

Minutes – Business Meeting – Board of Education – High School December 3, 2014 – 7:00 PM

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

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Meeting was called to order at 6:01 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

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

ALSO PRESENT:

- Maria Rice, Superintendent of Schools
- Michelle Martoni, Assistant Superintendent of Educational Programs
- Richard Linden, Assistant Superintendent for Business
- Meghan Febbie, Director of Pupil Personnel Services

ROLL CALL The roll was called as reflected above.

ROLL CALL

EXECUTIVE SESSION

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Motion made by Timothy Rogers and seconded by Aimee Hemminger 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 proposed, pending or current litigation, discussing the employment history of particular person and a corporation, and discussing matters leading to the appointment, employment, promotion, demotion, discipline, suspension, dismissal, or removal of a particular person or corporation. Motion carried 7 - 0 with 7 members voting.

Out of Executive Session - Motion made by Tim Rogers and seconded by Julie Tresco that the Board return to Public Session at 7:00 PM. Motion carried 7 - 0 with 7 members voting.

CALL TO ORDER

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The Public Meeting was called to order at 7:05 PM by Brian Cournoyer, Board President. Alberta Pedro was appointed District Clerk Pro-Tempore.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

QUORUM CHECK

- Brian Cournoyer
- Steven Greenfield
- Aimee Hemminger
- Dominick Profaci
- 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
- Jacqueline Sinatra, Principal, Lenape Elementary School
- Alberta Pedro, District Clerk Pro-Tempore
- 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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Board President Brian Cournoyer announced the following changes to the agenda:

Under **PERSONNEL**, change Item **11.2 Reduction of Instructional Position** to reflect the following:

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Recommendation that the New Paltz Central Schools Board of Education, upon the recommendation of Maria C. Rice, Superintendent of Schools, does hereby reduce the following position effective January 1, 2015:

Position	Reduction
Teacher of the Blind and Visually Handicapped	1.0 FTE to .6 FTE

Under **PERSONNEL**, add the following individual to Item 11.4 Non-Instructional Appointments:

Item 11.4 Non-Instructional Appointments:

Name	Title	Effective Date	Hourly Rate
Laura Walls	Confidential Sub. Clerical	12/01/2014	\$16.50/hr

Under **PERSONNEL**, add the following **NEW** agenda **Item 11.7 Abolish Non-Instructional Position**:

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Recommendation - that the New Paltz Central Schools Board of Education, upon the recommendation of Maria C. Rice, Superintendent of Schools, does hereby abolish the following non-instructional position and is hereby directed to provide written notice to the employee whose position is being abolished with further notice regarding recall rights, if any:

Title	Effective Date
1.0 FTE Interpreter of American Sign Language	11/28/2014

Motion made by Dominick Profaci and seconded by Ruth Quinn to accept the changes to the agenda.
 Motion passed 7 to 0 with 7 members voting.

SPOTLIGHT ON PROGRAM

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- Lenape Elementary School-Strategic Problem Solvers
 - Fifth Grade students from Eric Savelson’s class

PUBLIC COMMENTS

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Daniel Schniedewind, Town of New Paltz, Courtyard Gardens at the High School

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORT

STUDENT REP

- Student Representative, Rachel Colangelo

Student Representative Rachel Colangelo reported on the Spring musical, possible second Spirit week, Sneaker drive, door decorating contest, start of winter sports and snow club, collecting of travel sized items for PIG, food drive, NPHS Induction ceremony on December 8th, and Movember raised approximately \$900.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORTS & DISCUSSION ITEMS

SUPT REPORT

- SUPERINTENDENT’S COMMENTS
- SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORTS
 - Ulster BOCES Program Review-Dr. Charles Khoury
 - New Paltz Central School District Implementation of Common Core-Remaining focused on Learning

BOARD COMMUNICATIONS

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- Capital Project Communications

Minutes – Workshop Meeting
 12/3/14

Superintendent Rice provided several strategies to communicate with the public regarding the Capital Project vote. Strategies include: letters to the editor, updating the district’s website, postcard and newsletter mailings, question and answer sheet, line-by-line spreadsheet of Capital Project estimates, two minute video chats, visual timeline and a chart with consolidated options. Board Vice-President Ruth Quinn stated the following key issues related to the Capital Project:

1. Consolation v. renovation
2. Phase 1/Phase 2 work
3. Cost savings of energy/green installations
4. Tax and process
5. Pre and post bond processes

Mr. Linden provided information regarding the pre and post bond processes.

➤ Impact of Social Media

The board discussed the impact of social media on their duties as a member of the Board of Education. The Board elected a social media advisory committee to convene and make a recommendation to the Board of Education regarding a strategic approach to social media. Members of the Social Media Advisory Committee include Ruth Quinn, Julie Tresco, and Aimee Hemminger.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

CMTE REPORTS

- FACILITIES COMMITTEE-Steven Greenfield. No report at this time.

Board Member Timothy Rogers was contacted by Dave Clouser, New Paltz Town Engineer regarding the district’s interest in connecting to a proposed sewage treatment plant adjacent to the High School athletic fields. As Chairman of the Facilities Committee, Steven Greenfield met with Town Engineer Dave Clouser regarding this proposal. Mr. Greenfield presented a draft architectural plan siting the proposed sewage treatment facility adjacent to the New Paltz High School athletic fields. Members of the board discussed the proposed sewage treatment facility and the impact upon students, staff, and families of the New Paltz Central School District.

Motion made by Steven Greenfield and seconded by Ruth Quinn to approve the following resolution:

**NEW PALTZ CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION
RESOLUTION ON SITING OF TOWN SEWAGE TREATMENT PLANT
ADJACENT TO NEW PALTZ HIGH SCHOOL**

WHEREAS, the New Paltz Central School District’s Board of Education (“Board”) was recently made aware that the Town Board of the Town of New Paltz (“Town”) is committed to siting a sewage treatment plant on real property located adjacent to New Paltz High School (“High School”); and

WHEREAS, the Board objects to the fact it was not consulted or even made aware of the potential siting of the sewage treatment plant adjacent to the High School, thereby effectively excluding it and the school community, those who would be directly impacted, from any meaningful discussion or input regarding the siting of the sewage treatment plant; and

WHEREAS, the Board, upon review of the Town’s agendas and minutes, as posted on the Town’s website, could find no mention of the siting of the sewage treatment plant next to the High School, from which the Board can only infer that there was no attempt at transparency and there was, in fact, an attempt to preclude public knowledge and participation; and

WHEREAS, the health, safety and welfare of the students who attend the High School and the staff that work at the High School are of primary importance to the Board;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the New Paltz Central School District Board of Education declares its strong opposition to the Town siting the sewage treatment plant adjacent to or within reasonable proximity to the High School or any other school for reasons of health, safety and welfare of students and staff; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board hereby calls for the Town to be transparent, responsible and ethical in its deliberations and decision making, by including the Board and the school community in the dialogue and discussion of the location of the sewage treatment plant; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board hereby calls for the Town to discontinue its current plans to locate the sewage treatment plant next to the High School and to permit the Board and school community to study the impact of the Town’s plan and to determine alternative locations that do not impact the students and staff in any of the schools of the New Paltz Central School District; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board requests that the Town provide to the Board of Education as soon as possible all environmental studies, engineering studies, site plans and specifications, alternative locations of other possible sites considered, as well as any resolutions, local laws or ordinances adopted by the Town that are related to the siting and operation of the sewage treatment plant; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board demands that any discussions of this matter be conducted at a duly convened open meeting of the Town Board with appropriate notice given to the media and public as required by law, and an opportunity for the Board, the school community and the general public to participate in the discussion and voice its opinions; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board directs the Superintendent of Schools and School Attorney to explore all possible avenues by which the Board may prevent the siting of a sewage treatment plant adjacent to or within reasonable proximity of the New Paltz High School, or any school in the District.

Motion passed 7 to 0 with 7 members voting.

- **AUDIT COMMITTEE-Dominick Profaci.** Audit Committee Chair Dominick Profaci shared with the board that the committee met with the claims auditor and the internal auditor on November 12, 2014 regarding roles and responsibilities. As indicated by the claims auditor, there are no major concerns with the payment of bills. The Committee made a decision on the subject of the internal audit. A report is expected in March.

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 November 19, 2014. Motion carried 7 to 0 with 7 members voting.

PERSONNEL (CONSENT AGENDA)

PERSONNEL

Motion made by Dominick Profaci and seconded by Steven Greenfield that the Board of Education approve the following personnel (consent agenda) resolutions, items 11.1 through 11.7:

11.1 Request for Approval of Standard Work Day And Reporting Resolution

Recommendation - that the following resolution be approved: **BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education of the New Paltz Central School District/Location Code 75103 hereby establishes the following as standard work days for appointed officials and will report the following days worked to the New York State and Local Employees’ Retirement System based on the time keeping system records or the record of activities maintained and submitted by these officials to the District Clerk:

Title	Name	Social Security Number (Last 4 Digits)	Registration Number	Standard Work Day (Hrs/Day)	Term Begins/Ends	Participates In Employer’s Time Keeping System (Yes/No)	Days/ Month (Based on Record of Activities)	Tier 1 (Check only if member is Tier 1)	Not Submitted (Check box if no record of activities completed or if participates in timekeeping system)
APPOINTED OFFICIALS									
District Clerk	Dusti Callo	■	■	6	7/1/14-6/30/15	Yes	N/A	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
District Treasurer	Carol Robinson	■	■	6	7/1/14 – 6/30/15	No	1.15	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
School Tax Collector	Starleen Shirk	■	■	6	7/1/14 – 6/30/15	Yes	N/A	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

11.2 Reduction of Instructional Position

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11.3 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
Zachary Cohn	12/4/14-6/30/15
Mollianne Grady	12/4/14-6/30/15
Stasha Hughes	12/4/14-6/30/15
Christina Molnar	12/4/14-6/30/15
Waleska Rayford	12/4/14-6/30/15
Zachary Serrano	12/4/14-6/30/15

11.4 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
Jessica Kuttler	Sub. Teacher Aide	11/17/2014	\$10.50/hr
Jessica Kuttler	Sub. School Monitor	11/17/2014	\$ 9.00/hr
Zachary Serrano	Sub. Teacher Aide	11/17/2014	\$10.50/hr
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Laura Wild	Sub. Teacher Aide	11/10/2014	\$10.50/hr
Alma Sloan	Sub. Teacher Aide	11/20/2014	\$10.50/hr
Jessica Andradez	School Bus Attendant	12/05/2014	\$13.31/hr
Lisa Haynes	School Bus Attendant	12/04/2014	\$13.31/hr
Laura Walls	Confidential Sub. Clerical	12/01/2014	\$16.50/hr

11.5 Non-Instructional Leave of Absence

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 employees:

Name	Title	Effective Dates
Stephen Wilson	School Bus Driver	01/05/2015 – 01/16/2015

11.6 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 2014-2015 school year:

- Name**
Stephanie Funk
Terri LaRussa

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Motion to approve items 11.1 through 11.7 carried 7 to 0 with 7 members voting.

OLD BUSINESS
None.

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NEW BUSINESS

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13.1 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: 13006, 12389, 12422, 13759, 13373, 12469, 13219, 13760, 14002, 13171, 13741, 13949, 9540, 8910, 13431, 12406, 13959, 14007, 12973, 10012, 14013.

Motion carried 7 to 0 with 7 members voting.

13.2 Request for Approval to Accept Resignation

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

BE IT RESOLVED that the Superintendent of Schools is hereby authorized to execute an Agreement with Kaeyer, Garment & Davidson Architects, PC concerning cessation of KG&D performing professional services for the New Paltz Central School District, a copy of which agreement is incorporated by reference within the minutes of this meeting.

Motion carried 7 to 0 with 7 members voting.

OTHER DISCUSSION

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None.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

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No comments.

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Motion made by Timothy Rogers and seconded by Ruth Quinn that the Board adjourn at 9:50 PM.

Motion carried 7 to 0 with 7 members voting.

Respectfully submitted,

Alberta Pedro
District Clerk Pro-Tempore