

Minutes – Business Meeting – Board of Education – New Paltz Central High School – June 4, 2014 – 7:00 PM

**CALL MEETING TO ORDER**

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order at 5:58 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  
Julie Tresco

QUORUM CHECK

ALSO PRESENT: Maria Rice, Superintendent of Schools  
Rick Linden, Assistant Superintendent for Business  
Michelle Martoni, Assistant Superintendent for Educational Programs  
Steve Latino, Attorney from Shaw-Perelson  
Maurice Whitman, School Bus Drivers Association-6:35PM-7:00PM  
Pamela Melville-6:35PM to 7:00PM

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

ROLL CALL

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

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Motion made by Julie Tresco and seconded by Dominick Profaci that the Board of Education move into Executive Session at 6:00 PM for the purpose of discussing proposed, pending or current litigation, discussing the employment history of a particular person, discussing matters leading to the appointment, employment, promotion, demotion, discipline, suspension, dismissal or removal of a particular person or corporation and discussing collective negotiations pursuant to Article 14 of the Civil Service Law.

Motion carried 7 to 0 with 7 members voting.

Out of Executive Session - Motion made by Brian Cournoyer and seconded by Ruth Quinn that the Board return to Public Session at 7:05 PM. Motion carried 7 to 0 with 7 members voting.

**CALL TO ORDER**

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The Public Meeting was called to order at 7:11 PM Stephen Bagley, Board President.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Stephen Bagley  
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Ruth Quinn  
Patrick Rausch  
Timothy Rogers  
Julie Tresco

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  
Kathleen Clark, K-5 Coordinator Pupil Personnel Services  
Rosanne Mele, 6-12 Coordinator Pupil Personnel Services  
Barbara Clinton, Principal, New Paltz Central High School  
Jacqueline Sinatra, Principal, Lenape Elementary School  
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 made by Ruth Quinn and seconded by Brian Cournoyer to accept the following agenda changes:

**PERSONNEL**

**ADD the following Personnel Items:**

**13.4 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 Date</b>
Donna M. Petereit	Teacher Aide	6/5/14 – 6/26/14

**13.5 Create New Position**

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

Computer Teacher Aide (1.0 FTE)

**13.6 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 non-instructional employee:

<b>Name</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Effective Date</b>	<b>Salary</b>	<b>Hours</b>
Donna M. Petereit	Computer Teacher Aide	6/5/14 – 6/26/14	\$21.02/hr.	6.5 hrs./day

**13.7 Abolish a Non-Instructional Position**

Recommendation that the New Paltz Central Schools Board of Education, upon the recommendation of Maria C. Rice, Superintendent of Schools, does hereby abolish a 1.0 FTE Teacher Aide position.

Motion carried 7 to 0 with 7 members voting.

**RECOGNITION**

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- John Fullam-Valedictorian
- Tal Schwartz-Salutatorian

**SPOTLIGHT ON PROGRAM**

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Principal Barbara Clinton, Ms. Jen Cone and the Advanced Graphics & Video Class-Student Life Video

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

PUBLIC COMMENT

John Stern, New Paltz-Field Testing

**STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORT**

STUDENT REP

Sergio Nazaire reported on spring sports, club news, Powder Puff and the Science Symposium. Sergio thanked the Board of Education for supporting him as a student in the New Paltz Central School District.

**SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORTS & DISCUSSION ITEMS**

SUPT REPORT

- SUPERINTENDENT'S COMMENTS
- SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORTS
  - Health Advisory Sub-Committee Reports-Jo-Anne Dobbins
  - Special Education & Related Services Analysis Review-Dr. Michael Neiman/Dr. John McGuire

**BOARD COMMUNICATIONS**

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- Health Advisory Committee (HAC) – BOE Interview Team for Community Vacancy

Motion was made by Julie Tresco to add one additional HAC committee member to each area.

Motion carried 7 to 0 with 7 members voting.

After additional discussion by the board members, an additional motion was made by Julie Tresco and seconded by Patrick Rausch to table the discussion regarding vacancies on the Health Advisory Committee to the June 18, 2014 board meeting.

Motion carried 7 to 0 with 7 members voting.

- New York State Field Tests, Grades 4 & 8

Motion was made by Patrick Rausch and seconded by Dominick Profaci to approve the following resolution as amended:

**RESOLUTION**

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Education has previously expressed its opposition to the increasing amounts of time, money and energy spent on high-stakes standardized testing; and

**WHEREAS**, the New York State Education Department (SED) has stated that field tests are a crucial part of the test development process, needed to ensure the validity and reliability of the New York State operational tests and that school districts are required to administer such field tests; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Education is strongly opposed to stand alone field testing because, among other things, it cuts into the precious instructional time of our students and staff, it does not contribute to critical, reflective and creative thinking and to developing our students as 21<sup>st</sup> century learners, and does not inform instruction; and

**WHEREAS**, the New Paltz Central School District has been chosen as one of the school districts to administer the stand alone field testing by SED;

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education will administer the field tests, as required by SED, under protest, and will honor parent requests for refusal of their child/children to take such field tests; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education renews its commitment as an advocate for students and calls upon the Commissioner of Education, the Board of Regents, the New York State Legislature and the Governor to eliminate stand-alone field testing that largely benefits commercial enterprise, rather than the educational enterprise, negatively impacts students and wastes instructional time that could be put to better use; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the District Clerk is directed to send a copy of this resolution to the Commissioner of Education, Board of Regents, State Senator Bonacic, State Assemblyman Cahill, the head of each Legislative Chamber and the Governor.

Motion carried 7 to 0 with 7 members voting.

- Review of letter to President of SUNY New Paltz and County Executive

Following board discussion, a motion was made by Dominick Profaci and seconded by Ruth Quinn to table the discussion to the June 18, 2014 board meeting and review the letter again after revisions have been made.

Motion carried 7 to 0 with 7 members voting.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**CMTE REPORTS**

None

**MINUTES OF MEETING**

**MINUTES**

Motion made by Ruth Quinn and seconded by Brian Cournoyer that the Board of Education approve the following resolution: **BE IT RESOLVED**, that the New Paltz Central Schools Board of Education accepts the minutes of the Regular Business Meeting of May 21, 2014 as amended, and the minutes of the May 28, 2014 Special Board of Education meeting. Motion carried 7 to 0 with 7 members voting.

**FINANCIAL REPORTS**

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None

**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) resolution:

**13.1 Administrative Resignation**

Recommendation - that the New Paltz Central Schools Board of Education, upon the recommendation of Maria C. Rice, Superintendent, does hereby accept the resignation of the following administrative employee:

<b>Name</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Effective Date</b>
Jo-Anne Dobbins	Director of Pupil Personnel Services	June 30, 2014

Motion carried 7 to 0 with 7 members voting. Board President Stephen Bagley thanked Ms. Dobbins for her service to the district and wished her the best of luck.

Motion made by Ruth Quinn and seconded by Dominick Profaci that the Board of Education approve personnel consent agenda items 13.2 through 13.7

**13.2 Instructional Resignation-Correction**

Recommendation that the New Paltz Central School District Board of Education, upon the recommendation of Maria Rice, Superintendent of Schools, does hereby accept the resignation of the following instructional employee:

BE IT RESOLVED that the board hereby accepts the resignation of **Part-time Teacher, Jingjing Xu**, effective at the close of business on June 13, 2014 as set forth in a letter presented to the Board of Education Clerk on **May 6, 2014**.

**13.3 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>
Sierra Pullman	Sub. School Bus Attendant	5/21/2014	\$10.50/hr	as needed
Janice Pallus	Technology Assistant Level III	7/1/2014 – 8/30/2014	\$20.00/hr	300 hrs max.
Sue Bowers	Technology Assistant Level III	7/1/2014 – 8/30/2014	\$20.00/hr	300 hrs max.
John Bartells	Acting Director Facilities and Operations	6/16/2014-7/26/2014	\$100.00 per week-stipend	

Motion carried 7 to 0 with 7 members voting.

**OLD BUSINESS**

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

**14.1 Request for Approval of Code of Conduct and District Safety Plan**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the New Paltz Central School District, upon the recommendation of Maria C. Rice, Superintendent of Schools, does hereby approve the District Code of Conduct and the District Safety Plan pursuant to the Safe Schools Against Violence in Education Act (SAVE), as presented.

Motion carried 7 to 0 with 7 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:

**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: 10964, 11003, 13270, 13229, 12906, 12681, 12141, 11523, 11524, 12395, 12384, 12083, 10881, 12252, 11426, 10927, 12082, 11020, 8161, 9060, 12470, 13006, 13736, 12949, 12652, 12045, 11363, 12008, 11403, 12926, 12427, 12428, 12845, 12159, 13429, 10961, 11131, 10923.

Motion carried 7 to 0 with 7 members voting.

**15.2 Request for Approval to Establish Student Scholarship Award**

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

Recommendation – that the following resolution be approved: BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the New Paltz Central School District, upon the recommendation of Superintendent Maria C. Rice, does hereby approve the establishment of the “Charles K. Patterson Memorial Scholarship Award” in the amount of \$200 to be awarded to a student with an affinity for the outdoors and/or an avid interest in photography. The board further directs the District Clerk to send a letter of appreciation from the Board of Education to Lara Tozzi for funding this scholarship.

Motion carried 7 to 0 with 7 members voting.

**15.3 Request for Acceptance of Donation**

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

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education accept the donation to the New Paltz Central Schools in the amount of \$500 from the New Paltz Central School District Foundation for Student Enhancement to be used to fund the project, *Closing the Gap-Families and Students Learning Together*, Lenape-3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> grade. The board further directs the District Clerk to send a letter of thanks to the New Paltz Central School District Foundation for Student Enhancement for their donation.

Motion carried 7 to 0 with 7 members voting.

**15.4 CSE Evaluations/Meetings**

Motion made by Ruth Quinn and seconded by Steve Bagley that the Board of Education approve the following resolution: Recommendation that the New Paltz Central School Board of Education upon the recommendation of Maria Rice, Superintendent of Schools, does hereby appoint, as needed, the following employees effective July 1, 2014 – August 31, 2014.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Title</u>
Jennifer Cone	CSE Meetings/Regular Educator
Shawn Doyle	CSE Meetings/Regular Educator
Marc Knittel	CSE Meetings/Regular Educator
Souad Kurzban	CSE Meetings/Regular Educator
Ellen Makow	CSE Meetings/Regular Educator
Alexis Mallory	CSE Meetings/Regular Educator
Kerri McIntyre	CSE Meetings/Regular Educator
Joel Neden	CSE Meetings/Regular Educator
Michelle Olson	CSE Meetings/Regular Educator
Sara Potenza	CSE Meetings/Regular Educator
Renee Schaefer	CSE Meetings/Regular Educator
Kathryn Stewart	CSE Meetings/Regular Educator
Antoinette Russoello	CSE Meetings/Regular Educator
Joy Van Vlack-Weiss	CSE Meetings/Nurse

Motion carried 7 to 0 with 7 members voting.

**15.5 Request for Approval of Health and Welfare Contract – Pine Bush Central Schools 2013-2014**

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

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approve the Health and Welfare Contract, forwarded under separate cover, for Pine Bush Central School District for a total amount of \$7,373.34 for health and welfare services for the 2013-2014 school year for nine (9) children who reside in the New Paltz Central School District attending non-public schools in the Pine Bush Central School District.

Motion carried 7 to 0 with 7 members voting.

**15.6 Request for Approval of Contract the Town of New Paltz (YMCA) for School Bus Usage**

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

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approve a 2014-2015 Transportation Agreement, effective June 30, 2014 to August 22, 2014, with the Town of New Paltz for the use of District buses at a reimbursement rate of \$2.60 per mile.

Motion carried 7 to 0 with 7 members voting.

**15.7 Request for Approval of Bid Award for Radios**

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

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of Maria C. Rice, Superintendent of Schools, does hereby award the bid for a seven year lease of radios to New York Communications Company for an annual cost of \$54,156 and a total seven year cost of \$379,092.

Motion carried 7 to 0 with 7 members voting.

**OTHER DISCUSSION**

Tim Rogers commented on a thank you letter sent by Lenape Elementary to the New York State Association for Reduction, Reuse and Recycling for the award of a grant in the amount of \$500. Superintendent Rice reported that the grant will be used for a composting project at Lenape Elementary School.

**OTHER DISCUSSION**

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

John Stern, New Paltz- Park Point Project, NPUT offering ten scholarships of approximately \$300 each and possibly up to \$500 each, HAC, Field Tests.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

**ADJOURN**

Motion made by Ruth Quinn and seconded by Steve Bagley that the Board adjourn at 10:27 PM.  
Motion carried 7 to 0 with 7 members voting.

**ADJOURN**

Respectfully submitted,

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Dusti Callo  
District Clerk