

New Paltz Central School District Board of Education  
**Minutes – April 5, 2017 Workshop Meeting – High School 7:00 PM**

**CALL MEETING TO ORDER**

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order at 5:57 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**

ROLL CALL

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 5:58 PM for the purpose of discussing the school history of particular students in accordance with their FERPA rights, discussing the employment history of a particular person and discussing matters leading to the appointment, employment, promotion, demotion, discipline, suspension, dismissal or removal of a particular person or corporation. 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 Alison Easton 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 7:06 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  
 Kathleen Clark, Coordinator 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  
 Ann Sheldon, Assistant Principal, Middle School  
 Antonia Woody, Director of Physical Education, Health, Athletics & Health Services  
 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 Aimee Hemminger asked for a motion to move the Capital Project Update to follow the Student Representative Report. Motion made by Alison Easton and seconded by Brian Cournoyer and the motion carried 7 to 0 with 7 members voting.

**SPOTLIGHT ON PROGRAM**

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Lenape Elementary School: *Making our School a Kinder and More Inclusive Community*-Teachers Jane Beck, Amanda DeMaro, Paulette Easterlin, Rachel Fisher, Amy Gogerty, Eric Savelson, Elaine Thomas, Daniel Monheit, Art Teacher Joy Gallagher and their students.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

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None.

**STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORT**

**STUDENT REP**

➤ Katerina Pisciotta

New Paltz High School Senior Katerina Pisciotta reported on March Madness/February Factoring, the Spring Musical, National Honor Society and Student Government Student Blood Drive, the Senior Citizen’s Dinner, Spring Sports, production of the Student Life Video, badminton tournament, AP exams and the nearing of the end of the school year.

**BOARD COMMUNICATIONS**

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

**SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORTS & DISCUSSION ITEMS**

**SUPT REPORT**

➤ SUPERINTENDENT’S COMMENTS

➤ SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORTS

- Middle School World Languages’ Green Screen Project: Richard Wiesenthal, Middle School Principal, and World Language Teachers Jill Belgrave, Mary Homes, and Lauren O’Malley
- Health Advisory Committee (HAC) Sub-Committee Reports
  - Wellness Report: Michael Robinson, Food Services Director
  - Code of Conduct: Dr. Richard Wiesenthal, Middle School Principal
  - Safety: Antonia Woody, Director of Physical and Health Education, Athletics and Health Services
- 2017-2018 Budget: Maria Rice, Superintendent and Richard Linden, Assistant Superintendent for Business

**7.1 Adoption of 2017-2018 School Budget**

Motion made by Alison Easton and seconded by Matthew Williams 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-nine million dollars (\$59,000,000.00) for school district purposes for the school year July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018 to be presented to the voters at the Annual Meeting on May 16, 2017.

Motion carried 7 to 0 with 7 members voting.

**MINUTES OF MEETING**

**MINUTES**

Motion made by Alison Easton and seconded by Brian Cournoyer that the New Paltz Central Schools Board of Education accept the minutes of the Workshop Meeting of March 1, 2017 and the Regular Business Meeting and Community Budget Forum of March 22, 2017. Motion carried 7 to 0 with 7 members voting.

**FINANCIAL REPORTS**

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Motion made by Alison Easton and seconded by Matthew Williams that the Treasurer’s Report for February 2017 and the Claims Audit Report for January 2017 and February 2017 be accepted. Motion carried 7 to 0 with 7 members voting.

**PERSONNEL (CONSENT AGENDA)****PERSONNEL**

Motion made by Alison Easton and seconded by Sophia Skiles that the Board of Education approve the following personnel (consent agenda) resolution, item 11.1:

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

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 for the purpose of retirement:

<b>Name</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Effective Date</b>	<b>Years in District</b>
LeRoy Edwards	Custodial Worker	06/30/2017	21

The members of the board and the Superintendent thanked Mr. Edwards for his service to the New Paltz School District and offered him their congratulations. Motion carried 7 to 0 with 7 members voting.

Motion made by Alison Easton and seconded by Matthew Williams to approve personnel items 11.2 through 11.11:

**11.2 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:

<b>Name</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Effective Date</b>
Eamon Burdick	Teacher Aide	03/24/2017

**11.3 Non-Instructional Leave of Absence**

Recommendation - that 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:

<b>Name</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Effective Dates</b>
Joann Decker	Teacher Aide	04/17/2017 to 06/30/2017

**11.4 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:

<b>Name</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Effective Date</b>	<b>Salary</b>
Gina Dortono	Substitute Food Service Helper	03/13/2017	\$11.00/hr
Arlene Hotaling	Substitute Food Service Helper	03/17/2017	\$11.00/hr
Miriah Brustein	Substitute Clerical	03/27/2017	\$13.00/hr

**11.5 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>
Gina Dortono	Food Service Helper	04/06/2017	\$12.25/hr
Arlene Hotaling	Food Service Helper	04/06/2017	\$12.25/hr
April Rabino	School Bus Driver	04/06/2017	\$27.00/hr
Kathleen Sanicola	School Bus Driver	04/10/2017	\$27.00/hr
Darleen Halwick	School Bus Driver	04/06/2017	\$27.00/hr
Daniel Knoth	School Bus Driver	04/07/2017	\$27.00/hr

**11.6 Coaching Resignations**

The New Paltz Central Schools Board of Education, upon the recommendation of Maria C. Rice, Superintendent, does hereby accept the resignation for the following employees:

<b>Name</b>	<b>Title</b>
William DeFino	JV Baseball
Jason Bonagura	Varsity Baseball co-coach

**11.7 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:

<b>Name</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Stipend</b>
Mark Ruoff	Track Assistant	unpaid
Roger Norcross	Baseball Assistant	unpaid
Eric Culver	Modified Boys Track	\$2340
Olivia Pacheco	Modified Girls Track	\$2340
William DeFino	Varsity Baseball	\$3,860
Jason Bonagura	JV Baseball	\$3,280

**11.8 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:

<b>Name</b>	<b>Effective Dates</b>
Valerie Cascino	4/6/17 – 6/30/17
Marsha Cotten	4/6/17 – 6/30/17
Maris Logan	4/6/17 – 6/30/17
Caroline Milles	4/6/17 – 6/30/17
Tessa Miranda	4/6/17 – 6/30/17

**11.9 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:

<b>Name</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Effective Dates</b>	<b>Step/Salary</b>
Charles Murray III	Social Studies Teacher	3/8/17 - 4/30/17	MA Step 1, \$61,200 (pro-rated)

**11.10 Correcting Resolution - Non-Instructional Appointment - Salary**

The New Paltz Central Schools Board of Education, upon the recommendation of Maria C. Rice, Superintendent of Schools, does hereby correct from Personnel Item 11.5 approved on February 1, 2017 the salary of the following employee:

<b>Name</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Effective Date</b>	<b>Salary</b>
Cynthia Velez	Substitute Custodial Worker	01/19/2017	\$10.66/hr

**11.11 Appointment of Election Inspectors**

Recommendation – that the New Paltz Central School District approve the following resolution:

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education does hereby appoint the following individuals as election inspectors for the 2016-2017 school year: Richard Linden (unpaid), Eileen Hagen, Nancy Kasznay, Denise Martino, Kathleen Mironchik, Ronald Mironchik, Leslie Rosen, Mark Rosen, Frances Perconti, Carol Roper, June Sanson, Alma Sloan, Andrea Thompson, and David Thompson at a rate of \$200 for full day inspectors and a rate of \$12.50 per hour for hourly inspectors, and appoint Jeannine Ridgeway and John Harbersberger for the 2016-2017 school year at a rate of \$200 for a full day as election inspectors certified as Key Masters by the Ulster County Board of Elections to operate the electronic voting machines; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Board does hereby appoint Denise Martino as Chairperson of the 2017 Annual Meeting and Election.

Motion to approve personnel items 11.2 through 11.11 carried 7 to 0 with 7 members voting.

**OLD BUSINESS**

None.

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**NEW BUSINESS**

Motion made by Alison Easton and seconded by Brian Cournoyer that the Board of Education approve the following resolution items 13.1 through 13.7:

NEW BUSINESS

**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. 14569, 12304, 13971, 12782, 14434, 13006, 14532, 14584, 14553, 14580, 12466, 12447, 12173, 12110, 13741, 10471, 9901, 10256, 14174, 10466, 13567, 14182, 10937, 10628, 10130, 11020, 10213, 13878, 14250, 14115, 14564, 12493, 12176, 11363, 12265, 12479, 13912

**13.2 Request for Approval of Health and Welfare Contract – Valley Central School District 2016-2017**

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 \$3,323.85 for health and welfare services for the 2016-2017 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.

**13.3 Request for Approval of Health and Welfare Contract – Pine Bush Central School District 2016-2017**

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 \$6,272.28 for health and welfare services for the 2016-2017 school year for seven (7) children who are residents in the New Paltz Central School District attending non-public schools in the Pine Bush Central School District.

**13.4 Request for Approval of Health and Welfare Contract – Spackenkill Union Free School District 2016-2017**

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 Spackenkill Union Free School District for a total amount of \$1,071.55 for health and welfare services for the 2016-2017 school year for one (1) child who is a resident in the New Paltz Central School District attending non-public schools in the Spackenkill Union Free School District.

**13.5 Request for Approval to Participate in Cooperative Bidding with Other School Districts for 2017-2018**

**WHEREAS**, it would be in the joint interest of the NEW PALTZ CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT to participate in cooperative bids with other school districts for the years 2017-2018, as provided by General Municipal Law, Section 119-0, for the purchase of:

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**WHEREAS** each BOARD retains the legal authority to contract with the successful vendor(s) and shall not be bound by purchase contracts or other agreements made by the other BOARD(s):

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that it is agreed that the specifications as presented will be used, and that this BOARD agrees to bid its required amount of said product jointly with the other school districts. The recommendation of the Purchasing Steering Committee will be considered when this BOARD acts on the purchase of said product; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the BOARD OF EDUCATION of the New Paltz Central School District hereby agrees to participate in such cooperative bids.

**13.6 Request for Approval of Facilities Use for the Shawangunk Running Club**

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, by the Shawangunk Running Club on Thursday evenings from 5:30PM to 7:00 PM beginning April 20, 2017 through June 8, 2017 for the purpose of a Youth Track Development Program.

**13.7 Request for Approval to Appoint the Firm of Cooper Arias, LLP as External Auditor**

Recommendation – that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of Maria C. Rice, Superintendent of Schools, does hereby appoint the firm of Cooper Arias, LLP as External Auditor for the New Paltz Central School District for the 2016-2017 through 2020-2021 school year.

Motion to approve items 13.1 through 13.7 carried 7 to 0 with 7 members voting.

**13.8 Request for Acceptance of Monetary Gift**

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, upon the recommendation of Maria C. Rice, Superintendent, does hereby accept monetary gifts totaling \$2,000 from the following individuals to the New Paltz High School to be utilized by the Courtyard Garden Club: Barbara Bowen Carroll - \$25, Lori Beer - \$50, John and Noreen Kyriakis - \$50, Susan Yee - \$100, Lisa Morris - \$250, Mark and Kristina Younger - \$100, Tom Nolan - \$500, K T Tobin - \$25, Jorge Castellanos - \$100, Peter Buhl - \$200, Cody VanHeerden - \$500, Renee Harris - \$50 and David Shepler - \$50. The Board further directs the district clerk to send a letter of thanks to each individual for their donation.

The board thanked the group of individuals and the motion carried 7 to 0 with 7 members voting.

**13.9 Request for Approval to Participate in 2017-2018 Cooperative Bidding with Ulster County BOCES**

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

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

**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 2017-2018 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.

**13.10 Request for Acceptance of Award from NPCSD Foundation for Student Enhancement**

Motion made by Alison Easton and seconded by Matthew Williams to approve the following:

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 \$2,000.00 representing a grant awarded by the Foundation to New Paltz High School for use by the New Paltz Central School District for the Courtyard Gardens project. The Board of Education further directs the District Clerk to send a letter of appreciation to the Foundation for their donation.

The board thanked the Foundation for their donation and motion carried 7 to 0 with 7 members voting.

**OTHER DISCUSSION**

None.

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**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

**ADJOURN**

Motion made by Alison Easton and seconded by Matthew Williams that the Board adjourn at 9:20 PM.

Motion carried 7 to 0 with 7 members voting.

**ADJOURN**

Respectfully submitted,

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Dusti Callo  
District Clerk