\$100.00 per day for certified substitute occupational therapist  
\$70.00 per day for certified substitute occupational therapist assistant

MOTION carried 7 - 0 with 7 members voting.

**OLD BUSINESS**

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Motion made by Daniel Torres and seconded by Barbara Carroll that the Board of Education approve the following resolution:

**12.1 Request for Approval of the 2012-2013 School District Calendar**

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of Superintendent Maria C. Rice, does hereby approve the 2012-2013 School District Calendar as amended.

Discussion followed.

Motion carried 7 – 0 with 7 members voting.

**NEW BUSINESS**

NEW BUSINESS

Motion made by Robert Rich and seconded by Stephen Bagley that the Board of Education approve the following resolution:

**13.1 Request for Approval of Committee on Special Education Recommendations and Student Placements**

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: 11530, 1724, 10388, 12136.

Motion carried 7 – 0 with 7 members voting.

Motion made by Daniel Torres and seconded by Barbara Carroll that the Board of Education approve the following resolution:

**13.2 Request for Approval of Commitment to Participation in the Ulster County No Name-Calling Week**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the New Paltz Central School District is committed to participating in the Ulster County No Name-Calling Week; and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the week of January 30, 2012 through February 3, 2012 be declared No Name-Calling Week.

Motion carried 7 – 0 with 7 members voting.



**13.5 First Reading of Revisions to Policy 7315 – Student Use of Computerized Information Resources (Acceptable Use Policy)**

2012  
Students 7315

**SUBJECT: STUDENT USE OF COMPUTERIZED INFORMATION RESOURCES (ACCEPTABLE RESPONSIBLE USE POLICY)**

The Board of Education will provide access to various computerized information resources through the District's computer system ("DCS" hereafter) consisting of software, hardware, computer networks and electronic communications systems. This may include access to electronic mail, ~~so called "on line services"~~ and the "Internet." It may include the opportunity for some students to have independent access to the DCS from their home or other remote locations. All use of the DCS, including independent use off school premises, shall be subject to this policy and accompanying regulations. Further, all such use must be in support of education and/or research and consistent with the goals and purposes of the School District.

~~One purpose of this policy is to provide notice to students and parents/guardians that, unlike most traditional instructional or library media materials, the DCS will allow student access to external computer networks not controlled by the School District where it is impossible for the District to screen or review all of the available materials. Some of the available materials may be deemed unsuitable by parents/guardians for student use or access. This policy is intended to establish general guidelines for acceptable student use. However, despite the existence of such District policy and accompanying guidelines and regulations, it will not be possible to completely prevent access to computerized information that is inappropriate for students. Furthermore, students may have the ability to access such information from their home or other locations off school premises. Parents/guardians of students must be willing to set and convey standards for appropriate and acceptable use to their children when using the DCS or any other electronic media or communications.~~

**Standards of Acceptable Responsible Use**

Generally, the same standards of acceptable student conduct which apply to any school activity shall apply to use of the DCS. This policy does not attempt to articulate all required and/or ~~acceptable responsible~~ uses of the DCS; nor is it the intention of this policy to define all inappropriate usage. Administrative regulations will further define general guidelines of appropriate student conduct and use as well as proscribed behavior.

District students shall also adhere to the laws, policies and rules governing computers including, but not limited to, copyright laws, rights of software publishers, license agreements, and student rights of privacy created by federal and state law.

Students who engage in unacceptable use may lose access to the DCS in accordance with applicable due process procedures, and may be subject to further discipline under the District's school conduct and discipline policy and the District Code of Conduct. The District reserves the right to pursue legal action against a student who willfully, maliciously or unlawfully damages or destroys property of the District. Further, the District may bring suit in civil court against the parents/guardians of any student who willfully, maliciously or unlawfully damages or destroys District property pursuant to General Obligations Law Section 3-112.

Student data files and other electronic storage areas will be treated like school lockers. This means that such areas shall be considered to be School District property subject to control and inspection. The Computer Coordinator may access all such files and communications without prior notice to ensure system integrity and that users are complying with the requirements of this policy and accompanying regulations. Students should **NOT** expect that information stored on the DCS will be private.

**Notification/Authorization**

The District's ~~Acceptable Responsible~~ Use Policy and Regulations will be disseminated to parents and students in order to provide notice of the school's requirements, expectations, and students' obligations when accessing the DCS.

Student use of the DCS is conditioned upon written agreement by all students and their parents/guardians that student use of the DCS will conform to the requirements of this policy and any regulations adopted to ensure ~~acceptable responsible~~ use of the DCS. All such agreements shall be kept on file in the District Office.



**Internet Use Policy**

The Board of Education encourages the use of the Internet ~~(a global network made up of smaller contributing networks)~~ and its services in order to support open research and education in the School District. The use of the Internet for other purposes, such as for-profit activity, personal business or illegal activity is prohibited.

Each student and staff member who wishes to use the Internet must establish a user account. In order to assure the integrity of the Internet in the School District, each account holder must agree to act responsibly and to comply with this Policy and the Regulations promulgated by the Superintendent of Schools regarding use of the Internet. Therefore, prior to establishing a user account, each student and staff member must sign a user agreement. In the case of students, the student's parent or guardian must also sign the user agreement.

A user account pursuant to this Policy is a privilege that may be revoked in the event of a breach of this Policy and Regulations by an account user. Any account user who is determined to have used the Internet inappropriately or who violates this Policy and its regulations will have his/her user account terminated. Further, a breach of the terms of this Policy and Regulations may be considered an act of insubordination which may result in discipline under the Student Code of Conduct for students and pursuant to law and collectively negotiated agreements for staff members.

Regulations will be established as necessary to implement the terms of this policy.

NOTE: Refer also to Policy #8271 -- Children's Internet Protection Act: Internet Content Filtering/Safety Policy

Adopted: 7/16/08

Revised:

**13.6 First Reading of Revisions to Policy 8271 – Internet Safety/Internet Content Filtering Policy**

2012 8271  
Instruction

**SUBJECT: INTERNET SAFETY/INTERNET CONTENT FILTERING POLICY**

In compliance with the Children's Internet Protection Act (CIPA) and Regulations of the Federal Communications Commission (FCC), the District has adopted and will enforce this Internet safety policy that ensures the use of technology protection measures (i.e., filtering or blocking of access to certain material on the Internet) on all District computers with Internet access. Such technology protection measures apply to Internet access by both adults and minors with regard to visual depictions that are obscene, child pornography, or, with respect to the use of computers by minors, considered harmful to such students. ~~The District will provide for the education of students regarding appropriate online behavior including interacting with other individuals on social networking Web sites websites and in chat rooms, and regarding cyberbullying awareness and response.~~ Further, appropriate monitoring of online activities of minors, as determined by the building/program supervisor, will also be enforced to ensure the safety of students when accessing the Internet.

Further, the Board of Education's decision to utilize technology protection measures and other safety procedures for staff and students when accessing the Internet fosters the educational mission of the schools including the selection of appropriate teaching/instructional materials and activities to enhance the schools' programs; and to help ensure the safety of personnel and students while online.

However, no filtering technology can guarantee that staff and students will be prevented from accessing all inappropriate locations. Proper safety procedures, as deemed appropriate by the applicable administrator/program supervisor, will be provided to ensure compliance with the CIPA.

In addition to the use of technology protection measures, the monitoring of online activities and access by minors to inappropriate matter on the Internet and World Wide Web *may* include, but shall not be limited to, the following guidelines:

- a) Ensuring the presence of a teacher and/or other appropriate District personnel when students are accessing the Internet including, but not limited to, the supervision of minors when using electronic mail, chat rooms, instant messaging and other forms of direct electronic communications. As determined by the appropriate building administrator, the use of e-mail, ~~chat rooms, as well as~~ **and social networking Web sites websites,** may be blocked as deemed necessary to ensure the safety of such students;

- b) Monitoring logs of access in order to keep track of the web sites visited by students as a measure to restrict access to materials harmful to minors;
- c) In compliance with this Internet Safety Policy as well as the District's **Acceptable Responsible** Use Policy, unauthorized access (including so-called "hacking") and other unlawful activities by minors are prohibited by the District; and student violations of such policies may result in disciplinary action; and
- d) Appropriate supervision and notification to minors regarding the prohibition as to unauthorized disclosure, use and dissemination of personal identification information regarding such students.

The determination of what is "inappropriate" for minors shall be determined by the District and/or designated school official(s). It is acknowledged that the determination of such "inappropriate" material may vary depending upon the circumstances of the situation and the age of the students involved in online research.

The terms "minor," "child pornography," "harmful to minors," "obscene," "technology protection measure," "sexual act," and "sexual contact" will be as defined in accordance with CIPA and other applicable laws/regulations as may be appropriate and implemented pursuant to the District's educational mission.

\*Under certain specified circumstances, the blocking or filtering technology measure(s) may be disabled for adults engaged in bona fide research or other lawful purposes. The power to disable can only be exercised by an administrator, supervisor, or other person authorized by the School District.

The School District shall provide certification, pursuant to the requirements of CIPA, to document the District's adoption and enforcement of its Internet Safety Policy, including the operation and enforcement of technology protection measures (i.e., blocking/filtering of access to certain material on the Internet) for all School District computers with Internet access.

### **Internet Safety Instruction**

In accordance with New York State Education Law, the School District may provide, to students in grades K through 12, instruction designed to promote the proper and safe use of the Internet. The Commissioner shall provide technical assistance to assist in the development of curricula for such course of study which shall be age appropriate and developed according to the needs and abilities of students at successive grade levels in order to provide awareness, skills, information and support to aid in the safe usage of the Internet.

Under the *Protecting Children in the 21st Century Act*, students will also be educated on appropriate interactions with other individuals on social networking **Web sites** websites- and in chat rooms, as well as cyberbullying awareness and response.

### **Access to Inappropriate Content/Material and Use of Personal Technology or Electronic Devices**

Despite the existence of District policy, regulations and guidelines, it is **virtually** impossible to completely prevent access to content or material that may be considered inappropriate for students. Students may have the ability to access such content or material from their home, other locations off school premises and/or with a student's own personal technology or electronic device on school grounds or at school events.

The District is not responsible for inappropriate content or material accessed via a student's own personal technology or electronic device or via an unfiltered Internet connection received through a student's own personal technology or electronic device.

Student use of the District's computer system (DCS) is conditioned upon written agreement by all students and their parents/guardians that student use of the DCS will conform to the requirements of this policy and any regulations adopted to ensure **acceptable responsible** use of the DCS. All such agreements shall be kept on file in the District Office.

### **Notification/Authorization**

The District's **Acceptable Responsible** Use Policy and accompanying Regulations will be disseminated to parents and students in order to provide notice of the school's requirements, expectations, and student's obligations when accessing the Internet.

~~— The District has provided reasonable public notice and has held at least one (1) public hearing or meeting to address the proposed Children's Internet Protection Act: Internet Content Filtering/Safety Policy Internet Safety/Internet Content Filtering Policy prior to Board adoption. Furthermore, appropriate actions will be taken to ensure the ready availability to the public of the District's Internet Content Filtering/Safety Policy, as well as any other District policies relating to the use of technology. Additional public notice and a hearing or meeting is not necessary when amendments are made to the Internet Safety Policy in the future.~~

The District's Internet Safety/Internet Content Filtering Policy must be made available to the FCC upon request. Furthermore, appropriate actions will be taken to ensure the ready availability to the public of this policy as well as any other District policies relating to the use of technology.

~~— The Internet Safety/Internet Content Filtering Policy is required to be retained by the school for at least five (5) years after the funding year in which the policy was relied upon to obtain E-rate funding.~~

47 United States Code (USC) Sections 254(h) and 254(l)  
47 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 54  
Education Law Section 814

NOTE: Refer also to Policy #7315 -- Student Use of Computerized Information Resources  
(Acceptable Responsible Use Policy)  
*District Code of Conduct on School Property*

Adopted: 7/16/08  
Revised:

**FINANCIAL REPORTS**

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Motion made by Daniel Torres and seconded by Steve Bagley that the Treasurer's Report for December 2011 and Budget Transfer Schedule #6 be approved.

Motion carried 7 – 0 with 7 members voting.

**OTHER DISCUSSION**

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Kathleen Tobin Flusser – Brought up the subject of high school homework amounts and quality as well as percent of grade. This will go on the Comeback List.

Kathleen Tobin Flusser – Asked for discussion to extend voting in May to start at 6:00 AM or 7:00. It was noted that there would be a cost to extend time the polls are open.

Members asked when petitions are due for the upcoming Budget/Election Vote in May. The District Clerk will provide members with this information.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

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**ADJOURN**

**ADJOURN**

Motion made by Robert Rich and seconded by Daniel Torres that the Board adjourn at 9:46 PM.

Motion carried 7 - 0 with 7 members voting.

Respectfully submitted,

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Beverly J. Sickler  
Clerk Pro Tempore