

Minutes – Business Meeting – Board of Education – New Paltz Central High School –September 3, 2014 – 7:00 PM

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

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Meeting was called to order at 6:30 PM by Brian Cournoyer, Board President. Maria C. Rice was appointed District Clerk Pro-Tempore for the Executive Session portion of the meeting.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

QUORUM CHECK

- Dominick Profaci
- Brian Cournoyer
- Steven Greenfield-arrived at 6:32 PM
- Aimee Hemminger
- Ruth Quinn
- Timothy Rogers
- Julie Tresco

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 Aimee Hemminger 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 proposed, pending or current litigation, and discussing matters leading to the appointment, employment, promotion, demotion, discipline, suspension, dismissal, or removal of a particular person.
Motion carried 6 - 0 with 6 members voting.

Out of Executive Session - Motion made by Ruth Quinn and seconded by Dominick Profaci that the Board return to Public Session at 6:51PM. Motion carried 7 - 0 with 7 members voting.

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The Public Meeting was called to order at 7:01 PM by Brian Cournoyer, Board President.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

QUORUM CHECK

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- Dominick Profaci
- Steven Greenfield
- Aimee Hemminger
- Ruth Quinn
- Timothy Rogers
- Julie Tresco

ALSO PRESENT:

Maria Rice, Superintendent of Schools
 Michelle Martoni, Assistant Superintendent for Educational Programs
 Richard Linden, Assistant Superintendent for Business
 Dusti Callo, District Clerk
 Members of the Public and Press

ROLL CALL The roll was called as reflected above.

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PLEDGE TO THE FLAG

PLEDGE

AGENDA CHANGES

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Board President Brian Cournoyer announced the following addendum to the agenda:

UNDER BOARD COMMUNICATIONS

ADD the following to BOARD COMMUNICATIONS:

- NPCSD Board of Education Resolution to Support Public Education
 - Recipients of Resolution
 - Content of Cover Letter

UNDER PERSONNEL

ADD the following PERSONNEL (CONSENT AGENDA) items:

10.8 Non-Instructional Leave of Absence

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Name	Title	Effective Dates
Roberta Schwarz	Teacher Aide	9/3/2014 – 1/5/2015

10.9 Request for Approval of Salaries for Managerial/Confidential Employees

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board hereby approves salary increases for managerial/confidential employees, whose terms and conditions of employment are not covered under collective bargaining agreements, as set for in a memorandum from the Superintendent of Schools to the Board of Education, dated September 3, 2014 for the school years 2014-15 through 2017-18 as set forth in said memorandum, but subject to revision annually by each successor Board during the month of July for the final three years. A copy of said memorandum, as presented to the Board at this meeting, shall be incorporated by reference within the minutes of this meeting.

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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 2014/2015 school year with remuneration, as per NPUT contract:

Name
Jennifer Cone
Matthew Paley

10.12 Coaching 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 employees for the 2014-2015 school year:

Name	Title	Salary
Anthony Covino	Modified Football	\$2340.00

UNDER NEW BUSINESS

ADD the following NEW BUSINESS item:

12.2 Request for Approval of Textbooks for New Paltz High School

Recommendation - that the following resolution be approved:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of Maria C. Rice, Superintendent of Schools does hereby approve the following textbooks for use at the New Paltz Central High School:

- Larson’s Calculus of a Single Variable, 7th Edition – Houghton Mifflin*
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Motion made by Ruth Quinn and seconded by Steven Greenfield to accept the agenda as amended by the addendum. Motion carried 7 to 0 with 7 members voting.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

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Cathy Sanchez, New Paltz-commented about Safe Routes to School and the proposed Capital Project as it relates to traffic flow at the Middle School.

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORTS & DISCUSSION ITEMS

SUPT REPORT

- SUPERINTENDENT’S COMMENTS
- SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORTS
 - Safe Routes to School Action Plan-Lindsay Zefing Vera and Brian Slack
 - APPR Plan-Michelle Martoni, Assistant Superintendent for Educational Programs

BOARD COMMUNICATIONS

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- Capital Project Presentation and Discussion – Members of the Board of Education
- NYSSBA Voting Delegate
 - The board unanimously elected Steven Greenfield as Voting Delegate for NYSSBA
- NPCSD Board of Education Resolution to Support Public Education

Board President, Brian Cournoyer directed the District Clerk to have it reflected in the minutes that board member Steven Greenfield fully supports the New Paltz Central School District Board of Education Resolution to Support Public Education. During discussion by the board it was decided that a position statement in support of public education should be crafted by the board members for the purpose of sending to media outlets.

Motion was made by Timothy Rogers and seconded by Steven Greenfield to approve the following position statement:

**NEW PALTZ CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION
POSITION STATEMENT IN SUPPORT OF PUBLIC EDUCATION**

The New York State Primary Election will be held on Tuesday, September 9, 2014 and the General Election on Tuesday, November 4, 2014; and

Four New York State executive offices are up for election in 2014

- Governor of New York
- Lieutenant Governor of New York
- New York Attorney General
- New York Comptroller; and

The New Paltz Central School District Board of Education encourages stakeholders to be mindful of the following issues related to public education:

- Protecting public education from privatization, including the diversion of state funds to private schools through vouchers or back-door tax credits; and
- Developing learning standards based in evidence or research and created with input from educators and early childhood experts; and
- Narrowing funding gaps between New York State’s poor and wealthy districts; and
- Ensuring 100% test transparency and an independent review of all state mandated assessments for validity, content, and construct, to be conducted by educators, child development experts and parents; and
- Mitigating for-profit companies’ influence of any education policy regarding standardized tests, text book purchases, experimental learning standards (including the Common Core) and teacher assessments.

Motion carried 7 to 0 with 7 members voting.

- Recipients of Resolution and Position Statement

The Board of Education directs the District Clerk to distribute the New Paltz Central School District Board of Education Resolution in Support of Education and Position Statement in Support of Public Education to media outlets, elected officials and NYSSBA.

- Content of Cover Letter

COMMITTEE REPORTS

CMTE REPORTS

None

MINUTES OF MEETING

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Motion made by Ruth Quinn and seconded by Dominick Profaci 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 August 27, 2014.

Motion carried 5 to 0 with 2 abstentions by Julie Tresco and Steven Greenfield and 7 members voting.

FINANCIAL REPORTS

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None

PERSONNEL (CONSENT AGENDA)

PERSONNEL

Motion made by Ruth Quinn and seconded by Steven Greenfield to move Item 10.1 to NEW BUSINESS and re-number to reflect 12.3, and to re-number items 10.2 through 10.11 to 10.1 through 10.11.

Motion carried 7 to 0 with 7 members voting.

Motion made by Dominick Profaci and seconded by Ruth Quinn that the Board of Education approve personnel (consent agenda) resolutions items 10.1 through 10.11:

10.1 Re-Certification of Lead Evaluator of Principals

Recommendation – that the New Paltz Central Schools Board of Education does hereby approve the following:

BE IT RESOLVED that pursuant to the requirements of Education Law Section 3012-c and Part 30-2.9 of the Regents Rules, Maria C. Rice, Superintendent, having completed all of the required training is to be re-certified by this Board of Education as “Lead Evaluator” for building principals effective September 1, 2014 through August 31, 2015.

10.2 Re-Certification of Lead Evaluators of Teachers as Defined by Education Law Section 3012-c

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 Board of Education of the New Paltz Central School District re-certify the following administrators as Lead Evaluators of Teachers in accordance with Section 30-2.9 of the Rules of the Board of Regents. This re-certification is effective September 1, 2014 through August 31, 2015.

Name

Barbara Clinton
Debra Hogencamp
Michelle Martoni
Jacqueline Sinatra
Richard Wiesenthal

10.3 Re-Certification of Evaluators of Teachers as Defined by Education Law Section 3012-c

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Name

Kathleen Clark-Simmons
Dennis DiBari
Meghan Febbie
Anthony Tantillo

10.4 Home Tutors

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 employees for the 2014-2015 school year:

Claudia Battaglia
Nicholas J. Crocco
Sandra Panman
Amie Worley

10.5 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:

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Jeff Lipton	Teacher Aide	9/2/2014

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OLD BUSINESS- None

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NEW BUSINESS

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

12.1 Request for Approval of Donation

Recommendation - that the New Paltz Central Schools Board of Education, upon the recommendation of Maria C. Rice, Superintendent of Schools, accept a donation from Geoff Meyer, administrator for the Devin Meyer Memorial Fund, to the New Paltz Central School District for two (2) portable player shelters suitable for use during soccer and softball seasons.

The board further directs the District Clerk to send a letter of thanks to Geoff Meyer for the donation.

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12.3 Request for Approval of Committee on Special Education Recommendations and Student Placements

Motion made by Ruth Quinn and seconded by Dominick Profaci to 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 approve the Committee on Special Education (CSE) and Committee on Pre-School Special Education (CPSE) recommendations and student placements: 13857, 11299, 12966, 12959, 10650.

Motion carried 7 to 0 with 7 members voting.

OTHER DISCUSSION

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None

PUBLIC COMMENTS

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Senator Cecilia Tkaczyk, Duanesburg, NY-Senator Tkaczyk thanked the Board of Education for the opportunity to speak and for their work and dedication, and stated she enjoyed seeing the variety of issues the board is currently focused on.

Minutes - Workshop Meeting
9/3/14

ADJOURN

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Motion made by Julie Tresco and seconded by Ruth Quinn that the Board adjourn at 9:18 PM.
Motion carried 7 to 0 with 7 members voting.

Respectfully submitted,

Dusti Callo
District Clerk