

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

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

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Stephen Bagley
Kathleen Tobin Flusser
Barbara Carroll
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.

ROLL CALL

PLEDGE TO THE FLAG

PLEDGE

EXECUTIVE SESSION

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Motion made by Dr. Rodriguez and seconded by Mr. Bagley that the Board of Education move into Executive Session at 6:00PM for the purpose of discussing the employment history of particular 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.

Out of Executive Session - Motion made by Mr. Bagley and seconded by Mr. Torres that the Board return to Public Session at 7:06 PM. Motion carried 7 - 0 with 7 members voting.

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The Public Meeting was called to order at 7:10 PM by Patrick Rausch, Board President.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Stephen Bagley
Kathleen Tobin Flusser
Barbara Carroll
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
Elena Maskell, District Clerk
Samantha Levine, Student Representative
Members of the Public and Press

ROLL CALL

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The roll was called as reflected above.

AGENDA CHANGES

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

Minutes - Business Meeting
3/21/12

ADD Under Board Communication the following:
BOARD COMMUNICATIONS

UCSBA LEGISLATIVE ACTION COMMITTEE

ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION APRIL 11, 2012

HEALTH AND SAFETY SEQRA RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Board of Education of the New Paltz Central School District has a proposed project to address health and safety improvements and alterations to all District school buildings (“Proposed Action”) and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education wishes to comply with the requirements of the State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA); and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education has reviewed the proposed Scope of Work and has consulted with its Architects, CSArch, with respect to the potential for environmental impacts resulting from the Proposed Action; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education has reviewed the Proposed Action with respect to the Type II criteria set forth in the SEQRA Regulations at 6 NYCRR Part 617.5 and has determined that the Proposed Action is a Type II action pursuant to Section 617.5(c)(1), (2) and (8) of the SEQRA Regulations;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the New Paltz Central School District is hereby designated lead agency under SEQRA for the Proposed Action; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby determines that the health and safety improvements and alterations to all District school buildings is a Type II action pursuant to Section 617.5(c)(1), (2) and (8) of the SEQRA Regulations and will not have a significant adverse impact on the environment, and that no further review of the Proposed Action is required.

BOND PROPOSITION RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE NEW PALTZ CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT, NEW YORK, ADOPTED MARCH 21, 2012, DIRECTING SUBMISSION OF A BOND PROPOSITION AT THE ANNUAL DISTRICT MEETING AND ELECTION OF THE QUALIFIED VOTERS OF SAID SCHOOL DISTRICT, TO BE HELD MAY 15, 2012, AND PRESCRIBING THE FORM OF SUCH BOND PROPOSITION TO BE INSERTED IN THE NOTICE OF SUCH ANNUAL DISTRICT MEETING AND ELECTION.

RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE NEW PALTZ CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT, IN THE COUNTY OF ULSTER, NEW YORK, AS FOLLOWS:

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NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that a Bond Proposition in substantially the following form shall be presented to the qualified voters of the District at such Annual District Meeting and Election:

BOND PROPOSITION

RESOLVED:

(a) That the Board of Education of the New Paltz Central School District, in the County of Ulster, New York (the “District”), is hereby authorized to construct health and safety improvements and alterations to all District school buildings (the “Project”), all substantially in accordance with and as described in a report, prepared by CSArch, Architecture, Engineering and Construction Management, entitled Summary of Health & Safety Items - Option 2” (the “Report”), which report is available for public inspection at the office of the District Clerk, such Project to include the reconstruction and/or replacement of roofs and skylights,

improvements to the heating, ventilation, air-conditioning and plumbing systems; replacement of an underground fuel storage tank; improvements to the fire safety and emergency lighting systems; window refurbishment and chimney reconditioning; all of the foregoing to include the original furnishing, equipment, machinery, apparatus and ancillary or related site and other work required in connection therewith; and to expend therefor, including preliminary costs and costs incidental thereto and to the financing thereof, an amount not to exceed the estimated total cost of not to exceed \$7,955,378, provided that the estimated costs of the components of the Project as set forth in detail in the Report may be reallocated among such components if the Board of Education shall determine that such reallocation is in the best interests of the District;

(b) that a tax is hereby voted in the amount of not to exceed \$7,955,378 to finance such cost, such tax to be levied and collected in installments in such years and in such amounts as shall be determined by said Board of Education and, that in anticipation of such tax, bonds and bond anticipation notes of the District will be issued and a tax is hereby also voted to pay the interest on said bonds and notes as the same shall become due and payable; and

(c) that the amount of not to exceed \$1,200,000 currently on hand in the District’s "District-wide Construction and Reconstruction Capital Reserve Fund" heretofore established following approval by the voters on May 17, 2005 (the “Fund”), is hereby authorized and approved to be expended for the cost of the replacement of roofs in the Project, and any of such amount so expended from the Fund shall offset a like amount of the taxes herein authorized to pay for the Project.

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BOND PROPOSITION

YES

NO

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Section 2. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

CHANGE New Business Agenda Item 16.3 Request for Acceptance of Donation for the Lenape Elementary School Baseball/Softball Field to read as follows:

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 Superintendent Maria C. Rice, does hereby accept a donation to the New Paltz Central Schools for the upgrade of the field and weekly maintenance by a licensed, insured and bonded landscape company from April through June 2012, of the the Lenape Elementary School Baseball/Softball field, and directs the District Clerk to send a letter of appreciation from the Board of Education to the New Paltz Baseball Association for this donation.

DELETE New Business Agenda Item 16.4 in its entirety.

All were in favor with none opposed. Agenda changes passed 7-0.

SPOTLIGHT ON PROGRAM: “Being Kind and Courageous Kids Through Puppetry” Janice Hoffer & Lisa Hasbrouck’s second grade class under the direction of Lauren Papot. Debra Hogencamp, principal of Duzine Elementary School, presented Lauren Papot and the second grade class. The second grade class gave a presentation on “Being Kind and Courageous Kids Through Puppetry”. The children gave a presentation and a video presentation followed.

RECOGNITION

Barbara Clinton introduced the Valedictorian and Salutatorian of the class of 2012. They were presented with certificates of achievement. Charlton Tsai, was recognized as the Valedictorian, with a grade point average of 101.737, and Melanie Schmidt, was recognized as the Salutatorian with a grade point average of 99.49.

BUDGET PRESENTATION – Richard Linden and Maria C. Rice gave an updated PowerPoint presentation on the 2012-2013 budget.

Mr. Rich informed the Board that he intends to resign his position of the Board effective June 30, 2012. This means there will be three 3-year terms seats up at the annual election, and one 1-year term.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

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Lisa Metz	New Paltz
Peggy Decker	Gardiner
Debora Fialkow	New Paltz
Tanya Marquette	Gardiner
Michael Yukoweic	Gardiner
Steve Greenfield	New Paltz

Mr. Rausch read a letter aloud a letter from Philip Stephenson, President of the Ulster County Music Educators Association. This letter was mailed to the Board President and asked to be read aloud during a Board of Education Meeting.

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORT

STUDENT REP

Samantha Levine spoke to the Board about the cuts in clubs and sports programs. Ms. Levine stated the High School had their Snowball Dance, a field triep at SUNY Ulster, and gave an update on sports. Ms. Levine stated the the Musical “Sussical” will be shown at the High School this weekend. Ms. Levine also stated there is an upcoming Tournament of champions, anti-bullying assembly, blood drive, Dancing with the Teachers, and Senior Citizens’ Dinner on May 3, 2012.

CAPITAL BOND PROJECT DISCUSSION

Tom Ritzenthaler and Paige Lewis were at the meeting to present updated data and Options with regards to the Capital Bond Project. Discussion ensued. It was decided to go for Option 1, with a dollar amount of \$12,300,000. The same language is to be used as the Bond Proposition Resolution that was presented on the Addendum, just replacing the dollar amount with \$12,300,000 and adding language to conform to Option 1. Mr. Linden noted there is no tax impact on this bond until the 2013-2014 school year.

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

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(b) that a tax is hereby voted in the amount of not to exceed \$12,300,000 to finance such cost, such tax to be levied and collected in installments in such years and in such amounts as shall be determined by said Board of Education and, that in anticipation of such tax, bonds and bond anticipation notes of the District will be issued and a tax is hereby also voted to pay the interest on said bonds and notes as the same shall become due and payable; and

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Section 2. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

There was a friendly amendment from Ms. Tobin Flusser to move the Health and Safety SEQRA Resolution before the Bond Proposition Resolution. Mr. Rich accepted. Mr. Torres seconded the motion. All in favor with none opposed. Motion carried 7-0.

Discussion ensued. Motion made by Ms. Tobin Flusser to split the two resolutions currently on the table. Motion seconded by Mr. Bagley. All in favor with none opposed. Motion carried 7-0.

Motion made by Ms. Tobin Flusser and seconded by Mr. Bagley to accept the following resolution:

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WHEREAS, the Board of Education wishes to comply with the requirements of the State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA); and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education has reviewed the proposed Scope of Work and has consulted with its Architects, CSArch, with respect to the potential for environmental impacts resulting from the Proposed Action; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education has reviewed the Proposed Action with respect to the Type II criteria set forth in the SEQRA Regulations at 6 NYCRR Part 617.5 and has determined that the Proposed Action is a Type II action pursuant to Section 617.5(c)(1), (2) and (8) of the SEQRA Regulations;

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Fiver were in favor with two opposed. (E. Rodriguez and B. Carroll). Motion carried 5-2.

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

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costs and costs incidental thereto and to the financing thereof, an amount not to exceed the estimated total cost of not to exceed \$12,300,000, provided that the estimated costs of the components of the Project as set forth in detail in the Report may be reallocated among such components if the Board of Education shall determine that such reallocation is in the best interests of the District;

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Section 2. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

Fiver were in favor with two opposed. (E. Rodriguez and B. Carroll). Motion carried 5-2.

VECHICLE PROPOSITION

Maureen Ryan gave a presentation to the Board regarding the need for acquisition of vehicles. The original resolution which has been voted on by the Board to place on the ballot has a total cost of \$490,000 for the purchase of vehicles. Ms. Ryan gave a bottom line recommendation as a revised scenario and presented the information to the Board. This second scenario has a total vehicle purchase of \$339,000, which incorporates one 65-passenger bus at a cost of \$113,000, four 20-passenger or smaller school buses at a cost of \$47,500 each, and one 7-passenger or smaller vehicle at a cost of \$36,000. This is being offered as a way to reduce the original proposition and lower the tax impact on the voters. Discussion ensued.

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

Request for Approval to Place Proposition on Ballot at the Annual Meeting on May 21, 2012 Approving Purchase of Vehicles

Recommendation – that the following resolution be approved:

BE IT RESOLVED that the following proposition be placed on the ballot at the Annual Meeting of the qualified voters of the New Paltz Central School District, to be conducted on May 21, 2012:

Shall the Board of Education of the New Paltz Central School District, Ulster County, New York, be authorized to purchase one 65-passenger or larger school bus at a cost of \$113,000 each, for a maximum estimated cost of \$113,000; and four 20-passenger or smaller school buses at a cost of \$47,500 each, for a maximum estimated cost of \$190,000; and one 7-passenger or smaller vehicle at a cost of \$36,000, for a maximum estimated cost of \$36,000; each for an aggregate maximum estimated cost of \$339,000; and

that the sum of \$339,000, or so much thereof as may be necessary, shall be raised by the levy of a tax upon the taxable property of said School District and collected in annual installments, as provided by Section 416 of the Education Law, and, in anticipation of such tax, obligations of the District shall be issued.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the School District Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to publish this proposition in the Legal Notice of Annual Meeting, Election and Vote in the designated newspapers. All were in favor with none opposed. Motion carried 7-0.

Motion made by Mr. Rich and seconded by Ms. Carroll to remove the original vehicle proposition from the ballot and replace it with the one just voted upon. All were in favor with none opposed. Motion carried 7-0.

LAND ACQUISITION

It was decided to keep this project going.

Discussion ensued regarding members of the board to do go different Town Board Meetings to discuss the land acquisition vote and provide information to the public. Mr. Rich stated he would go to the Town Board meeting in Gardiner on April 3, 2012. Mr. Torres said he would do the Village of New Paltz meeting on March 28, 2012. Mr. Rausch will attend the Town of New Paltz meeting tomorrow evening.

Mrs. Rice stated she would like the Board to consider the 4.4% tax levy. Discussion ensued regarding concessions from the bargaining units. Lengthy discussion ensued regarding cuts in programs, jobs, additions of programs and jobs, and where the Board wants to be as far as the tax levy. There was a consensus to go with the 4.4% tax levy. Pre-K and the Elementary Foreign Language were supported by the majority, and the Library Media Specialist was supported by three members.

Mr. Rausch asked Mrs. Rice to get the information to the Board regarding what opportunities there are for children of color and report back to the board before Spring Break. Mr. Rausch asked members to send direct questions to Maria so they can discuss any issues that arise before the next Board Meeting wherein the Board of Education has to vote on the budget.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORTS & DISCUSSION ITEMS

SUPT REPORT

SUPERINTENDENT COMMENTS

Superintendent Rice noted that Rosario Agostario, Superintendent of the Rondout Valley School District sent information on the GAP ratio and other budgetary issues. Mrs. Rice asked the Board if anyone was interested in combining with his BOE to address Assemblyman Cahill to address these inequities. Mr. Torres said he will gladly do it as well as Ms. Tobin Flusser. Ms. Carroll also stated she would go as well.

Race To The Top Update – APPR, CCLS, SLO’s – This item was removed from the agenda and will be discussed at the next Board of Education meeting.

BOARD COMMUNICATIONS

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BOCES BOARD SEAT VACANCIES

There is one member at large spot. The Board collectively decided not to nominate anyone.

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

AUTHORIZATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF SERVICE OF PROCESS

10.1 Authorization of Acceptance of Service of Process Upon New Paltz Central School District

Recommendation - that the New Paltz Central Schools Board of Education, upon the recommendation of Maria C. Rice, Superintendent of Schools, does hereby authorize Beverly Sickler to accept service of process upon the district, in the absence of the District Clerk, for the remainder of the 2011/2012 school year.

All in favor with none opposed. Motion carried 7-0.

NYSSBA LEGISLATIVE ACTION COMMITTEE

There was discussion about appointing a Board Member to serve on this newly formed committee. Tentatively the Board will appoint Mr. Torres.

ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION APRIL 11, 2012

Mr. Rausch stated this was originally scheduled for April 11th. This is the day after the Land Acquisition Vote. Discussion ensued regarding changing this date to Monday, April 9, 2012. A Press release will be sent out for a 7:00 PM start to be held in the staff development room or science room at Lenape.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

HEALTH ADVISORY COMMITTEE – Barbara Carroll (5 MIN)

Ms. Carroll gave an update to the Board regarding the last Health Advisory Meeting. Minutes from the meeting were sent to Members via email today.

MINUTES OF MEETING

MINUTES

Motion made by Ms. Carroll and seconded by Mr. Torres 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 Business Meeting of the February 15, 2012 Workshop Meeting, the Community Budget Forum of March 7, 2012, and the Special Meeting of March 14, 2012. Motion carried 7 - 0 with 7 members voting.

FINANCIAL REPORTS

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Motion made by Mr. Torres and seconded by Mr. Rich that the Treasurer’s Report for February 2012 and Budget Transfer Schedule #8 be approved. Motion carried 7 – 0 with 7 members voting.

PERSONNEL

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Motion made by Mr. Torres and seconded by Ms. Carroll with thanks and appreciation.

14.1 Instructional Resignation – for purpose of Retirement - Teaching Assistant

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 instructional employee for the purpose of retirement:

Name	Title	Effective Date	Dates of Employment	Number of Years in District
Frances Lamb	Teaching Assistant	6/30/12	12/1/99 - 6/30/12	12+ years

All in favor with none opposed. Motion carried 7-0.

Motion made by Mr. Torres and seconded by Ms. Tobin Flusser that the Board of Education approve the following personnel (consent agenda) resolutions 14.2 through 14.6:

14.2 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 Dates
Fabio Alvarez	3/22/12 - 6/30/12
Samantha Anderson	3/22/12 - 6/30/12
Brittney Corrigan	3/22/12 - 6/30/12
Linda Guidi	3/22/12 - 6/30/12
Lauren Passante	3/22/12 - 6/30/12
Rebecca Saxe	3/22/12 - 6/30/12
Ryan Solomon	3/22/12 - 6/30/12
Gian Starr	3/22/12 - 6/30/12

14.3 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:

Name	Title	Effective Dates
Camille Vining	Special Education Teacher	3/10/12 - 4/24/12

14.4 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
Thomas B. Chervenak
David K. Stone

14.5 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
Mena Zapata	School Monitor	2/22/12-6/30/12	\$10.50/hr	3.25 hrs per day

14.6 Election Inspectors

Recommendation - that the New Paltz Central Schools Board of Education appoints the following individuals as Election Inspectors for the 2011-2012 School Year:

- Name**
 Jennifer Chase
 Rebecca Copenhaver
 Ronald Rzepnicki
 Maria Urquidi

MOTION carried 7 - 0 with 7 members voting.

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Motion made by Mr. Torres and seconded by Mr. Bagley that the Board of Education approve the following resolution:

16.1 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: 10259, 10751, 10637, 10933, 10889, 12437, 10892, 10947, 11530, 10932, 10755, 11258, 12711, 12019, 10687, 10592, 10554, 12720, 12695, 10910, 12652, 10981, 10754, 10991, 11190, 10699, 12652, 10786, 10759, 10644, 10519, 10715, 10109, 11273, 10956, 11370, 11173, 10949, 11494, 10583, 10927, 12479, 11288, 11289, 12708, 10843, 10043, 12146, 11207, 12167, 9135, 12712, 9165, 9827, 8154, 8199, 8233, 1634.

Dr. Rodriguez and Mr. Bagley will do the spot check IEP reviews. All in favor with none opposed. Motion carried 7-0.

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

16.2 Request for Approval of Standard Work Day And Reporting Resolution

Recommendation - that the following resolution be approved: BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the New Paltz Central School District/Location Code 75103 hereby establishes the following as standard work days for appointed officials and will report the following days worked to the New York State and Local Employees' Retirement System based on the time keeping system records or the record of activities maintained and submitted by these officials to the District Clerk:

Title	Name	Social Security Number (Last 4 Digits)	Registration Number	Standard Work Day (Hrs/Day)	Term Begins/Ends	Participates In Employer's Time Keeping System (Yes/No)	Days/ Month (Based on Record of Activities)	Tier 1 (Check only if member is Tier 1)	Not Submitted (Check box if no record of activities completed or if participates in timekeeping system)
APPOINTED OFFICIAL									
Deputy Claims Auditor	Jennifer Chase	████	████	8	9/21/11 – 6/30/12	N	0.083	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

All in favor with none opposed. Motion carried 7-0.

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

16.3 Request for Acceptance of Donation for the Lenape Elementary School Baseball/Softball Field:

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 Superintendent Maria C. Rice, does hereby accept a donation to the New Paltz Central Schools for the upgrade of the field and weekly maintenance by a licensed, insured and bonded landscape company from April through June 2012, of the the Lenape Elementary School Baseball/Softball field, and directs the District Clerk to send a letter of appreciation from the Board of Education to the New Paltz Baseball Association for this donation. All in favor with none opposed. Motion carried 7-0.

16.4 Resolution deleted in its entirety.

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

16.5 Request for Acceptance of Donation for the New Paltz Central School District

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 Superintendent Maria C. Rice, does hereby accept a donation to the New Paltz Central Schools for six padded folding chairs, and directs the District Clerk to send a letter of appreciation from the Board of Education to Pearl Morse for this donation.

All in favor with none opposed. Motion carried 7-0.

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

16.6 Request for Approval of Lease Extension Agreement For Rental Of Facilities

Recommendation – that the Board of Education approve the following resolution: BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby delegates authority to the Board President or the Board Vice President in the Board President’s absence, to execute a lease agreement for the rental of facilities by the Ulster County Board of Cooperative Educational Services, upon completion of negotiations therefore and approval of a Lease Agreement by the School Attorney. Upon execution of such lease extension agreement for rental of facilities, it shall be incorporated by reference within the minutes of this meeting.

Mr. Bagley left the meeting at 11:09 PM. Four were in favor with two abstentions. Motion carried 4-2. Mr. Bagley was not present during voting.

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

16.7 Request for Approval of Central Business Office Agreement

Recommendation – that the Board of Education approve the following:

WHEREAS, the New Paltz Central School District wishes to transfer its business office functions of accounts payable, accounting and purchasing to the Ulster County BOCES under a Cooperative Services Agreement (CoSer) for the purposes of efficiency and economy and;

WHEREAS, the proposed transfer to BOCES of these business office functions will involve a transfer of personnel from the New Paltz Central School District to the Ulster County BOCES and;

WHEREAS, the employees currently performing the functions of accounts payable, accounting and purchasing enjoy certain rights with regard to transfer under Section 70 of the Civil Service Law;

NOW, THEREFORE, in light of the foregoing, it is hereby resolved as follows:

1. That the functions of accounts payable, accounting and purchasing currently performed by the business office of the New Paltz Central School District shall be transferred to the Ulster County BOCES under a Cooperative Services Agreement (CoSer) as soon as practicable after the completion of the procedures called for under Section 70 of the Civil Service Law.

2. The Superintendent of Schools and/or the Assistant Superintendent for Business shall provide to the President of the Board of Education and/or the Vice President of the Board a list of the names and titles of those employees substantially engaged in the performance of the functions to be transferred, and shall cause copies of that list to be publically and conspicuously posted in the offices of the business department, along with a copy of Subdivision 2 of Section 70 of the Civil Service Law, so that the President of the Board and/or the Vice President can certify to the Board of Education of the Ulster County BOCES a list of the names and titles of those employees substantially engaged in the performance of the functions to be transferred, together with a certification that in transferring those functions to the Ulster County BOCES, the New Paltz Central School District has complied with the provisions and requirements necessary to effect such transfers under Section 70 of the Civil Service Law.

3. This resolution shall take effect upon completion of the requirements set forth under Section 70 of the Civil Service Law.

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

Motion made by Mr. Rich and seconded by Mr. Torres to approve the following resolution omitting the words “buses and” from the original resolution:

16.8 Request for Approval to Sell/Dispose of Surplus Equipment

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, declares the following equipment as excess and unneeded property and authorizes the sale/disposition of said property:

Description	Barcode Tag Number
Upright Piano	20070783
Knabe Grand Piano	002645

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

OTHER DISCUSSION

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PUBLIC COMMENTS

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Steve Greenfield New Paltz

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With no need for a second Executive Session, a motion was made by Mr. Torres and seconded by Ms. Carroll that the Board adjourn at 11:24 PM. Motion carried 6 - 0 with 6 members voting.

Respectfully submitted,

Elena Rae Maskell
District Clerk