

New Paltz Central School District Board of Education  
**Minutes – June 15, 2016 Business 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  
Sophia Skiles  
Julie Tresco

**ALSO PRESENT:**

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

**ROLL CALL**

ROLL CALL

The roll was called as reflected above.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

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Motion made by Michael O'Donnell and seconded by Julie Tresco that the Board of Education move into Executive Session at 6:00 PM for the purpose of discussing matters leading to the employment of a particular person, collective negotiations pursuant to Article 14 of the Civil Service Law, and to discuss matters made exempt by FERPA. 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 Aimee Hemminger that the Board return to Public Session at 7:00 PM. Motion carried 7 to 0 with 7 members voting.

**CALL TO ORDER**

CALL TO ORDER

The Public Meeting was called to order at 7:10 PM by Brian Cournoyer, Board President.

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:**

QUORUM CHECK

Brian Cournoyer  
Alison Easton  
Steven Greenfield  
Aimee Hemminger  
Michael O'Donnell  
Sophia Skiles  
Julie Tresco

**ALSO PRESENT:**

Maria Rice, Superintendent of Schools  
Michelle Martoni, Assistant Superintendent for Educational Programs  
Richard Linden, Assistant Superintendent for Business  
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  
Dusti Callo, District Clerk  
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 as amended by the addendum:

**Under PERSONNEL add the following:**

**10.13 Probationary Administrative Appointment**

Recommendation - that the following resolution be approved:

BE IT RESOLVED that upon recommendation of Maria C. Rice, Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education appoints **Ann Sheldon** to a four (4) year probationary appointment as an Assistant Principal in the tenure area of Assistant Principal, effective 7/1/2016 through 6/30/2020, at a 2016-2017 salary of \$90,000.00.

**Under NEW BUSINESS add the following:**

**11.6 Request for Approval to Ratify and Appropriate Monies to Fund the New Paltz District Office and Technology Support Staff Association Contract**

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

WHEREAS, the Superintendent and the New Paltz District Office and Technology Support Staff 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 of Education hereby ratifies the Agreement between the Superintendent and The New Paltz District Office and Technology Support Staff Association covering the period from July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2021, and authorizes those monies necessary to implement the provisions of the 2016-2021 Collectively Negotiated Agreement.

**11.7 Request for Approval to Ratify and Appropriate Monies to Fund the New Paltz Pupil Services Administrators Association Contract**

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

WHEREAS, the Superintendent and the New Paltz Pupil Services Administrators Association reached an agreement, calling for the creation of a three-year successor Collectively Negotiated Agreement to the one that expires on June 30, 2016;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education hereby ratifies the Agreement between the Superintendent and The New Paltz Central Pupil Services Administrators Association covering the period from July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2019, and authorizes the funding of those monies necessary to implement the provisions of the 2016-2019 Collectively Negotiated Agreement.

**11.8 Request for Approval to Ratify and Appropriate Monies to Fund the New Paltz United Teachers Contract**

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

WHEREAS, the Superintendent and the New Paltz United Teachers reached an agreement, calling for the creation of a five-year successor Collectively Negotiated Agreement to the one that expired on June 30, 2014;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education hereby ratifies the Agreement between the Superintendent and The New Paltz United Teachers covering the period from July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2019, and authorizes the funding of those monies necessary to implement the provisions of the 2014-2019 Collectively Negotiated Agreement.

Motion made by Alison Easton and seconded by Aimee Hemminger to accept the changes to the agenda as amended by the addendum. Motion carried 7 to 0 with 7 members voting.

**STUDENT LIFE VIDEO**

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The High School Student Life Video was presented by fellow high school student editors Jessica Merten, Samantha Schmalz and Evan Purcell.

**REGOGNITION: TENURE & RETIREMENT****RECOGNITION****5.1 Tenure Recommendations-Instructional**

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

Recommendation that the New Paltz Central School Board of Education upon the recommendation of Maria C. Rice, Superintendent of Schools, does hereby grant tenure to the following instructional employees:

<b>Name</b>	<b>Tenure Area</b>	<b>Effective Date</b>	<b>Certification Area</b>
Sonja Beard	Music	8/31/2016	Music
Jill Christensen	Special Education	8/31/2016	Childhood Ed 1-6, Literacy B-6, Students w/Disabilities 1-6
Rachel Fisher	Elementary	9/1/2016	Literacy B-6, Childhood Ed 1-6, Mathematics 7-9 ext.
Katherine Hughes	School Psychologist	8/31/2016	School Psychologist
Todd Martin	Art	9/1/2016	Visual Arts
Katherine McEachin	Teaching Assistant	9/1/2016	Teaching Assistant
Daniel Monheit	Special Education	8/31/2016	Students w/Disabilities 1-6, Literacy B-6, Childhood Ed 1-6
Michelle Olson	Special Education	9/15/2016	Students w/Disabilities 1-6, Childhood Ed 1-6, Students w/Disabilities 5-9

Motion carried 7 to 0 with 7 members voting.

**5.2 Recognition of Tenure****Name**

Sonja Beard  
 Jill Christensen  
 Rachel Fisher  
 Katherine Hughes  
 Todd Martin  
 Katherine McEachin  
 Daniel Monheit  
 Michelle Olson  
 Laura Van Etten

**5.3 Non-Instructional Resignation for the Purpose of Retirement**

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

Recommendation – that the New Paltz Central School District, 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:

<b>Name</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Effective Date</b>	<b>Years of Service</b>
Cynthia P. DuBois	Registered School Nurse	July 1, 2016	23

Motion carried 7 to 0 with 7 members voting.

**5.4 Recognition of Retirees**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Approximate Years of Service</b>
Beverly Briggs	Teacher Aide	15
Joan Cherney	Elementary Teacher	20
Lori Cozzolino	Teacher Aide	16
David Dippel	School Bus Driver	21
Cynthia P. DuBois	Registered School Nurse	23

Susan Frampton	Speech and Hearing Teacher	28
Andree Guido	Teacher Aide	13
Deborah A. Martin	Special Education Teacher	29
Anne Monahan	Teacher Aide	21
Jonathan Stern	Science Teacher	18
Donna Walling	Elementary Teacher	30

#### **5.5 Recognition of Retiring Board of Education Members**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Title</b>
Dominick Profaci	Member, Board of Education
Julie Tresco	Member, Board of Education

#### **5.6 Recognition of Reward School to Barbara Clinton, New Paltz High School Principal**

Prior to receiving public comments, Board President Brian Cournoyer asked that the board address **New Business** items 11.6 through 11.8. All members agreed.

#### **11.6 Request for Approval to Ratify and Appropriate Monies to Fund the New Paltz District Office and Technology Support Staff Association Contract**

Motion made by Aimee Hemminger and seconded by Julie Tresco to approve the following resolution:

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

WHEREAS, the Superintendent and the New Paltz District Office and Technology Support Staff 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 of Education hereby ratifies the Agreement between the Superintendent and The New Paltz District Office and Technology Support Staff Association covering the period from July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2021, and authorizes those monies necessary to implement the provisions of the 2016-2021 Collectively Negotiated Agreement.

Motion carried 7 to 0 with 7 members voting.

#### **11.7 Request for Approval to Ratify and Appropriate Monies to Fund the New Paltz Pupil Services Administrators Association Contract**

Motion made by Aimee Hemminger and seconded by Alison Easton to approve the following resolution:

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

WHEREAS, the Superintendent and the New Paltz Pupil Services Administrators Association reached an agreement, calling for the creation of a three-year successor Collectively Negotiated Agreement to the one that expires on June 30, 2016;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education hereby ratifies the Agreement between the Superintendent and The New Paltz Central Pupil Services Administrators Association covering the period from July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2019, and authorizes the funding of those monies necessary to implement the provisions of the 2016-2019 Collectively Negotiated Agreement.

Motion carried 7 to 0 with 7 members voting.

#### **11.8 Request for Approval to Ratify and Appropriate Monies to Fund the New Paltz United Teachers Contract**

Motion made by Steven Greenfield and seconded by Aimee Hemminger to approve the following resolution:

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

WHEREAS, the Superintendent and the New Paltz United Teachers reached an agreement, calling for the creation of a five-year successor Collectively Negotiated Agreement to the one that expired on June 30, 2014;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education hereby ratifies the Agreement between the Superintendent and The New Paltz United Teachers covering the period from July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2019, and authorizes the funding of those monies necessary to implement the provisions of the 2014-2019 Collectively Negotiated Agreement.

Motion carried 6 to 1 with 7 members voting. Alison Easton voted no.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

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High School student Hunter McVea spoke on behalf of the New Paltz High School track team and asked that the board and the district consider supporting the addition of a winter indoor track team.

**BOARD COMMUNICATIONS**

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➤ Start Times – Next Steps

Board members thanked the administration for their previous contribution of information regarding the impact of later school start times. The board also discussed the value in later start times, reaching out to the community for additional feedback, a comprehensive list of things affected by later start times, identifying potential problems and focusing on solution, evaluating data, and developing a committee. The board also agreed that additional discussions on this topic should be the charge of the new board beginning in July.

**MINUTES OF MEETING**

**MINUTES**

Motion made by Alison Easton 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 Workshop Meeting of June 1, 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 Claims Audit Report for April 2016 and May 2016, and the Treasurer’s Report for May 2016 be approved.

Motion carried 7 to 0 with 7 members voting.

**PERSONNEL (CONSENT AGENDA)**

**PERSONNEL**

Motion made by Steven Greenfield and seconded by Alison Easton that the Board of Education approve the following personnel (consent agenda) resolutions, items 10.1 through 10.12:

**10.1 Instructional Appointments – 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:

<b>Name</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Effective Dates</b>	<b>Step/Salary</b>
Jessica Fredericks	Social Studies Teacher .6	9/1/16-6/30/17	(.6) BA Step 1, \$58,110 (pro-rated)
Kieran Bell	Business Teacher .6	9/1/16-6/30/17	(.6) MA Step 11, \$87,200 (pro-rated)
Ronald Bonagura	Chemistry Teacher .1	9/1/16-6/30/17	(.1) MA Step 21, \$111,610 (pro-rated)

**10.2 Instructional Appointment – Probationary**

BE IT RESOLVED, that upon recommendation of Maria C. Rice, Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education appoints Mitchell Mead to a four (4) year probationary appointment as an Elementary Teacher in the tenure area of Elementary at an annual salary of \$66,450 (MA Step A), effective 9/1/16 through 8/31/2020, subject to receipt of composite or overall annual professional performance review ratings pursuant to Education Law Section 3012-c and/or 3012-d of either effective or highly effective in at least three (3) of the four (4) preceding years, and if the probationer receives an ineffective composite in the final year of the probationary period he or she shall not be eligible for tenure at that time.

**10.3 Request for Approval of Guidance Internship**

Recommendation - that the New Paltz Central School District Board of Education, upon the recommendation of Maria C. Rice, Superintendent of Schools, does hereby appoint Gayle Raskin as a non-paid High School Guidance Intern effective August 17, 2016 through May 30, 2017.

**10.4 Kindergarten Screening Appointment**

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 employee to complete kindergarten screenings for incoming kindergarten students with remuneration as per NPUT contract:

<b>Name</b>	<b>Effective Dates</b>
Rebecca Burdett	7/1/2016-8/31/2016

**10.5 Summer CSE Evaluations/Meetings**

Recommendation that the New Paltz Central School Board of Education upon the recommendation of Maria Rice, Superintendent of Schools, does hereby appoint, as needed, the following employees effective July 1, 2016 – August 31, 2016.

**CSE Evaluations/Meetings**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Title</b>
Nicole Fiore	CSE Meetings/Regular Educator

**10.6 Extended School Year Personnel**

Recommendation that the New Paltz Central School Board of Education upon the recommendation of Maria Rice, Superintendent of Schools, does hereby appoint, as needed, the following employees effective July 11, 2016 through August 19, 2016 with remuneration as per NPUT contract:

<b>Name</b>	<b>Title</b>
Shawn Doyle	High School ELL Summer Academy Teacher
Amy Chapman	Elementary School ELL Summer Academy Teacher
Rosemary Sharpe	Elementary School ELL Summer Academy Teacher
Renee Salamone	Elementary School ELL Summer Academy Teacher

**10.7 Summer Program Personnel**

Recommendation that the New Paltz Central School Board of Education upon the recommendation of Maria Rice, Superintendent of Schools, does hereby appoint, as needed, the following employees effective July 11, 2016 through August 19, 2016:

**Extended School Year**

<b><u>Name</u></b>	<b><u>Title</u></b>
Meryle Lederer	Principal
Kristian Anderson	Special Education Teacher
Aimee Bulson	Special Education Teacher
Jill Christensen	Special Education Teacher
Ashley Cortes	Special Education Teacher
Nicole DeNome	Special Education Teacher
Pattijean Hono	Special Education Teacher
RobinTaliaferro	Special Education Teacher
Anne Monahan	Special Education Teacher
Pattijean Hono	Substitute Special Education Teacher
Erin Paltridge-Bulson	Substitute Special Education Teacher
Cindy Valdina	Certified Occupational Therapy Assistant
Barbara D'Amore	Front Desk Monitor
Renee Reynolds	Social Worker
Justin Finnegan	Speech-Language Pathologist/Teacher of the Deaf and H.I.
Lara Savelson	Speech-Language Pathologist
Joy Van Vlack Weiss	Nurse
Maria Meoli	Substitute Nurse
Patricia DiPalo	Aide
Ann Marie Dixon	Aide
Barbara Kelly	Aide
Catherine Oncher	Aide
Chris Ruger	Aide
Judith Smith	Aide
Elizabeth Kennedy	Aide
Joanne Ostrowski	Substitute Aide
Robertta Schwarz	Substitute Aide
Nancy Waddell	Substitute Aide

**10.8 Instructional Resignation**

Recommendation – that the New Paltz Central School District Board of Education, upon the recommendation of Maria C. Rice, Superintendent of Schools, does hereby accept the resignation of the following instructional employee:

<b>Name</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Effective Date</b>
Ann Sheldon	Elementary Teacher	June 30, 2016

**10.9 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:

<b>Name</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Effective Date</b>	<b>Salary</b>
Janice Pallus	Technology Assistant	7/1/2016-8/31/2016	\$20.00/hr 300 hrs maximum
Sue Bowers	Technology Assistant	7/1/2016-8/31/2016	\$20.00/hr 300 hrs maximum

**10.10 Rescind Non-Instructional 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 following:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of the New Paltz Central School District hereby rescinds the resolution from the April 20, 2016 Board of Education Meeting appointing Lauren Torres to a Non-Instructional Appointment as a Lighting/Sound Technician, effective 4/21/16.

**10.11 Non-Instructional Resignation**

Recommendation – that the New Paltz Central School District Board of Education, upon the recommendation of Maria C. Rice, Superintendent of Schools, does hereby accept the resignation of the following non-instructional employee:

<b>Name</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Effective Date</b>
Jesse Peck	School Bus Driver	June 9, 2016

**10.12 Coaching Appointment**

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

<b>Name</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Stipend</b>
Sam Phelps	Assistant Softball	Unpaid

Motion to approve items 10.1 through 10.12 carried 7 to 0 with 7 members voting.

**10.13 Probationary Administrative Appointment**

Motion made by Alison Easton and seconded by Aimee Hemminger that the following resolution be approved:

BE IT RESOLVED that upon recommendation of Maria C. Rice, Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education appoints **Ann Sheldon** to a four (4) year probationary appointment as an Assistant Principal in the tenure area of Assistant Principal, effective 7/1/2016 through 6/30/2020, at a 2016-2017 salary of \$90,000.00.

Motion carried 7 to 0 with 7 members voting.

**NEW BUSINESS**

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

Motion made by Alison Easton 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 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. 13922, 14001, 13996, 10130, 13001, 11426, 13913, 13004, 12470, 14242, 13923, 13023, 12578, 12565, 14259, 14324, 14238, 14389, 14176, 12372, 13004, 10516, 12652, 13228, 9439, 9559, 10133, 10515.

Motion carried 7 to 0 with 7 members voting.

**11.2 Request for Approval of Health and Welfare Contract – East Ramapo Central School District 2015-2016**

Motion made by Aimee Hemminger and seconded by Alison Easton to approve the following:

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 East Ramapo Central School District for a total amount of \$3,704.90 for health and welfare services for the 2015-2016 school year for six (5) children who are residents in the New Paltz Central School District attending non-public schools in the East Ramapo Central School District.

Motion carried 7 to 0 with 7 members voting.

**11.3 Request for Approval of Health and Welfare Contract – Kingston City School District 2015-2016**

Motion made by Alison Easton and seconded by Aimee Hemminger to approve the following:

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 Kingston City School District for a total amount of \$16,397.00 for health and welfare services for the 2015-2016 school year nineteen (19) children who are residents in the New Paltz Central School District attending non-public schools in the Kingston City School District. Motion carried 7 to 0 with 7 members voting.

**11.4 Request for Approval of Contract with the Town of Gardiner for School Bus Usage**

Motion made by Alison Easton and seconded by Aimee Hemminger to approve the following:

Recommendation – that the following resolution be approved: BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approve a 2016-2017 Transportation Agreement, effective July 7, 2016 to August 12, 2016, with the Town of Gardiner for the use of District buses at a reimbursement rate of \$2.60 per mile.

Motion carried 7 to 0 with 7 members voting.

**11.5 First Reading Policy No. 7420 Sports and the Athletic Program**

Board President Brian Cournoyer asked that the board waive the 2 meeting rule for approval of the following policy and asked for a motion to approve. Motion made by Aimee Hemminger and seconded by Alison Easton that the following be approved:

2015                      7420  
Students

**SUBJECT: SPORTS AND THE ATHLETIC PROGRAM**

Athletics are an integral part of a well-balanced educational program. Therefore, the Board supports within its resources a broad sports program with equal access for both males and females, with emphasis on maximum participation, through interscholastic and intramural activity. The District will comply with recommendations from the U.S. Department of Education's Office for Civil Rights (OCR) regarding Title IX equal opportunity for males and females in the District's total athletic program.

The interscholastic athletic program shall conform to the Regulations of the Commissioner of Education as well as the established rules of the New York State Public High Schools Athletic Association and the State Education Department.

Eligibility for interscholastic athletic competition requires that the students:

- a) Provide written parental/guardian consent;
- b) Pass satisfactorily the medical examination administered by the school physician/nurse practitioner/physician's assistant or the student's personal physician/nurse practitioner/physician's assistant who is licensed to practice in the State of New York. The school physician/nurse practitioner retains final approval on all physicals performed by the student's personal physician; and
- c) Meet the requirements for interscholastic competition as set forth by the Commissioner's Regulations and the New York State Public High School Athletic Association.

**ATHLETIC PLACEMENT PROCESS**

New York State Athletic Placement Process is a model program under Commissioner's Regulation Section 135.4(c)(7)(ii)(a)(4) that may be implemented at the discretion of all local school districts. It is not mandated. The Board chooses to make available the State Education Department's Athletic Placement Process for students, including the following district requirements:

The Board recognizes that the New York State Education Department (NYSED)/ New York Public High School Athletic Association's (NYSPHSAA) Athletic Placement Process was designed for mature and exceptionally skilled students to advance to a higher level of competition. The program is not to be used to fill positions on teams. It is aimed at the very few select students who can benefit from such placement because of their level of Physical and Emotional readiness and expertise. Only the exceptional athlete is permitted for classification to a higher level of competition. Based on this purpose the district's policy for eligibility to advance to a higher level of competition is as follows:

- 1. Students in seventh grade may not classify up to a high school team at any time if a Modified Program is offered in a given sport. Eighth graders who have successfully completed a year in a modified sport may attempt to classify up to JV **in that same sport**.

2. If no JV level is offered only then may students attempt to qualify for the Varsity level.
3. Requests for the Athletic Placement Process may be generated from one or more of the following: Director of Athletics, Physical Education teacher, coach or member of the family in question.
4. In order to be eligible for advanced level of competition students must:
  - a. Be in good academic standing
  - b. Pass all components of the fitness and maturity assessment.
5. Students who satisfy the requirements of the Athletic Placement Process in a particular sport may have to satisfy additional physical skills testing and/or maturity level ratings if they elect to participate in the Athletic Placement Process for another sport. Physical skills testing and maturity level are Athletic Placement Process sport specific. Athletic Placement results are valid for the duration of a student's enrollment in the 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade for that particular sport.
6. A student who does not meet the criteria as a 7<sup>th</sup> grader to selectively classify to a higher level may try again as an 8<sup>th</sup> grader for that particular sport. A student who does not qualify as a 7<sup>th</sup> or 8<sup>th</sup> grader may still try out for any of these teams when he/she reaches 9<sup>th</sup> grade, the age/grade appropriate level for Junior Varsity (JV) and Varsity, without taking the Athletic Placement Test.
7. A student may attempt to classify for one sport per season, Fall, Winter, Spring. Inability to qualify during one season does not preclude attempting to qualify during a subsequent season.
8. The Board directs the Superintendent to implement the procedures and maintain a file of those students deemed eligible as a result of the Athletic Placement Process and procedures.

### **Student Athletic Injuries**

No student should be allowed to practice or play in an athletic contest if he/she is suffering from an injury. The diagnosis of and prescription of treatment for injuries is strictly a medical matter and should under no circumstances be considered within the province of the coach. A coach's responsibility is to see that players injured during a practice or competition are given prompt and competent medical attention, a parent/guardian is notified, an incident report is filed with the respective health office, and that all details of a doctor's instructions concerning the student's functioning as a team member are carried out. No student will be allowed to practice or compete if there is a question whether he/she is in adequate physical condition.

A physician's certificate may be required before an athlete is permitted to return to practice or competition.

The District will take reasonable steps to see that physical risks to students participating in the interscholastic athletic program shall be kept at a minimum by:

- a) Requiring medical examinations of participants;
- b) Obtaining appropriately certified and/or licensed persons to coach all varsity, junior varsity, and modified games; and
- c) Ensuring that equipment is both safe and operative within approved guidelines.

Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, 20 United States  
Code (USC) Section 1681 et seq.  
45 Code of Federal Regulations Part 86  
8 New York Code of Rules and Regulations (NYCRR) Section 135

Adopted: 7/16/08  
Revised: 2/3/10  
11/3/10  
2/20/13  
6/3/15

Motion carried 7 to 0 with 7 members voting.

**ADJOURN**

ADJOURN

Motion made by Julie Tresco and seconded by Aimee Hemminger that the Board adjourn at 8:10 PM.  
Motion carried 7 to 0 with 7 members voting.

Respectfully submitted,

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Dusti Callo  
District Clerk