

CALL TO ORDER

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The Public Meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Stephen Bagley, Board President.

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

QUORUM CHECK

ALSO PRESENT: Michelle Martoni, Assistant Superintendent for Educational Programs
Richard Linden, Assistant Superintendent for Business
Jo-Anne Dobbins, Director of Pupil Personnel Services
Barbara Clinton, High School Principal
Richard Wiesenthal, Middle School Principal
Jackie Sinatra, Lenape Elementary School Principal
Maureen Ryan, Director of Transportation
Michael Robinson, Director of Food Services
Steve Callahan, Director of Facilities
Antonia Woody, Director of Athletics/Health Services
Dusti Callo, District Clerk
Members of the Public and Press
KG & D Architects-Daniel Jaconetti
Roderick Dressel-facilities committee community member

ROLL CALL The roll was called as reflected above.

ROLL CALL

PLEDGE TO THE FLAG

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AGENDA CHANGES

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SPOTLIGHT ON PROGRAM

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- Duzine Elementary: “Reading through Song” featuring Mr. Elkin’s class and Ms. Taliaferro’s class.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

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- Jim O’Dowd-New Paltz-Mr. O’Dowd thanked the board for their work on the facilities master plan but said there still needs to be more inclusion with regard to renewable energy options in the plan.
- Ann Guenther-New Paltz-Ms. Guenther commented that she and her husband would like to support the facilities master plan moving forward and urged the board and the district to have more community input and involvement as the next steps are taken to implement the plan.

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORTS & DISCUSSION ITEMS

SUPT REPORT

- SUPERINTENDENT’S COMMENTS
- SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORTS
 - APPR Update – Michelle Martoni, Assistant Superintendent for Educational Programs
 - Budget Presentation – Richard Linden, Assistant Superintendent for Business

Michael Robinson, Director of Food Services, was asked to update the board on the status of the school lunch program with regard to financial losses as a result of changes in federal requirements. The board asked about the possibility in opting out of the federal reimbursement program for free and reduced. Mr. Robinson informed the board that districts have the option

of opting out by school and if this might be a consideration, he suggested the high school would be the best option. The board also requested a profit and loss statement for review at the next meeting to assist in considering options for making changes to the food services program.

BOARD DISCUSSION

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➤ **DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE DECISION ON FACILITIES PLAN PROJECT OPTIONS**

Motion was made by Dominick Profaci to move forward with Phase 1, just the first portion for \$41.3 million and asked if someone would like to second the motion. Richard Linden asked Mr. Profaci for clarification of Phase 1, of which option. Mr. Profaci clarified Phase 1, Option 1. Ruth Quinn suggested that no motion be made but instead to do a straw poll. Board President Steve Bagley asked for clarification from KG &D architect, Dan Jaconetti that Phase 1, Option 1 included the Middle School and what else? It was clarified that Option 1, Phase 1 included the middle school only, doing everything. Stephen Bagley seconded the motion made by Dominick Profaci.

Discussion over several options continued. Steve Bagley then asked the members, “Where are we?” Dominick Profaci reminded members that there is a motion on the table regarding Option 1, Phase 1 for the Middle School only for \$41.3 million. Discussion continued.

Ruth Quinn said that she could make a motion to amend the motion and to table the discussion because, ”we’re not quite there yet.” No motions were made and the discussion continued.

Ruth Quinn made a motion to table the discussion for now. Richard Linden suggested that the motion be made to table the discussion to the next meeting. Ms. Quinn motioned that the members table the discussion to the next meeting. No one seconded the motion to table the discussion and no vote was taken. The discussion continued.

Steve Bagley made a motion to amend the original motion to do New Paltz Middle School. Ruth Quinn and Brian Cournoyer suggested going around the table for a straw poll and Steve Bagley agreed. The discussion continued.

Steve Bagley asked for a motion and Ruth Quinn reminded the members that there was an existing motion on the table. Steve Bagley made a motion to amend the existing motion but did not indicate what the amendment should be. Facilities Committee community member, Rod Dressel interjected to offer suggestions to consider Option 3, Phase 1 as it better addresses the high priority education at each of the four buildings. The discussion continued.

Dominick Profaci withdrew his original motion and Steve Bagley withdrew his second. The board agreed that all previous motions made during discussions were withdrawn.

Motion was made by Brian Cournoyer and seconded by Julie Tresco to adopt Option 3, Phase I subject to review at a later date with the architects for fine tuning.
Motion passed 6 – 0 with 6 members voting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS- None

CMTE REPORTS

MINUTES OF MEETING

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Motion made by Brian Cournoyer and seconded by Julie Tresco that the Board of Education approve the following recommendation:
BE IT RESOLVED that the New Paltz Central Schools Board of Education accept the minutes of the Regular Board of Education Meeting of February 26, 2014.
Motion carried 6 - 0 with 6 members voting.

FINANCIAL REPORTS

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None

PERSONNEL (CONSENT AGENDA)

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Motion made by Dominick Profaci and seconded by Brian Cournoyer that the Board of Education approve the following personnel (consent agenda) resolutions:

12.1 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 employees:

Name	Title	Effective Dates
Tammy Penovich	School Bus Driver	3/10/2014 to 3/20/2014

12.2 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:

Position	Effective Dates
Teacher Aide (1.0 FTE)	2/24/2014 to 6/26/2014

12.3 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 instructional employee:

Name	Title	Effective Dates
Maggie Kievit	Teacher	2/12/14 – 3/28/14

12.4 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 2013/2014 school year:

Name	Title	Effective Dates	Step/Salary
Jessica Holter	Music Teacher	2/1/14 - 6/26/14	BA Step C \$53, 970 (prorated)
Aimee Bulson	Teacher	2/12/14 – 3/28/14	BA Step C \$53, 970 (prorated)

12.5 Instructional Appointment

Recommendation - that the New Paltz Central Schools Board of Education, upon the recommendation of Maria C. Rice, Superintendent, does hereby approve the appointment of the following instructional employee with remuneration as per NPUT contract, pro-rated:

Name	FTE	Title	Effective Dates	Step/Salary
Nancy Patton	0.03	Special Education Teacher	2/24/14 – 3/30/14 5/6/14 – 6/30/14	MA Step 15 \$96,250 (prorated)

12.6 Facilities Committee 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 facilities committee community member: BE IT RESOLVED that the Board hereby accept the resignation of facilities committee community member Joseph Daidone, effective February 25, 2014.
Motion carried 6 – 0 with 6 members voting.

OLD BUSINESS

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Motion made by Ruth Quinn and seconded by Julie Tresco to approve the following policy:

13.1 Second Reading and Review of New Policy #7316

SUBJECT: STATE AND LOCAL ASSESSMENTS

The Board of Education is committed to providing a quality educational program for the students of the District. The Board believes that standardized testing programs, when used properly, can provide one meaningful source of information about the District’s curriculum and overall student achievement. While the Board is opposed to the over-testing of students, particularly when tests are given for non-pedagogical reasons, the Board recognizes its responsibility to comply with the laws and regulations governing public school districts. Therefore, it is the policy of this District that students must complete the requirements of the public school program, which includes taking quizzes, tests, as well as other state and local assessments, to help accomplish the following objectives:

- To provide one means to evaluate student growth through individual, inter-district and intra-district comparison;
- To provide teachers with diagnostic information which will enable them to better address the instructional needs of their students and to differentiate instruction, and

- To evaluate strengths and weaknesses of the curriculum and methods of instruction.

The Education Law and Commissioner’s Regulations do not provide parents with the opportunity to “opt-out” their child from required local or state assessments.

State Assessments

All public school students are required by Commissioner’s Regulations to participate in state assessments that reflect the knowledge, skills and understandings that all students are expected to know and are able to perform at certain specified grade levels. If a student is in attendance at school on mandated test days, tests will be administered to him/her. If a student is legally absent on these days in accordance with the District’s Comprehensive Student Attendance Policy, he/she will be marked “absent” and the test will be administered on the make-up day. If the student refuses to take the test:

- At the Elementary level, the student will be provided with an alternative location and is expected to read.
- At the Middle and Secondary level, the student will remain in the room quietly, and be allowed to read.

All students will be accounted for and reported to the State Education Department (SED) in accordance with SED’s Validity Rules.

Local Assessments

All District students are required to take local tests and assessments. Local assessments are intended to test students on their knowledge of the curriculum, monitor their progress and enable the District to modify existing programs and develop new programs aligned with specific student needs. Student grades will reflect, in part, the results of these tests and assessments. If a student is legally absent on the day of an assessment, he/she will be given a make-up test upon return to school. If the student refuses to take the test or a make-up test, the student will be given an “Incomplete” for the class.

Ref: No Child Left Behind Act
8 NYCRR §§100.3, 100.4, 100.5
SED Memo to Superintendents of Public Schools, “Information on Student Participation in State Assessments” dated January 2013.

Motion carried 6 – 0 with 6 members voting.

NEW BUSINESS

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Motion made by Dominick Profaci and seconded by Ruth Quinn that the Board of Education approve the following recommendation:

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: 9610, 12649, 10001, 10115, 10037, 10032, 12962, 12945, 11426, 10961, 12524, 12070, 13736, 9540, 9610, 9541, 9651, 10210, 10098, 12523, 10093, 10080, 9907, 9911, 9912.

Motion carried 6 - 0 with 6 members voting.

14.2 Request for Acceptance of Monetary Gift

Motion made by Brian Cournoyer and seconded by Dominick Profaci that the Board of Education approve the following recommendation:

Recommendation – that the New Paltz Central School District accept monetary gifts totaling \$1000 from the following individuals to the New Paltz High School to be utilized by the Courtyard Garden Club: Richard Miller-\$250, Bridget Barclay-\$50, Ellen Whalley-\$50, Amy Mosbacher-\$50, Mark Younger-\$100 and Tom Nolan-\$500. The board further directs the district clerk to send a letter of thanks to each individual for their donation.

Motion carried 6 - 0 with 6 members voting.

14.3 Request for Establishment of Scholarship Award

Motion made by Brian Cournoyer and seconded by Ruth Quinn that the Board of Education approve the following recommendation:

Recommendation - that the New Paltz Central Schools Board of Education, upon the recommendation of Maria C. Rice, Superintendent of Schools, does hereby approve the establishment of the *Bruce Loertscher Scholarship Award* in the amount of \$500. The board further directs the district clerk to send a letter of thanks to the Town of Plattekill Police Department.

Motion carried 6 - 0 with 6 members voting.

OTHER DISCUSSION-None

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EXECUTIVE SESSION-None

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ADJOURN

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Motion made by Julie Tresco and seconded by Brian Cournoyer that the Board adjourn at 11:28 PM.

Motion carried 6 - 0 with 6 members voting.

Respectfully submitted,

Dusti L. Callo
District Clerk