

New Paltz Central School District Board of Education
Minutes – February 1, 2017 Workshop Meeting – High School 7:00 PM

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order at 6:02 PM by Aimee Hemminger, Board President.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

QUORUM CHECK

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

ALSO PRESENT:

- Maria Rice, Superintendent of Schools
- Richard Linden, Assistant Superintendent for Business-left at 6:40 PM
- Michelle Martoni, Assistant Superintendent for Educational Programs-left at 6:40 PM

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 Alison Easton that the Board of Education move into Executive Session at 6:02 PM for the purpose of discussing the school history of particular students in accordance with their FERPA rights, 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 or corporation, and request legal advice. 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 Matthew Williams and seconded by Steven Greenfield 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 7:03 PM by Aimee Hemminger, Board President.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

QUORUM CHECK

- Brian Courmoyer-excused
- 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
- Barbara Clinton, New Paltz Central High School Principal
- Audrey Wood, Lenape Elementary School Principal
- Debra Hogencamp, Duzine Elementary School Principal
- Antonia Woody, Director of Physical Education, Health, Athletics & Health 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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Motion made by Sophia Skiles and seconded by Alison Easton to move remarks from Deborah Schwartz-Kaplan regarding the Rachel Rosoff Scholarship to appear at the beginning of Public Comments. Motion carried 6 to 0 with 6 members voting.

SPOTLIGHT ON PROGRAM

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New Paltz High School-Physical Education Program-William DeFino, Brooke Frey, Mike Vance and Tom Tegeler.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

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Rachel Rosoff Scholarship: Deborah Schwartz-Kaplan of New Paltz clarified information regarding the death of her niece, Rachel Rosoff and provided information regarding the scholarship created in her niece's memory. Regina Moerikofer of New Paltz commented on extra-curricular activities and the policy for home-schooled students. Denise Mazzei of New Paltz commented on extra-curricular activities and the policy for home-schooled students.

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORT

STUDENT REP

➤ Lea Maney

High school senior Lea Maney reported on the start of the second semester, winter sports that included Winter Track, Girls Basketball, Boys Basketball, Nordic Ski and Wrestling, Interact Club, ENL Family Night at Lenape Elementary, National Math Competition, Student Government and the dress code, the choir field trip, PTSA Book Fair, the high school Drama *Working*, Black History Month, Women's History, scavenger hunt and senior college applications.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORTS & DISCUSSION ITEMS

SUPT REPORT

➤ SUPERINTENDENT'S COMMENTS

➤ SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORTS

- Water Lead Testing: Dr. Michael O'Rourke, Program Administrator-Ulster BOCES Health, Safety and Risk Management and Stephen Callahan, Director of Facilities
- English as a New Language (ENL) Update: Michelle Martoni, Assistant Superintendent for Educational Programs and ENL Teachers-Shawn Doyle, Lynn Bartlett, Amy Chapman and Rosemary Sharp
- Program Report: Interdisciplinary Units, K-2: Debra Hogencamp, Duzine Principal, Kindergarten Teachers Iva Profaci, Keri McIntyre and Rebecca Burdett, First Grade Teachers Luke Biffar, Andrea Miele, and Laura Bilodeau, Second Grade Teacher Kathryn Gulitti
- Integrated Social Studies/ELA Pilot Grade 3, 4 & 5: Audrey Wood, Lenape Principal, Third Grade Teacher Liz Burdick

BOARD COMMUNICATIONS

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➤ Capital Project Update: Bill Wisbauer, Tetra Tech Architects and Luis Rodriguez, The Palombo Group

Prior to the discussion on Start Time, a motion was made by Steven Greenfield and seconded by Alison Easton to postpone New Business items 13.5 and 13.6, first reading of policies 8740 and 1511, to the February 15, 2017 board meeting. Motion carried 6 to 0 with 6 members voting.

➤ Start Time

➤ New York State Board of Regents Lack of Response to New Paltz Central School District Board of Education Position Statement

Board Vice-President, Michael O'Donnell recommended that, in the interest of time, the board consider postponing the discussion regarding the New York State Board of Regents Lack of Response to New Paltz Central School District Board of Education Position Statement to a future meeting to be decided by the board officers during an agenda setting meeting. Motion to postpone the discussion was made by Alison Easton and seconded by Matthew Williams. Motion carried 6 to 0 with 6 members voting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

CMTE REPORTS

➤ Facilities Committee-Steven Greenfield

➤ Audit Committee-Alison Easton

➤ Policy Committee-Brian Cournoyer

➤ Legislative Committee-Michael O'Donnell

➤ Ulster County School Boards Association Meeting with Legislators: Steve Greenfield and Brian Cournoyer

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 January 18, 2017. 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) resolution, item 11.1:

11.1 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, of the following instructional employee for the purpose of retirement:

Name	Title	Effective Date	Years in District
Suzanne Sliwa	Physical Education Teacher	March 8, 2017	30

Motion carried 6 to 0 with 6 members voting.

Motion made by Alison Easton and seconded by Matthew Williams that the Board of Education approve the following personnel (consent agenda) resolutions, item 11.2 through 11.8:

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
Courtney McKnight	2/2/17 – 6/30/17
William Perry	2/2/17 – 6/30/17
Melissa Velazquez-Mercado	2/2/17 – 6/30/17

11.3 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 2016/2017 school year:

Name	Title	Effective Dates	Step/Salary
Rebecca Williams	Elementary Teacher	10/21/16 - 6/30/17	MA Step 1, \$61,200

11.4 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
Erica Peterson	Food Service Helper	02/03/2017

11.5 Non-Instructional Appointments - 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
Kelly Gjoka	Substitute Custodial Worker	01/17/2017	\$13.00/hr
Cynthia Velez	Substitute Custodial Worker	01/19/2017	\$13.00/hr
Erica Peterson	Substitute Teacher Aide	02/01/2017	\$11.00/hr

11.6 Advisorships

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

Name	Title	Stipend
Stephannie Costello	HS Student Government	\$3,170

11.7 Correcting Resolution - Coaching Appointment

The New Paltz Central Schools Board of Education, upon the recommendation of Maria C. Rice, Superintendent of Schools, does hereby correct from Personnel Item 7.7 approved on January 18, 2017 the of the following employee:

Name	Title	Stipend
Scott Taylor	Varsity Boys Tennis	\$3,860

11.8 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
Mark Pizzarello	JV Boys LaCrosse	\$3,280
William DeFino	JV Baseball	\$3,280
Melissa Manning	JV Softball	\$3,280
Jeffrey Salt	Softball Assistant	unpaid

Motion to approve items 11.2 through 11.8 carried 6 to 0 with 6 members voting.

OLD BUSINESS

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

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. 14286, 13016, 14575, 14564, 11523, 10081, 14422, 10256, 12961, 12951, 9599, 10679. Motion carried 5 to 0 with 5 members voting and one abstention by Steven Greenfield.

Motion made by Alison Easton and seconded by Michael O’Donnell that the Board of Education approve the following resolutions, items 13.2 through 13.3:

13.2 Request for Approval to Reimburse Fee for Fingerprinting

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education authorizes the reimbursement for fingerprinting costs to all part-time or substitute employees who earn \$12.00 per hour or less, provided they have worked at least 30 days for the New Paltz Central School District.

13.3 Determination of Health and Welfare Tuition 2016-2017

Recommendation - that the following resolution be approved:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the New Paltz Central School District establishes the rate of \$852.32 per pupil for the school year 2016-2017 for Health Services provided for non-resident pupils attending non-public schools in the New Paltz Central School District; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Superintendent and Clerk of the Board of Education be authorized to sign contracts for health services for the 2016-2017 school year. Motion to approve items 13.2 through 13.3 carried 6 to 0 with 6 members voting.

13.4 Request for Acceptance of Awards from NPCSD Foundation for Student Enhancement

Motion made by Alison Easton and seconded by Sophia Skiles 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, upon the recommendation of Superintendent Maria C. Rice, does hereby accept funds from the New Paltz Central School District Foundation for Student Enhancement (the “Foundation”) in the amount of \$3,320.00 representing a grant awarded by the Foundation to New Paltz High School for us by the New Paltz Central School District for the Journalism Documentary Project. The Board of Education further directs the District Clerk to send a letter of appreciation to the Foundation for their donation.

Motion carried 6 to 0 with 6 members voting.

Items 13.5 through 13.6 were postponed to the February 15, 2017 board meeting in an earlier motion.

13.7 Request for Approval of DASA/Title IX Investigator CoSer

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

BE IT RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of Maria C. Rice, Superintendent of Schools, that the New Paltz Central School District Board of Education approves the Ulster BOCES DASA/Title IX Investigator CoSer, to enable the Superintendent of Schools, in her discretion, to engage the services of a trained outside investigator through the Ulster BOCES to conduct DASA/Title IX investigations in appropriate cases, effective January 17, 2017.

Motion carried 6 to 0 with 6 members voting.

13.8 Resolution Opposing the Construction of the Pilgrim Pipelines

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

Recommendation – that the following resolution, upon the recommendation of Legislative Action Committee Chair, Michael O'Donnell, be approved:

WHEREAS, Pilgrim Pipeline Holdings, LLC, is proposing to build two pipelines through or adjacent to New Paltz High School land that would transport crude oil and refined petroleum products between Albany, New York and Linden, New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Department of Transportation's Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA) issued a safety alert on January 2, 2014, to the general public, emergency first responders, and shippers and carriers regarding the particular flammability of Bakken crude oil; and

WHEREAS, any incident involving rupture or ignition would greatly exceed the combined capacity of our local response agencies; and

WHEREAS, the pipelines would carry a large volume of Bakken crude oil near New Paltz High School, placing students, faculty, and staff in immediate and direct danger should an explosion or spill occur, threatening the health, safety, and welfare of our community; and

WHEREAS, according to Public Employees for Environmental Responsibility, PHMSA only has 135 inspectors to oversee 2.6 million miles of oil and gas pipelines in the United States, and only a fifth of that pipeline system has been inspected by PHMSA or its state partners since 2006; and 80 percent of spill incidents were the result of corrosion, equipment failure, incorrect operation or material and weld failures; and

WHEREAS, any rupture or compromise of the pipelines, even without an explosion or fire, would require extraordinary cleanup efforts, and could force the New Paltz Central School District to temporarily educate our high school students at an alternative location; and

WHEREAS New Paltz High School depends on ground water and public community water systems for potable water supplies, the integrity and safety of which may be jeopardized by construction and operation of the pipelines; and

WHEREAS, the Pilgrim Pipelines also threaten important surface water resources, including the wetlands at the eastern end of the New Paltz High School parcel; and

WHEREAS, New Paltz Central School District Superintendent Maria C. Rice refused a Right-of Entry and Survey Permission Agreement related to the Pilgrim Pipelines in August, 2014; and

WHEREAS, this resolution stands in solidarity with resolutions passed by the Village of New Paltz and the Town of New Paltz;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the New Paltz Central School District Board of Education:

1. Opposes the construction of the proposed Pilgrim Pipelines and calls upon the New York State Thruway Authority, the New York State Department of Transportation (NYS DOT), and the Federal Highway Authority to reject use of the Thruway's right-of-way for the purpose of transporting oil or gas by pipeline; and
2. Urges Governor Cuomo to reject construction of the Pilgrim Pipelines in New York as they are antithetical to the ambitious clean energy goals he has set for the State; and
3. Directs the District Clerk to forward copies of this resolution to the New York State Thruway Authority Acting Executive Director Bill Finch, NYS DOT Commissioner Matt Driscoll, the Federal Highway Administration Division Administrator; U.S. Senators Charles Schumer and Kirsten Gillibrand, Representative John Faso, Governor Andrew Cuomo, State Senators John Bonacic and George Amedore, Assemblyman Kevin Cahill, and New York State Department of Environmental Conservation Commissioner Basil Seggos.

Motion to approve resolution, as amended, carried 6 to 0 with 6 members voting.

OTHER DISCUSSION OTHER DISCUSSION

None.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

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ADJOURN

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Motion made by Alison Easton and seconded by Matthew Williams that the Board adjourn at 11:15 PM.
Motion carried 6 to 0 with 6 members voting.

Respectfully submitted,

Dusti Callo
District Clerk