

Minutes – Business Meeting – Board of Education – New Paltz Central High School – April 3, 2013 – 7:00 PM

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

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Meeting was called to order at 6:31 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
Roderick Dressel, Jr.
Dominick Profaci
Ruth Quinn
Patrick Rausch

QUORUM CHECK

EXCUSED: Brian Courmoyer
Edgar Rodriguez

ALSO PRESENT: Maria Rice, Superintendent of Schools
Debora Banner, Assistant Superintendent
Barbara Clinton, High School Principal

ROLL CALL The roll was called as reflected above.

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EXECUTIVE SESSION

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Motion made by Mr. Dressel and seconded by Mr. Bagley that the Board of Education move into Executive Session at 6:31 PM for the purpose of discussing the employment history of certain individuals. Motion carried 5 -0 with 5 members voting.

Out of Executive Session - Motion made by Ms. Quinn and seconded by Mr. Profaci that the Board return to Public Session at 6:59 PM. Motion carried 5 -0 with 5 members voting.

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Elena Maskell, District Clerk
Devin Zapka, Student Representative
Members of the Public and Press

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AGENDA CHANGES

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SPOTLIGHT ON PROGRAM

CHANGE Presenters on Spotlight to Adrienne Maley and Deb Martin

BOARD COMMUNICATIONS

REMOVE under Board Communications the following:

DISCUSSION OF RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT FOR THE MID-HUDSON REGIONAL SUSTAINABILITY PLAN

ADD under Board Communications the following:

DODGE BALL PARTICIPATION BY BOE

REMOVE Financial Reports from Agenda in its Entirety

PERSONNEL

ADD to existing Personnel Item 12.1 Election Inspectors the following:

Name

Bryant Rudy

CHANGE existing Personnel Item **12.3 Instructional Leave of Absence** to read as follows:

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OLD BUSINESS

ADD under Old Business a New Agenda **Item 13.2 Second Reading and Approval of Policy 1510 Board of Education Meetings**

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By-Laws

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- 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;
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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

All were in favor with none opposed. Motion passed 5-0.

SPOTLIGHT ON PROGRAM:

Jackie Sinatra introduced the Lenape 4th graders with teachers Adrienne Houk-Maley and Deb Martin who gave a presentation on their trip to the Mohonk Preserve.

SPOTLIGHT

PUBLIC COMMENTS

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Julia Fishman New Paltz Budget
Rachel Souzzi Forte New Paltz Special Education Budget Issues

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORT

STUDENT REP

Devin Zapka gave an update on spring sports in the high school Mr. Zapka noted that the third quarter has already started. The NPUT Dodge ball classic is next week along with a blood drive and a senior citizen dinner. On April 28th the peer leadership club is going to do the Relay For Life. Any of those interested in contributing to the team can visit relayforlife.org . Mr. Zapka also noted that on April 26, 2013 the Junior Prom will take place at Anthony’s Pier 9.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORTS & DISCUSSION ITEMS

SUPT REPORT

Superintendent Rice explained the situation with the Lock-Out Drill yesterday at all four schools.

BOARD COMMUNICATIONS

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2013-2014 ADDITIONAL STATE AID

Mr. Rausch stated New Paltz is slated to get additional money for the budget. According to Richard Linden the amount the district should focus on is about \$250,000. Mr. Rausch asked members to weigh in on their opinions as to how the new money should be allocated. Mrs. Rice stated her recommendation along with Rick Linden’s recommendation would be to restore the two buses back into the budget thereby eliminating the bus proposition and decrease the tax levy by 0.5%. Mrs. Rice stated that State aid will come in much sooner in the budget than through a bond and also by putting the buses back in the budget if there are any fiscal issues next year with the budget the buses could be taken out as a separate proposition to save money. Discussion ensued. Mr. Rausch said next week a formal proposition will be made as to where to allocate the money. Any questions in the meantime should be sent to Maria or Rick to allow all the Members to make a data informed decision.

DODGE BALL PARTICIPATION BY BOE

Discussion ensued regarding the Board Members putting together a team for Dodge Ball. Due to the short time frame and Committee meeting scheduled for next Wednesday, April 10th, the BOE will not be having a team this year.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

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LEGISLATIVE ACTION ADVISORY COMMITTEE – In Edgar Rodriguez’s absence, Ruth Quinn gave an update on the Legislative Action Advisory Committee. Ms. Quinn handed out minutes from the April 2, 2013 meeting for the Members. Ms. Quinn stated the Committee is working on promoting the link to the BOE Resolution on High Stakes Testing on the District’s website. Ms. Quinn also noted the committee is examining a draft resolution with regards to the “Need to Protect Student Privacy.” Research is being done on this and will be presented to the Board Members when the Committee has more data. Ms. Quinn also spoke of the recent meetings she attended, and the next steps the Committee is taking to build greater community involvement on legislative issues.

MINUTES OF MEETING

MINUTES

Motion made by Mr. Profaci and seconded by Mr. Bagley to accept the following resolution: **BE IT RESOLVED** that the New Paltz Central Schools Board of Education accept the minutes of the Regular Business Meeting of March 20, 2013. Motion carried 5 -0 with 5 members voting.

FINANCIAL REPORTS Removed from the Agenda

FINANCIAL REPORTS

PERSONNEL (CONSENT AGENDA)

PERSONNEL

Motion made by Ms. Quinn and seconded by Mr. Dressel that the Board of Education approve the following consent agenda personnel resolutions 12.1 through 12.7:

12.1 Election Inspectors

Recommendation - that the New Paltz Central Schools Board of Education appoints the following individuals as Election Inspectors for the 2012-2013 School Year:

Name

- Andrea Thompson
- Leslie Rosen
- Eileen Faulkner
- Bryant Rudy

12.2 Instructional Leave Replacement Appointment

Recommendation - that the New Paltz Central Schools Board of Education, upon the recommendation of Maria C. Rice, Superintendent of Schools, does hereby approve the leave replacement appointment of the following instructional employee for the 2012/2013 school year:

Name	Title	Effective Dates	Salary
Justin Duchin	Health Teacher	4/4/13 - 6/30/13	MA Step C \$61,850 (prorated)

12.3 Instructional Leave of Absence

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Eileen Brown	Elementary Teacher	7/1/13-6/30/14

12.4 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.

Name	Effective Dates
Paul Ferraro	4/4/13 - 6/30/13
Brittany Martin	4/4/13 - 6/30/13

12.5 Rescind Non-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 rescind the following non-instructional leave of absence passed on March 20, 2013 effective immediately:

Name	Title
Jennifer Sutton	School Monitor

12.6 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
Djuna Hougee	Substitute School Monitor	3/12/2013	\$9.00/hr	as needed
Djuna Hougee	Substitute Teacher Aide	3/12/2013	\$10.50/hr	as needed
Gina Guarante	School Monitor	4/04/2013	\$10.50/hr	10 hours per week
Marta Ramirez	Substitute School Monitor	3/25/2013	\$9.00/hr	as needed
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Wayne Kreuzscher	Substitute Maintenance Worker	3/25/2013	\$15.00/hr	as needed
Dominick DiViesti	Substitute School Bus Driver	3/14/2013	\$20.00/hr	as needed
Shawna Liucci	School Bus Drier (part-time)	4/04/2013	\$23.60/hr	3 hrs per day

12.7 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
Joseph Foti	Track Assistant	unpaid
Melissa Milano	Track Assistant	unpaid
Renee Salamone	Track Assistant	unpaid
Jon Stern	Track Assistant	unpaid

All were in favor with none opposed. Motion passed 5-0.

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

12.8 Non-Instructional Resignation (For Purpose of Retirement)

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
Maria Urquidi	Educational Technology Resource Specialist	4/29/2013 (for purpose of retirement)

The Board Members thanked her for her years of service, dedication, and hard work. Motion carried with regret, 5 – 0 with 5 members voting.

OLD BUSINESS

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

13.1 Second Reading and Approval of Policy 5702 Scheduling and Routing

Non-Instructional/Business

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Operations

SUBJECT: SCHEDULING AND ROUTING

Bus routes are authorized by the Board of Education and any requests for a change must be submitted to the Superintendent or his/her designee.

Transportation shall be provided to meet the needs of the students of the District within specified limits and areas established by the Board of Education which are as follows:

Busing Limits: Maximum distance to walk to a bus stop or to a school building.

K through 5 ~~3 miles~~ 0.5 miles

6 through 12 1.0 miles

*Middle School students that reside west of State Highways RT 32 and 208 within one (1) mile of the Middle School are transported.

Education Law Sections 3620-3628, 3635 and 3636

Adopted: 7/16/08

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

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NOTE: Refer also to Policy #1721 -- Minutes

Adopted: 7/16/08

Mr. Dressel stated that the Policy Committee met on April 2, 2013 in order to further discuss changes to this policy. Mr. Dressel stated he took the comments from Ruth Quinn and implemented some of her suggestions to refine the policy even further. Additional changes that were made at the meeting yesterday appear in green. Ms. Quinn thanked the committee for considering her changes.

All were in favor with none opposed. Motion passed 5-0.

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: 12912, 12330, 12437, 11518, 11496, 12470, 12598, 12171,

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