

Minutes – Business Meeting – Board of Education – New Paltz Central High School – March 19, 2014 – 7:00 PM

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

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Meeting was called to order at 6:30 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-excused
Ruth Quinn
Patrick Rausch
Timothy Rogers
Julie Tresco-excused

QUORUM CHECK

ALSO PRESENT: Maria Rice, Superintendent of Schools

ROLL CALL The roll was called as reflected above.

ROLL CALL

EXECUTIVE SESSION

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Motion made by Ruth Quinn and seconded by Brian Cournoyer that the Board of Education move into Executive Session at 6:30 PM for the purpose of discussing the school history of particular students in accordance with their FERPA rights, discussing matters made exempt by FERPA and discussing the employment history of a particular person or corporation. Motion carried 5 - 0 with 5 members voting.

Out of Executive Session:

Motion made by Tim Rogers and seconded by Ruth Quinn that the Board return to Public Session at 6:59 PM.

Motion carried 5 - 0 with 5 members voting.

CALL TO ORDER

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The Public Meeting was called to order at 7:05 PM by Stephen Bagley, Board President.

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

QUORUM CHECK

ALSO PRESENT: Maria Rice, Superintendent of Schools
Michelle Martoni, Assistant Superintendent for Educational Programs
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
Michael Domitrovits, Facilities Committee Community Members
Dusti Callo, District Clerk
Members of the Public and Press

ROLL CALL The roll was called as reflected above.

ROLL CALL

PLEDGE TO THE FLAG

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COMMUNITY BUDGET FORUM

Wednesday, March 19, 2014

7:00 PM

High School Auditorium

AGENDA

7:00 p.m. **Welcome & Presentation**
Stephen Bagley, Board of Education President
Maria C. Rice, Superintendent of Schools
Richard Linden, Assistant Superintendent for Business

7:15 p.m. **Open Dialog**
Questions, comments and recommendations are encouraged.

There are two microphones set up to accommodate an efficient process for community members to be heard. Please try to limit your questions, comments, or concerns to three minutes. This will allow everyone to be heard.

Members of the Board of Education and Administrative Staff will address questions, comments and recommendations, or provide clarifications as needed or may be appropriate.

Board members requested that the proposed budget be re-examined for a possible reduction of approximately \$300,000 in order to accommodate costs related to replacement of buses and bus repairs. The revisions of the proposed budget will be discussed at the April 2, 2014 board meeting.

Public Comment:

Cathy Sanchez-New Paltz: Budget, PARC, Capital Project

AGENDA CHANGES

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Motion was made by Brian Cournoyer and seconded by Tim Rogers to have a discussion regarding the State and Local Assessments Policy during the Board Communications portion of the meeting.
Motion passed 4-1 with 5 members voting. Patrick Rausch opposed.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORTS & DISCUSSION ITEMS

SUPT REPORT

➤ SUPERINTENDENT'S COMMENTS

➤ SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORTS

- Capital Project Message Statement and Talking Points
- Communications Plan Overview

- Superintendent Rice reviewed the capital project message statement and talking points as well as the communications plan overview with board members and asked for suggestions and recommendations regarding the language. All recommendations were recorded and when updates are completed, board members will be provided updated copies to review for accuracy.

BOARD COMMUNICATIONS

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- Special Board Facilities Workshop on March 26, 2014
The board agreed to schedule a Board of Education Facilities Workshop on Wednesday, March 26, 2014 in the high school auditorium at 7:30 PM to discuss the scope and cost of the proposed Facilities Capital Project. The District Clerk was directed to send out media releases notifying the public of the scheduled meeting. The information will also be posted on the district website.
- Policy #7316 State and Local Assessments
Policy Committee chair Brian Cournoyer shared concerns over the language of policy 7316 after receiving questions from parents addressed to the Board of Education. He shared that more clarifying language may be needed regarding testing refusal. The board agreed and referred the policy back to the Policy Committee for review.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

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Cathy Sanchez-New Paltz: Capital Project Communication Plan and disruption to students.
Justin Finnegan-New Paltz: State and Local Assessments Policy

MINUTES OF MEETING

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Motion made by Patrick Rausch and seconded by Steve 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 March 5, 2014.
Motion carried 5 - 0 with 5 members voting.

FINANCIAL REPORTS

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Motion made by Steve Bagley and seconded by Brian Cournoyer that the February 2014 Treasurer’s Report be approved.
Motion carried 5 – 0 with 5 members voting.

PERSONNEL (CONSENT AGENDA)

PERSONNEL

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

9.1 Instructional Appointment-Substitutes

Recommendation that the New Paltz Central School District 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:

Name	Effective Dates
Sarah H. Oles	2/24/2014-6/30/2014
Rosemary J. Sharpe	3/20/2014-6/30/2014

9.2 Instructional Leave of Absence - Extension

Recommendation - that the New Paltz Central Schools Board of Education, upon the recommendation of Maria C. Rice, Superintendent of Schools, does hereby approve an extended unpaid leave of absence for the following instructional employee:

Name	Title	Original Effective Dates	Extension
Maggie Kievit	Teacher	2/12/14-3/28/14	3/29/14 – 4/25/14

9.3 Instructional Leave Replacement Appointment - Extension

Recommendation - that the New Paltz Central Schools Board of Education, upon the recommendation of Maria C. Rice, Superintendent of Schools, does hereby approve the extended leave replacement appointment of the following instructional employee for the 2013/2014 school year:

Name	Title	Effective Dates	Step/Salary
Aimee Bulson	Teacher	3/29/14 – 4/25/14	BA Step C \$53, 970 (prorated)

9.4 Non-Instructional 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:

Name	Title	Effective Date	Salary
Alberta Pedro	Secretary to Assistant Superintendent	April 7, 2014	\$49,000 pro-rated
Dusti Callo	Secretary to the Superintendent	April 7, 2014	\$55,000 pro-rated

9.5 Instructional Appointment - Change

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	0.15 (was 0.03)	Special Education Teacher	2/24/14 – 3/30/14	MA Step 15 \$96,250 (prorated)

9.6 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
Jennifer Newell	School Monitor	3/20/2014	\$10.50/hr	3 hrs per day
Sandra Boland	School Bus Driver	3/20/2014	\$25.20/hr	4.25 hrs per day
Nicole Sochocky	Sub. Food Service Helper	3/10/2014	\$10.50/hr	as needed
Nicole Sochocky	Food Service Helper	3/20/2014	\$12.50/hr	3 hrs per day

9.7 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
Erin O’Sullivan	Girls Modified Track	\$2,340.00

Motion carried 5 – 0 with 5 members voting.

OLD BUSINESS

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10.1 Request for Approval of SEQRA Resolution to Act as Lead Agency

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

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:

WHEREAS, the Board of Education of the New Paltz Central School District ("Board") is considering to undertake a project consisting of additions and alterations to its buildings district wide ("the Project"); and

WHEREAS, said Project will include building and site construction and renovations at the identified facilities of the New Paltz Central School District and will require approval of a bond referendum by the voters of the District; and

WHEREAS, the decision to fund an action of this type is deemed an "Unlisted Action" as defined in the Regulations contained in 6 NYCRR Part 617 implementing the New York State Environmental Quality Review Act ("SEQRA"); and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education received the SEQRA Short Environmental Assessment Forms ("SEAF") and supplemental information for the Project and has reviewed this information to determine the potential environmental significance of the Project; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education notified potentially involved agencies and known interested parties of its intent to act as lead agency for the proposed action as stated in its Notice of Intent dated February 27, 2014, together with the SEAF and attachments for each site, and all potentially involved agencies have responded that they have no objection to the Board’s declared intent to be lead agency.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education confirms its status as SEQRA Lead Agency in this matter; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Education determines that the action is an Unlisted Action; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Education determines that the action will not result in any significant adverse environmental impacts based upon the information stated in the EAF and supplemental information to the EAF and hereby adopts the annexed Negative Declaration; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Education directs its consultant to file and publish its determination of significance in the form of a Negative Declaration in accordance with 6 NYCRR 617.12.

Motion carried 5 – 0 with 5 members voting.

10.2 Request of Approval of Negative Determination of Non-Significance

Motion made by Brian Cournoyer and seconded by Steve Bagley that the Board of Education approve the following: 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:

WHEREAS, the Board of Education of the New Paltz Central School District ("Board") is considering to undertake a projects consisting of additions and alterations to its buildings district wide ("the Project"); and

WHEREAS, said Project will include building and site construction and renovations at the identified facilities of the New Paltz Central School District and will require approval of a bond referendum by the voters of the District; and

WHEREAS, the decision to fund an action of this type is deemed an "Unlisted Action" as defined in the Regulations contained in 6 NYCRR Part 617 implementing the New York State Environmental Quality Review Act ("SEQRA"); and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education received the SEQRA Short Environmental Assessment Forms ("SEAF") and supplemental information for the Project and has reviewed this information to determine the potential environmental significance of the Project; and

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education confirms its status as SEQRA Lead Agency in this matter; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Education determines that the action is an Unlisted Action; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Education determines that the action will not result in any significant adverse environmental impacts based upon the information stated in the EAF and supplemental information to the EAF and hereby adopts the annexed Negative Declaration; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Education directs its consultant to file and publish its determination of significance in the form of a Negative Declaration in accordance with 6 NYCRR 617.12.

Motion carried 5 – 0 with 5 members voting.

NEW BUSINESS

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Motion made by Steve Bagley and seconded by Brian Cournoyer that the Board of Education approve the following resolution:

11.1 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: 8200, 12469, 12219, 12252, 10881, 12861, 12652, 13748,

12949, 13731, 13726, 13728, 12808, 12972, 13180, 12330, 12250, 10927, 11370, 11273, 12934, 9971, 9828, 9537, 9825, 9854, 10127, 10110, 10030, 10008, 13431, 9128, 10774, 9827, 13734, 9579, 9624, 9176, 8036, 10679, 10328, 2497, 10843, 9135, 10292, 9319, 9133, 10911, 9327, 12364, 9123, 9834, 8001, 11343, 9555, 10650, 11301, 12382, 12618, 11495, 11289, 12922, 13429, 12291.

Motion carried 5 – 0 with 5 members voting.

11.2 Request for Acceptance of Monetary Gift

Motion made by Tim Rogers and seconded by Patrick Rausch that the Board of Education approve the following resolution:

Recommendation – that the New Paltz Central School District Board of Education, upon the recommendation of Maria C. Rice, Superintendent, does hereby accept monetary gifts totaling \$2,375 from the following individuals to the New Paltz High School to be utilized by the Courtyard Garden Club: Susan Yee \$50, Cody Van Heerden \$250, Rosalyn Cherry \$50, Hudson Valley Federal Credit Union \$2,000, Suzie Surek \$25. The board further directs the district clerk to send a letter of thanks to each individual for their donation.

Motion carried 5 – 0 with 5 members voting.

11.3 Rescind Official Newspaper

Motion made by Steve Bagley and seconded by Ruth Quinn that the Board of Education approve the following resolution:

Recommendation - that the New Paltz Central School District Board of Education, upon the recommendation of Maria C. Rice, Superintendent, does hereby rescind the *New Paltz Times* as an official paper of the school district due to the weekly nature of the paper effective March 20, 2014.

Motion carried 5 – 0 with 5 members voting.

11.4 Request for Approval to Place Proposition on Ballot at the Annual Meeting on May 20, 2014 Approving Purchase of Vehicles

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

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 following proposition be placed on the ballot at the Annual Meeting of the qualified voters of the New Paltz Central School District, to be conducted on May 20, 2014:

Shall the Board of Education of the New Paltz Central School District, Ulster County, New York, be authorized to purchase three 65-passenger or larger school bus at a cost of \$115,000 each, for a maximum estimated cost of \$345,000; and three 20-passenger or smaller school buses at a cost of \$46,667 each, for a maximum estimated cost of \$140,000; for an aggregate maximum estimated cost of \$485,000; and that the sum of \$485,000, or so much thereof as may be necessary, shall be raised by the levy of a tax upon the taxable property of said School District and collected in annual installments, as provided by Section 416 of the Education Law, and, in anticipation of such tax, obligations of the District shall be issued.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the School District Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to publish this proposition in the Legal Notice of Annual Meeting, Election and Vote in the designated newspapers.

Patrick Rausch moved to table the resolution to the April 2, 2014 board meeting. It was seconded by Steve Bagley.

Motion to table to the 4/2/14 board meeting carried 5 – 0 with 5 members voting.

OTHER DISCUSSION

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EXECUTIVE SESSION

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Subject to Board Approval-no motion made.

ADJOURN

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Motion made by Brian Cournoyer and seconded by Steve Bagley that the Board adjourn at 9:56 PM.

Motion carried 5 - 0 with 5 members voting.

Respectfully submitted,

Dusti Callo
District Clerk