

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

**CALL MEETING TO ORDER**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Meeting was called to order at 6:02 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  
Ruth Quinn  
Patrick Rausch  
Timothy Rogers-excused  
Julie Tresco

**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 6:02 PM for the purpose of discussing the school history of particular students in accordance with their FERPA rights, discussing matters made exempt by FERPA, discussing proposed, pending or current litigation, discussing the employment history of particular person or corporation, 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 Steve Bagley and seconded by Ruth Quinn that the Board return to Public Session at 6:56 PM.

Motion carried 6 - 0 with 6 members voting.

**CALL TO ORDER**

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

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

**QUORUM CHECK**

**ALSO PRESENT:** Maria Rice, Superintendent of Schools  
Michelle Martoni, Assistant Superintendent for Educational Programs  
Richard Linden, Assistant Superintendent for Business  
Barbara Clinton, Principal, New Paltz Central High School  
Richard Wiesenthal, Principal, New Paltz Middle School  
Jacqueline Sinatra, Principal, Lenape Elementary School  
Debra Hogencamp, Principal, Duzine Elementary School  
Dennis DiBari, Assistant Principal, High School  
Anthony Tantillo, Assistant Principal, Middle School  
Antonia Woody, Director of Physical Education, Health, Athletics & Health Services  
Dusti Callo, District Clerk  
Sergio Nazaire, Student Representative  
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 was made by Ruth Quinn and seconded by Brian Cournoyer to accept the following agenda changes:

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Add item 15.7 - Request for Approval of Construction Management Firm**

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

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby appoints The Palumbo Group to serve as the Construction Manager for the New Paltz Central School District in connection with the District’s proposed capital improvement project, in accordance with their proposal for services dated July 25, 2013 and, further, upon successful negotiation of a mutually acceptable Contract between Owner and Construction Manager, including the fee for such services and staffing schedule; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board authorizes The Palumbo Group to perform pre-referendum construction management services as well as review of the estimated costs of the District’s proposed capital improvement project, at no cost to the District for such services, but with the District being responsible for the cost of any pre-referendum materials (e.g., videos, printed material, mailings); provided, however, that after voter approval of the proposed project, in the event that the District and The Palumbo Group are unable to negotiate a mutually acceptable Contract for Construction Manager services, the District shall reimburse The Palumbo Group for costs expended in good faith for pre-referendum services (except for review of the estimated costs of the proposed project) to a maximum of \$10,000; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Superintendent of Schools is directed to send a Letter to Proceed with such pre-referendum services to The Palumbo Group together with a copy of this resolution.

Motion to accept agenda changes carried 6-0 with 6 members voting

**SPOTLIGHT ON PROGRAM**

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Ms. Valerie Hughes & New Paltz Middle School Students, Special Book Club

**RECOGNITION**

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DR. RICHARD WIESENTHAL, NYS MIDDLE SCHOOL PRINCIPAL OF THE YEAR

**PUBLIC HEARING**

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- 2014-2015 Budget

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

**STUDENT REPORT**

**STUDENT REP**

Student Representative, Sergio Nazaire reported on AP exams and graduating seniors, Common Core exams, athletics, club news, spring concert, the New Paltz Team for Relay for Life, and the upcoming Dodgeball Tournament. Sergio reported that students were frustrated by the change in date for Superintendent’s Conference Day from May 7<sup>th</sup> to May 8<sup>th</sup> this year. Superintendent Rice commented on the concerns and reported that the change was out of the district’s control as it was a county-wide requirement to make the change.

**SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORTS & DISCUSSION ITEMS**

**SUPT REPORT**

- SUPERINTENDENT’S COMMENTS

Superintendent Rice recognized the following teams who were named Scholar Athlete teams: Girls Varsity Track, Boys Varsity Track, Girls Golf, Girls LaCrosse, Boys Tennis

Superintendent Rice recognized New Paltz School District bus operator James Williams for taking first place in the annual School Bus Drivers’ Safety Road-eo competition.

- SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORTS

Student Achievement Report - Michelle Martoni, Assistant Superintendent for Educational Programs  
Michelle Martoni presented the 2013 Student Achievement Report through SchoolMeter.

**BOARD COMMUNICATIONS**

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- 2014-2015 BOE Meeting Schedule

The board unanimously agreed to accept the proposed BOE meeting schedule for 2014-2015

- Proposed Resolution On Housing Projects And K-12 Public Education Spending

Motion was made by Ruth Quinn and seconded by Brian Cournoyer to table the discussion for the proposed resolution on housing projects to the May 21, 2014 Board of Education meeting.

Motion carried 6-0 with 6 members voting

**NEW PALTZ CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION  
RESOLUTION ON HOUSING PROJECTS AND K-12 PUBLIC EDUCATION SPENDING**

**WHEREAS**, the New Paltz Central School District’s Board of Education (“Board”) is committed to maintaining the fiscal health of the New Paltz Central School District (“District”) and recognizes excellent fiscal planning as a key factor in attaining the District’s educational goals and priorities; and

**WHEREAS**, commercial real estate developer Wilmorite has proposed to build residential units for students and faculty – Park Point – with 756 bedrooms in the Town of New Paltz; and

**WHEREAS**, SUNY New Paltz is constructing a new approximately 223-bed student residence hall that would move roughly 182 existing students from triple rooms into the new residence hall to increase the size of the residential population on campus by about 41 students; and

**WHEREAS**, Wilmorite’s proposed project plus the new dorm represents 797 new bedrooms; and

**WHEREAS**, adding 797 people to New Paltz’ population of approximately 14,000 amounts to an increase of 5.7%; and

**WHEREAS**, SUNY New Paltz President Don Christian and others at the College have stated SUNY New Paltz has neither the capacity nor intention to grow undergraduate enrollments; and

**WHEREAS**, without increased demand for housing from the college to offset 797 new bedrooms, families with K-12 school-aged children attracted to the District’s reputation for achievement can be expected to absorb some of the additional housing supply; and

**WHEREAS**, New Paltz is Ulster County’s top-performing District and in 2013 the New Paltz High School ranked within the top 23% in the Northeast region in the Washington Post survey of America’s Most Challenging High Schools; and

**WHEREAS**, various studies indicate that, on average, 14% of residents generated from new housing supply are K-12 school-aged children; and

**WHEREAS**, in a year without a notable increase in housing supply, there were 34 more students in District buildings in October 2013 versus one year earlier; and

**WHEREAS**, a new student or small additions of students to the District’s headcount may be absorbed and served using existing resources without materially adding to costs;

**WHEREAS**, students with special education needs or larger influxes of new students may require significantly more funding; and

**WHEREAS**, public education is to be inclusive for all students and that sentiment is highlighted in our District’s Mission Statement; and

**WHEREAS**, there were 2,211 students in District buildings in June 2013 and the 2013 – 2014 budget was \$52,250,000 or approximately \$23,000 per child; and

**WHEREAS**, State Aid for the District was \$12,755,000 or 24% of the 2013 – 2014 budget so local taxpayers funded nearly \$18,000 of the \$23,000 cost per child average; and

**WHEREAS**, increasing Town-wide housing supply by 797 bedrooms, as referenced above, where 14% on average will contain K-12 children translates to 112 additional students for the District; and

**WHEREAS**, using the \$23,000 per child average and 112 students would require a budget increase of \$2.6 million; and

**WHEREAS**, a housing development assessed at \$50,470,129 using the District’s 2013 – 2014 New Paltz tax rate would have generated \$1 million in tax revenue for the schools; and

**WHEREAS**, this \$1 million in revenue would fall well short of the \$2.6 million cost to add 112 additional students; and

**WHEREAS**, on April 9, 2014, the Ulster County Industrial Development Agency (“UCIDA”) approved a 25-year payment-in-lieu-of-tax (“PILOT”) arrangement where our District would receive approximately \$313,200 for the 696 bedroom student portion of Wilmorite’s proposed housing project of 756 bedrooms; and

**WHEREAS**, the 2011 New York State property tax cap legislation prevents districts that receive additional revenue from PILOTs from using these revenues to increase the school budget even when there may be additional costs to the district such as housing projects which add students; and

**WHEREAS**, districts have no other mechanism for increasing the budget to cover these additional costs other than a 60% supermajority vote of the voting public to exceed the tax cap; and

**WHEREAS**, barring a 60% supermajority vote, districts would be forced to absorb these additional costs which could result in program cuts and increased student-to-teacher ratios to offset additional costs of additional students resulting from new housing;

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the New Paltz Central School District Board of Education declares its opposition to any PILOT agreements that result in a reduction of real property taxes versus full taxation based on a full market value assessment determined by the New Paltz assessor’s office; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that that New Paltz Central School District Board of Education calls on the UCIDA to recognize the District’s position that PILOT agreements have an adverse impact on school districts due to the Tax Levy Limit formula.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**CMTE REPORTS**

- LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE – Ruth Quinn

**MINUTES OF MEETING**

**MINUTES**

Motion made by Dominick Profaci 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 April 23, 2014 and the minutes of the Special Board of Education meeting of April 30, 2014.

Motion carried 6 to 0 with 6 members voting.

**FINANCIAL REPORTS**

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None

**PERSONNEL (CONSENT AGENDA)**

**PERSONNEL**

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

**13.1 Instructional Appointment-Substitutes**

Recommendation that the New Paltz Central School District Board of Education, upon the recommendation of Maria C. Rice, Superintendent of Schools, 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>
Alyssa Bell	5/8/14 to 6/30/14
Laura Bilodeau	5/8/14 to 6/30/14
Florine Braud	4/11/14 to 6/30/14

Aimee Bulson 4/28/14 to 6/30/14  
 Brianna Buckler 5/8/14 to 6/30/14  
 Anna Fister O’Brien 5/8/14 to 6/30/14  
 Kristopher Kirsch 5/8/14 to 6/30/14  
 Patrick Kyle 5/8/14 to 6/30/14  
 Shannon Lynn LaRocco 5/8/14 to 6/30/14

**13.2 Instructional Leave of Absence – Extension**

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

Name	Title	Original Effective Dates	Extension
Kathryn Flanagan	Guidance Counselor	2/24/14 – 6/30/14	9/1/14 – 1/1/15 unpaid

**13.3 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	Effective Date
Stephanie Costello	4/25/14

**13.4 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:

Name	Title	Effective Date
Marti Gallo	School Bus Attendant	8/15/2014 (for purpose of retirement)
Gary Henderson	School Bus Driver	5/14/2014

**13.5 Non-Instructional Appointment-Substitute**

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 non-instructional employee:

Name	Title	Effective Date	Salary	Hours
Laura Every	Clerical	4/16/2014	\$12.00/hr	as needed

**13.6 Decrease in Hours for Non-Instructional Position**

Recommendation – that the New Paltz Central Schools Board of Education, upon the recommendation of Maria C. Rice, Superintendent, does hereby decrease hours for the following non-instructional employee:

Name	Position	Effective Date	Decrease
Marica Dixon	School Monitor	2/12/2014	2.75 hrs per day to 0 hrs per day

Motion carried 6 to 0 with 6 members voting.

**OLD BUSINESS**

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The board confirmed their receipt of the letter drafted by the district’s attorney at Shaw-Perelson and sent to the Ulster County Industrial Development Agency, UCIDA, regarding the districts opposition to PILOTs.

**NEW BUSINESS**

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Motion made by Ruth Quinn and seconded by Patrick Rausch that the Board of Education approve the following resolution items 15.2 through 15.4:

**15.1 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: 11372, 13382, 10955, 10958, 12896, 11523, 11524, 12868, 12975, 12389, 12304, 12167, 11374, 11437, 11282, 12565, 13397, 11387, 12265, 11465, 12471, 11412, 12008, 11370, 10926, 11466, 12621, 13743, 12136, 12982, 12418, 12469, 13186, 12129, 12928, 12054, 12906, 10979, 10956, 12479, 13616, 13728, 13757, 13666, 13741, 13478, 13759, 13732, 11280, 11533, 13748, 12740, 11363, 10850, 10515, 10826, 9020, 10935, 10012, 9292, 9406, 10603, 8818, 12929, 9312, 9917, 10791, 10368, 10381, 10430, 10417, 12456, 12622, 10734, 10519, 11190, 10348, 10060, 10937, 10349, 10416, 11334, 10213, 10450, 12207, 8159, 9458, 8162, 12523.

**15.2 Request for Approval to Rescind Appointment of Chairperson of Annual Meeting and Election**

Recommendation - that the New Paltz Central Schools Board of Education rescind the appointment of Susan Popieluszko as Chairperson of Annual Meeting and Election for the 2013-2014 school year.

**15.3 Request for Approval to Appoint Chairperson of Annual Meeting and Election.**

Recommendation - that the New Paltz Central Schools Board of Education appoint Denise Martino as Chairperson of Annual Meeting and Election for the 2013-2014 school year.

**15.4 Request for Approval of Election Inspectors**

Recommendation - that the New Paltz Central Schools Board of Education appoint the following individuals as election inspectors for the 2013-2014 school year:

**Name**

- Melanie Marino
- David Thompson
- Matthew Perez

Motion carried 6 to 0 with 6 members voting.

**15.5 Request for Approval of Health and Welfare Rate for 2013-2014**

Motion made by Ruth Quinn and seconded Dominick Profaci by 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, approve the following:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the New Paltz Central School District establishes the rate of \$759.92 per pupil for the school year 2013-2014 for Health Services provided for non-resident pupils attending non-public schools in the New Paltz Central School District.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Superintendent and Clerk of the Board of Education be authorized to sign contracts for health services for the 2013-2014 school year.

Motion carried 6 to 0 with 6 members voting.

**15.6 Request for Approval to Participate in 2014-2015 Cooperative Bidding with Ulster County BOCES**

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

WHEREAS it is the desire of the participating school districts of the Board of Cooperative Educational Services, Ulster County, adopting this resolution to jointly request bids for certain commodities to be determined by the Superintendent of this school district from time to time for the 2014-15 school year,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the New Paltz Central School District hereby agrees to participate with other school districts of the Board of Cooperative Educational Services, Ulster County, New York, in the joint bidding of commodities to be requested by the school district Purchasing Agent and approved by the Superintendent; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the specifications as prepared by the Steering Committee of participating school districts and presented to this Board of Education will be used and that this Board, if it desires to purchase these commodities agrees to purchase said commodities at the lowest bid price recommended by the Steering Committee of the joint school districts; provided, however, that each participating Board of Education in exercising its legal responsibilities, has the right to reject and/or modify the recommendation of the Steering Committee in the awarding of the bid; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the invitation to bid will be advertised by BOCES in the Kingston Daily Freeman, the Middletown Record and the Poughkeepsie Journal in accordance with the provisions of Section 103 of the General Municipal Law.

Motion carried 6 to 0 with 6 members voting.

**OTHER DISCUSSION**

None

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**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

No motion made.

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**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**ADJOURN**

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Motion made by Ruth Quinn and seconded by Brian Cournoyer that the Board adjourn at 8:11PM.  
Motion carried 6 to 0 with 6 members voting.

Respectfully submitted,

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Dusti Callo  
District Clerk