

Minutes – Business Meeting – Board of Education – New Paltz Central High School – September 4, 2013 – 7:00 PM

**CALL MEETING TO ORDER**

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Meeting was called to order at 6:29 PM by Stephen Bagley, 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 (arrived at 6:30)  
Ruth Quinn  
Timothy Rogers  
Julie Tresco

QUORUM CHECK

ALSO PRESENT: Maria Rice, Superintendent of Schools  
Jacqueline Sinatra, Lenape Elementary Principal (via telephone)

EXCUSED: Patrick Rausch

**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. Quinn that the Board of Education move into Executive Session at 6:29 PM for the purpose of discussing the school history of particular students in accordance with their FERPA rights. Motion carried 5 - 0 with 5 members voting. Mr. Profaci was not yet present during voting.

Out of Executive Session - Motion made by Ms. Quinn and seconded by Mr. Cournoyer that the Board return to Public Session at 6:29 PM. Motion carried 6 - 0 with 6 members voting.

**CALL TO ORDER**

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The Public Meeting was called to order at 7:03 PM Stephen Bagley, Board President.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Stephen Bagley  
Brian Cournoyer  
Dominick Profaci  
Ruth Quinn  
Timothy Rogers  
Julie Tresco

QUORUM CHECK

EXCUSED: Patrick Rausch

ALSO PRESENT: Maria Rice, Superintendent of Schools  
Michelle Martoni, Assistant Superintendent for Educational Programs  
Richard Linden, Assistant Superintendent for Business  
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** None

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**PUBLIC COMMENTS** None

PUBLIC COMMENT

**SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORTS & DISCUSSION ITEMS**

SUPT REPORT

SUPERINTENDENT’S COMMENTS

Mrs. Rice spoke regarding safety in the school districts. All doors to the school facilities will be operational by Friday so the school year will start with single points of entry and buzzer systems. Mr. Linden is still working through any issues but it will be up and running by the first day of school.

Superintendent Rice noted it has been very difficult to find someone to fill the position of crossing guard. The district raised the hourly salary for this position, but being the job is for only one hour in the morning and one hour in the afternoon, there is very little interest in the position. Mrs. Rice stated she met with town supervisor and chief of police, and they are all working diligently to fill this position and safety of students. Superintendent Rice stated one idea that was posed was contacting the college for a possible work study position.

Superintendent Rice stated the Department of Transportation response letter stated that the DOT will agree to upgrade signage but felt that flashing lights were not warranted in that area. Mr. Profaci stated he feels there is an issue in this area and does not agree with the findings of the Department of Transportation. Mr. Profaci asked if the district could reach out to the police chief to see if they could put the sign up that they used last year near Moxie cupcakes. Mr. Bagley agreed and asked administration to respond to their letter saying the district does agree with their findings. In order to do more we have to wait until an accident happens, and Board Members would like to prevent this from happening. Members discussed a reduced speed near the school district.

Mrs. Rice stated the district has had over 130 students register this summer, and last summer there were 60 registrations. Mrs. Rice stated seventeen new students come into third grade. Superintendent Rice stated the class sizes were up to 25 and 26, and administration decided today to open another section of third grade. Mrs. Rice stated that fifth grade received 20 students with class sizes of 24 to 25 but there is no plan on adding another section there. Registrations have been coming in last minute and Opening Day enrollment will be available to Board Members after the first day of school.

Mrs. Rice noted she handed out a Snapshot 2012 that is put out by the Council for School Superintendents. Mrs. Rice stated she is a contributing author to some of the data and components in the booklet. This is put out every three years and Superintendent Rice has contributed to this for the past decade.

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE PAYMENT RESERVE FUND Richard Linden, Assistant Superintendent for Business asked that the Board approve the following resolution:

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

**5.1 Request for Approval to continue to Fund an Unemployment Insurance Payment Reserve Fund**

Recommendation – that the following resolution be approved:

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Education has established a reserve fund pursuant to the provisions of Section 6-m of the General Municipal Law for the purpose of paying the cost of reimbursements to the State Unemployment Insurance Fund for payments UNEMPLOYMENT made to claimants where the employer has elected to use the benefit reimbursement method for paying unemployment insurance, known as the Unemployment Insurance Payment Reserve Fund; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board currently makes payments in lieu of contributions to the State Unemployment Insurance Fund and wishes to continue to fund these payments from the Unemployment Insurance Payment Reserve Fund;

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board hereby appropriates the sum of \$200,000 for such purpose from 2012-2013 undesignated fund balance and authorizes the transfer of such monies from the general fund to the Unemployment Insurance Payment Reserve Fund and that this amount is approved for all future years until changed by further resolution.

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

**BOARD COMMUNICATIONS**

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COMPREHENSIVE FACILITIES PLAN CALENDAR

2013-2014 BOARD GOALS/EXPECTATIONS – Stephen Bagley sent out an email to all Board Members regarding the 2013-2014 Board Goals and Expectations. He is working on compiling the information received from Members and will provide it to Members in the near future. Members spoke about accountability of administrators and how administrators are advancing their programs in their buildings as well as the review of policies and communications. Mr. Bagley asked Members to give their input to Ruth so a list can be compiled and discussed in the future. Mrs. Rice stated she and Michelle Martoni will work on compiling a calendar for BOE Members to provide them with the information from their list of goals and expectations.

**PUBLIC SURVEY REGARDING FACILITIES MASTER PLAN**

Members continued their discussion of a survey for the facilities master plan. Members discussed placing a paid ad in the New Paltz Times and the Daily Freeman providing information to the public about the facilities master plan, and informing people about a possible upcoming survey. Superintendent Rice stated that K12 insights helped the Superintendent’s Council do a survey and said she would look into this. Members decided to communicate to the public by placing an ad and to only do one survey.

Members discussed what key components they want to have in the ad to both inform the public and communicate with tax payers so they come out and attend meetings to get information about the options.

Mr. Bagley took a poll of members who wanted to include the dollar amounts. Mr. Cournoyer said no dollars along with Mr. Profaci, Ms. Tresco, and Mr. Bagley. Ms. Quinn and Mr. Rogers wanted to put the dollars in the ad. Mr. Rogers suggested putting in a range of a dollar amount in order to be transparent and informative. All members were in consensus Gross project costs range from 25 Million to 107 Million. Numbers do not include state aid reimbursement, expected bond interest, operational savings.

Ms. Quinn will send out the survey questions to Members to work on.

**MINUTES OF MEETING**

**MINUTES**

Motion made by Ms. Quinn and seconded by Mr. Cournoyer 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 August 28, 2013. Motion carried 6 - 0 with 6 members voting.

**PERSONNEL (CONSENT AGENDA)**

**PERSONNEL**

Motion made by Ms. Quinn and seconded by Mr. Cournoyer that the Board of Education approve the following personnel consent agenda items 8.1 through 8.8:

**8.1 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:

Elementary Teacher (1.0 FTE)

**8.2 Rescind Portion of Resolution and Add Employee**

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

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Education of the New Paltz Central School District hereby rescinds the portion of the resolution from the August 28, 2013 Board of Education Meeting appointing Brittany Littlefield Dorazio to an Instructional Leave Replacement Appointment as an Elementary Teacher effective 9/1/13 – 12/8/13; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Board of Education of the New Paltz Central School District hereby appoints Aimee Bulson to the Instructional Leave Replacement Appointment as an Elementary Teacher effective 9/1/13 – 12/8/13 with a pro-rated salary of BA Step C, \$53,970.

**8.3 Instructional Probationary Appointment**

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, with remuneration as per NPUT contract.

<b>Name</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Effective Dates</b>	<b>Step/Salary</b>
Brittany D’Orazio	Elementary	9/1/13 – 8/31/16	MA Step C, \$63,240

**8.4 Instructional Appointments - 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 3, 2013 Organizational Meeting:

<b>Name</b>	<b>Effective Dates</b>
John Wilson	9/4/13 – 6/30/14
Dora Stack	9/4/13 – 6/30/14

**8.5 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 2013-2014 school year:

<b>Name</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Name</b>
Claudia Battaglia	Johanna Hill	Dora Stack
Michael Brady	Denise Hoyt	Elissa Staub
Celia Cuomo	Souad Kurzban	Kim Sturgis
Shawn Doyle	Laurel Manley	Dawn Sutton
Charleen Gottschalk	Anne G. Monahan	Ekaterini Vlamis
Isabelle Grizolet-Evans	Marilyn O’Leary	Barbara Weiner

**8.6 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:

<b>Name</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Effective Date</b>
Melissa Shipe	School Monitor	8/28/2013

**8.7 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>
Christina Wilson	Sub. School Bus Attendant	9/1/2013-6/30/2014	\$10.50/hr	
Stephen Wilson	Sub. School Bus Driver	9/1/2013-6/30/2014	\$10.50/hr	
Amanda Paul	Teacher Aide	9/4/2013	\$13.31/hr	full-time
Pamela Pece	Teacher Aide	9/4/2013	\$13.31/hr	full-time
Isaac Solano	Teacher Aide	9/4/2013	\$13.31/hr	full-time
Ann Marie Dixon	Teacher Aide	9/6/2013	\$13.31/hr	full-time
Ezra Silverman	Teacher Aide	9/6/2013	\$13.31/hr	full-time
Ameilia Suttle	Teacher Aide	9/6/2013	\$13.31/hr	part-time
Robert Rauch	Sub. School Bus Driver	9/3/2013	\$20.00/hr	as needed
Jennifer Saladino	School Bus Driver	9/4/2013	\$25.20/hr	4.5 hrs per day

**8.8 Correcting Resolution –Probationary Appointments**

Recommendation that the New Paltz Central Schools Board of Education upon the recommendation of Maria C. Rice, Superintendent, does hereby approve the correction of the effective dates for Michelle Olson and Daniel Monheit as effective September 1, 2013 through August 31, 2016. A resolution approving these two probationary appointments was previously approved at the August 8, 2013 Board of Education meeting with incorrect effective dates.

Motion carried 6 – 0 with 6 members voting.

**OLD BUSINESS**

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**9.1 Board Operational Guidelines**

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

Recommendation - that the following resolution be approved: BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of the New Paltz Central School District approve the Board Operational Guidelines as amended.

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:

**10.1 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: 11122, 11491, 13179, 12578, 13170, 12741, 12565, 13219, 13177, 13108, 9934, 8200, 12921, 11343, 13220, 13172.

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

Motion made by Ms. Quinn and seconded by Mr. Cournoyer to accept the New Business consent agenda items 10.2 through 10.5:

**10.2 Re-Certification of Lead Evaluator of Principals**

Recommendation – that the New Paltz Central Schools Board of Education does hereby approve the following:  
BE IT RESOLVED that pursuant to the requirements of Education Law Section 3012-c and Part 30-2.9 of the Regents Rules, Maria C. Rice, Superintendent, having completed all of the required training is to be re-certified by this Board of Education as “Lead Evaluator” for building principals effective September 1, 2013 through August 31, 2014.

**10.3 Re-Certification of Lead Evaluators of Teachers as Defined by Education Law Section 3012-c**

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 of Education of the New Paltz Central School District re-certify the following administrators as Lead Evaluators of Teachers in accordance with Section 30-2.9 of the Rules of the Board of Regents. This re-certification is effective September 1, 2013 through August 31, 2014.

**Name**

- Barbara Clinton
- Jo-Anne Dobbins
- Debra Hogencamp
- Michelle Martoni
- Jacqueline Sinatra
- Richard Wiesenthal

**10.4 Re-Certification of Evaluators of Teachers as Defined by Education Law Section 3012-c**

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 of Education of the New Paltz Central School District re-certify the following administrators as Evaluators of Teachers in accordance with Section 30-2.9 of the Rules of the Board of Regents. This re-certification is effective September 1, 2013 through August 31, 2014.

**Name**

- Kathleen Clark-Simmons
- Dennis DiBari
- Rosanne Mele-Messina
- Daniel Scherrer
- Anthony Tantillo

**10.5 Request for Approval of Facilities Use Form for Pop Warner Football**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approve the following building facilities use request form for Pop Warner Football to use the Floyd A. Patterson Field Complex for Pop Warner games on October 12, 2013, pursuant to New Paltz Central School District Policy 3280.

Motion carried 6 – 0 with 6 members voting.

**OTHER DISCUSSION**

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Ms. Quinn wished Mr. Cournoyer a Happy Birthday. Ms. Quinn stated she was happy to see the schools and the positive efforts with the opening of schools. Mr. Profaci thanked Ms. Quinn for representing the Board. Ms. Quinn stated she went to the Bias Awareness Training and she thought it was a very well-run program, and she appreciated meeting the staff from all different departments in the school.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS** None

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**ADJOURN**

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With no need for a second Executive Session, a motion was made by Ms. Quinn and seconded by Mr. Cournoyer that the Board adjourn at 8:42 PM. Motion carried 6 - 0 with 6 members voting.

Respectfully submitted,

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Elena Rae Maskell  
District Clerk