

Minutes – Business Meeting – Board of Education – High School - March 18, 2015 – 7:00 PM

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

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Meeting was called to order at 5:45 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
- Richard Linden, Assistant Superintendent for Business
- Michelle Martoni, Assistant Superintendent for Educational Programs
- David Shaw, District Counsel-Shaw, Perelson, May & Lambert
(arrived 6:16 PM, left 6:50 PM)

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 Julie Tresco that the Board of Education move into Executive Session at 5:46 PM for the purpose of discussing matters made exempt by FERPA, discussing the employment history of a particular person, and discussing collective negotiations pursuant to Article 14 of the Civil Service Law. Motion carried 7 to 0 with 7 members voting.

Out of Executive Session - Motion made by Dominick Profaci and seconded by Timothy Rogers that the Board return to Public Session at 7:00 PM. Motion carried 7 to with 7 members voting.

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

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

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- 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
- 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

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Following the Pledge of Allegiance, Board President Brian Cournoyer requested a moment of silence in memory of New Paltz High School Sophomore, Kyle Brewer, who passed away on Sunday, March 15, 2015. Following the moment of silence, on behalf of the Board of Education, Mr. Cournoyer offered deepest sympathies to the Brewer family.

AGENDA CHANGES

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Board President, Brian Cournoyer, presented the following changes to the agenda as amended by the addendum:

Under PERSONNEL add the following item:

8.8 Request for Approval to Appoint Acting High School Principal

Recommendation - that the New Paltz Central Schools Board of Education, upon the recommendation of Maria C. Rice, Superintendent, appoint Michelle Martoni, Assistant Superintendent for Educational Programs, as acting High School Principal for a period of one day effective March 20, 2015.

Under NEW BUSINESS add the following item:

10.3 Request for Approval of Donation

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education accept the donation to the New Paltz Central Schools for a tree from Wallkill View Farms to be planted at Lenape Elementary School. The board further directs the District Clerk to send a letter of thanks to Wallkill View Farms for their donation.

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS

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Josh Koeing, New Paltz-Mr. Koeing asked for clarification concerning voter registration for the Capital Project scheduled for Tuesday, March 24, 2015. The District Clerk confirmed that the New Paltz Central School District utilizes Poll Registration and that qualified voters can register to vote on the day of the scheduled vote, provided they meet the requirements of a qualified voter. Voters will need to show identification and fill out a Voter Declaration form prior to voting on the machines.

BOARD COMMUNICATIONS

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- The Underfunding of Education in Ulster County-Ruth Quinn
- Short Term Solutions to Middle School Traffic Flow

Board President, Brian Cournoyer prefaced the discussion by reminding everyone that the safety of students and staff is the top priority of the Board of Education and the Superintendent. He also shared that all district staff have been reminded of the appropriate and safe entrance and exit areas at the Middle School. Discussion took place regarding possible short term solutions for the traffic flow at the Middle School. Superintendent Maria Rice shared that a meeting is being scheduled to include the New Paltz Town Supervisor, New Paltz Police Chief, New Paltz Board of Education President, Brian Cournoyer and herself to discuss specific safety issues at the crosswalk located at the Middle School. The discussion also included entrance and exit areas where students come in and go out of the building. Middle School Principal, Dr. Richard Wiesenthal, will attend the April 8, 2015 board meeting to share additional information regarding the entrance and exit areas.

- Two Resolutions Proposed by Legislative Action Committee

Motion made by Timothy Rogers and seconded by Ruth Quinn to approve the following resolution, as amended:

**NEW PALTZ CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION
RESOLUTION AGAINST WASTING FOOD AND TAXPAYER MONEY**

WHEREAS, the New Paltz Central School District’s Board of Education (“Board”) is committed to maintaining the fiscal health of the New Paltz Central School District (“District”) and the nutritional health of our students; and

WHEREAS, the Board is in agreement with the overall sentiment of the new USDA standards aimed at aligning school meals with the latest nutrition science, as well as the importance of serving students in need of free and reduced price breakfast and lunch; and

WHEREAS, the Board believes in the importance of encouraging students to learn about and adopt healthy eating habits; and

WHEREAS, all students receiving breakfast or lunch at school are now mandated to take a half-cup of fruit or vegetables, whether they plan to eat them or not as per the USDA’s *Standards for Meals Selected by the Student (Offer versus Serve)*; and

WHEREAS, a significant number of our students are choosing to throw away instead of eating fruits or vegetables they are mandated to take and this was substantiated in the national School Nutrition Association’s 2014 report which stated “A recent study in *Public Health and Nutrition* found that this mandate to serve results in a nearly 100% increase in wasted fruits and vegetables or \$3.8M thrown into the trash each day”; and

WHEREAS, our federal and New York State governments have already implemented an unprecedented number of new unfunded mandates that have placed significant financial pressure on the District; and

WHEREAS, the District is being forced to involuntarily expend taxpayer money to meet this under-funded program instead of being permitted to autonomously listen to and balance student needs and tastes; and

WHEREAS, the new USDA requirements are anticipated to cost our food service program an additional \$85,000 to \$105,000; and

WHEREAS, the anticipated additional revenue of \$0.06 per meal from participating in the program would only amount to \$8,100 per year for the District or less than 10% of the annual cost of the program; and

WHEREAS, the Board is in agreement with the New York State School Boards Association’s statement set forth in their 2014 National Advocacy Institute Issue Brief discussing local school districts need for flexibility to operate a school lunch and breakfast programs to give them more local control; and

WHEREAS, the Board is also concerned with desensitizing students to concerns about responsible solid waste management practices and its broader impacts on our environment; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the New Paltz Central School District Board of Education declares its strong opposition to the elimination of local autonomy in the management of the District’s school nutrition program; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Board seeks immediate remediation from requirements forcing fruit and vegetables on students leaving the District to absorb the unintended financial consequences of these standards.
Motion passed 6 to 1 with 7 members voting. Julie Tresco voted no.

Motion made by Ruth Quinn and seconded by Dominick Profaci to approve the following resolution:

**NEW PALTZ CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION
RESOLUTION SUPPORTING LOCAL TAXING AUTHORITIES’ REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF
INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY PROGRAMS**

WHEREAS, local taxing authorities with jurisdiction over a school district, town, city or village are elected by taxpayers to, among other things, develop budgets and levy taxes; and

WHEREAS, democracy is best served when taxpayers are represented by elected representatives with a detailed understanding of local issues and how their local budgets are developed and allocated; and

WHEREAS, appointed boards like Industrial Development Agencies may not be as aware of local fiscal issues as elected officials and less mindful of unintended consequences that regional programs could have on local jurisdictions and economies;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education supports the concepts of (1) Industrial Development Agencies requiring applicants for projects to conduct a “Community Economic Impact Review” for the purpose of gathering information and providing a clear understanding of the impact of a project on local taxing authorities by, for

example, answering a series of questions developed by county comptrollers, the NYS Comptroller and local taxing authorities; (2) requiring that Industrial Development Agencies hold a public Economic Impact Scoping Session at the expense of the applicant prior to consideration and approval of any application; and (3) prohibiting Industrial Development Agencies from approving applications if two or more local taxing authorities have raised objections that have not been mitigated or resolved; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the District Clerk is directed to send a copy of this resolution to State Senator John Bonacic and State Assemblyman Kevin Cahill with a request that legislation be introduced to address this issue.

Motion passed 7 to 0 with 7 members voting.

MINUTES OF MEETING

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Motion made by Dominick Profaci and seconded by Ruth Quinn 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 Business Meeting of March 4, 2015 and the Special Meeting of March 11, 2015. Motion carried 7 to 0 with 7 members voting.

FINANCIAL REPORTS

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➤ Treasurer’s Report-February 2015

Motion made by Dominick Profaci and seconded by Julie Tresco to accept the Treasurer’s Report for February 2015. Motion carried 7 to 0 with 7 members voting.

PERSONNEL (CONSENT AGENDA)

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Motion made by Julie Tresco and seconded by Timothy Rogers that the Board of Education approve the following personnel (consent agenda) resolutions, items 8.1 through 8.8:

8.1 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 employee:

Name	Title	Effective Date
Camaron Croce	Occupational Therapist	3/27/2015

8.2 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 employees:

Name	Title	Effective Date	Salary
Colin Little	Assistant Director of Transportation	4/6/2015	\$54,000/yr (pro-rated)
Mary Meyer	Sub. LPN/Teacher Aide	3/19/2015	\$100/per day

8.3 Coaching Appointments

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

Name	Title	Stipend
Michael Vance	Track Assistant	unpaid
Jessica Bartalsky	Softball Assistant	unpaid
Olivia Pacheco	Modified Softball Co-coach	\$1,170.00
Lauren O’Malley	Modified Softball Co-coach	\$1,170.00

8.4 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 employee:

Name	Title	Effective Dates
Angela Schurko	School Bus Driver	3/5/2015 to 5/3/2015

8.5 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
Abram Manevich	3/19/15-6/30/15
Theresa Van Keuren	3/19/15-6/30/15

8.6 Instructional Leave of Absence - Extension

Recommendation that the New Paltz Central Schools Board of Education, upon the recommendation of Maria C. Rice, Superintendent of Schools, does hereby approve an extended unpaid leave of absence for the following instructional employee:

Name	Title	Original Effective Dates	Extension
Katie Tracz	Guidance Counselor	1/26/15-3/20/15	3/20/15 – 6/30/15 (unpaid)

8.7 Instructional Leave Replacement Appointment - Extension

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

Name	Title	Effective Dates	Step/Salary
Danielle Garcia	Guidance Counselor	3/16/15- 6/30/15	MA Step C, \$63,240, pro-rated

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Motion to approve items 8.1 through 8.8 carried 7 to 0 with 7 members voting.

OLD BUSINESS

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

9.1 Request for Approval of Settlement Agreement

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education does hereby approve the Settlement and Release Agreement with regard to Student No.12652; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Superintendent of Schools is hereby authorized to execute such Settlement and Release Agreement on behalf of the District.

Motion passed 7 to 0 with 7 members voting.

NEW BUSINESS

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Motion made by Aimee Hemminger and seconded by Steven Greenfield that the Board of Education approve the following resolution:

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

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: 11398, 11273, 11398, 12621, 10957, 11412, 12524, 13898, 11282, 11374, 12054, 10979, 12759, 12471, 12110, 12966, 12440, 12833, 12437, 11426, 12230, 10001, 10110, 10098, 10030,10008, 10579, 12919, 10433, 10687, 13475, 12019, 10758, 11020, 11081, 11122, 12045, 10850, 10927, 12470, 11532, 10964, 10926, 11466, 12210, 12265, 13270, 13777, 13926, 13922, 12304, 13734, 9825, 9541, 9128

Motion carried 7 to 0 with 7 members voting.

10.2 Request for Approval of Facilities Use for the Shawangunk Running Club

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

Recommendation - that the New Paltz Central Schools Board of Education, upon the recommendation of Maria C. Rice, Superintendent of Schools, approve the following:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approve the building facilities use request for use of the Floyd A. Patterson Field Complex, pursuant to New Paltz Central School District Policy 3280 for the following:

Shawangunk Running Club on Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 5:30PM to 7:00 PM beginning April 7, 2015 through June 25, 2015 for the purpose of a Youth Track Development Program.

Motion carried 7 to 0 with 7 members voting.

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Motion carried 7 to 0 with 7 members voting. The board extends their thanks for the donation.

OTHER DISCUSSION

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Board member Steven Greenfield shared his experiences from the 2015 Capital Conference he attended in Albany on March 15th and 16th.

Board President reminded the public about the Capital Project Vote scheduled for Tuesday, March 24, 2015 from 6:00 AM to 9:00 PM at New Paltz High School.

Mr. Cournoyer shared that funeral services for New Paltz High School sophomore, Kyle Brewer, are scheduled for Saturday, March 21, 2015 from 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM at Copeland Funeral Home in New Paltz.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

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Anna Linaman, New Paltz-Traffic safety at the Middle School and the crossing guard.

ADJOURN

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Motion made by Dominick Profaci and seconded by Julie Tresco that the Board adjourn at 8:26 PM.
Motion carried 7 to 0 with 7 members voting.

Respectfully submitted,

Dusti Callo
District Clerk