

**Minutes – Special Meeting – Board of Education – District Office – April 15, 2015 – 7:00 PM**

**CALL TO ORDER**

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The Public Meeting was called to order at 7:05 PM by Brian Cournoyer, Board President.

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:**

QUORUM CHECK

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

**ALSO PRESENT:**

- Maria Rice, Superintendent of Schools
- Richard Linden, Superintendent for Business
- Michelle Martoni, Assistant Superintendent for Educational Programs
- Meghan Febbie, Director of Pupil Personnel Services
- Barbara Clinton, High School Principal
- Antonia Woody, Director of Athletics
- Maureen Ryan, Director of Transportation
- Colin Little, Assistant Director of Transportation
- Steven Callahan, Director of Facilities
- Michael Robinson, Director of Food Services

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

ROLL CALL

**PLEDGE TO THE FLAG**

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**COMMUNITY BUDGET FORUM**

Wednesday, April 15, 2015

7:00 PM

High School Audion

**AGENDA**

7:00 p.m.      **Welcome & Presentation**  
*Brian Cournoyer, Board of Education President*  
*Maria C. Rice, Superintendent of Schools*  
*Richard Linden, Assistant Superintendent for Business*

7:15 p.m.      **Open Dialog**  
 Questions, comments and recommendations are encouraged.

A microphone is set up to accommodate an efficient process for community members to voice their questions and comments. Questions and comments will be limited to three minutes to allow for everyone to be heard.

Members of the Board of Education and Administrative Staff will address questions, comments and recommendations, or provide clarifications as needed or may be appropriate.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

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KT Tobin, New Paltz-thanked Lenape and Middle School Principals for their work and patience during this week of state testing and test refusals. Ms. Tobin encouraged the board to avoid budget cuts that adversely affect instructional programs and increase class sizes.

Henry Allicandry-Rondout Resident-commented on the benefits of the P-Tech Academy program.

Michael O'Donnell, New Paltz-Special Education Reductions

Rose Pannutto, New Paltz-P-Tech Program and Modified Sports vs JV Sports

Melanie Hill, New Paltz-P-Tech Program

Matt Elkin, Gardiner Resident and New Paltz First Grade Teacher-encouraged the board to try to avoid budget cuts affecting elementary foreign language and increase class sizes.

Lauren Apuzzo, New Paltz High School Student and BOCES New Visions Pre-University Participant. Miss Apuzzo shared with the board how much she enjoys being a part of the program. She also commented on her experiences as a volunteer for the P-Tech program.

The Public Forum concluded at 8:04 PM.

Following discussion by the board about the proposed 2015-2016 school budget, additional changes will be made and presented to the board at the April 22, 2015 Board of Education meeting for discussion and final approval.

**ADJOURN**

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Motion made by Dominick Profaci and seconded by Aimee Hemminger that the Board adjourn at 8:38 PM.

Motion carried 5 to 0 with 5 members voting.

Respectfully submitted,

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Dusti Callo  
District Clerk