Minutes - Special Meeting - Board of Education - District Office - January 28, 2015 - 7:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER CALL TO ORDER

The Public Meeting was called to order at 7:02 PM by Brian Cournoyer, Board President. Maria Rice 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-excused

ALSO PRESENT: Maria Rice, Superintendent of Schools

Michelle Martoni, Assistant Superintendent for Educational Programs

Richard Linden, Assistant Superintendent for Business

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

**ROLL CALL** 

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**BOARD DISCUSSION** 

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Capital Project Vote

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

Motion was made by Dominick Profaci and seconded by Aimee Hemminger to approve the following resolution:

Board members discussed absentee ballots, the timeline for legal notices regarding the Capital Project vote and the need to re-educate the community of any financial changes related to the Bond Proposition.

RESOLUTION OF THE NEW PALTZ CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT, NEW YORK, ADOPTED JANUARY 28, 2015, CALLING A SPECIAL DISTRICT MEETING TO AUTHORIZE THE EXPENDITURE OF MONEYS FOR SCHOOL PURPOSES AND THE LEVY OF A TAX THEREFOR.

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 March 24, 2015, at 6:00 o'clock A.M. (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 o'clock A.M. 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

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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 January 28, 2015, a Special District Meeting of the qualified voters of said School District will be held on

## Tuesday, March 24, 2015

from 6:00 o'clock A.M. 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:

- 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.

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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 o'clock A.M. 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 March 24, 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 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.

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BY THE ORDER OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

Dated: January 28, 2015

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.

Board President Brian Cournoyer called the question.

Motion to approve the foregoing resolution passed 6 AYES to 0 NOES with 6 members voting.

The resolution was declared adopted.

ADJOURN ADJOURN

Motion made by Ruth Quinn and seconded by Steven Greenfield that the Board adjourn at 7:00 PM. Motion carried 6 to 0 with 6 members voting.

Respectfully submitted,

Dusti Callo

District Clerk Pro-Tempore