

Minutes – Business Meeting – Board of Education – New Paltz Central High School – October 2, 2013 – 7:00 PM

**CALL MEETING TO ORDER**

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Meeting was called to order at 6:00 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  
Patrick Rausch  
Timothy Rogers  
Julie Tresco

QUORUM CHECK

ALSO PRESENT: Maria Rice, Superintendent of Schools

EXCUSED: Ruth Quinn

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

ROLL CALL

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

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Motion made by Mr. Profaci and seconded by Mr. Cournoyer 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, 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. Bagley and seconded by Mr. Rogers that the Board return to Public Session at 6:43 PM. Motion carried 6 - 0 with 6 members voting.

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The Public Meeting was called to order at - PM Stephen Bagley, Board President.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Stephen Bagley  
Brian Cournoyer  
Dominick Profaci  
Patrick Rausch  
Timothy Rogers  
Julie Tresco

QUORUM CHECK

EXCUSED: Ruth Quinn

ALSO PRESENT: Maria Rice, Superintendent of Schools  
Michelle Martoni, Assistant Superintendent for Educational Programs  
Richard Linden, Assistant Superintendent for Business  
Debra Hogencamp, Principal, Duzine Elementary School  
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. Profaci and seconded by Mr. Cournoyer to accept the following agenda changes:

**ADD to Existing Personnel Agenda Item 10.5 Mentors, the following names:**

Susan Pereira  
Ann Sheldon  
Elaine Thomas

**ADD to Existing Personnel Agenda Item 10.6 Instructional Appointment Substitutes, the following name:**

Clara Haecker effective 10/3/13 – 6/30/14

**ADD to Existing Personnel Agenda Item 10.9 Non-Instructional Leave of Absence, the following name:**

Name	Title	Effective Dates
Jennifer Sutton	School Monitor	9/23/2013 to 10/31/2013

**ADD to Existing Personnel Agenda Item 10.10 Non-Instructional Appointments, the following names:**

Name	Title	Effective Date	Salary	Hours
Marcia Kellogg	Sub. Teacher Aide	10/3/2013	\$10.50/hr	as needed
Marcia Kellogg	Sub. School Monitor	10/3/2013	\$9.00/hr	as needed
Scott Cottam	Teacher Aide	10/3/2013	\$13.31/hr	full-time
Linda Lipton	School Monitor	10/3/2013	\$10.50/hr	4.5 hrs per day

**CHANGE Existing Personnel Agenda Item 10.11 Advisorships as follows:**

Title	Name	Salary
MS Drama Club Assistant	Laura Vanetten	\$920.00

**ADD to Personnel New Agenda Item 10.12 Appointment of Health Advisory Committee Member**

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Recommendation – that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of Maria C. Rice, Superintendent of Schools, does hereby appoint the following individuals to the Health Advisory Committee:

Name	Group Representing	Term Expires
Nicole Cutler	Parent	9/30/15

**ADD to Personnel New Agenda Item 10.13 Request for Approval to Create New Positions**

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

Special Education Teacher (1.0 FTE)

Occupational Therapist (0.2 FTE)

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

**SPOTLIGHT ON PROGRAM**

The Duzine Elementary School second graders along with their teacher Janice Hoffer and librarian Joanne Martin gave a presentation titled, “Empowering Children to Stand Up, Not Stand By.”

**SPOTLIGHT**

**STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORT**

Tal Schwartz was introduced as the student representative. Mr. Schwartz is a senior at New Paltz High School. Freshman orientation went well, and there was the most upper classmen volunteers that they’ve seen in a long time. Seniors are applying for early decision, and guidance counselors have been meeting with students. Mr. Schwartz said college night is tomorrow night and financial aid night is next week. Mr. Schwartz stated Spirit Week is the week of October 18<sup>th</sup> with many activities planned. All student clubs are in full swing, and student government is working on fundraisers. Mr. Schwartz stated all sports teams are off to a great start. The Environmental Club and the AP Environmental Science Class have been working on a courtyard coffee club.

**STUDENT REP**

**SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORTS & DISCUSSION ITEMS**

Mrs. Rice stated there is an APPR Review Committee comprised of teachers and administrators and they are working hard on facilitating the APPR and eventually send their recommendations to the Superintendent and the teacher’s union. Mrs. Rice stated this is a joint committee chaired by Assistant Superintendent Michelle Martoni, and she is very excited about their progress so far.

**SUPT REPORT**

**BOARD COMMUNICATIONS**

- ULSTER 2020 – Ruth Quinn

**BOARD COMMUNICATION**

Mrs. Rice stated Ms. Quinn is on the planning committee of the Ulster County Legislative Action Committee, and the committee would like to have a series of symposiums and the Board Members need to decide if they want to have our

district participate, and if so if they want to pass the resolution presented below. Members agreed they would like to participate. Mrs. Rice stated there is a \$20.00 fee for this symposium for each attendee, and she wanted to know if Members agreed to pay this fee out of the Staff Development money.

Mr. Bagley asked how many Members wanted to attend. Mrs. Rice would like to attend as well as Michelle Martoni and Richard Linden. Mrs. Rice stated she is hoping there will be a representative from the teacher's union. Members agreed on sending 3-5 staff members including the Superintendent. Mrs. Rice would like four representatives from the PTA as well. Members agreed on this. Mr. Bagley suggested opening up the opportunity for community members to attend. Ms. Quinn would like to attend as well as Mr. Cournoyer and Mr. Rogers. Mr. Rausch is already attending representing BOCES.

The resolution below was not voted upon by the Members.

7.1 **Resolution Authorizing NPCSD Participation in the Symposium A 2020 Vision for Public Education in Ulster County**

**Whereas**, school districts in Ulster County face many complex challenges in coming years to achieving the goal of graduating college and career ready students, including implementing the Common Core Curriculum, the Annual Professional Performance Review standards, in a fiscal environment constrained by the Tax Levy Limits and inadequate state aid, and a demographic environment of declining enrollment in much of the county, and

**Whereas**, failure to develop solutions at the local level may lead to reorganizations and further mandates imposed by the NYS Education Department, and

**Whereas**, the Ulster County School Boards Association, in conjunction with Ulster BOCES, the SUNY New Paltz School of Education, SUNY Ulster, and the Center for Research, Regional Education & Outreach (CRREO) at SUNY New Paltz, is sponsoring a symposium **2020 Vision for Public Education in Ulster County** (the Symposium); on November 8, 2013, at SUNY New Paltz, and

**Whereas**, the purpose of the symposium is to bring together Ulster County school board members, educators, public officials, business leaders, and parents to begin a multi-year investigation of strategies and initiatives that could implemented by the year 2020 to enhance the achievement of our collective educational goals, now therefore **Be it Resolved**, that the Board of Education of the New Paltz Central School District authorizes the Board President to appoint (*number*) Trustees and (*number*) members of the PTA and (*number*) members of the public to participate in the Symposium, and

**Be it further resolved**, that the Board of Education of the New Paltz Central School District to authorizes the Superintendent of Schools to participate in the Symposium, and

**Be it further resolved**, that the Superintendent of Schools is authorized to select (*number*) staff members to participate in the Symposium and be released from their regular duties on the day of the Symposium, and

**Be it further resolved**, that the Board of Education of the New Paltz Central School District authorizes the expenditure of necessary funds to hire replacement personnel for staff members participating in the Symposium, and

**Be it further resolved**, that Board of Education of the (school district name) authorizes the expenditure of a maximum of (dollar amount) to reimburse travel expense and Symposium fees of \$20.00 per person for Symposium materials and luncheon for Trustees, district staff, and members of the public participating in the Symposium.

NYSSBA RESOLUTIONS – Mr. Bagley asked Members if there were any resolutions they did not agree on from the packet that was provided. Mr. Rausch stated historically they can support or not support any items but the final decision is the representative of the Board of Education who is attending the NYSSBA Convention. There were no resolutions that Board Members felt strongly against, and they would like Mr. Rogers to use his discretion when voting on any of the resolutions that were presented. Mr. Rausch is the back-up representative for the Board of Education should Mr. Rogers not be able to attend.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

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HEALTH ADVISORY COMMITTEE – Julie Tresco stated the Health Advisory Committee met on September 11, 2013. Several sub-committees have met as well.

LEGISLATIVE ACTION ADVISORY COMMITTEE – No report as Ruth Quinn was excused from the meeting.

**MINUTES OF MEETING**

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Motion made by Mr. Rausch 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 September 18, 2013. Motion carried 6 - 0 with 6 members voting.

**PERSONNEL (CONSENT AGENDA)****PERSONNEL**

Motion made by Mr. Profaci and seconded by Mr. Rausch that the Board of Education approve the following personnel (consent agenda) resolutions 10.1 through 10.13:

**10.1 Correcting Resolution –Leave Replacement Appointment**

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 Carol Ray as effective September 3, 2013 through February 1, 2014. A resolution approving this leave replacement appointment was previously approved at the September 18, 2013 Board of Education meeting with incorrect effective dates.

**10.2 Correcting Resolution –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 approve the correction to the title of the new position created on August 7, 2013. Originally the title was Teacher of the Visually Impaired. The amended title should be Teacher of the Blind and Visually Handicapped. A resolution approving the creation of this new position was previously approved at the August 7, 2013 Board of Education meeting.

**10.3 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>Salary/Step</b>
John Kelly	Teacher of the Blind and Visually Handicapped	10/3/13 - 10/2/16	MA Step 2 \$69,820

**10.4 Instructional Part-time 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 part-time instructional employee:

<b>Name</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Effective Dates</b>	<b>Salary/Step</b>
Amy Jett	(.3) Speech Therapist	9/3/13 - 6/30/2014	(.3) MA Step 8 \$80,960 (pro-rated)

**10.5 Instructional Appointment - Mentors**

Recommendation - that the New Paltz Schools Board of Education, upon the recommendation of Maria C. Rice, Superintendent of Schools, does hereby appoint the following instructional employees as mentors for the 2013/2014 school year with remuneration, as per NPUT contract:

<b>Name</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Name</b>
Souad Kurzban	Jane Beck	Ann Sheldon
Laurene Pountain	Rebecca Masters	Elaine Thomas
Jennifer Cone	Susan Pereira	

**10.6 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 3, 2013 Organizational Meeting:

<b>Name</b>	<b>Effective Dates</b>
Lillian Bonet	10/3/13 - 6/30/14
Ben Liberatore	10/3/13 - 6/30/14
Francis Nicholas Mancuso	10/3/13 - 6/30/14
Clara Haecker	10/3/13 - 6/30/14

**10.7 Home Tutor**

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, on an as-needed basis with remuneration as per NPUT contract effective for the 2013-2014 school year:

**Name**  
Rita Toohey

**10.8 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>
Alexandra Rogers	School Monitor	10/2/2013

**10.9 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 approve an unpaid leave of absence for the following non-instructional employee:

<b>Name</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Effective Dates</b>
Ruth Lefever	Account Clerk/Typist	10/2/2013 to 10/31/2013
Jennifer Sutton	School Monitor	9/23/2013 to 10/31/2013

**10.10 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>
Taylor Long	Sub. Clerical (DO)	10/23/2013	\$14.00/hr	as needed
Jennifer Heaney	School Monitor	10/03/2013	\$10.50/hr	15 hours per week
Rebecca Saxe	Sub. Teacher Aide	09/20/2013	\$10.50/hr	as needed
Marcia Kellogg	Sub. Teacher Aide	10/3/2013	\$10.50/hr	as needed
Marcia Kellogg	Sub. School Monitor	10/3/2013	\$9.00/hr	as needed
Scott Cottam	Teacher Aide	10/3/2013	\$13.31/hr	full-time
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**10.11 Advisorships**

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 to the following advisorships for the 2013/2014 school year, with remuneration as per NPUT contract:

<b>Title</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Salary</b>
MS Student Council	Kristen Conrad and Kim Sturgis	\$ 740.00/each
MS School Newspaper (Mirror)	Susan Pereira	\$2,050.00
MS Reflections	Randi Rosen	\$1,480.00
MS Yearbook	Jill Belgrave	\$2,050.00
MS Art Club	Kim Sturgis	\$2,050.00
MS Geography Bee	Trina Naclerio	\$ 920.00
MS Drama Club	Mary Holmes	\$ 920.00
MS Drama Club Assistant	Laura Vanetten	\$ 920.00
MS Rock & Soul	Scott Milici	\$3,170.00
MS All County Band	Scott Milici	\$2,050.00
MS All County Chorus	Nicole Foti	\$1,480.00

**10.12 Appointment of Health Advisory Committee Member**

Recommendation – that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of Maria C. Rice, Superintendent of Schools, does hereby appoint the following individuals to the Health Advisory Committee:

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Nicole Cutler	Parent	9/30/15

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Motion carried 6 – 0 with 6 members voting.

**OLD BUSINESS**

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**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:

**12.1 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: 12367, 8191, 8036, 13427, 10157, 13382, 10932, 12370, 12706, 13422, 11157, 13397, 13180, 12972, 13373, 13190.

Motion carried 6 – 0 with 6 members voting.

**PUBLIC FORUM/FACILITIES PRESENTATION**

**PUBLIC FORUM**

**COMPREHENSIVE LONG-RANGE FACILITIES PLAN** – Russell Davidson and Daniel Jaconetti from KG&D Architects gave an updated PowerPoint presentation on the facilities master plan.

**PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS**

- Paul Brown                    New Paltz
- Karen Edelman              New Paltz
- Steve Greenfield            New Paltz
- KT Tobin                     New Paltz
- Nick DiMarco                New Paltz
- Tal Schwartz                New Paltz
- Kathy Preston                New Paltz
- Caroline Aurigema          New Paltz
- Kristin Rosario              New Paltz
- Brandi Keyser                New Paltz

Members discussed the available options at length.

**OTHER DISCUSSION**

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Mr. Bagley asked Members if they were okay with sending 1-2 students to the 2020 Vision Symposium. All members agreed this was a good idea Board Members discussed different dates for a special meeting to hash out the different options and make a hybrid model in which to use as their option. Members decided on 6:00PM for a Special Board Meeting on Tuesday, October 29, 2013 at the District Office with Facilities Committee Members invited as participants and KG&D Architects also to attend to assist the Members with the options.

The District Clerk was directed to pull the third ad from publication and look into creating a mass mailing in the form of postcards to all district residents to communicate information on upcoming meetings including the new Special Meeting on October 29<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Bagley did a straw poll and asked members if they were still interested in doing a survey. All members were in agreement not to pursue the survey.

Point of Order was made by Steve Greenfield.

**ADJOURN**

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Motion made by Mr. Profaci and seconded by Mr. Rausch and seconded by - that the Board adjourn at 9:57 PM. Motion carried 6 - 0 with 6 members voting.

Respectfully submitted,

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Elena Rae Maskell  
District Clerk