

New Paltz Central School District Board of Education  
**Minutes – April 6, 2016 Workshop Meeting – High School 7:00 PM**

**CALL MEETING TO ORDER**

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM by Brian Cournoyer, Board President.

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:**

QUORUM CHECK

Brian Cournoyer  
Alison Easton  
Steven Greenfield  
Aimee Hemminger  
Michael O'Donnell  
Dominick Profaci  
Julie Tresco

**ALSO PRESENT:**

Maria Rice, Superintendent of Schools  
Michelle Martoni, Assistant Superintendent for Educational Programs  
Richard Linden, Assistant Superintendent for Business

**ROLL CALL**

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The roll was called as reflected above.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

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Motion made by Steven Greenfield and seconded by Dominick Profaci that the Board of Education move into Executive Session at 6:00 PM for the purpose of discussing matters made exempt by FERPA, discussing the employment history of a particular person, discussing matters leading to the appointment, employment, promotion, demotion, discipline, suspension, dismissal, or removal of a particular person, and discussing the collective negotiations pursuant to Article 14 of the Civil Service Law. Motion carried 7 to 0 with 7 members voting.

**DISTRICT CLERK PRO-TEMPORE**

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Board President, Brian Cournoyer, appointed Maria C. Rice as District Clerk Pro-Tempore for the Executive Session portion of the meeting.

Out of Executive Session - Motion made by Alison Easton and seconded by Michael O'Donnell that the Board return to Public Session at 6:59 PM. Motion carried 7 to 0 with 7 members voting.

**CALL TO ORDER**

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The Public Meeting was called to order at 7:04 PM by Brian Cournoyer, Board President.

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:**

QUORUM CHECK

Brian Cournoyer  
Alison Easton  
Steven Greenfield  
Aimee Hemminger  
Michael O'Donnell  
Dominick Profaci  
Julie Tresco

**ALSO PRESENT:**

Maria Rice, Superintendent of Schools  
Michelle Martoni, Assistant Superintendent for Educational Programs  
Richard Linden, Assistant Superintendent for Business  
Kathleen Coughlin, Interim Director of Pupil Personnel Services  
Barbara Clinton, Principal, New Paltz Central High School  
Richard Wiesenthal, Principal, New Paltz Middle School  
Audrey Wood, Principal, Lenape Elementary School  
Debra Hogencamp, Principal, Duzine Elementary School  
Antonia Woody, Director of Physical Education, Health, Athletics & Health Services  
Maureen Ryan, Director of Transportation

Michael Robinson, Director of Food Services  
Stephen J. Callahan, Director of Facilities & Operations  
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 announced the following changes to the agenda as amended by the addendum. Motion made by Dominick Profaci and seconded by Alison Easton to approve the changes to the agenda as amended by the addendum.

**Under PERSONNEL add the following:**

**12.13 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 the following unpaid instructional leave of absence:

<b>Name</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Effective Dates</b>
Alexandra Nneji	Social Studies Teacher	4/13/2016-6/30/2016

**12.14 Administrative Appointment**

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

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education does hereby appoint Alexandra Nneji as Interim Coordinator of Special Education effective April 13, 2016 through June 30, 2016 as per agreed terms and conditions of employment.

Motion to accept the changes to the agenda as amended by the addendum carried 7 to 0 with 7 members voting. Board President Brian Cournoyer also noted that the Capital Project Update from Bill Wisbauer will take place following the Student Representative Report.

**SPOTLIGHT ON PROGRAM**

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Lenape Elementary School-Grade 5 Self-Portraits. Assisted by Art Teacher Joy Gallagher and 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Teachers Rachel Fisher and Amy Gogerty, students share the process of creating their self-portraits.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

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Arielle Chiger, New Paltz-commented on the New Paltz United Teachers support of the budget and teacher salaries. Ruth Quinn, Town of Esopus-commented on Wear Red for Public Ed and equitable funding for public education. Keri Zurlini, Gardiner-commented on the board’s goal of defining success and encouraged the Board of Education, Administration and Teachers to come together in support of the system of education in New Paltz.

**STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORT**

**STUDENT REP**

- Student Representative: Patrick Varuzza

Student representative Patrick Varuzza reported on the PTSA Book Fair, Scholarship Concert, Fiddler on the Roof production, Youth for Unity Black History Celebration, Junior Prom, Poetry Club, a field trip to see artist Asia Monet, completing AP courses and exams, 4<sup>th</sup> quarter sports, the Student Government Senior Citizens Dinner on April 14<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 PM, and the blood drive at New Paltz High School on April 28<sup>th</sup> from 2:30 to 5:00 PM.

**BOARD COMMUNICATIONS**

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- Capital Project Update-Bill Wisbauer, TetraTech and Louis Rodriguez, The Palombo Group

**SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORTS & DISCUSSION ITEMS**

SUPT REPORT

- SUPERINTENDENT'S COMMENTS
  - Benefit Concert for the Maya Gold Foundation
  - Testing Refusal Data
  
- SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORTS
  - Diversity Report-Debra Hogencamp, Duzine Principal
  
  - Interim HAC Subcommittee Reports
    - Wellness-Michael Robinson-Food Service Director, Carol Jordan-Private School Representative
    - Safety-Antonia Woody-Director of Athletics, Health, & Safety
    - Code of Conduct-Richard Wiesenthal-Middle School Principal, Audrey Wood-Lenape Principal
  
  - 2016-2017 Budget Presentation and Approval

Following the presentation of the 2016-2017 proposed budget and discussion by the board, all members of the board agreed that they would like to restore 0.1 for Elementary Foreign Language utilizing the funds that the board agreed to reduce from the budget code for NYSSBA dues.

**7.1 Adoption of 2016-2017 School Budget**

Motion made by Steven Greenfield and seconded by Alison Easton to approve the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of the New Paltz Central School District hereby adopts a budget of fifty seven million dollars (\$57,000,000) for school district purposes for the school year July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017 to be presented to the voters at the Annual Meeting on May 17, 2016.

Motion carried 7 to 0 with 7 members voting.

**BOARD COMMUNICATIONS**

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- Start Times

Following discussion by the board, members agreed with the recommendation from board member Steven Greenfield that the next step should be to form a study committee to further explore information that would impact a possible change in school start times. The establishment, structure and goals of the committee will be defined at a future board meeting.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

CMTE REPORTS

- FACILITIES COMMITTEE-Dominick Profaci
- AUDIT COMMITTEE-Dominick Profaci
- POLICY COMMITTEE-Brian Cournoyer

Prior to the Legislative Committee report, Board President Brian Cournoyer asked that the members please pause to address **New Business: Item 14.7 Request to Approve and Fund the New Paltz Central School District Support Staff Directors and Supervisors Association Contract**

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

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

WHEREAS, the negotiating teams for the District and the New Paltz Central School District Support Staff Directors and Supervisors Association reached an Agreement, calling for the creation of a five-year successor Collectively Negotiated Agreement to the one that expires on June 30, 2016;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board hereby approves the Agreement between the District and The New Paltz Central School District Support Staff Directors and Supervisors Association covering the period from July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2021, and authorizes the funding of those monies necessary to implement the provisions of the 2016-2021 Collectively Negotiated Agreement. Motion carried 7 to 0 with 7 members voting.

➤ LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE-Steven Greenfield

Motion made by Michael O'Donnell and seconded by Dominick Profaci to approve the following position statement as amended and recommended by the Legislative Action Committee Chair:

**New Paltz School District Board of Education  
Position Statement Regarding Revisions to Ulster County  
Industrial Development Agency (IDA) Uniform Tax Exemption Policy (UTEF)**

PILOT agreements are under the control of appointed citizens who cannot be overruled by elected taxing authorities, regardless of impact upon the ratepayers in their jurisdictions. Effective tax rates for individual commercial and residential properties are set by the IDA, and not by elected representatives of those being taxed. Because of this unusual arrangement, the operation of which is largely invisible to the public, and the criteria for which are not subject to democratic processes, but are set solely by IDA members, special sensitivity on the part of county IDAs to the input of elected representatives is called for, and should be codified into IDA policy.

School districts are unique among all taxing entities affected by the award of Payments In Lieu Of Taxes and other tax abatements offered to developers in that those awards due to the way the 2% Tax Levy Limit functions in relation to those payments. They can cause us to suffer a reduction in the tax levy limit, while it is clearly their intent to provide gains, albeit not at full taxation rates. As a result, any new costs over the lifespan of the PILOT must be absorbed by existing ratepayers, or absorbed by our students in the form of program cuts. This is not the intent of the IDA mission, nor is it fair. We therefore request that it become Ulster County IDA policy that no PILOT will be approved without the consent of the school district within whose boundaries the proposed development would be located.

Housing developments have the greatest impact among all types of development, due to the fact that they can produce new students, but no new revenue to pay for them, forcing reductions in programming, increases in class size, a 60% supermajority vote to override the tax levy limit if the district were to attempt to accommodate student population growth without such losses, and in the worst case scenario, overcrowd existing facilities to the point where new construction would be required, but could not be undertaken without voter approval. Presumptions of zero student population growth associated with both student housing and senior housing are known to be inaccurate, as students, particularly graduate students, where housing needs are greatest, are frequently parents, and senior housing starts at the age of 55 of just one spouse or domestic partner, which today is accompanied by high rates of student-aged children. It is therefore our recommendation that no housing of any kind be eligible for PILOTs.

Ulster County Comptroller Elliott Auerbach issued a report and recommendations to the Ulster County IDA in October of 2014 ([http://ulstercountyny.gov/comptroller/sites/default/files/10.7.2014%20IDA%20REPORT\\_0.pdf](http://ulstercountyny.gov/comptroller/sites/default/files/10.7.2014%20IDA%20REPORT_0.pdf)). Among its recommendations and best practices are the following:

Consider requiring school district approval for residential projects.

\*Best Practice 2: Support only projects which likely will not proceed but for IDA assistance. In order to minimize loss of tax revenue, IDAs should attempt to verify businesses' need for tax abatement.

\*Best Practice 4: Perform a cost-benefit analysis as part of all project approval decisions. The UCIDA application includes a cost-benefit analysis; in addition, UCIDA staff use informANALYTICS software to calculate the "ripple effect" of new business spending on the local economy. However, informANALYTICS does not estimate the cost of increased government services due to increased business activity. In addition, UCIDA has no method of distinguishing costs and benefits specifically attributable to IDA assistance and those which would accrue even without assistance.

\*Best Practice 6: Provide for the recapture or termination of benefits when projects fall substantially short of their goals. Recapture ("clawback") provisions have been included in UCIDA Project Benefit Agreements since early 2013.

The New Paltz Board of Education is in agreement with these recommendations and requests that you adopt them as Ulster County IDA policy.

Motion carried 7 to 0 with 7 members voting. The board further directs the District Clerk to submit a letter to the Ulster County IDA on behalf of the Board of Education with a copy of the adopted position statement requesting the statement be included as part of the UCIDA's official public comment at its April 13, 2016 meeting. The board also appointed Steven Greenfield as its representative at the April 13, 2016 meeting of the UCIDA.

Motion made by Aimee Hemminger and seconded by Alison Easton to approve the following resolution as amended and recommended by the Legislative Action Committee Chair:

**A Resolution Calling Upon The Legislature and Governor of New York State To Uncouple Budgeted Increases In School Aid From Negotiating And Filing New APPR Systems Under Education Law 3012-d**

WHEREAS that APPR systems are part of collectively bargained contracts between school districts and local teachers’ unions, therefore, agreement by both parties is necessary for adoption of changes to existing systems; and

WHEREAS attaching a closing date by which negotiations must be concluded and filed with the State Education Department leads to severe, multi-year financial penalties, including reimbursements for a budget cycle nearing its conclusion and for which no new revenues can be raised by any means; creates undue, substantial pressures on both sides to clear and productive deliberations necessary to produce a satisfactory agreement; and

WHEREAS despite the announced moratorium on the use of standardized test scores as part of “official” APPR, the State Education Department continues to not only require their use at 50% weight for “study” purposes, but continue to make the results of test-based ratings available to the public; and

WHEREAS the Board of Education of the New Paltz Central School District has previously concluded, through extensive research largely sourced to the State Education Department itself, that New York’s test-based growth models are unproven, unreliable, and invalid in rating either the progress of students or the ability of teachers, and has called for their complete abandonment; and

WHEREAS the imposition of substantial financial penalties will cause irreparable harm to children; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the New Paltz Central School District calls upon Governor Andrew Cuomo and all legislators in the New York State Senate and Assembly to formally uncouple the adoption of new APPR plans from eligibility of school districts for state aid increases.

Motion carried 7 to 0 with 7 members voting. The board further directs the District Clerk to send a letter and copy of this adopted resolution to the legislative body as has been done in the past and to also include Governor Cuomo, Chancellor Rosa, Commissioner Elia, and Regent Finn.

**MINUTES OF MEETING**

**MINUTES**

Motion made by Alison Easton and seconded by Aimee Hemminger 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 Workshop Meeting of March 2, 2016 and the Community Budget Forum/Business Meeting of March 16, 2016.

Motion carried 7 to 0 with 7 members voting.

**FINANCIAL REPORTS**

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Motion made by Alison Easton and seconded by Aimee Hemminger that the Treasurer’s Report for February 2016 be approved. Motion carried 7 to 0 with 7 members voting.

**PERSONNEL (CONSENT AGENDA)**

**PERSONNEL**

Motion made by Dominick Profaci and seconded by Alison Easton that the Board of Education approve the following personnel (consent agenda) resolutions:

**12.1 Instructional Resignation for the Purpose of Retirement**

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 for the following instructional employee for the purpose of retirement.

<b>Name</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Effective Date</b>	<b>Years in District</b>
Joan Cherney	Elementary Teacher	July 1, 2016	20

Motion carried 7 to 0 with 7 members voting. Board members congratulated Ms. Cherney and thanked her for her years of service to the New Paltz Central School District.

Motion made by Alison Easton and seconded by Steven Greenfield to approve Personnel Items 12.2 through 12.14.

**12.2 Instructional Appointment-Mentor**

Recommendation that the New Paltz Central School District Board of Education, upon the recommendation of Maria C. Rice, Superintendent of Schools, does hereby appoint the following instructional employee as mentor for the 2015/2016 school year with remuneration as per NPUT contract:

**Name**

Matthew Paley

**12.3 Instructional Appointment-Substitutes**

Recommendation that the New Paltz Central School District 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 8, 2015 Organizational Meeting:

**Name**

**Effective Dates**

Pattijean Hono 3/17/16 – 6/30/16

Rosemary Sharpe 3/29/16 – 6/30/16

**12.4 Instructional Leave of Absence**

Recommendation that the New Paltz Central School District 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**

Donna Gallo Teacher 3/17/16 – 3/25/16

**12.5 Instructional Appointment – Part-time**

Recommendation that the New Paltz Central Schools Board of Education, upon the recommendation of Maria C. Rice, Superintendent of Schools, does hereby approve the appointment of the following instructional employees with remuneration as per NPUT contract, pro-rated:

**Name**

**Title**

**Effective Dates**

**Step/Salary**

Rosemary Sharpe ENL Teacher (.6) 4/07/16-6/30/16 (.6) MA Step C, \$63,240 (pro-rated)

**12.6 Instructional Appointment – Leave Replacement**

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 for the 2015/2016 school year:

**Name**

**Title**

**Effective Dates**

**Step/Salary**

Ashley Cortes Special Education Teacher 3/17/16 - 6/30/16 BA Step C, \$53,970

**12.7 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**

Elaina Beauchamp-Luyando School Monitor 03/08/2016

Olivia Pacheco Modified Softball Coach 03/10/2016

Lauren O'Malley Modified Softball Coach 03/10/2016

**12.8 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**

April Rabino Sub. School Bus Driver 03/15/2016 \$20.00/hr

Frank Hilton School Bus Attendant 04/07/2016 \$13.31/hr

Donna Bishop Sub. School Bus Attendant 03/09/2016 \$11.00/hr

Marissa Mayr Sub. School Bus Attendant 03/09/2016 \$11.00/hr

Kevin Caulfield School Bus Attendant 04/08/2016 \$13.31/hr

Patricia Welz Sub. Teacher Aide 03/29/2016 \$10.50/hr

**12.9 Non-Instructional Leave of Absence**

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

<b>Name</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Effective Dates</b>
Stephen Callahan	Director of Facilities/Operations	9/12/2016-9/30/2016

**12.10 Non-Instructional Termination**

The New Paltz Central Schools Board of Education, upon the recommendation of Maria C. Rice, Superintendent of Schools, does hereby approve the following non-instructional termination:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby terminates the employment of Angela Bulson from the position of Monitor, effective close of business on April 6, 2016, in accordance with the provisions of Section 73 of the Civil Service Law, with the opportunity to be reinstated to the same or a similar position, if a vacancy exists, upon making application therefor within one year after termination of the disability.

**12.11 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:

<b>Name</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Stipend</b>
Olivia Pacheco	Co-coach Modified Girls Softball	\$1,170
Lauren O’Malley	Co-coach Modified Girls Softball	\$1,170
Renee Salamone	Track Asst.	unpaid
Mark Ruoff	Track Asst.	unpaid
Thomas Mihalics	Lacrosse Asst.	unpaid

**12.12 Request for Approval to Create New Positions**

Recommendation – that the New Paltz Central Schools Board of Education, upon the recommendation of Maria C. Rice, Superintendent, does hereby create the following positions:

**Position**

2 - Teacher Aide (full-time)

**12.13 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 the following unpaid instructional leave of absence:

<b>Name</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Effective Dates</b>
Alexandra Nneji	Social Studies Teacher	4/13/2016-6/30/2016

**12.14 Administrative Appointment**

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

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education does hereby appoint Alexandra Nneji as Interim Coordinator of Special Education effective April 13, 2016 through June 30, 2016 as per agreed terms and conditions of employment.

Motion carried 7 to 0 with 7 members voting.

**OLD BUSINESS**

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Motion to approve Item 13.1, Second Reading: Policy 7621 Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 made by Alison Easton and seconded by Aimee Hemminger.

**13.1 Second Reading: Policy 7621 Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973**

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Students

**SUBJECT: SECTION 504 OF THE REHABILITATION ACT OF 1973**

It is the policy of the New Paltz Central School District to prohibit discrimination and harassment of students with disabilities as defined in Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990. This policy covers school programs, activities, and events sponsored by the School District. To that end, all officers, supervisory personnel, employees and students of the School District shall be given a copy of the District policy and training regarding its terms, procedures, protections and penalties.

**I. STATEMENT OF POLICY**

- 1) No qualified individual with a disability shall, on the basis of disability, be excluded from participation in or be denied the benefits of the services, programs, or activities of the School District, or be subjected to discrimination by the School District.
- 2) No qualified individual with a disability shall, on the basis of disability, be subjected to discrimination in employment under any service, program, or activity conducted by the School District.
- 3) The School District shall administer services, programs, and activities in the most integrated setting appropriate to the needs of qualified individuals with disabilities.
- 4) The School District shall make reasonable modifications in policies, practices, or procedures when the modifications are necessary to avoid discrimination on the basis of disability, unless making the modifications would fundamentally alter the nature of the service, program, or activity.
- 5) The School District shall not exclude or otherwise deny equal services, programs, or activities to an individual or entity because of the known disability of an individual with whom the individual is known to have a relationship or association.

All employees, teachers and administrative personnel are required to report any instance of alleged discrimination or harassment on the basis of disability immediately to the Director of Pupil Personnel Services. This will enable the School District to investigate and resolve any problems promptly and effectively. Investigations of disability discrimination, harassment, or other wrongful conduct will be treated with confidentiality appropriate under the circumstances, in light of the personal nature of these matters and the important privacy interests of all concerned. The School District will not permit anyone who objects to discrimination, harassment, makes a complaint, opposes any unlawful act, or assists in any investigation to be subjected to coercion, intimidation, interference, or retaliation.

The School District designates the Director of Pupil Personnel Services to coordinate all compliance and investigative matters arising under this policy and the corresponding implementing regulations. This official shall provide information, including complaint procedures, to any person who feels his/her rights under Section 504 have been violated by the District or its officials. In addition, Section 504 Regulations will be distributed to all Building level Administrators on an annual basis by the Director of Pupil Personnel Services.

~~The Board of Education affirms its compliance with those sections of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 dealing with program accessibility.~~



~~Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act prohibits discrimination against qualified individuals with disabilities in federally assisted programs or activities solely on the basis of disability. The District shall make its program and facilities accessible to all its students with disabilities.~~

~~The District shall also identify, evaluate and extend to every qualified student with a disability under Section 504 a free, appropriate public education, including modifications, accommodations, specialized instruction or related aids and services, as deemed necessary to meet their educational needs as adequately as the needs of non-disabled students are met.~~

~~The District official responsible for coordination of activities relating to compliance with Section 504 is the Director of Pupil Personnel Services. This official shall provide information, including complaint procedures, to any person who feels his/her rights under Section 504 have been violated by the District or its officials.~~

Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973,  
29 United States Code (USC) Section 794 et seq.

NOTE: Refer also to Policy #3231 – Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA)/Section 504 Rehabilitation Act

Adopted: 7/16/08

Revised: / /16

Motion carried 7 to 0 with 7 members voting.

Motion to approve Item 13.2, Second Reading: NEW Policy 1340 Ulster County BOCES Board Member Nominations made by Alison Easton and seconded by Aimee Hemminger.

**13.2 Second Reading: NEW Policy 1340 Ulster County BOCES Board Member Nominations**

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Board of Education

**SUBJECT: ULSTER COUNTY BOCES BOARD MEMBER NOMINATIONS**

It is the policy of the NPCSD to nominate a community member to serve as its representative to the Ulster County BOCES Board of Education. The Board of Education will make BOCES Board seat vacancies known to the community through press releases via the Board's typical media outlets.

Interested candidates must submit a letter of interest to the Board of Education via the District Clerk. Current BOCES Board members representing the New Paltz CSD may reapply via a letter of interest.

Letters of Interest will be reviewed and a nominee selected during Executive Session.

The Board President will recommend the nominee during public session for full Board approval. The nomination will then be submitted to the Ulster County BOCES to be included on its ballot.

Adopted: / /16

Motion carried 7 to 0 with 7 members voting.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**NEW BUSINESS**

Motion made by Alison Easton and seconded by Aimee Hemminger that the Board of Education approve the following resolutions for items 14.1 through 14.6 and item 14.8:

**14.1 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. 12384, 12422, 14283, 12982, 13477, 14253, 12440, 14190, 12986, 12418, 12197, 12833, 12110, 13392, 9592, 12054, 12370, 13028, 13016, 13478, 13185, 13819, 12277, 13857, 14310, 14183, 14099, 12864, 13616, 14176, 14010, 12743, 14271, 14178, 14030, 14011, 14049, 14002, 14272, 14267, 11111, 11290, 13937, 9406, 10721, 9540, 12019, 13475, 10953, 10955, 14003, 13768, 13171, 13759, 13620, 14271, 11299, 12681, 12479, 12213, 12720, 12808, 12706, 13230, 13913.

**14.2 Request for Approval of Facilities Use for Shawanagunk Running Team**

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:

Use of the Patterson Field Complex on Thursdays from April 7, 2016 through June 16, 2016 for the Shawanagunk Running Team sponsored youth track program from 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

**14.3 Budget Transfer**

Recommendation - that the New Paltz Central Schools Board of Education, upon the recommendation of Maria Rice, Superintendent of Schools, does hereby recommend the following budget transfer:

To:	A2250-490-00-209	\$ 50,000.00
	A2250-490-00-212	\$130,000.00
	A2250-490-00-219	\$ 80,000.00
	A2250-490-00-221	\$150,000.00
	A2250-490-00-236	\$ 70,000.00
	A2250-490-00-321	\$ 5,000.00
From:	A2250-490-00-000	\$ 50,000.00
	A2250-490-00-203	\$150,000.00
	A2250-490-00-211	\$153,000.00
	A2250-490-00-223	\$ 85,000.00
	A2250-490-00-224	\$ 47,000.00

**14.4 Request for Approval of Health and Welfare Contract – Valley Central School District 2015-2016**

Recommendation – that the following resolution be approved: BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approve the Health and Welfare Contract, forwarded under separate cover, for Valley Central School District for a total amount of \$3,116.37 for health and welfare services for the 2015-2016 school year for three (3) children who are residents in the New Paltz Central School District attending non-public schools in the Valley Central School District.

**14.5 Request for Approval of Health and Welfare Contract – Pine Bush Central School District 2015-2016**

Recommendation – that the following resolution be approved: BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approve the Health and Welfare Contract, forwarded under separate cover, for Pine Bush Central School District for a total amount of \$4,695.12 for health and welfare services for the 2015-2016 school year for six (6) children who are residents in the New Paltz Central School District attending non-public schools in the Pine Bush Central School District.

**14.6 Request for Approval of Contract with SUNY for School Bus Usage**

Recommendation – that the following resolution be approved: BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approve a 2015-2016 Transportation Agreement, effective April 9, 2016 to April 9, 2016, with SUNY New Paltz for the SUNY New Paltz Dance Club for the use of District buses at a reimbursement rate of \$2.60 per mile.

**14.8 Request for Approval to Participate in 2016-2017 Cooperative Bidding with Ulster County BOCES**

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

WHEREAS it is the desire of the participating school districts of the Board of Cooperative Educational Services, Ulster County, adopting this resolution to jointly request bids for certain commodities to be determined by the Superintendent of this school district from time to time for the 2016-17 school year,

NOW, therefore, BE IT RESOLVED that the New Paltz Central School District hereby agrees to participate with other school districts of the Board of Cooperative Educational Services, Ulster County, New York, in the joint bidding of commodities to be requested by the school district Purchasing Agent and approved by the Superintendent and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the specifications as prepared by the Steering Committee of participating school districts and presented to this Board of Education will be used and that this Board, if it desires to purchase these commodities agrees to purchase said commodities at the lowest bid price recommended by the Steering Committee of the joint school districts; provided, however, that each participating Board of Education in exercising its legal responsibilities, has the right to reject and/or modify the recommendation of the Steering Committee in the awarding of the bid and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the invitation to bid will be advertised by BOCES in the Kingston Daily Freeman, the Middletown Record and the Poughkeepsie Journal in accordance with the provisions of Section 103 of the General Municipal Law.

Motion carried 7 to 0 with 7 members voting.

Motion to waive the second reading rule and approve item 14.9, First Reading Policy 7316 State and Local Assessments made by Dominick Profaci and seconded by Alison Easton.

**14.9 First Reading Policy 7316 State and Local Assessments**

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Students

**SUBJECT: STATE AND LOCAL ASSESSMENTS**

The Board of Education is committed to providing a quality educational program for the students of the District. The Board believes that standardized testing programs, when used properly, can provide one meaningful source of information about the District’s curriculum and overall student achievement. While the Board is opposed to the over-testing of students, particularly when tests are given for non-pedagogical reasons, the Board recognizes its responsibility to comply with the laws and regulations governing public school districts. Therefore, it is the policy of this District that students must complete the requirements of the public school program, which includes taking quizzes, tests, as well as other state and local assessments, to help accomplish the following objectives:

- To provide one means to evaluate student growth through individual, inter-district and intra-district comparison;
- To provide teachers with diagnostic information which will enable them to better address the instructional needs of their students and to differentiate instruction, and
- To evaluate strengths and weaknesses of the curriculum and methods of instruction.

The Education Law and Commissioner’s Regulations do not provide parents with the opportunity to “opt-out” their child from required local or state assessments.

**State Assessments**

All public school students are required by Commissioner’s Regulations to participate in state assessments that reflect the knowledge, skills and understandings that all students are expected to know and are able to perform at certain specified grade levels. If a student is in attendance at school on mandated test days, tests will be administered to him/her. If a student is legally absent on these days in accordance with the District’s Comprehensive Student Attendance Policy, he/she will be marked “absent” and the test will be administered on the make-up day. If the student refuses to take the test:

- At the Elementary level, the student will be provided with an alternative location and is expected to read, **draw or write.**
- At the Middle and Secondary level, the student will remain in the room quietly, and be allowed to read **or write, but will not be allowed to do homework.**

All students will be accounted for and reported to the State Education Department (SED) in accordance with SED’s Validity Rules.

All District students are required to take local tests and assessments. Local assessments are intended to test students on their knowledge of the curriculum, monitor their progress and enable the District to modify existing programs and develop new programs aligned with specific student needs. Student grades will reflect, in part, the results of these tests and assessments. If a student is legally absent on the day of an assessment, he/she will be given a make-up test upon return to school. If the student refuses to take the test or a make-up test, the student will be given an “Incomplete” for the class.

Ref: No Child Left Behind Act  
8 NYCRR §§100.3, 100.4, 100.5  
SED Memo to Superintendents of Public Schools,  
“Information on Student Participation in State Assessments” dated January 2013.

Adopted: 3/5/14

Revised: / /16

Motion carried 7 to 0 with 7 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 Aimee Hemminger that the Board adjourn at 9:33 PM.

Motion carried 7 to 0 with 7 members voting.

ADJOURN

Respectfully submitted,

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Dusti Callo  
District Clerk