

Minutes – Business Meeting – Board of Education – New Paltz Central High School – June 5, 2012 – 7:30 AM

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order at 7:30 AM by Patrick Rausch, Board President.

CALL TO ORDER

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Stephen Bagley
Kathleen Tobin Flusser
Dominick Profaci
Patrick Rausch
Robert Rich
Edgar Rodriguez (arrived at 7:39 AM)
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

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AGENDA CHANGES - None

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BOARD COMMUNICATIONS

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2012-2013 BUDGET DISCUSSION

Mr. Rausch said there was concern expressed regarding the budget, so the Board called a special meeting to try and meet the needs of the most students possible. Mr. Rausch explained that the Public Hearing for the budget was initially scheduled for June 7, 2012, and it is being proposed to change the date of the Public Hearing to June 12, 2012. Mr. Rausch explained that statutorily the Public Hearing has to be 7 or more days before the budget vote. Moving the date to June 12th allows the Board of Education to make decisions on line items in the budget with today as a deadline for making any changes. Thus, the Board decided to call a special emergency meeting to discuss line items in the budget and also to discuss the change in the public hearing date.

Mrs. Rice said administration looked at the rubric to decide how best to make changes to the budget that would affect the most students. Superintendent Rice stated Modified and JV programs provided a tremendous amount of opportunities for hundreds of children, and having modified and JV programs in the district is not the same as opportunities for modified programs in the community for a variety of reasons. Mrs. Rice stated the number of students affected by a library media specialist outweighs the number of students in the Pre-K program because the district's libraries are library medias with 21st century learning and they are extremely active. Mrs. Rice recommended to the Board of Education that they cut Pre-K program, reinstitute all sports programs, and reinstitute a 0.8 FTE library media specialist to affect the most amount of students possible in the district both educationally and in the extracurricular realm.

Ms. Tobin Flusser made a motion to cut the Pre-K program, reinstate all sports programs, and reinstate a 0.8 FTE library media specialist. Mr. Torres seconded the motion.

Discussion ensued.

Mr. Rich, Mr. Torres, Mr. Bagley, Ms. Tobin Flusser, and Mr. Rausch were all in favor of the motion. Dr. Rodriguez was opposed. Mr. Profaci abstained from the vote. Motion passed.

CHANGE DATE OF PUBLIC HEARING

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

4.1 Request for Change of Date of Public Hearing

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 Maria C. Rice, Superintendent of Schools, does hereby change the date of the Public Hearing for the 2012-2013 budget from June 7, 2012 to June 12, 2012 at 6:00 PM to be held in the High School Audion.

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

Dr. Rodriguez noted if funds became available in August he recommends the Board reinstate the Pre-K Program. Mr. Rausch said in order to affect more students he would recommend decreasing the larger class sizes in 4th, 5th, or 6th grade, which would impact the most students.

Mrs. Rice noted the district has not reduced art, PE, or music education programs, but positions have been reduced due to increase class sizes and decreased sections of 4th, 5th, and 6th grade.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

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Al Bonagura	New Paltz
Susan Greene	Behavior Specialist in New Paltz Central Schools
Teresa Thompson	New Paltz
Jennifer Pizzarello	New Paltz
Linda Geary	Gardiner

Superintendent Rice will present an updated budget and a statement of what happens if the budget gets defeated. These will be available to the public at the Board of Education meeting on June 6, 2012.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

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Motion made by Mr. Torres and seconded by Mr. Rich to move into Executive Session at 8:05 AM to discuss the employment history of specific individuals. Motion carried 7 - 0 with 7 members voting.

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

QUORUM CHECK

Out of Executive Session

RETURN PUBLIC SESSION

Motion made by Mr. Torres and seconded by Mr. Rich that the Board return to Public Session at 8:23 AM. Motion carried 7 - 0 with 7 members voting.

ADJOURN

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Motion made by Mr. Bagley and seconded by Mr. Torres that the Board adjourn at 8:23 AM. Motion carried 7 - 0 with 7 members voting.

Respectfully submitted,

Elena Rae Maskell
 District Clerk