

Minutes – Special Meeting – Board of Education – New Paltz Central High School – May 30, 2012 – 7:00 PM

**CALL MEETING TO ORDER**

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The Public Meeting was called to order at 6:07 PM by Patrick Rausch, Board President.

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:** Stephen Bagley  
Kathleen Tobin Flusser  
Dominick Profaci  
Patrick Rausch  
Edgar Rodriguez  
Daniel Torres

QUORUM CHECK

**EXCUSED:** Robert Rich

**ALSO PRESENT:** Maria Rice, Superintendent of Schools  
Debora Banner, Assistant Superintendent  
Richard Linden, Assistant Superintendent for Business  
Jacqueline Sinatra, Principal, Lenape Elementary School  
Debra Hogencamp, Principal, Duzine Elementary School  
Antonia Woody, Director of Physical Education, Health, Athletics & Health Services  
Michael Robinson, Director of Food Services  
Elena Maskell, District Clerk  
Members of the Public and Press

**ROLL CALL** The roll was called as reflected above.

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**AGENDA CHANGES** - None

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**BUDGET PRESENTATION** – Mr. Linden and Superintendent Rice gave a presentation of the 3.4% tax levy limit budget to be voted upon today by the Board of Education.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

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Kim Sturgis	New Paltz Art Teacher & Parent
Giannina Crocitto & Alexandra Hekking	New Paltz
David Dukler	Gardiner
Jacob Lawrence	New Paltz
Karen Edelman	New Paltz
Eric Schwartz	Esopus
Jeff Salt	New Paltz
Beth Barry	New Paltz

**BOARD COMMUNICATIONS**

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Mr. Rausch asked Antonia Woody to come down and address the Board with respect to cutting sports in the budget. Mrs. Woody spoke to the Board Members regarding a proposal to keep the modified sports in the budget by combining JV sports with varsity sports. Several people spoke regarding this: Carmen DeMarco of New Paltz, Justin Finnegan of New Paltz, and Beth Barry of New Paltz.

Mr. Rausch noted that the current Administrative Team is necessary to perform the work mandated by the State as well as to manage the district.

**2012-2013 BUDGET DISCUSSION & DECISION**

Discussion ensued among Board Members regarding the budget. Mr. Rausch asked members if they wanted to eliminate Pre-K and use the money toward other programs including sports and the library media specialist. Mr. Bagley, Ms. Tobin Flusser, and Mr. Rausch all were in favor. The vote was 3-3. It was decided to keep Pre-K.

Mr. Rausch asked members if they would like to put the modified sports back into the budget and absorb the JV program into the Varsity program. Six members were in favor with none opposed. The modified program will be saved and the JV sports program will be combined with the Varsity program.

Mr. Rausch asked members if they were interested in raising the fund balance. Dr. Rodriguez was the only member.

**6.1 Request for Approval to Adopt the 2012-2013 School District Budget for Presentation to Voters**

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

Recommendation – that the following resolution be approved:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of the New Paltz Central School District adopt a budget of fifty million one hundred twenty thousand dollars (\$50,120,000) for school district purposes for the school year July 1, 2012 through June 30, 2013 to be presented to the voters on June 19, 2012.

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

**MINUTES OF MEETING**

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Motion made by Ms. Tobin Flusser 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 May 16, 2012. Motion carried 6 - 0 with 6 members voting.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

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Carmen DeMarco	New Paltz
Linda Geary	Gardiner
Michael Yukoweic	Gardiner
Barbara Carroll	Esopus
Jacob Lawrence	New Paltz
Carmen DeMarco	New Paltz

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

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Motion made by Mr. Torres and seconded by Mr. Bagley to move into Executive Session at 8:05 PM to discuss the employment history of certain individuals. Motion carried 6 - 0 with 6 members voting. Ms. Tobin Flusser was appointed as Clerk Pro Tempore for this portion of the meeting.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Stephen Bagley  
 Kathleen Tobin Flusser  
 Dominick Profaci  
 Patrick Rausch  
 Edgar Rodriguez  
 Daniel Torres

**QUORUM CHECK**

EXCUSED: Robert Rich

ALSO PRESENT: Maria Rice, Superintendent  
Barbara Carroll

Out of Executive Session

**RETURN PUBLIC SESSION**

Motion made by Mr. Torres and seconded by Mr. Bagley that the Board return to Public Session at 10:06 PM. Motion carried 6 - 0 with 6 members voting.

**ADJOURN**

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Motion made by Mr. Bagley and seconded by Mr. Profaci that the Board adjourn at 10:07 PM. Motion carried 6 - 0 with 6 members voting.

Respectfully submitted,

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Elena Rae Maskell  
District Clerk