

COMMUNITY BUDGET FORUM

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

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The meeting was called to order at 6:32 PM by Patrick Rausch, Board President. Mrs. Rice was appointed District Clerk Pro-Tempore for the Executive Session portion of the meeting.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Kathleen Tobin Flusser (arrived 6:40 PM)
Stephen Bagley
Barbara Carroll (arrived 6:44 PM)
Robert Rich
Patrick Rausch
Edgar Rodriguez
Daniel Torres

QUORUM CHECK

ALSO PRESENT: Maria Rice, Superintendent of Schools

ROLL CALL - As reflected above.

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EXECUTIVE SESSION

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Motion made by Mr. Torres and seconded by Mr. Rich that the Board of Education move into Executive Session at 6:32 PM for the purpose of discussing the employment history of particular individuals and discussing contract negotiations, and discussing negotiations with a firm or company. Motion carried 5 - 0 with 5 members voting. Ms. Carroll and Ms. Tobin Flusser were not yet present during voting.

Out of Executive Session: Motion made by Mr. Torres and seconded by Dr. Rodriguez that the Board return to Public Session at 7:02 PM. Motion carried 7 - 0 with 7 members voting.

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The meeting was called to order at 7:12 PM by Patrick Rausch, Board President.

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

QUORUM CHECK

ALSO PRESENT: Maria Rice, Superintendent of Schools
Deborah Banner, Assistant Superintendent
Richard Linden, Assistant Superintendent for Business
Jo-Anne Dobbins, Director Pupil Personnel Services
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
Barbara Clinton, Principal, New Paltz Central High School
Jacqueline Sinatra, Principal, Lenape Elementary School
Debra Hogencamp, Principal, Duzine Elementary School
Elena Maskell, District Clerk
Members of the Public and Press

ROLL CALL - As reflected above.

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President Rausch welcomed the members of the community and explained that the purpose of the evening's budget forum was to engage the community in a conversation about alternative revenue ideas, questions regarding the proposed budget and recommendations regarding the budget.

Prior to opening the meeting to community dialogue, Superintendent Rice and Assistant Superintendent Linden gave an overview of the proposed budget.

The meeting was opened to community comments, questions, and recommendations including the following:

Craig Schapman	New Paltz
Jennifer Pizzarello	New Paltz
Rebecca Burdette	New Paltz
Michael Yukowitz	New Paltz
Kevin Berry	New Paltz
Eric Schwartz	Esopus
Peter Reuben	New Paltz
Mark Pizzarello	New Paltz
Karen Edelman	New Paltz
Taylor Reed	New Paltz
Michael Scarpati	New Paltz
MaryBeth Lunati	New Paltz
John Behler	CWA Business Agent
Susan Hanson	New Paltz
Sarah Sebald	Gardiner
Barbara Weiner	New Paltz
Rebecca Masters	New Paltz
Arlene Santinello	New Paltz
Tony Osbourne	Gardiner
Laura Faure	New Paltz
Adrienne Hekking	New Paltz
Mackenzie Osbourne	Gardiner
Dominick Profaci	Gardiner
Christiane Dates	New Paltz
Eric Schwartz	Esopus
Ginger King	Gardiner
Brian Cournoyer	New Paltz
Dal Veeder	New Paltz
Mathew Elkin	Gardiner
Robert Lamark	Gardiner
Michael Yuokwitz	Gardiner
Jon Stern	New Paltz
Ed Burke	New Paltz

Discussion by Board Members ensued. Mr. Rausch gave Maria C. Rice a directive to go back to the different units to see if anyone was willing to make a concession again this year. Mr. Rausch also gave Superintendent Rice a directive to look into cutting modified sports versus JV sports. Mr. Rausch asked for a show of hands for seeing a budget over 3.4%. Six Board Members agreed. Mr. Rausch asked members if they were comfortable with looking at a 4.4% budget. Administration was given a directive to present a 4.4% budget.

ADJOURN

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Motion made by Mr. Rich and seconded by Mr. Torres to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 10:32 P.M. by President Rausch.

Respectfully submitted,

Elena Maskell
District Clerk