

Minutes – Business Meeting – Board of Education – District Office – February 4, 2015 – 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

- Brian Cournoyer
- Steven Greenfield-excused
- Aimee Hemminger
- Dominick Profaci
- Ruth Quinn-excused
- 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 Aimee Hemminger and seconded by Dominick Profaci that the Board of Education move into Executive Session at 6:31 PM for the purpose of discussing matters made exempt by FERPA, discussing proposed, pending or current litigation and discussing legal advice. Motion carried 5 - 0 with 5 members voting.

Out of Executive Session - Motion made by Julie Tresco and seconded by Timothy Rogers that the Board return to Public Session at 7:01 PM. Motion carried 5 to 0 with 5 members voting.

CALL TO ORDER

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The Public Meeting was called to order at 7:06 PM by Brian Cournoyer, Board President.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

QUORUM CHECK

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

ALSO PRESENT:

- Maria Rice, Superintendent of Schools
- Michelle Martoni, Assistant Superintendent for Educational Programs
- Barbara Clinton, Principal, New Paltz Central High School
- Dusti Callo, District Clerk
- 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 presented the following changes to the agenda:

Item 11.2 Instructional Leave Replacement Appointment

Recommendation that the New Paltz Central Schools Board of Education, upon the recommendation of Maria C. Rice, Superintendent of Schools, does hereby approve the leave replacement appointment of the following instructional employee:

Name	Title	Effective Dates	Step/Salary
Danielle Garcia	Guidance Counselor	2/3/15-3/13/15	MA Step C, \$63,240, pro-rated

Motion made by Timothy Rogers and seconded by Dominick Profaci to accept the changes to the agenda as amended. Motion carried 5 to 0 with 5 members voting.

SPOTLIGHT ON PROGRAM

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- New Paltz High School-The Green Classroom
Students from the Environmental Science Club and Ms. Cathy Law-“Classroom in the Courtyard”

PUBLIC COMMENTS

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Ray Lunati, New Paltz-Friendly Facebook banter with some members of the board, Open House, Transparency by the Board of Education, and a FOIL request.

Arielle Chiger, New Paltz-Representing the New Paltz United Teachers Union (NPUT), Ms. Chiger introduced a resolution approved by NPUT titled, *Resolution to Support the “I Refuse Movement” to oppose High Stakes Testing*, and asked for the Board’s support of this resolution.

Board President, Brian Cournoyer asked for a motion by the members of the board to include during Board Discussions a proposed resolution regarding High Stakes Testing. Motion was make by Dominick Profaci and seconded by Timothy Rogers. Motion carried 5 to 0 with 5 members voting.

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORT

STUDENT REP

- Lauren Apuzzo

Student Representative, Lauren Apuzzo reported on Mid Terms, Seniors completing college applications, the Snowball Dance, the Spring Musical, Student Government, The Maroon and Boys Varsity Swimming.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORTS & DISCUSSION ITEMS

SUPT REPORT

- SUPERINTENDENT’S COMMENTS

Superintendent Maria C. Rice reported that the district has utilized 6 of the 9 allotted snow days as of today. If more than 3 additional snow days are used, instructional days would have to be taken back from the Spring Recess beginning with March 30, and then moving on to March 31 and April 1. The information regarding snow days will be posted on the District website and a media release will also be sent out.

- SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORTS

- APPR Plan-Michelle Martoni, Assistant Superintendent for Educational Programs

BOARD COMMUNICATIONS

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- Creating a 2015-2016 Budget Without State Aid Runs

Superintendent Maria Rice presented information regarding the withholding of the State Aid Runs by Governor Cuomo and asked the board to consider revising the budget calendar. Board members agreed to discuss and consider changing the budget calendar at the February 18, 2015 board meeting.

- Capital Project

Adjustments to the financing of the proposed Capital Project will be presented by Richard Linden, Assistant Superintendent for Business at the February 18, 2015 board meeting as well as a revised communications plan.

- Proposed Resolution in Opposition to High Stakes Testing

Board President Brian Cournoyer asked for a motion to accept the following resolution as a First Reading and to schedule a second reading at the February 18, 2015 Board of Education meeting. Motion made by Dominick Profaci and seconded by Aimee Hemminger.

**NEW PALTZ CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION
RESOLUTION IN OPPOSITION TO HIGH STAKES TESTING**

Whereas, the Board of Education believes that literacy and critical thinking skills should be the emphasis of education, not preparing students to “take the test”; and

Whereas, high quality education requires adequate resources to provide a rich and varied course of instruction, individual and small group attention, and wrap-around services for students; and

Whereas, the Board of Education understands and appreciates the position of New Paltz United Teachers in opposing standardized high stakes testing and advocating for a student-based and research-based curriculum;

Therefore, Be It Resolved, that the Board of Education supports increased funding for the schools of this State, in part, through the elimination of the Gap Elimination Adjustment; and

Be It Further Resolved, that the Board opposes the overuse of standardized high stakes testing and standardized testing that is inconsistent with the goals and objectives of education in this school district; and

Be It Further Resolved, that the Board supports the lobbying efforts of New Paltz United Teachers and other groups of the New York State Board of Regents to eliminate the use of high stakes testing and to increase the funding of education in New York State.

Motion carried 5 to 0 with 5 members voting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

CMTE REPORTS

- Facilities Committee-Aimee Hemminger
- Audit Committee-Dominick Profaci
- Policy Committee-Brian Cournoyer
- Legislative Committee-Timothy Rogers

MINUTES OF MEETING

MINUTES

Motion made by Dominick Profaci and seconded by Julie Tresco 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 January 21, 2015 and the Special Meeting of January 28, 2015

Motion carried 5 to 0 with 5 members voting.

PERSONNEL (CONSENT AGENDA)

PERSONNEL

Motion made by Timothy Rogers and seconded by Julie Tresco that the Board of Education approve the following personnel (consent agenda) resolutions items 11.1 through 11.4 and item 11.6:

11.1 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 instructional employee:

Name	Title	Effective Dates
Katie Tracz	Guidance Counselor	1/26/15-3/20/15

11.2 Instructional Leave Replacement Appointment

Recommendation that the New Paltz Central Schools Board of Education, upon the recommendation of Maria C. Rice, Superintendent of Schools, does hereby approve the leave replacement appointment of the following instructional employee:

Name	Title	Effective Dates	Step/Salary
Danielle Garcia	Guidance Counselor	2/3/15-3/13/15	MA Step C, \$63,240, pro-rated

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
Garrett Colburn	2/5/15-6/30/15
Daniel McNamara	2/5/15-6/30/15
Caitlin Nolan	2/5/15-6/30/15
Jessica Rodriguez	2/2/15-6/30/15

11.4 Non-Instructional Resignation

Recommendation that 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 employee:

Name	Title	Effective Date
Valerie Taylor	Clerk	1/19/2015

11.6 Coaching 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 employee:

Name	Title	Stipend
Anthony Covino	Modified Baseball	\$2,340.00

Motion to approve items 11.1 through 11.4 and item 11.6 passed 5 to 0 with 5 members voting

11.5 Non-Instructional Resignation for the Purpose of Retirement

Motion made by Dominick Profaci and seconded by Aimee Hemminger that the Board of Education approve the following personnel (consent agenda) resolution with regret and well wishes:

Recommendation that 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 employee for the purpose of retirement:

Name	Title	Effective Date
Leigh C. Benton	Assistant Director of Transportation	February 28, 2015

Motion carried 5 to 0 with 5 members voting. The board further thanked Leigh Benton for his dedicated 21 years of service to the New Paltz Central School District.

OLD BUSINESS

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

Motion made by Julie Tresco and seconded by Dominick Profaci 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: 11273, 13915, 13916, 11363, 13760, 13746, 12442, 12250, 9101, 10759, 10081, 14010, 14011, 13177, 13904, 13971, 13001.

Motion carried 5 to 0 with 5 members voting.

13.2 Request for Approval to Ratify Cancellation of Contract

Motion made by Dominick Profaci 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 hereby ratifies the cancellation of a contract with Dr. Andrea Grunblatt dated May 15, 2014 and authorizes Shaw, Perelson, May & Lambert to send written notice of such cancellation to Dr. Grunblatt.

Motion carried 5 to 0 with 5 members voting.

13.3 Request for Acceptance of Award from NPCSD Foundation for Student Enhancement – Hands on History Project

Motion made by Dominick Profaci and seconded by Julie Tresco 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 accept funds from the New Paltz Central School District Foundation for Student Enhancement (the “Foundation”) in the amount of \$3,060.00 representing a grant awarded by the Foundation to Lenape for use by the New Paltz Central School District for the Hands on History project. The Board of Education further directs the District Clerk to send a letter of appreciation to the Foundation for their donation.

Motion carried 5 to 0 with 5 members voting.

13.4 Request for Acceptance of Award from NPCSD Foundation for Student Enhancement – Engineering and Design and Development Projects

Motion made by Dominick Profaci and seconded by Julie Tresco 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 accept funds from the New Paltz Central School District Foundation for Student Enhancement (the “Foundation”) in the amount of \$640.00 representing a grant awarded by the Foundation to New Paltz High School for use by the New Paltz Central School District for the Engineering Design and Development projects. The Board of Education further directs the District Clerk to send a letter of appreciation to the Foundation for their donation.

Motion carried 5 to 0 with 5 members voting.

13.5 Request for Acceptance of Award from NPCSD Foundation for Student Enhancement – Classroom in the Field (Phase 3) Project

Motion made by Timothy Rogers and seconded by Julie Tresco 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 accept funds from the New Paltz Central School District Foundation for Student Enhancement (the “Foundation”) in the amount of \$1,965.00 representing a grant awarded by the Foundation to New Paltz High School for use by the New Paltz Central School District for the Classroom in the field (Phase 3) project. The Board of Education further directs the District Clerk to send a letter of appreciation to the Foundation for their donation.

Motion carried 5 to 0 with 5 members voting.

13.6 Request for Acceptance of Award from NPCSD Foundation for Student Enhancement – Transitional Planning Fair Project

Motion made by Aimee Hemminger and seconded by Julie Tresco 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 accept funds from the New Paltz Central School District Foundation for Student Enhancement (the “Foundation”) in the amount of \$1,300.00 representing a grant awarded by the Foundation to New Paltz High School for use by the New Paltz Central School District for the Transitional Planning Fair project. The Board of Education further directs the District Clerk to send a letter of appreciation to the Foundation for their donation.

Motion carried 5 to 0 with 5 members voting.

13.7 Request for Acceptance of Award from NPCSD Foundation for Student Enhancement – Speech Sounds for Success Project

Motion made by Dominick Profaci and seconded by Julie Tresco 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 accept funds from the New Paltz Central School District Foundation for Student Enhancement (the “Foundation”) in the amount of \$60.00 representing a grant awarded by the Foundation to Duzine Elementary for use by the New Paltz Central School District for the Speech Sounds for Success project. The Board of Education further directs the District Clerk to send a letter of appreciation to the Foundation for their donation.

Motion carried 5 to 0 with 5 members voting.

OTHER DISCUSSION

None

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PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

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ADJOURN

Motion made by Dominick Profaci and seconded by Julie Tresco that the Board adjourn at 9:28 PM.
Motion carried 5 to 0 with 5 members voting.

ADJOURN

Respectfully submitted,

Dusti Callo
District Clerk