

New Paltz Central School District Board of Education
Minutes – Business Meeting January 18, 2017 – District Office 6:30 PM

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

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Meeting was called to order at 6:02 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

ROLL CALL

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The roll was called as reflected above.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

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Motion made by Alison Easton and seconded by Sophia Skiles that the Board of Education move into Executive Session at 6:03 PM for the purpose of discussing the Distinguished Friend of Education Awards. Motion carried 7 to 0 with 7 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 Matthew Williams and seconded by Brian Cournoyer that the Board return to Public Session at 6:32 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 6:35 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
Dusti Callo, District Clerk

ROLL CALL The roll was called as reflected above.

ROLL CALL

PLEDGE TO THE FLAG

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AGENDA CHANGES

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Motion made by Brian Cournoyer and seconded by Alison Easton to accept the changes to the agenda as revised. Motion carried 7 to 0 with 7 members voting.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

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None.

MINUTES OF MEETING

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Motion made by Matthew Williams and seconded by Alison Easton 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 January 4, 2017.

Motion carried 7 to 0 with 7 members voting.

FINANCIAL REPORTS

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- Treasurer's Report-December 2016
- Claims Audit Report-December 2016

Motion made by Steven Greenfield and seconded by Alison Easton that the December 2016 Treasurer's Report and December 2016 Claims Audit Report be accepted. Motion carried 7 to 0 with 7 members voting.

PERSONNEL (CONSENT AGENDA)

PERSONNEL

Motion made by Steven Greenfield and seconded by Brian Cournoyer that the Board of Education approve the following personnel (consent agenda) resolutions, items 7.1 through 7.7:

7.1 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
Harriett Meyer	1/19/17 – 6/30/17
Elizabeth Malmstedt	1/19/17 – 6/30/17

7.2 Instructional Appointment-Mentors

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 employees as a mentors for the 2016/2017 school year with remuneration as per NPUT contract:

Name
Sarah Sebald
Barbara Weiner

7.3 Non-Instructional Leave of Absence

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

Name	Title	Effective Dates
Sandra Hekking	Registered School Nurse	02/10/2017 to 05/30/2017

7.4 Non-Instructional 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:

Name	Title	Effective Date	Salary
Christina Wilson	School Bus Driver	01/19/2017	\$27.00/hr

7.5 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
Beverly Capuano	School Bus Attendant	01/17/2017

7.6 Non-Instructional Appointment - Substitutes

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
Beverly Capuano	Substitute School Bus Driver	01/17/2017	\$20.00/hr
Diana Cahoon	Substitute School Nurse	01/18/2017	\$100.00/day

7.7 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 coaches for the 2016/2017 school year, with remuneration as per NPUT contract:

Name	Title	Stipend
Ronald Constable	Varsity Boys Lacrosse	\$3,860
Anthony Covino	Modified Baseball	\$2,340
Brooke Frey	Varsity Softball	\$3,860
Thomas Tegeler	Varsity Girls Golf	\$3,860
Scott Taylor	Varsity Boys Golf	\$3,860
Joseph Foti	Boys Track Assistant	\$3,740
Donald Bartlett	Varsity Boys Track	\$4,680
Kathy Rogers-Carroll	Girls Track Assistant	\$3,740
Ann Gregory	Varsity Girls Track	\$5,248
Melissa Gruver-LaPolt	Varsity Boys Swimming Assistant	\$3,740

Motion to approve items 7.1 through 7.7 carried 7 to 0 with 7 members voting.

OLD BUSINESS

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8.1 Correcting Resolution-Request for Approval of Standard Work Day and Reporting Resolution

Motion made by Steven Greenfield and seconded by Alison Easton 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/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									
School Claims Auditor	Amy Ludwigson	████	████	6	7/1/16 – 6/30/17	No	N/A	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Motion carried 7 to 0 with 7 members voting.

NEW BUSINESS

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

9.1 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: 14552, 14535, 13006, 12469, 14342, 14003, 14376, 14563, 14434, 14509, 12890, 11426, 12019, 10721, 14560, 10927, 12652, 10519, 14468, 12303, 14187, 9971, 12148, 13950.

Motion carried 7 to 0 with 7 members voting.

9.2 Request for Establishment of Student Scholarship Award

Motion made by Brian Cournoyer and seconded by Alison Easton to approve the following:

Recommendation – that the New Paltz Central School District Board of Education approve the establishment of the “Rachel Rosoff Scholarship” in the amount of \$500. The board further directs the District Clerk to send a letter of thanks to the family of Rachel Rosoff for their donation. The board further directs the District Clerk to send a letter of thanks to the family of Rachel Rosoff for their donation.

9.3 Resolution in Support of Public Education and Opposing United States Secretary of Education Nominee Betsy DeVos

Motion made by Steven Greenfield 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 the Legislative Action Committee Chair, Michael O’Donnell, does hereby approve the following resolution:

WHEREAS, public education is an embodiment of our democratic principles and an essential component of our communities and nation; and

WHEREAS, only public education guarantees universal and equitable access to education for all children; and

WHEREAS, public education is a vehicle for the transfer of knowledge, citizenship, and opportunity from one generation to the next; and

WHEREAS, viewing education primarily as an engine of economic development fails to recognize the intrinsic value of education as an end in itself; and

WHEREAS, when education is principally valued in a marketplace context it converts students into assets and liabilities, instead of empowered, critically thinking citizens; and

WHEREAS, education policies focused on economic development and test-based accountability are political tools used by state and federal legislators to absolve themselves of responsibility for the pervasive effects of poverty and institutional racism; and

WHEREAS, the movement by state and federal policy makers toward privatization represents fiduciary irresponsibility, the divestiture of publicly developed assets, an abdication of moral responsibility, and an unwillingness to govern; and

WHEREAS, President-elect Donald Trump has nominated Betsy DeVos to serve as the United States Secretary of Education, a candidate with no public school experience as a parent, educator, or administrator, who has exhibited contempt for public education, who has promoted policies that transfer public funds to private enterprise, and has a history of trading personal wealth for public influence; and

WHEREAS, it is Mrs. DeVos’s stated mission to divert public funds to religious schools, which violates the First Amendment of the United State Constitution; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. DeVos is profoundly unfit and unqualified to serve as the United States Secretary of Education;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the New Paltz Central School District vows to actively and forcefully oppose policies and elected or appointed policy makers that stray from the true spirit of public education; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the New Paltz Central School District hereby opposes the confirmation of Betsy DeVos as United States Secretary of Education and calls upon Senator Charles Schumer, Senator Kirsten Gillibrand, and the entire United States Senate to reject her confirmation to this office; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the New Paltz Central School District directs the District Clerk to send a certified copy of this resolution to Senators Schumer and Gillibrand to inform them of this resolution.

Resolution amendments agreed to by Steven Greenfield and Sophia Skiles who made the original motion.

Motion carried 7 to 7 with 7 members voting.

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ADJOURN

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Motion made by Alison Easton and seconded by Brian Cournoyer that the Board adjourn at 7:10 PM.
Motion carried 7 to 0 with 7 members voting.

Respectfully submitted,

Dusti Callo
District Clerk