

CALL TO ORDER

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The Public Meeting was called to order at 6:30 PM by Brian Cournoyer, Board President.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

QUORUM CHECK

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

ALSO PRESENT:

- Maria C. Rice, Superintendent of Schools
- Michelle Martoni, Assistant Superintendent for Educational Programs
- Richard Linden, Assistant Superintendent for Business
- Michael Domitrovits, Facilities Committee Community Member
- Dusti Callo, District Clerk
- Members of the Public

ROLL CALL The roll was called as reflected above.

ROLL CALL

PLEDGE TO THE FLAG

PLEDGE

AGENDA CHANGES

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

Remove from Joseph Fleishman Item 7.3

Motion made by Ruth Quinn and seconded by Dominick Profaci to accept the changes to the agenda as amended.

Motion passed 7 to 0 with 7 members voting.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

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Kathy Preston, New Paltz-spoke on behalf of a group of community members in support of the Capital Project

Mike O'Donnell, New Paltz-spoke in support of the Capital Project

BOARD COMMUNICATIONS

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- Capital Project
 - Community Feedback
 - Next Steps

Following discussion by the board, members unanimously agreed to put the October 28, 2014 Bond Proposition back up for public vote as soon as legally possible, that date being Tuesday, January 27, 2015.

Motion was made by Steven Greenfield and seconded by Timothy Rogers to extend the voting hours so that polls would be open from 6:00 AM to 9:00 PM for the next vote on a Bond Proposition. Motion passed 7 to 0 with 7 members voting.

Motion to add the following item to the agenda and approve made by Dominick Profaci and seconded by Julie Tresco:

5.1 Request for Approval to Call a Special Meeting to Vote on Bond Proposition

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

RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE NEW PALTZ CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT, IN THE COUNTY OF ULSTER, NEW YORK, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. A Special District Meeting of the qualified voters of the New Paltz Central School District, in the County of Ulster, New York (the “District”), shall be held within the District, on January 27, 2015, at 6:00 A.M.

o'clock (Prevailing Time) at the Gymnasium at the New Paltz High School, in said District, as provided in the Notice

calling said Special District Meeting hereinafter substantially prescribed. The voting at such Special District Meeting shall

be by voting machine, as provided by the Education Law, and the polls shall remain open from 6:00 A.M. o'clock to 9:00 o'clock P.M. (Prevailing Time) on said day and as much longer as may be necessary to enable the voters, then present, to cast their votes.

Section 2. The business to be acted upon at said Special District Meeting shall be as stated in the Notice thereof, and the District Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to cause the Notice of said Special District Meeting to be published in "*The Daily Freeman*" and "*The New Paltz Times*," two newspapers having general circulation within the District, such publications to be at least made four (4) times within the seven (7) weeks next preceding such Special District Meeting, the first publication to be at least forty-five (45) days prior to the date of said Special District Meeting.

Section 3. Said Notice of Special District Meeting shall be in substantially the following form:

**NOTICE OF SPECIAL DISTRICT MEETING
NEW PALTZ CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT,
IN THE COUNTY OF ULSTER, NEW YORK**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a resolution of the Board of Education of the New Paltz Central School District, in the County of Ulster, New York, adopted on November 19, 2014, a Special District Meeting of the qualified voters of said School District will be held on

Tuesday, January 27, 2015

from 6:00 A.M. o'clock to 9:00 o'clock P.M. (Prevailing Time) at the Gymnasium at the New Paltz High School, in said District, for the purpose of voting upon the following Bond Proposition:

BOND PROPOSITION

RESOLVED:

(a) That the Board of Education of the New Paltz Central School District, in the County of Ulster, New York, (the "District"), is hereby authorized to implement a capital improvement project (the "Project") substantially as described in a plan entitled "Bond Project Description-2014," prepared by the District (the "Plan"), which is on file and available for public inspection in the office of the District Clerk, including (as and where required) (i) the partial reconstruction of and construction of improvements to all District school buildings and sites, including building additions to provide additional classroom and other space; improvements to the heating, ventilation, air conditioning, electrical, plumbing, master clock, public address, and security and fire safety systems; door, window, roof, flooring, ceiling and locker replacements; interior reconstruction and space reconfiguration; improvements to enhance accessibility by the physically challenged; exterior masonry and building envelope improvements; and sidewalk, parking, bus loop and drainage enhancements, at the estimated cost of \$51,300,000; and (ii) the construction of new buildings for storage of district vehicles and central receiving at the estimated cost of \$1,600,000; all of the foregoing to include the original furnishings, equipment, machinery, apparatus, demolition, and ancillary or related site or other work required in connection therewith, and to expend for all of the foregoing, including preliminary costs and costs incidental thereto and to the financing thereof, an amount not to exceed the estimated total cost of \$52,900,000, provided that such costs as set forth herein and in the Plan may be reallocated among the components of the Project if the Board of Education shall determine that such reallocation is in the best interests of the District;

(b) that a tax is hereby voted in the amount of not to exceed \$52,900,000 to finance such cost, such tax to be levied and collected in installments in such years and in such amounts as shall be determined by said Board of Education; and that

in anticipation of said tax, bonds of the District are hereby authorized to be issued in the aggregate principal amount of not to exceed \$52,900,000 and a tax is hereby voted to pay the interest on said bonds as the same shall become due and payable; and

(c) that the amount of not to exceed \$700,000 currently on hand in the District’s “District-wide Construction and Reconstruction Capital Reserve Fund” is hereby authorized to be expended for the Project, and any of such amount so expended shall offset a like amount of the taxes herein authorized to pay for the Project, and such expenditure is hereby approved.

Such Bond Proposition shall appear on the ballot label to be inserted in the voting machines used for voting at said Special District Meeting in substantially the following condensed form:

BOND PROPOSITION

YES

NO

RESOLVED:

That the Board of Education of the New Paltz Central School District, in the County of Ulster, New York (the “District”), is hereby authorized to partially reconstruct and construct improvements to all District school buildings and sites and to construct new storage and central receiving buildings; (the “Project”) and to expend therefor an amount not to exceed the total cost of \$52,900,000; (b) that a tax is hereby voted in the amount of not to exceed \$52,900,000 to finance such cost, such tax to be levied and collected in installments in such years and in such amounts as shall be determined by said Board of Education; and that in anticipation of said tax, bonds of the District are hereby authorized to be issued in the aggregate principal amount of not to exceed \$52,900,000 and a tax is hereby voted to pay the interest on said bonds as the same shall become due and payable; and (c) that the amount of not to exceed \$700,000 currently on hand in the District’s “District-wide Construction and Reconstruction Capital Reserve Fund” is hereby authorized to be expended for the Project, and any of such amount so expended shall offset a like amount of the taxes herein authorized to pay for the Project, and such expenditure is hereby approved.

The voting will be conducted by ballot on voting machines as provided in the Education Law and the polls will remain open from 6:00 A.M. o’clock to 9:00 o’clock P.M. (Prevailing Time) and as much longer as may be necessary to enable the voters then present to cast their ballots.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN, that the qualified voters of the District shall be entitled to vote at said Special District Meeting. A qualified voter is one who is (1) a citizen of the United States of America, (2) eighteen years of age or older, and (3) resident within the District for a period of thirty (30) days immediately preceding said Special District Meeting.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that pursuant to Section 2018-a of the Education Law, applications for absentee ballots for said Special District Meeting may be obtained at the office of the District Clerk at least seven (7) days prior to said Special District Meeting if the ballot is to mailed to the voter, or the day before the Special District Meeting if the ballot will be delivered personally to the voter. Written requests for absentee ballots must be made at least seven (7) days and no more than thirty (30) days prior to said Special District Meeting. Absentee ballots must be received at the office of the District Clerk by no later than 5:00 o’clock P.M. (Prevailing Time) on January 27, 2015, the date set for said Special District Meeting. A list of all persons to whom absentee ballots shall have been issued will be available for

4 –Approved at the December 3, 2014 BOE Meeting
inspection to qualified voters of the District at the office of the District Clerk during regular office hours, 9:00 o'clock A.M.
to 3:00 o'clock P.M. (Prevailing Time), until the date set for said Special District Meeting.

BY THE ORDER OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

Dated: November 19, 2014

DUSTI L. CALLO
District Clerk

Section 4. The vote upon the Bond Proposition to be submitted to the qualified voters shall be by ballot on voting machines, and the District Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to have the necessary ballot label printed for the said voting machines, in form corresponding as nearly as may be with the requirements of the Education Law.

Section 5. The proceeds of the bonds authorized pursuant to the Bond Proposition set forth in Section 3 hereof, and any bond anticipation notes issued in anticipation of said bonds, may be applied to reimburse the District for expenditures made for the purpose or purposes for which said bonds are authorized. The foregoing statement of intent with respect to reimbursement is made in conformity with Treasury Regulation Section 1.150-2 of the United States Treasury Department.

Section 6. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

MINUTES OF MEETING

MINUTES

Motion made by Steven Greenfield 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 Workshop Meeting of November 5, 2014
Motion carried 7 to 0 with 7 members voting.

PERSONNEL (CONSENT AGENDA)

PERSONNEL

Motion made by Ruth Quinn and seconded by Julie Tresco that the Board of Education approve personnel (consent agenda) resolutions items 7.1 through 7.5:

7.1 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 employee for the 2014-2015 school year:

Name

Sandra Goodman
Lisa Morganstern-Perl
Antoinette Russolello (retroactive as of November 17, 2014)

7.2 Instructional Appointment - Substitutes

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 substitute teachers with remuneration as per rates established at the July 2, 2014 Organizational Meeting:

Name

Effective Dates

Kate Taddeo 11/20/14-6/30/15
Anthony Varlese 11/20/14-6/30/15

7.3 Non-Instructional Appointments

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	Hourly Rate
Steven Scribani	Lighting & Sound Technician	10/28/2014	\$15.00/hr
Barbara Pine	Sub. Teacher Aide	11/04/2014	\$10.50/hr
Barbara Pine	Sub. School Monitor	11/04/2014	\$ 9.00/hr
Kathryn Abramshe	Sub. Teacher Aide	11/04/2014	\$10.50/hr
Kathryn Abramshe	Sub. School Monitor	11/04/2014	\$ 9.00/hr
Aimee Bulson	Sub. Teacher Aide	10/28/2014	\$10.50/hr

7.4 Coaching Appointment

The New Paltz Central Schools Board of Education, upon the recommendation of Maria C. Rice, Superintendent of Schools, does hereby appoint the following employee:

Name	Title	Stipend
Daniel Hassoun	Varsity Gymnastics	unpaid

7.5 Non-Instructional Resignation

The New Paltz Central Schools Board of Education, upon the recommendation of Maria C. Rice, Superintendent of Schools, does hereby accept the resignation of the following non-instructional employees:

Name	Title	Effective Date
Gail Alecca	Custodial Worker	11/29/2014

Motion to approve items 7.1 through 7.5 carried 7 to 0 with 7 members voting.

OLD BUSINESS

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None

Motion made by Steven Greenfield and seconded by Ruth Quinn that the Board of Education approve the following resolutions items 8.1 through 8.3:

8.1 Second Reading and Review of Policy 6471 Computer Network and Internet Acceptable Use Policy (AUP)

~~2008~~ 2014 6471
Personnel

SUBJECT: COMPUTER NETWORK AND INTERNET ACCEPTABLE USE POLICY (AUP)

The Network/Internet is provided for students and staff for educational purposes. Access to Network/Internet services will be provided to users who act in accordance with this policy. Access is a privilege, not a right. The smooth operation of the Network/Internet relies upon the proper conduct of the end users and requires efficient, ethical, and legal utilization of the Network/Internet resources.

Responsibilities

- a) Users must use the school Network/Internet for educational purposes.
- b) A user is responsible for all material received via the Internet.
- c) A user may NOT:
 - 1. Attempt to circumvent Network/Internet security measures
 - 2. Tamper with or in any way adjust default or teacher-created settings
 - 3. Create and/or place a computer virus onto any computer
 - 4. Trespass in another's folder, work, or files
 - 5. Share his/her own ID Password with others

6. Log in under another person's account
 7. Access personal e-mail accounts using the District's Internet connections **without teacher consent**
 8. Reveal personal information about themselves or others on websites, including last names, addresses and/or phone numbers
 9. Complete and/or submit forms found on websites without permission
 10. Receive or transmit information pertaining to dangerous instrumentalities such as bombs, automatic weapons, or other illicit firearms, weaponry, or explosive devices
 11. Create, send, display, or receive anti-social, harassing or threatening messages, pictures, or other media, including that which is defamatory, abusive, obscene, profane, racially offensive, or offensive to human dignity
 12. Create, send, display, or receive hate mail, discriminatory or other antisocial remarks, or information which is intended to harass
 13. Damage, **dismantle, detach, or remove** computers, computer systems, computer networks, **computer mice**, printers, scanners, or cameras
 14. ~~Remove mouse balls or in any manner~~ **This is now addressed in #13.**
 15. Remove keys from the keyboard
 16. Disconnect or alter any computer cables
 17. Intentionally waste limited resources (paper, connect time, student and teacher searching time, ink cartridges, laser jet tones, printer ribbons, diskettes, storage space, etc.)
 18. Employ the Network/Internet for commercial purposes
 19. Bring gum, food or drink into computer/electronic equipment areas
 20. Access the Network to play non-educational games or for other non-academic activities
 21. Participate in any type of newsgroups or "chat" rooms
 22. Delete, rename, move, copy, any file or its properties, other than his/her personally owned data files
 23. Violate the federal copyright laws and/or software license agreements
 24. Load software or executable files of any kind onto any of the District's computers or network server
 25. Run or copy executable programs for any drive on any of the District's computers
 26. Have directories on any stand-alone computers
 27. Send messages from one computer to another via the LAN or WAN
 28. ~~Play any non-curricula computer games~~ **This is addressed in #20**
- d) Only with permission from a system administrator may files be transferred **from a personal disk** to the user's account
- a) All disks must be scanned for viruses before being used in any school computer.

- b) There may not be privacy on files stored in District Network servers and local hard drives. With probable cause, the network administrator and system operator may monitor any account at any time for subject, content, and appropriateness of the files and remove any file as warranted, reporting any violation of the rules to a school administrator. It is the users' responsibility to inform anyone with whom they correspond that the school account is open.
- c) The user will have only those access and system rights assigned by the network administrator.
- d) The user will be responsible for any cost to the District due to user negligence or misuse.

Users must also conform to any additional site restrictions that may be in effect. All Board policies and school regulations apply to the use of the Network/Internet.

Consequences

It is the user's responsibility to abide by the rules set forth in this policy. Violations will result in the user's account being removed from the Network/Internet for a period of one week, one month, one semester, or one year depending on the gravity of the offense.

Depending on the gravity of the offense, other administrative and/or legal action may occur.

Attempts to log in to the system as a system administrator will result in immediate cancellation of user privileges.

The network administrator, school administrators, Superintendent, and/or the School Board may request specific accounts to be denied, revoked, or suspended.

Adopted: 7/16/08
Revised: 11/19/14

8.2 Second Reading and Review of Policy 5640 Smoking and Tobacco Use

2010 2014 5640

Non-Instructional/Business Operations

SUBJECT: SMOKING, ~~AND TOBACCO USE~~ and USE OF ELECTRONIC SMOKING DEVICES

School Grounds

Smoking and ~~the use of~~ tobacco ~~and electronic smoking devices use~~ shall not be permitted on school grounds at any time. For purposes of this policy, "school grounds" means any building, structure, and surrounding outdoor grounds, including parking lot contained within the District's preschool, nursery school, elementary or secondary school's legally defined property boundaries as registered in the County Clerk's Office; as well as all District vehicles, including vehicles used to transport children or school personnel. Further, smoking and tobacco use is prohibited within any indoor facility owned or leased or contracted for, and utilized, by such person for provision of routine or regular kindergarten, elementary, or secondary education or library services to children.

For purposes of this policy, tobacco is defined to include any cigarette, cigar, cigarillo, pipe, bidi, clove cigarette, and any other smoking product, and spit tobacco (smokeless, dip, chew and/or snuff) in any form. ~~Electronic smoking devices, for purposes of this policy are defined as an~~ **electronic cigarette (e-cig or e-cigarette), personal vaporizer (PV) or electronic nicotine delivery system (ENDS)**. These devices are electronic battery-powered vaporizers which has the feel of tobacco smoking. They produce a mist rather than cigarette smoke. Electronic smoking devices where a heating element vaporizes a liquid solution known as e-liquid (E-liquids usually contain a mixture of propylene glycol, glycerin, nicotine, and flavorings. Others have similar ingredients but without nicotine) are prohibited.

Posting/Notification of Policy

In compliance with the New York State Clean Indoor Air Act, the District will prominently post its Smoking/Tobacco Use policy and signs prohibiting **all** forms of **tobacco and electronic smoking device** use in District buildings and other appropriate locations; and will supply a copy upon request to any current or prospective employee. The District will also designate a school official to tell individuals who smokes or uses tobacco that they are in violation of the New York State Public Health Law, Education Law, the federal Pro-Children Act of 1994 and District policy.

The District shall also ensure that this policy is communicated to staff, students, parents/guardians, volunteers, and visitors as deemed appropriate in order to orient all persons to the District's "No Smoking" Policy and environment.

Prohibition of Tobacco Promotional Items/Tobacco and Electronic Smoking Device Advertising

Tobacco **and electronic smoking device** promotional items (e.g., brand names, logos and other identifiers) are prohibited:

- a) On school grounds;
- b) In school vehicles;
- c) At school-sponsored events, including those that take place off school premises and in another state;
- d) In school publications;
- e) On clothing, shoes, accessories, gear, and school supplies in accordance with the District Code of Conduct and applicable collective bargaining agreements.

This prohibition of tobacco promotional items shall be implemented in accordance with the Code of Conduct and applicable collective bargaining agreements.

In addition, tobacco advertising is also prohibited in all school-sponsored publications and at all school sponsored events.

Safe and Drug-Free Schools and Communities Act

20 United States Code (USC) Section 7101 et seq.

Pro-Children Act of 2001, as amended by the No Child

Left Behind Act of 2001, 20 United States Code (USC)

Sections 7181-7184

Education Law Sections 409, 2801(1) and 3020-a

Public Health Law Article 13-E

NOTE: Refer also to Policies #3280 -- Community Use of School Facilities, Materials and

Equipment

#3410 -- Code of Conduct on School Property

#7310 -- School Conduct and Discipline

#7320 -- Alcohol, Tobacco, Drugs, and Other Substances (Students)

#8210 -- Prevention Instruction

District Code of Conduct on School Property

Adopted: 7/16/08

Revised: 10/20/10

Revised: 11/19/14

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11/19/14

8.3 Second Reading and Review of Policy 6151 Drug-Free Workplace

2008 2014 6151

Personnel

SUBJECT: DRUG-FREE WORKPLACE

It shall be the general policy of the Board of Education to affirm that all programs in the District that receive Federal funds shall guarantee that their workplaces are free of controlled substances. "Controlled substance" means a controlled substance in schedules I through V of Section 202 of the Controlled Substances Act (21 USC 812) and as further defined in regulation at 21 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Sections 1308.11-1308.15. **Workplaces shall also be free from electronic smoking devices.** An acknowledgment form shall be signed by the Superintendent indicating that the District is in full compliance with the Drug-Free Workplace Act.

"Workplace" is defined as a school building or other school premises; any school-owned vehicle or any other school-approved vehicle used to transport students to and from school or school activities; off school property during any school-sponsored or school-approved activity, event or function, such as a field trip or athletic event, where students are under the jurisdiction of the School District.

The Board of Education directs the administration to develop regulations to comply with this policy, and further supports such actions and activities of the administration as shall be required to maintain a drug-free workplace.

Drug-Free Workplace Act
20 United States Code (USC) Section 7101 et seq.
21 United States Code (USC) Section 812
21 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Sections 1308.11-1308.15
34 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 85

NOTE: Refer also to Policies #3410 -- Code of Conduct on School Property
#6150 -- Alcohol, Drugs and Other Substances (School Personnel)
#7320 -- Alcohol, Tobacco, Drugs and Other Substances (Students)
District Code of Conduct on School Property

Adopted: 7/16/08
Revised: 11/19/14

NEW BUSINESS

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

Motion made by Ruth Quinn and seconded by Aimee Hemminger 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 approve the Committee on Special Education (CSE) and Committee on Pre-School Special Education (CPSE) recommendations and student placements: 11437, 13923, 11299, 13270, 12210, 13976, 13971, 13785, 12943, 13904, 13726, 10328, 12002, 10098, 13233, 12456, 12680, 13431, 8199, 13783, 12875, 11131, 9833, 13916, 13915, 13914.

Motion carried 7 to 0 with 7 members voting.

OTHER DISCUSSION

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2020 Vision for Public Education-District Clerk will add Aimee Hemminger to the registration list of attendees. Board member Steven Greenfield ask that discussion at a future board meeting take place regarding the New York State Board of Regents and field testing. Board President Brian Cournoyer asked that this item be placed on the comeback list.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

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Barbara Weiner, New Paltz-thanked the board for agreeing to put the Capital Project up for a second vote. Michael Obare, New Paltz-commented that the board needs to have a plan to communicate their message to the public regarding the Capital Project.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

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Motion made by Steven Greenfield and seconded by Ruth Quinn that the Board of Education move into Executive Session at 8:14 PM for the purpose of discussing matters leading to the appointment, employment, promotion, demotion, discipline, suspension, dismissal, or removal of a particular person or corporation. Motion passed 7 to 0 with 7 members voting. The board will return to public session with no action taken.

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Motion to move out of executive session made by Dominick Profaci and seconded by Aimee Hemminger. Motion carried 7 to 0 with 7 members voting. Executive session ended at 10:16 PM.

ADJOURN

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Motion made by Timothy Rogers and seconded by Ruth Quinn that the Board adjourn at 10:17 PM.
Motion carried 7 to 0 with 7 members voting.

Respectfully submitted,

Dusti Callo
District Clerk