

New Paltz Central School District Board of Education
Minutes – December 7, 2016 Meeting – High School 7:00 PM

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

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Meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM by Aimee Hemminger, Board President.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

QUORUM CHECK

- Brian Cournoyer-excused
- Alison Easton
- Steven Greenfield
- Aimee Hemminger
- Michael O'Donnell
- Sophia Skiles
- Matthew Williams

ALSO PRESENT:

Maria Rice, Superintendent of Schools

ROLL CALL

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The roll was called as reflected above.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

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Motion made by Sophia Skiles and seconded by Steven Greenfield that the Board of Education move into Executive Session at 6:00 PM for the purpose of discussing the school history of particular students in accordance with their FERPA rights, discussing proposed, pending or current litigation, discussing the employment history of a particular person or corporation, and discussing matters leading to the appointment, employment, promotion, demotion, discipline, suspension, dismissal or removal of a particular person or corporation. Motion carried 6 to 0 with 6 members voting.

DISTRICT CLERK PRO-TEMPORE

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

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

CALL TO ORDER

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

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

QUORUM CHECK

- Brian Cournoyer
- Alison Easton
- Steven Greenfield
- Aimee Hemminger
- Michael O'Donnell
- Sophia Skiles
- Matthew Williams

ALSO PRESENT:

- Maria Rice, Superintendent of Schools
- Michelle Martoni, Assistant Superintendent for Educational Programs
- Richard Linden, Assistant Superintendent for Business
- Meghan Febbie, 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
- Ann Sheldon, Assistant Principal, Middle 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.

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PLEDGE TO THE FLAG

PLEDGE

AGENDA CHANGES

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Board President Aimee Hemminger asked the members for any changes to the agenda. Member Steven Greenfield asked that an update regarding the meeting of the Ulster County School Boards Association (UCSBA) be added to Board Communications. Board President Aimee Hemminger also asked that the Capital Project Update be moved to follow the Student Representative Report. Motion made by Alison Easton and seconded by Sophia Skiles to approve the changes to the agenda as amended. Motion carried 6 to 0 with 6 members voting.

SPOTLIGHT ON PROGRAM

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Lenape Elementary School-*Giving Students a Voice: Election Process and Government in Action in Third Grade*-Students from Jim Longbotham and Jill Christensen’s classes.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

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Geoff Meyer, Gardiner-commented on soccer shelters donated by the Geoff Meyer Foundation.

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORT

STUDENT REP

New Paltz High School Senior Jennie Mele reported on Drama Club, the Spring Musical, *Working*, the football team winning the Section IX title, Indoor Track, seniors completing college applications, Poetry Out Loud, Honor Society Inductions, Cap & Gown orders, 2017-2018 class selections for grades 9-11, the High School Talent Show, Winter Concert and Spirit Days.

Board President Aimee Hemminger asked that the board move to act on Personnel Item 11.9 at this time of the meeting.

11.9 Instructional Appointment – Probationary

Motion made by Alison Easton and seconded by Matthew Williams to approve the following:
BE IT RESOLVED, that upon recommendation of Maria C. Rice, Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education appoints **Angela Bristol** to a three (3) year probationary appointment as a Special Education Teacher in the tenure area of Special Education at an annual salary of \$76,530 (MA Step 10), effective 1/9/2017 through 1/8/2020, 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 two (2) of the three (3) 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.

Motion carried 6 to 0 with 6 members voting.

BOARD COMMUNICATIONS

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- Capital Project Update: Bill Wisbauer, Tetra Tech Architects and Louis Rodriguez, The Palombo Group

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORTS & DISCUSSION ITEMS

SUPT REPORT

- SUPERINTENDENT’S COMMENTS
- SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORTS
 - State of the District Report-Leadership Team

BOARD COMMUNICATIONS

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- 2017-2018 School Calendar

A resolution to approve the 2017-2018 school calendar will appear on the December 21, 2016 board agenda.

- Multicultural Conference: Sophia Skiles
- Ulster County School Boards Association Meeting-Steven Greenfield
- Indigenous Peoples Day Intent Resolution

8.1 Indigenous Peoples Day Intent Resolution

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

WHEREAS, Columbus Day was originally proclaimed as a federal holiday in 1937 and is recognized as a public holiday in New York State on the second Monday in Octoberⁱ; and

WHEREAS, there is a nationwide movement to recognize the second Monday in October as Indigenous Peoples' Day instead of Columbus Day, including states, cities, towns, and school districtsⁱⁱ; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education of the New Paltz Central School District (“Board”) believes that the narrative of first contact between Europe and the New World needs to be closely examined, to ensure that what we are teaching our children engages an accurate and complete picture of the colonization, conquest, and exploitation of America and its Indigenous Peoples; and

WHEREAS, the geographic region that comprises the New Paltz Central School District was the original home of the Lenni-Lenape peoplesⁱⁱⁱ, who contributed to the culture, history, and uniqueness of this region, as recognized by the Board in naming a school building in honor of the Lenape; and

WHEREAS, the Board believes that the students of the New Paltz Central School District should have the opportunity to examine American history regarding the Eurocentric perspective of its colonization and the discovery of America, acknowledging the violence and injustice committed against Indigenous Peoples, and the accomplishments and contributions of all people that helped shape America; and

WHEREAS, the District’s Vision^{iv} encourages a passion for learning by activating the unique history of this region, creating citizens of the world by connecting the past struggle for indigenous sovereignty to that of the present, committing to empowered students who are equipped to fight for environmental justice and resource protection that is the legacy of Indigenous Peoples; and

WHEREAS, the Board has a proactive history of approving resolutions that have sought to defend and empower the students of this District and the school community, and to address injustice at the local, state and federal levels^v; and

WHEREAS, the Board believes that consideration should be given to renaming the second Monday in October as Indigenous Peoples' Day;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the New Paltz Central School District hereby declares its intent to carefully explore and consider renaming the second Monday in October as Indigenous Peoples' Day.

(See supporting references and footnotes at the end of this document)

Motion carried 6 to 0 with 6 members voting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

CMTE REPORTS

- Facilities Committee-Steven Greenfield, Chair
- Policy Committee-Brian Cournoyer, Chair
- Legislative Committee-Michael O’Donnell, Chair

MINUTES OF MEETING

MINUTES

Motion made by Alison Easton and seconded by Matthew Williams 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 November 16, 2016. Motion carried 6 to 0 with 6 members voting.

PERSONNEL (CONSENT AGENDA)**PERSONNEL**

Motion made by Alison Easton and seconded by Matthew Williams that the Board of Education approve the following personnel (consent agenda) resolutions, items 11.1 through 11.8:

11.1 Request for Approval of Standard Work Day and Reporting Resolution

Recommendation - that the following resolution be approved: BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the New Paltz Central School District/Location Code 75103 hereby establishes the following as standard work days for appointed officials and will report the following days worked to the New York State and Local Employees' Retirement System based on the time keeping system records or the record of activities maintained and submitted by these officials to the District Clerk:

Title	Name	Social Security Number (Last 4 Digits)	Registration Number	Standard Work Day (Hrs/Day)	Term Begins/Ends	Participates In Employer's Time Keeping System (Yes/No)	Days/ Month (Based on Record of Activities)	Tier 1 (Check only if member is Tier 1)	Not Submitted (Check box if no record of activities completed or if participates in timekeeping system)
APPOINTED OFFICIALS									
District Clerk	Dusti Callo	████	██████	6	7/1/16-6/30/17	Yes	N/A	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
District Treasurer	Tina Long	████	██████	6	7/1/16 – 6/30/17	Yes	N/A	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
School Tax Collector	Starleen Shirk	████	██████	6	7/1/16 – 6/30/17	Yes	N/A	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
School Claims Auditor	Amy Ludwigson	████	██████	0.4	7/1/16 – 6/30/17	Yes	N/A	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

11.2 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 13, 2016 Organizational Meeting:

Name	Effective Dates
Cynthia Hacker	12/8/16 – 6/30/17
Maureen Mahoney	12/8/16 – 6/30/17
John Murphy	12/8/16 – 6/30/17
Kayleigh Grimm	12/8/16 – 6/30/17

11.3 Instructional Appointment – Probationary

BE IT RESOLVED, that upon recommendation of Maria C. Rice, Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education appoints

Ashley Cortes to a four (4) year probationary appointment as a Special Education Teacher in the tenure area of Special Education at an annual salary of \$52,230 (BA Step 1), effective 1/8/2017 through 1/7/2021, 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.

11.4 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
Stacie Erceg	Teacher	9/15/16 – 12/16/16	12/17/16 – 1/26/17 (unpaid)

11.5 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
Andrew Ladouceur	School Monitor	01/20/2017
Jane Kotalik	Food Service Helper	12/06/2016

11.6 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
Barbara Pine	Teacher Aide	12/08/2016	\$13.50/hr
Rachell Smith	Teacher Aide	12/08/2016	\$13.50/hr

11.7 Advisorships

The New Paltz Central Schools Board of Education upon the recommendation of Maria C. Rice, Superintendent of Schools, does hereby appoint the following advisors for the 2016/2017 school year, with remuneration as per NPUT contract:

Name	Title	Stipend
David Finch	All-County Band- Lenape	\$1,480
Laura Faure	All-County Chorus – Lenape	\$1,480

11.8 Chaperones/Ticket Takers/Downs and Chains Operators/Shot Clock/Scoreboard Operator

The New Paltz Central Schools Board of Education, upon the recommendation of Maria C. Rice, Superintendent, does hereby appoint the following as chaperones/ticket takers/downs and chains operators/shot clock/scoreboard operator for the 2016-2017 school year:

Name	Title	Rate
Henry Vance	Shot Clock	\$30.00 per event
Henry Vance	Scoreboard Operator	\$40.00 per event
Henry Vance	Chaperone	\$30.00 per event

Motion to approve items 11.1 through 11.8 carried 6 to 0 with 6 members voting.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

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NEW BUSINESS

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Motion made by Alison Easton and seconded by Matthew Williams that the Board of Education approve the following resolutions, items 13.1 through 13.4:

13.1 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. 14541, 13616, 14002, 12180, 10256, 14435, 10259, 12541, 14544, 13228, 12378, 14508, 14011, 14310, 13717, 14509, 14223, 14223, 12833, 13477

13.2 Approval to Award Bid

The New Paltz Central Schools Board of Education, upon the recommendation of Maria C. Rice, Superintendent of Schools, does hereby award the bid for a Seven Passenger Vehicle to L.T. Bernal Motor Co. Inc. at a price of \$29,777.50

13.3 Science Lab Initiative

Recommendation - that the following resolution be approved:

WHEREAS the New Paltz Central School District is situated within the 103rd assembly district of the State of New York; and

WHEREAS the School District has agreed to participate in the Science Lab Initiative, which aims to encourage scientific curiosity and creativity, build student interest in science, and promote science education in middle and high schools in the 103rd Legislative Assembly District through the creation of state-of-the-art science labs and accompanying programming; and

WHEREAS the Science Lab Initiative will provide up to \$50,000 toward the creation of such a science lab, and funds can be used for the renovation of space appropriate for a science lab and/or the purchase of science-related equipment; and

WHEREAS The Benjamin Center at SUNY New Paltz will coordinate this effort and be the liaison to all school districts; and

WHEREAS The Benjamin Center at SUNY New Paltz is responsible for purchasing all equipment and for supporting construction related to the Science Lab Initiative and thus SUNY New Paltz shall maintain ownership over said equipment, but agrees to loan such equipment to the School District for as long as such equipment is useable by the School District;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the New Paltz Central School District understands this arrangement and, with grateful appreciation, agrees to participate in the Science Lab Initiative.

13.4 Request for Approval of New Extra-Curricular Club

Recommendation – that the New Paltz Central School District Board of Education, upon the recommendation of Maria C. Rice, Superintendent of Schools, does hereby approve the creation of a new Extra-Curricular Club at New Paltz High School titled *Love Doesn't Shove*.

Motion to approve items 13.1 through 13.4 carried 6 to 0 with 6 members voting

13.5 Request for Approval to Accept Donation

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

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 donation of a 77 inch SMART Board, Model Number SBM680 from the Middle School Parent Teacher Association (PTA) for the New Paltz Middle School. The board further directs the District Clerk to send a letter of thanks to the Middle School PTA for their donation.

Motion carried 6 to 0 with 6 members voting.

OTHER DISCUSSION

None.

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PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

PUBLIC COMMENT

ADJOURN

Motion made by Alison Easton and seconded by Sophia Skiles that the Board adjourn at 10:10 PM.

Motion carried 6 to 0 with 6 members voting.

ADJOURN

Respectfully submitted,

Dusti Callo
District Clerk

ⁱ Section 24, NYS General Construction Law; *Attendance and the School Calendar*, New York State Education Department, https://stateaid.nysed.gov/attendance/attendance_memo.htm

ⁱⁱ *City of Berkeley, CA City Council Proclamations* (2015/2016): ;
http://www.ci.berkeley.ca.us/Clerk/City_Council/City_Council_Proclamations.aspx

Resolution #31538, City of Seattle, WA. October 6, 2014:
http://clerk.seattle.gov/~legislativeItems/Resolutions/Resn_31538.pdf

The City of Minneapolis Resolution of the Mayor and City Council Recognizing the Second Monday of October as Indigenous People's Day, April 25, 2014:

<http://www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/www/groups/public/@clerk/documents/webcontent/wcms1p-123839.pdf>

SL 1990, ch 7, § 2. South Dakota State Legislature/Legislative Research Council,
http://www.sdlegislature.gov/Statutes/Codified_Laws/DisplayStatute.aspx?Type=Statute&Statute=1-5-1.2

State of Vermont State Proclamation, October 6, 2016: <http://governor.vermont.gov/sites/shumlin/files/documents/16-140%20Indigenous%20People%27s%20Day.pdf>

Akron Central School District (Akron, NY) *BOE Minutes, August 19, 2015:*

<http://www.akronschoools.org/cms/lib/NY19000426/Centricity/Domain/3/BOE%20Regular%20Business%20Meeting%20Minutes%208-19-15.pdf>

Plattsburgh, NY BOE, *Minutes, February 25, 2016:* <http://www.plattscsd.org/BOE/documents/minutes/2015-16/2-25-16%20Board%20Minutes.pdf>

Niagara Wheatfield, NY BOE, *Minutes of September 26, 2016:*

<http://www.nwcsd.k12.ny.us/cms/lib/NY19000569/Centricity/Domain/22/BOE%20Minutes%20Regular%20Meeting%209.21.16.pdf>

ⁱⁱⁱ Alfieri, J., Berardis, A., Smith, E., Mackin, J., Muller, W., Lake, R., Lehmkuhl, P. *The Lenapes: A study of Hudson Valley Indians.* June 3, 1999: <http://www.localarchives.org/nahc/themes/native-americans/NAHC%20Lenapes%20in%20the%20Hudson%20River%20Valley.pdf>, p. 1

^{iv} *Our Vision.* New Paltz Central School District:

http://www.newpaltz.k12.ny.us/cms/lib/NY01000611/Centricity/shared/districtwidedocuments/2015-2016schoolyear/NP_Standards.pdf

^v *Resolution Highlights.* New Paltz Central School District Board of Education: <http://www.newpaltz.k12.ny.us/Page/9101>