

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

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Meeting was called to order at 6:08 PM by Patrick Rausch, Board President.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Stephen Bagley
Barbara Carroll (arrived at 7:17 PM)
Kathleen Tobin Flusser
Patrick Rausch
Edgar Rodriguez

QUORUM CHECK

ALSO PRESENT: Maria Rice, Superintendent of Schools
Debora Banner, Assistant Superintendent
Jo-Anne Dobbins, Director of Pupil Personnel Services (arrived 6:30 PM)
Barbara Clinton, Principal, New Paltz Central High School (arrived 6:25 PM)

EXCUSED Robert Rich
Daniel Torres

ROLL CALL The roll was called as reflected above.

ROLL CALL

EXECUTIVE SESSION

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Motion made by Mr. Bagley and seconded by Ms. Tobin Flusser 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 the school history of particular students in accordance with their FERPA rights, and discussing matters made exempt by FERPA. Motion carried 4 - 0 with 4 members voting. Mrs. Rice was appointed District Clerk Pro-Tempore for the Executive Session portion of the meeting.

Out of Executive Session - Motion made by Mr. Bagley and seconded by Ms. Tobin Flusser that the Board return to Public Session at 7:01 PM. Motion carried 4 - 0 with 4 members voting.

Dr. Rodriguez left the meeting at 7:01 PM.

SPOTLIGHT ON PROGRAM

SPOTLIGHT

The meeting began at 7:07 PM. There was not yet a quorum, so President Rausch did not officially call the meeting to order. Since the children were present at the meeting for a Spotlight on Program presentation, the Lenape students gave their presentation. Jackie Sinatra introduced Linda Sinforoso & Sarah Sebald’s Lenape fourth grade classes. The children performed a Diversity Poem regarding empathy, compassion, and courage.

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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
Jacqueline Sinatra, Principal, Lenape Elementary School
Elena Maskell, District Clerk
Samantha Levine, Student Representative
Members of the Public and Press

ROLL CALL The roll was called as reflected above.

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PLEDGE TO THE FLAG

PLEDGE

AGENDA CHANGES

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Motion made by Ms. Tobin Flusser and seconded by Ms. Carroll to approve the following agenda changes

ADD to Personnel New Agenda Item 12.6 Instructional Leave of Absence		
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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 instructional employee:		
Name	Title	Effective Dates
Jenny Denman	English Teacher	4/27/12 - 6/30/12

All were in favor with none opposed. Motion carried 4-0.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

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Leslie Yapple Gardiner
 Cathy Sanchez New Paltz
 Jon Stern NPUT

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORT

STUDENT REP

Samantha Levine updated the Board of Education on the Blood Drive, the Anti-Bullying Campaign Assembly, the PTA Book Fair, and a Job Fair. The Relay for Life is this weekend, and next week is the Senior Citizens’ Dinner at the High School. Ms. Levine said in early May there is a Walk to Support Epilepsy.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORTS & DISCUSSION ITEMS

SUPT REPORT

SUPERINTENDENT’S COMMENTS

Mrs. Rice stated at 6:30 a.m. on Monday, April 23, 2012, the Principal arrived and noted that there was water and sewage in the 6th grade wing of the middle school. Crews came in immediately and the BOCES safety inspector came in to make sure the school was okay to open. Superintendent Rice noted a 10% bleach solution was used, and some of the odor came up. Air quality was done and there was nothing toxic, but because people were sensitive to that and the rooms that had been wet had to be cleaned, the smell was very strong, the middle school was closed early on Monday. Mrs. Rice stated the only reason they could not get the children out of the middle school earlier was because the fleet was still transporting elementary children. As soon as the buses were ready the middle school children were transported home. Mr. Rausch asked if an alarm could be set so if water is an issue in the future there is a way to notify the district that there is a problem.

Mrs. Rice announced that Charlton Tsai is the winner of the National Merritt \$25,000 scholarship and he has decided to go to Cornell University. Mr. Tsai is the valedictorian of the Class of 2012.

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORTS

RTTT UPDATE – Maria Rice and Debora Banner gave a presentation on the update for the Race to the Top. They gave a PowerPoint Presentation of updated information on Annual Professional Performance Review (AAPR), Race to the Top (RTTT), Common Core Learning Standards (CCLS), and Student Learning Objectives (SLOs).

BOARD COMMUNICATIONS

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HEALTH ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBERS – BOE COMMITTEE

Discussion ensued regarding appointing new members to the Health Advisory Committee for the next school year. Due to the lack of attendance, the Board decided to move this discussion until the next meeting.

CAHILL VISIT – KT Tobin Flusser noted that about a month ago she went with Superintendent from Highland, the Superintendent from Rondout, and another Board member from Highland to Albany to visit Kevin Cahill. Rosario Agostaro did an analysis of the GAP elimination line of State funding analysis of districts and found a discrepancy between districts in the Hudson valley compared to the rest of New York State. Ms. Tobin Flusser stated they learned in Albany that the formula for GAP elimination has changed. It is now 75% based on land and 25% based on income, which means that the Hudson Valley’s GAP numbers have changed with the increase in real estate.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

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FACILITIES COMMITTEE – Patrick Rausch stated they had a very productive meeting recently where the three new community members attended. The new community members had very in-depth questions and it was a productive meeting. Mr. Rausch stated the big issue the committee is currently working on is the Health & Safety Bond which was pulled from

the May ballot and may be presented to the voters at a later date. The Committee is thinking of a September time frame. On May 3, 2012 there will be a comprehensive facilities review by the new members and they will report back with their findings. Mr. Rausch stated all three members are professionals in the field with a great deal of experience and knowledge.

LEGISLATIVE ACTION ADVISORY COMMITTEE –Report moved to the next meeting due to Mr. Torres’ absence.

MINUTES OF MEETING

MINUTES

Motion made by Ms. Carroll 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 April 11, 2012. Motion carried 4 - 0 with 4 members voting.

FINANCIAL REPORTS

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Motion made by Ms. Carroll and seconded by Mr. Bagley that the Treasurer’s Report for March 2012 and Budget Transfer Schedule #9 be approved. Motion carried 4 – 0 with 4 members voting.

PERSONNEL (CONSENT AGENDA)

PERSONNEL

Motion made by Ms. Carroll and seconded by Ms. Tobin Flusser that the Board of Education approve the following personnel (consent agenda) items 12.1 through 12.6:

12.1 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.

Name	Effective Date
Cheryl Rice	4/26/12 - 6/30/12
Rachel Van Carpels	4/26/12 - 6/30/12

12.2 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

Lisa Hasbrouck

12.3 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
Marcos Ramos	Sub. Maintenance Worker	4/16/12	\$15.00/hr	as needed
Megan Rushia	Food Service Helper	4/26/12	\$12.00/hr	3 hrs per day

12.4 Spring Coaching Appointment

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

Name	Title	Salary
Kathy Roger-Carroll	Track Assistant	unpaid

12.5 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	4/25/12 – 6/30/12

12.6 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 instructional employee:

Name	Title	Effective Dates
Jenny Denman	English Teacher	4/27/12 - 6/30/12

MOTION carried 4 - 0 with 4 members voting.

OLD BUSINESS

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

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: 12395, 12164, 12471, 12420, 12685, 12423, 12143, 12481, 12167, 12312, 12678, 12389, 12404, 12384, 12632, 12418, 12444, 12447, 12521, 12440, 12165, 12170, 12173, 12427, 12442, 12699, 12304, 12294, 11057, 10466, 10946, 10738, 10928, 12469, 12110, 12067, 12428, 10213, 10650, 10883, 10706, 10707, 10758, 12047, 12378, 12159, 12171, 12118, 11510, 11523, 12470, 11496, 9913, 10917, 10516, 10515, 10901, 12740, 10186, 10013, 9489, 9123, 9456, 12715, 9615, 9834, 9406, 9302, 8001, 9840, 8103, 8005, 8162, 9458, 8270, 8936, 9355, 12398, 8818, 12174, 10096, 10093, 2571, 10292, 8173, 8894, 8141, 10811.

All in favor with none opposed. Motion carried 4-0.

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

14.2 Request for Approval of the 2012-2013 Ulster BOCES Administrative Budget

Recommendation - that the Board of Education approve the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approve the proposed 2012-2013 Ulster BOCES Administrative Budget in the amount of \$2,423,957.00.

All in favor with none opposed. Motion carried 4-0.

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

14.3 Ulster BOCES Board Candidate Vote

Recommendation - that the Board of Education approve the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education exercise their voting rights regarding the nominated candidates for the Board of Cooperative Educational Services of the Sole Supervisory District of Ulster County. Nominated Candidates are as follows:

Seat #1 – Highland (3-year term)
Regina Tantillo-Swanson
54 Sough Street
Highland, NY 12528

Seat #2 – Kingston (3-year term)
Len Cane
50 Lipton Street
Kingston, NY 12401

Seat #3 – Onteora (3-year term)
Robert Curran
8 Hedgerow Court
West Hurley, NY 12491

Seat #4 – At Large (3-year term)

Dennis O’Mara – Wallkill
PO Box 315
Wallkill, NY 12589

One vote was cast for each of the nominating candidates, as four seats are open and four candidates are running. All in favor with none opposed. Motion carried 4-0.

OTHER DISCUSSION

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Ms. Tobin Flusser said she saw the New Visions Students from BOCES and it was amazing. She commended this program and encouraged the district to utilize BOCES services to the best of our ability.

Ms. Tobin Flusser also inquired about the new rules from NYSSBA regarding the application process for free and reduced lunch.

Ms. Tobin Flusser also had a question about the budget. She said there was an overall dollar amount voted upon at the last meeting. She wanted to know if there was still room to change priorities between the line items in the budget to shift funds elsewhere. Mrs. Rice said they have been working diligently to submit to the State the materials required. Mrs. Rice stated the Board can always move funds via a transfer, however, the reallocation must cover costs of the things that were already committed to.

Ms. Tobin Flusser also asked about competitive grants. Mrs. Rice stated they are looking at hybrid and electric buses, but the transportation department does not have the capacity to do this. The CBO cannot be considered for the efficiency grants because you cannot use any BOCES programs. Mr. Linden stated there may be a couple of things to meet the criteria and there are several people working on that now. Ms. Banner stated there was one on teacher development grant but we did not qualify for that because we do not have a high enough free and reduced lunch rate.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

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Jon Stern NPUT

EXECUTIVE SESSION

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BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Stephen Bagley
 Barbara Carroll
 Kathleen Tobin Flusser
 Patrick Rausch

QUORUM CHECK

EXCUSED Robert Rich
 Edgar Rodriguez
 Daniel Torres

ALSO PRESENT: Maria Rice, Superintendent

Out of Executive Session

RETURN PUBLIC SESSION

Motion made by Ms. Carroll and seconded by Mr. Bagley that the Board return to Public Session at 9:31 PM. Motion carried 4 - 0 with 4 members voting.

In public session, Mr. Rausch noted that two additional items were being added to the Agenda and were voted upon by the Board of Education during Executive Session.

Motion made by Ms. Carroll and seconded by Mr. Bagley to approve the following resolutions:

12.7 3020-a Suspension With Pay

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board hereby suspends Employee No. 42512-A during the pendency of 3020-a Education Law disciplinary proceedings commenced against said employee with pay as required by law.”

12.8 3020-a Suspension With Pay

ADD to Personnel New Agenda Item **12.7 3020-a Suspension With Pay the following:**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board hereby suspends Employee No. 42512-B during the pendency of 3020-a Education Law disciplinary proceedings commenced against said employee with pay as required by law.”

Motion carried 4 - 0 with 4 members voting.

ADJOURN

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Motion made by Ms. Tobin Flusser and seconded by Ms. Carroll that the Board adjourn at 9:35 PM. Motion carried 4 - 0 with 4 members voting.

Respectfully submitted,

Elena Rae Maskell
District Clerk