

Minutes – Business Meeting – Board of Education – New Paltz Central High School – February 20, 2013 – 7:00 PM

**CALL MEETING TO ORDER**

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Meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM by Patrick Rausch, Board President. Maria C. Rice was appointed District Clerk Pro-Tempore for the Executive Session portion of the meeting.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Stephen Bagley  
Brian Cournoyer  
Dominick Profaci  
Ruth Quinn  
Patrick Rausch  
Edgar Rodriguez

**QUORUM CHECK**

ALSO PRESENT: Maria Rice, Superintendent of Schools

EXCUSED: Roderick Dressel, Jr.

**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 Mr. Profaci that the Board of Education move into Executive Session at 6:00 PM for the purpose of discussing matters made exempt by FERPA, discussing the employment history of a particular person, discussing matters leading to the appointment, employment, promotion, demotion, discipline, suspension, dismissal, or removal of a particular person or corporation, and discussing collective negotiations pursuant to Article 14 of the Civil Service Law. Motion carried 6 - 0 with 6 members voting.

Out of Executive Session - Motion made by Mr. Cournoyer and seconded by Mr. Profaci that the Board return to Public Session at 6:56 PM. Motion carried 6 - 0 with 6 members voting.

**CALL TO ORDER**

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The Public Meeting was called to order at 7:06 PM Patrick Rausch, Board President.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Stephen Bagley  
Brian Cournoyer  
Dominick Profaci  
Ruth Quinn  
Patrick Rausch  
Edgar Rodriguez

**QUORUM CHECK**

EXCUSED: Roderick Dressel, Jr.

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  
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  
Stephen J. Callahan, Director of Facilities & Operations  
Elena Maskell, District Clerk  
Members of the Public and Press

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

**ROLL CALL**

**PLEDGE TO THE FLAG**

**PLEDGE**

**AGENDA CHANGES**

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Motion made by Mr. Cournoyer and seconded by Mr. Profaci to accept the following agenda changes:

**ADD Under Board Communications, the Following Additional Paragraph to the Proposed Resolution for High Stakes Testing as Presented by the Legislative Action Committee:**

Add the following after the seventh (7<sup>th</sup>) whereas clause a new paragraph to read:

**WHEREAS**, New York State will require computer based testing statewide starting in 2014, requiring districts to build technological capacity to administer these high stakes tests, including the need to purchase computers, improve networks, develop infrastructure capacity, and train and hire personnel at an estimated cost of approximately 5% of current district budgets, without providing additional funding and while capping State and Local aid; and

**PERSONNEL**

**ADD to Existing Personnel Agenda Item 12.3 Non-Instructional Appointments the Following:**

Name	Title	Effective Date	Salary	Hours
Barbara D’Amore	Sub. Typist	9/4/2012	\$11.84/per hr	as needed
Lisa Marie Youngren	Sub. LPN/Teacher Aide	2/20/13	\$100.00/day	as needed

**CHANGE Existing Personnel Agenda Item 12.3 Non-Instructional Appointments to Reflect the Following:**

Mary Beth Lunati	Substitute Teacher Aide	2/21/2013	\$11.84/hr	as needed
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**NEW BUSINESS**

**ADD to New Business Agenda New Item 14.3 Acceptance of Settlement Agreement between New Paltz Central School District and The New Paltz Educational Support Staff Association**

**14.3 Acceptance of Settlement Agreement between New Paltz Central School District and The New Paltz Educational Support Staff Association**

Recommendation – that the New Paltz Central Schools Board of Education, upon the recommendation of Maria C. Rice, Superintendent of Schools, does hereby approve the following: BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board hereby accepts the Settlement Agreement between New Paltz Central School District and The New Paltz Educational Support Staff Association, dated October 24, 2012, as presented to the Board at this meeting. A copy of such agreement shall be incorporated by reference within the minutes of this meeting.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**CHANGE Old Business Agenda Item 13.2 Second Reading and Approval to Policy 7420 Sports and the Athletic Program**

Change Number 2 under Section/Classification Process to read as follows:

2. ~~As a general rule, students may only test up to the JV level if no Modified team in that sport is offered.~~ -If no JV level is offered only then may students attempt to qualify for the Varsity level.

All were in favor with none opposed. Motion passed 6-0.

**SPOTLIGHT ON PROGRAM:**

Derbra Hogencamp introduced the Duzine first graders and teacher Rebecca Burdett who gave a presentation on “The Sun, Moon and Stars Bakery: An Integrated Service Learning Project”.

**SPOTLIGHT**

Mrs. Rice announced the 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Commemoration African-American Burial Ground on March 3, 2013 at 3:00 PM at the North End of Huguenot Street in front of #174.

**BUDGET PRESENTATION** – Superintendent Rice & Assistant Superintendent for Business, Rick Linden gave their first presentation on the 2013-2014 budget.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Kathy Preston	New Paltz
Read aloud a statement written by Steve Casa	
Eric Schwartz	Esopus
John Johnson	New Paltz
Bob Gabrielli	New Paltz
Paul Brown	New Paltz
Linda Geary	Gardner

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Anthony DiFano	New Paltz
KT Tobin Flusser	New Paltz
Cathy Sanchez	New Paltz
Rebecca Burdett	New Paltz
Leanne Miller	New Paltz

Discussion ensued from the board members regarding the budget proposals. The board decided they do not want to go above the limit, nor do they want to go below it. Superintendent Rice will get information on restoring the clubs that were eliminated last year along with restoring the 0.7 FTE middle school/high school, and Mrs. Rice and Mr. Linden will present a 4.4% budget to the public on March 6<sup>th</sup>.

Discussion also ensued regarding the New Paltz Point Park Project. Mr. Linden was instructed to find out if there is a negative impact on New Paltz tax payers if this project goes through with a PILOT. The District Clerk was instructed to put a follow up discussion regarding this on the March 20, 2013 Board of Education agenda.

It was agreed upon by all Board Members to put forth the vehicle proposition on the May ballot.

**STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORT** - None

STUDENT REP

**SUPERINTENDENT'S COMMENTS**

SUPT REPORT

Superintendent Rice announced the Valedictorian and the Salutatorian for the 2012-2013 school year: Valedictorian is Joshua Dejoy with a GPA of 99.988% and the Salutatorian is Cora Butler with a GPA of 98.45. Both were congratulated for a job well done.

**BOARD COMMUNICATIONS**

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NYSSBA CAPITAL CONFERENCE – Mr. Rausch stated there is a 3-day conference from March 9 – 11, 2013 in Albany, NY. Mr. Rausch and Ms. Quinn are attending this event. Ms. Quinn stated she will go for one day only. Mr. Rausch will be attending for the 2 days.

RESOLUTION FOR HIGH STAKES TESTING AS PRESENTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ACTION ADVISORY COMMITTEE.

Motion made by Mr. Profaci and seconded by Mr. Cournoyer to accept the following resolution:

**NEW PALTZ CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**RESOLUTION ON HIGH STAKES TESTING**

**WHEREAS**, our nation's and New York State's future well-being relies on a high-quality public education system that prepares all students for college, careers, citizenship and lifelong learning, and strengthens the nation's social and economic well-being; and

**WHEREAS**, our nation's school systems have been spending growing amounts of time, money and energy on high-stakes standardized testing, in which student performance on standardized tests is used to make major decisions affecting individual students, educators and schools; and

**WHEREAS**, the overreliance on high-stakes standardized testing in state and federal accountability systems is undermining educational quality and equity in U.S. public schools by hampering educators' efforts to focus on the broad range of learning experiences that promote the innovation, creativity, problem solving, collaboration, communication, critical thinking and deep subject-matter knowledge that will allow students to thrive in a democracy and an increasingly global society and economy; and

**WHEREAS**, it is widely recognized that standardized testing is an inadequate and often unreliable measure of both student learning and educator effectiveness; and

**WHEREAS**, the over-emphasis on standardized testing has caused considerable collateral damage in too many schools, including narrowing the curriculum, teaching to the test, reducing love of learning, pushing students out of school, driving excellent teachers out of the profession, and undermining school climate; and

**WHEREAS**, high-stakes standardized testing has negative effects for students from all backgrounds, and especially for low-income students, English language learners, children of color, and those with disabilities; and

**WHEREAS**, Race to the Top funding does not adequately address significant costs associated with the implementation of the new APPR and Common Core Learning Standards such as hiring professionals to ensure local assessments at grades 4-8 are valid, or other test construction and implementation costs; and

**WHEREAS**, New York State will require computer based testing statewide starting in 2014, requiring districts to build technological capacity to administer these high stakes tests, including the need to purchase computers, improve networks, develop infrastructure capacity, and train and hire personnel at an estimated cost of approximately 5% of current district budgets, without providing additional funding and while capping State and Local aid; and

**WHEREAS**, we do not oppose accountability in public schools and point with pride to the stellar performance of our students and teachers, but believe that standardized tests dominate instructional time and block our ability to make progress toward a world-class education system of student-centered schools and future-ready students; therefore be it

**RESOLVED** that New Paltz Central School District calls on Governor Cuomo, Commissioner King, the State Legislature, and the Board of Regents to reexamine public school accountability systems in this state, including the Annual Professional Performance Review (APPR) and to develop a system based on multiple forms of assessment which does not require extensive standardized testing, more accurately reflects the broad range of student learning, and

is used to support students and improve schools; and

**RESOLVED**, that that New Paltz Central School District calls on the U.S. Congress and Administration to overhaul the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (currently known as the “No Child Left Behind Act”), reduce the testing mandates, promote multiple forms of evidence of student learning and school quality in accountability, and not mandate any fixed role for the use of student test scores in evaluating educators.

Ms. Quinn stated the Legislative Action Advisory Committee created this resolution to speak out against education reform and ensure that the district’s voice is heard regarding the high stakes testing issue. Ms. Quinn stated this resolution was personalized to the New Paltz community and the impact of this significantly underfunded mandate. Ms. Quinn also stated this is not an educationally sound procedure. Ms. Quinn also stated another paragraph was added due to the need of the district to purchase testing based computers, improving networking, and other technological costs that would be significant to the district. Mrs. Rice agreed and said she supports this resolution, although she is bound by the law regarding testing students. Superintendent Rice thanked the committee for all of their hard work. Dr. Rodriguez thanked Ms. Quinn as well.

All were in favor with none opposed. Motion passed 6-0.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

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**AUDIT COMMITTEE** – Stephen Bagley stated the committee met and he is in receipt of the Internal Auditor’s Report which will be reviewed at their next meeting and then submitted to the full Board.

**FACILITIES COMMITTEE** – Patrick Rausch noted that the Facilities Committee is working on a facilities master plan and the committee is looking at putting forth a minimal bond to take care of the immediate issues in all of the schools. To follow up with this, the facilities committee will be reviewing the four campus district and the possible need for a second bond vote possibly late in 2013. A special Board of Education meeting has been scheduled for March 13, 2013 to further discuss these issues.

**MINUTES OF MEETING**

**MINUTES**

Motion made by Mr. Profaci 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 February 6, 2013, and the Special Meeting of February 13, 2013. Motion carried 6 - 0 with 6 members voting.

**PERSONNEL (CONSENT AGENDA)**

**PERSONNEL**

Motion made by Mr. Cournoyer and seconded by Ms. Quinn that the Board of Education approve the following personnel (consent agenda) resolutions 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 11, 2012 Organizational Meeting.

<b>Name</b>	<b>Effective Dates</b>
Amy Fall	2/21/13 - 6/30/13
Kaylee Stoneham	2/21/13 - 6/30/13
Amy Sylvester	2/21/13 - 6/30/13
Kellie McGuire	2/21/13 - 6/30/13
Cassandra McCarthy	2/13/13 - 6/30/13

**12.2 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 2012-2013 school year:

**Name**  
 Jill Segal-Belgrave  
 Amie S. Worley

**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:

<b>Name</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Effective Date</b>	<b>Salary</b>	<b>Hours</b>
Josephine Posdsich	Food Service Helper	2/21/2013	\$12.25/hr	5 hrs per day
Gina Roggio	Food Service Helper	2/21/2013	\$12.25/hr	4 hrs per day

Sandra Boland	School Bus Driver	2/21/2013	\$23.60/hr	3 hrs per day
Mary Beth Lunati	Substitute Teacher Aide	2/21/2013	\$11.84/hr	as needed
Barbara D’Amore	Sub. Typist	9/4/2012	\$11.84/per hr	as needed
Lisa Marie Youngren	Sub. LPN/Teacher Aide	2/20/13	\$100.00/day	as needed

**12.4 Coaching Appointments**

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

Name	Title	Salary
Kathy Rogers-Carroll	Assistant Track Coach	unpaid
Justin Duchin	Assistant Baseball Coach	unpaid

**12.5 Non-Instructional Resignation**

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 non-instructional employee:

Name	Title	Effective Date
Laurie O’Connell	Teacher Aide	4/5/2013

**12.6 Request for Approval to Create New Position**

Recommendation – that the New Paltz Central Schools Board of Education, upon the recommendation of Maria C. Rice, Superintendent, does hereby create the following position:

**Title**  
1.0 FTE Facilities and Operations Worker

Motion carried 6 – 0 with 6 members voting.

**OLD BUSINESS**

OLD BUSINESS

13. OLD BUSINESS

Discussion ensued regarding the changes to the public comments of Policy 1510 Board of Education Meetings. This will be put on the March 20<sup>th</sup> agenda as a third reading. Mrs. Rice suggested Ms. Quinn send her proposed changes to the members of the Policy Committee.

**13.1 Second Reading and Approval of Policy 1510 Board of Education Meetings**

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By-Laws

**SUBJECT: BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETINGS**

Board meetings shall be open to the public and conducted in accordance with Article 7 of the Public Officers Law, known as the "Open Meetings Law" and other applicable statutes.

**Regular Meetings**

The Board of Education shall meet at least one time each month for the purpose of conducting the business of the District. The dates and times of the regular monthly meetings will be established at the annual organizational meeting, but subject to change by the Board as necessary.

**Special Meetings**

Special meetings of the Board may be called on at least 24 hours notice to all Board members at the direction of the Board President or upon the request of any Board member.

**Board Retreats**

The Board of Education may hold Board development retreats where no School District business is conducted. Theses retreats are exempt from the requirements of the open meeting rule. (NYS Department of State, Committee on Open Government, OML-AO-#1973, September 13, 1991.)

**Notice of Meetings**

Notice of meetings scheduled at least one week in advance shall be given to all members of the Board, the Superintendent of Schools and news media, as well as conspicuously posted in one or more designated public places at least

72 hours prior to the meeting. When meetings are scheduled less than one week in advance, the Board shall provide public notice to the extent practicable.

### **Agenda Setting**

The Superintendent and the Board President and/or Vice President, will prepare the agenda for each Board meeting. The order of business will be constructed to help the Board accomplish its business expeditiously.

Items of business may be suggested by Board members, administrators, other faculty and staff members and the public. Such suggestions must be submitted in writing to the District Clerk at least ten (10) days before the meeting.

The agenda and supporting materials, including the minutes of the previous meeting or meetings, will be distributed to Board members during the week preceding the meeting.

### **Quorum and Voting**

A majority of the members of the Board of Education (four members) shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business at a Board meeting. If a quorum is not present within 20 minutes of the time set for a Board meeting, the meeting will be rescheduled. Notice of the rescheduled meeting will be given to all members of the Board, the public and news media to the extent practicable, depending upon the date to which the meeting is rescheduled.

The Board of Education shall take action by voting upon resolutions presented by one Board member and seconded by another. A majority vote of the full Board is required to adopt a resolution, except in circumstances when a super-majority vote is required:

- a) Discontinuing a designated textbook within five years of adoption requires a three-quarters (3/4) vote of the Board;
- b) If a relative, by blood or marriage, of a Board member is employed in a teaching position or appointed to tenure, a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Board is required;
- c) Standardization on a particular type of equipment or supplies must be determined to be in the best interests of the District by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Board;
- d) A vote to place a proposition before the voters for an object or purpose for which bonds may be issued requires a three-fifths (3/5) vote of the Board.

All actions requiring a vote can be conducted by voice, show of hands or roll call. The vote of each Board member shall be recorded on each action of the Board.

### **Rules of Order**

The Board shall use Robert's Rules of Order, Revised, as a guideline for conducting meetings of the Board of Education, except when such provisions are inconsistent with law or policy, or are suspended by majority vote of the Board. The Board may, at its discretion, waive Robert's Rules and substitute its own procedures by a majority vote of the Board.

### **Public Participation**

Because the Board desires to hear the viewpoints of citizens throughout the District, as well as conduct its business in an orderly and efficient manner, it will schedule a period during business meetings for brief comments and questions from the public. The Board may set a time limit on the length of this period and/or for individual speakers.

There will be a sign-up sheet at the Board meeting. Persons wishing to address the Board should sign in prior to the start of the meeting. At the beginning of the public comment period, the Board President will read the names of speakers, in order, from the sign-in sheet. Each person will come to the podium when his/her name is called and make their comments within the time limit. If a speaker is unable to finish their remarks during the time limit, the comments can be supplemented by submitting a written statement to the District Clerk. No speaker will be permitted to speak for longer than two (2) minutes. A speaker may not yield his/her time to another speaker in order to extend the time for comment. Once all signed in speakers have spoken and as long as time permits, additional speakers who have not signed in may address the Board on a first come basis.

When a Board member attends a Board meeting by videoconference, any individual attending a Board meeting at the videoconference location may address the Board after all signed-in speakers have spoken.

All speakers shall conduct themselves in a civil, respectful and orderly manner. Obscene language, libelous statements, threats of violence, statements advocating racial or other forms of prejudice or discrimination will not be tolerated. Speakers who act or speak in a disrespectful or disruptive manner or who persist in doing so will be directed to

cease such behavior. The Board President will be responsible for the orderly conduct of the meeting, for adhering to any time limits and the appropriateness of the subject being presented. The Board President shall have the right to Discontinue any presentation which violates this policy. Failure to comply with any such directive may result in the speaker being removed from the building.

Members of the public wishing to make formal presentations before the Board must make ~~arrangements~~ a request at least ten (10) days before the Board Meeting with the District Clerk so that such presentations may be scheduled on the agenda. The Board reserves the right to reject requests for such presentations and to limit the time for such presentations.

Speakers may comment on matters of public interest involving school operations and programs, but may not identify any person connected with the School District. To protect the privacy rights of the individuals involved, the Board will not permit discussion involving district personnel, or students, or members of the Board.

The Board requires that persons wishing to communicate concerns about district personnel or students should begin with the staff member, administrator or other employee closest to the issue in an attempt to resolve issues at the earliest possible stage. If the issue remains unresolved, persons wishing to discuss matters involving individual district personnel or students should present their comments and/or concerns to the Superintendent during regular business hours.

Persons wishing to discuss matters involving individual members of the Board should present their comments and/or concerns to the District Clerk, in writing, to be forwarded to the entire Board and Superintendent.

~~The Board welcomes public comment on items before it or other subjects under its jurisdiction. The Board expects this commentary to be orderly, efficient and respectful. The Board President will be responsible for recognizing all speakers, for maintaining proper order and for adhering to any time limits set. Individuals making public comments must identify themselves and their town of residence for the public record and should register in the attendance log. They should note the topic of their comments which will be included in the minutes of the meeting.~~

~~To protect the privacy rights of the individuals involved, neither the Board nor the Administration will engage in a dialogue concerning individual students or personnel matters. This is not an attempt to stifle public comment; rather, it is to protect the privacy rights of the individuals involved. Questions asked by the public will, when possible, be answered by the President or referred to Board members or staff members for reply. Questions requiring investigations will be referred to the Superintendent for consideration and later response. Board members will receive copies of all responses.~~

Members of the public will not be recognized by the President as the Board conducts its official business, unless the Board agrees to waive this provision.

### Minutes

Minutes will be taken by the District Clerk (or Clerk Pro-Tem) at all Board meetings in accordance with the Open Meetings Law. All motions, resolutions and any other matters formally voted upon by the Board shall be recorded in the minutes, including the final vote of each Board member.

### Executive Sessions

Upon a majority vote of its total membership, taken in an open meeting pursuant to a motion identifying the area or areas of the subject or subjects to be considered, the Board of Education may conduct an executive session for discussion of the below enumerated purposes only, provided, however, that no action by formal vote shall be taken except on an Education Law Section 3020-a probable cause finding. For all other purposes, the action by formal vote shall be taken in open meeting and properly recorded in the minutes of the meeting.

- a) Matters that will imperil the public safety if disclosed;
- b) Any matter that may disclose the identity of a law enforcement agent or informer;
- c) Information relating to current or future investigation or prosecution of a criminal offense that would imperil effective law enforcement if disclosed;
- d) Discussions regarding proposed, pending or current litigation;
- e) Collective negotiations pursuant to Article 14 of the Civil Service Law;
- f) Medical, financial, credit or employment history of any particular person or corporation, or matters leading to the appointment, employment, promotion, demotion, discipline, suspension, dismissal or removal of any particular person or corporation;
- g) Preparation, grading or administration of examinations;

- h) Proposed acquisition, sale or lease of real property or the proposed acquisition of securities, or sale or exchange of securities, but only when publicity would substantially affect the value thereof.

Matters discussed in executive sessions must be treated as confidential; that is, never discussed outside of that executive session.

### Superintendent Participation

It is the Board's desire that the Superintendent or his/her designated representative, shall attend all meetings of the Board. However, if the Superintendent or his/her designee is unable to attend a regularly scheduled Board meeting, the Board can still meet at its discretion. The Superintendent or his/her designee shall attend all executive session meetings of the Board except those that concern his/her evaluation and salary determination. The Board may request the attendance of such additional persons as it desires.

Public Officers Law Article 7  
Education Law Sections 1708 and 3020-a  
General Construction Law Section 41  
Public Officers Law Section 106  
NYS Department of State, Committee on Open Government,  
OML-AO-#1973, September 13, 1991

NOTE: Refer also to Policy #1721 -- Minutes  
Adopted: 7/16/08

Motion made by Ms. Quinn and seconded by Mr. Cournoyer to accept the following policy as presented:

### 13.2 Second Reading and Approval to Policy 7420 Sports and the Athletic Program

#### SUBJECT: SPORTS AND THE ATHLETIC PROGRAM

Athletics are an integral part of a well-balanced educational program. Therefore, the Board supports within its resources a broad sports program with equal access for both males and females, with emphasis on maximum participation, through interscholastic and intramural activity. The District will comply with recommendations from the U.S. Department of Education's Office for Civil Rights (OCR) regarding Title IX equal opportunity for males and females in the District's total athletic program.

The interscholastic athletic program shall conform to the Regulations of the Commissioner of Education as well as the established rules of the New York State Public High Schools Athletic Association and the State Education Department.

Eligibility for interscholastic athletic competition requires that the students:

- a) Provide written parental/guardian consent;
- b) Pass satisfactorily the medical examination administered by the school physician/nurse practitioner/physician's assistant or the student's personal physician/nurse practitioner/physician's assistant who is licensed to practice in the State of New York. The school physician/nurse practitioner retains final approval on all physicals performed by the student's personal physician; and
- c) Meet the requirements for interscholastic competition as set forth by the Commissioner's Regulations and the New York State Public High School Athletic Association.

### Selection/Classification Process

New York State Selection/Classification is a model program under Commissioner's Regulation Section 135.4(c)(7)(ii)(a)(4) that may be implemented at the discretion of all local school districts. It is not mandated. The Board chooses **NOT** to make available the State Education Department's Selection/ Classification Program for students, **including the following district requirements:-** ~~Not other process may be used in lieu.~~

The Board recognizes that the New York State Education Department (NYSED)/ New York Public High School Athletic Association's (NYSPHSAA) Section Classification program was designed for mature and exceptionally skilled students to advance to a higher level of competition. The program is not to be used to fill positions on teams. It is aimed at the very few select students who can benefit from such placement because of their level of readiness and expertise. Only the exceptional athlete is permitted for classification to a higher level of competition. Based on this purpose the district's policy for eligibility to advance to a higher level of competition is as follows:

1. Students in seventh ~~or eighth~~ grade may not classify up to a high school team at any time if a Modified Program is offered in a given sport. Eighth graders who have successfully completed a year in a modified sport may attempt to classify up to JV.
2. ~~As a general rule, students may only test up to the JV level if no Modified team in that sport is offered.~~ If no JV level is offered only then may students attempt to qualify for the Varsity level.



3. Requests for Section/Classification may be generated from one or more of the following: Director of Athletics, Physical Education teacher, coach or member of the family in question.
4. In order to be eligible for advanced level of competition students must:
  - a. Be in good academic standing
  - ~~a~~.b. Pass all components of the fitness and maturity assessment.
- ~~3~~.5. Students who satisfy the requirements of the Section/Classification process in a particular sport may have to satisfy additional physical skills testing and/or maturity level ratings if they elect to participate in the Section/Classification process for another sport. Physical skills testing and maturity level are sport specific. Selection/Classification results are valid for the duration of a student's enrollment in the 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade for that particular sport.
- ~~4~~.6. A student who does not meet the criteria as a 7<sup>th</sup> grader to selectively classify to a higher level may try again as an 8<sup>th</sup> grader for that particular sport. A student who does not qualify as a 7<sup>th</sup> or 8<sup>th</sup> grader may still try out for any of these teams when he/she reaches 9<sup>th</sup> grade, the age/grade appropriate level for Junior Varsity (JV) and Varsity, without taking the Selection Classification Test.
- ~~5~~.7. A student may attempt to classify for one sport per season, Fall, Winter, Spring. Inability to qualify during one season does not preclude attempting to qualify during a subsequent season.
- ~~6~~.8. The Board directs the Superintendent to implement the procedures and maintain a file of those students deemed eligible as a result of the Selection/Classification process and procedures.

### Student Athletic Injuries

No student should be allowed to practice or play in an athletic contest if he/she is suffering from an injury. The diagnosis of and prescription of treatment for injuries is strictly a medical matter and should under no circumstances be considered within the province of the coach. A coach's responsibility is to see that players injured during a practice or competition are given prompt and competent medical attention, a parent/guardian is notified, an incident report is filed with the respective health office, and that all details of a doctor's instructions concerning the student's functioning as a team member are carried out. No student will be allowed to practice or compete if there is a question whether he/she is in adequate physical condition.

A physician's certificate may be required before an athlete is permitted to return to practice or competition.

The District will take reasonable steps to see that physical risks to students participating in the interscholastic athletic program shall be kept at a minimum by:

- a) Requiring medical examinations of participants;
- b) Obtaining appropriately certified and/or licensed persons to coach all varsity, junior varsity, and modified games; and
- c) Ensuring that equipment is both safe and operative within approved guidelines.

Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, 20 United States  
Code (USC) Section 1681 et seq.  
45 Code of Federal Regulations Part 86  
8 New York Code of Rules and Regulations (NYCRR) Section 135

Adopted: 7/16/08

Revised: 2/3/10

11/3/10

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

### NEW BUSINESS

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Motion made by Mr. Bagley and seconded by Mr. Profaci 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: 10933, 12720, 11370, 11494, 12083, 11160, 10516, 10650, 10637, 10677, 12067, 10707, 2074, 10843, 12929, 8138, 2496, 12740, 12950, 12252, 10633, 10738, 10958, 11426, 10644, 11465, 11437, 11282, 11374, 10603, 9133, 9555, 9638, 9599, 9629, 8153, 9827, 9610, 9579, 9602, 9825, 9505, 9128, 9537, 11540, 10774, 9524.

All were in favor with none opposed. Motion passed 6-0.

Motion made by Mr. Bagley and seconded by Mr. Cournoyer to accept the following:

**14.2 Approval of Signatory for Unclaimed Funds**

Recommendation – that the New Paltz Central Schools Board of Education, upon the recommendation of Maria C. Rice, Superintendent of Schools, does hereby approve the following: BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Education authorizes Assistant Superintendent for Business Richard Linden, to be a signatory on any and all documents pertaining to the collection of unclaimed funds from the State of New York’s Office of the State Comptroller.

All were in favor with none opposed. Motion passed 6-0.

Motion made by Mr. Profaci and seconded by Ms. Quinn to accept the following:

**14.3 Acceptance of Settlement Agreement between New Paltz Central School District and The New Paltz Educational Support Staff Association**

Recommendation – that the New Paltz Central Schools Board of Education, upon the recommendation of Maria C. Rice, Superintendent of Schools, does hereby approve the following: BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board hereby accepts the Settlement Agreement between New Paltz Central School District and The New Paltz Educational Support Staff Association, dated October 24, 2012, as presented to the Board at this meeting. A copy of such agreement shall be incorporated by reference within the minutes of this meeting.

Motion carried 6 – 0 with 6 members voting.

**FINANCIAL REPORTS** None

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**OTHER DISCUSSION** None

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**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

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Mark Burch New Paltz

**ADJOURN**

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Motion made by Mr. Bagley and seconded by Mr. Cournoyer that the Board adjourn at 10:32 PM. Motion carried 6 - 0 with 6 members voting.

Respectfully submitted,

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Elena Rae Maskell  
District Clerk