

New Paltz Central School District Board of Education
Meeting – October 4, 2017 High School 7:00 PM
MEETING MINUTES

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order at 6:05 PM by Michael O'Donnell, Board President.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

QUORUM CHECK

Brian Cournoyer
Alison Easton
Michael O'Donnell
Kathy Preston
Sophia Skiles
Teresa Thompson
Matthew Williams

ALSO PRESENT:

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

ROLL CALL

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The roll was called as reflected above.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

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Motion made by Brian Cournoyer and seconded by Alison Easton that the Board of Education move into Executive Session at 6:05 PM for the purpose of discussing proposed, pending or current litigation, 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, Michael O'Donnell, 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 Teresa that the Board return to Public Session at 7:01 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 7:09 PM by Michael O'Donnell, Board President.
Board President, Michael O'Donnell read aloud the following statement:

"I'd like to recognize the Lenni-Lenape Nation, on whose traditional territory we are gathering. We acknowledge them as the past, present, and future caretakers of this land."

Board member Sophia Skiles shared some thoughts regarding Indigenous Peoples and commented on activities taking place in the schools recognizing Indigenous Peoples Day.

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Matthew Williams

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
Tarkan Ceng, Principal, Lenape Elementary School
Debra Hogencamp, Principal, Duzine Elementary School
Alexandra MacKinnon, Coordinator of Student Services
Tara Ryba, Assistant Principal, High School
Ann Sheldon, Assistant Principal, Middle School
Gregory Warren, Director of Health, Physical Education & Athletics
Maureen Ryan, Director of Transportation
Michael Robinson, Director of Food Services
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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Motion was made by Brian Cournoyer and seconded by Alison Easton to accept the changes to the agenda as presented and move the External Audit Report to follow the Student Representative Report. Motion carried 7 to 0 with 7 members voting.

SPOTLIGHT ON PROGRAM

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MATHLETES

High School Math Teacher, Ms. Kathryn Steward and students from the MATHLETES Club shared what they like about MATHLETES, the competitions they participate in, and presented some math problems to the Board of Education.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

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Joseph Foti-High School Physics Teacher and Coach-commented on Start Times
Ann Gregory-Physical Therapist and Coach-commented on Start Times
Steve Takas, President of New Paltz Athletic Association and parent-commented on Start Times
Rochelle Kelvin, parent-commented on Start Times
Steve Greenfield, parent-commented on Start Times
Samantha Musso, member of Swim Team and Nordick-commented on Start Times
Keira Coulard-Smith, member of Swim Team-commented on Start Times
Melanie Hoffmann, New Paltz-commented on Start Times
Tracy Grant, New Paltz-commented on Start Times
Jon Stern, New Paltz resident, parent and coach-commented on Start Times
Heather Harp, New Paltz-commented on Start Times
Melissa Gruver, parent and teacher-Commented on Start Times
Aimee Hemminger, parent-commented on Start Times
Caleb Sheedy, student-commented on Start Times
Grace Morrissey, student-commented on Start Times

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORT

STUDENT REP

➤ Grace Morrissey

New Paltz High School Senior, Grace Morrissey thanked the Mathletes for their presentation, reported that there are 802 students enrolled at this time at the high school and welcomed new Assistant Principal, Tara Ryba. Miss Morrissey also reported on the new classroom wing and guidance area, College Night, Fall Sports, Drama Club's planned performance of *Come Homeward Angel* in November, Spirit Week, the Community Luncheon, Homecoming, PIGLETS and National Honor Society.

BOARD COMMUNICATIONS

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➤ External Audit Report: Andrew Arias, Cooper-Arias

8.1 Request for Approval to Accept the External Audit Report for the 2016-2017 Fiscal Year

Motion made by Alison Easton and seconded by Brian Cournoyer to accept the External Audit Report for the 2016-2017 Fiscal Year as presented.

Recommendation – that the following resolution be approved: BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education accept the 2016-2017 External Audit Report as presented by the accounting firm of Cooper-Arias, LLP, Certified Public Accountants.

Motion carried 7 to 0 with 7 members voting.

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- Capital Project Update: No Report

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORTS & DISCUSSION ITEMS

SUPT REPORT

- SUPERINTENDENT'S COMMENTS

Superintendent Maria Rice shared remarks regarding the District's racial equity and cultural proficiency initiative and announced an additional meeting for the public is scheduled for November 13, 2017 at 6:30 PM. Additional information regarding the exact location will be forthcoming. The Superintendent also shared that the Superintendent Dialogue scheduled for February 27, 2018 will also focus on the District's initiative regarding racial equity and cultural proficiency.

- SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORTS

- K-12 Guidance Plan
 - Alexandra MacKinnon, Coordinator of Student Support Services, Secondary
 - HS & MS Guidance Counselors: Kathryn Flanagan, Jessica Bradley, Stephanie Shoemaker, Katie Tracz, Joanne Metzger
 - School Social Workers: Renee Reynolds, Meri Lederer, David Rosenfeld, Lisa Watkins

7.1 Approval of 2017-2018 K-12 Guidance Plan

Motion made by Alison Easton and seconded by Matthew Williams to approve the 2017-2018 K-12 Guidance Plan.

Recommendation that the New Paltz Central School District Board of Education, approve the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the New Paltz Central School District Board of Education does hereby approve the 2017-2018 K-12 Guidance Plan as presented. Motion carried 7 to 0 with 7 members voting.

- Sleep Time
 - Maria Rice, Superintendent
 - Michelle Martoni, Deputy Superintendent
 - Richard Linden, Assistant Superintendent for Business
 - Maureen Ryan, Director of Transportation
 - Gregory Warren, Director of Health, Physical Education and Athletics
 - Barbara Clinton, High School Principal
 - Dr. Richard Wiesenthal, Middle School Principal
 - Dr. Tarkan Ceng, Lenape Elementary Principal
 - Debra Hogencamp, Duzine Elementary Principal

COMMITTEE REPORTS

CMTE REPORTS

- Legislative Action Committee: Sophia Skiles, Chair

MINUTES OF MEETING

MINUTES

Motion made by Kathy Preston and seconded by Alison Easton that the Board of Education approve the following:

BE IT RESOLVED: that the New Paltz Central Schools Board of Education accept the minutes of the Regular Business Meeting of September 20, 2017 and the Special Meeting of the Board of Education of September 27, 2017.

Motion carried 7 to 0 with 7 members voting.

PERSONNEL (CONSENT AGENDA)

PERSONNEL

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

11.1 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 12, 2017 Organizational Meeting:

Name	Effective Dates
Miriah Brustein	10/5/17 – 6/30/18
Lauren Marz	10/5/17 – 6/30/18

11.2 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 2017/2018 school year, with remuneration as per NPUT contract:

Name	Title	Stipend
Ralph Schroer	All County Band	\$2,050
Nicole Foti	All County Choir	\$ 920
Nancy Owen	HS Drama Club	\$3,170
Cathy Law	HS Environmental Club	\$1,480
Souad Kurzban	HS Freshman Class co-advisor	\$ 740
Antoinette Russolello	HS Freshman Class co-advisor	\$ 740
Joanna Arkans	HS Gay/Straight Alliance	\$2,050
Jennifer Pottinger	HS Cheerleading (Fall)	\$ 920
Joel Neden	HS School Newspaper	\$1,480
Linda Sutton	HS Junior Class	\$3,170
Ralph Schroer	HS Marching Band	\$3,490
Kathryn Stewart	HS Math Club	\$ 920
Albert Cook II	HS Mock Trail	\$3,170
Stephannie Costello	HS National Honor Society co-advisor	\$1,025
Antoinette Russolello	HS National Honor Society co-advisor	\$1,025
Todd Martin	HS Open Studio in Art	\$2,050
Shannan Magnifico	HS Peer Leadership	\$2,050
Joseph Dolan	HS Senior Class co-advisor	\$1,585
Bonne Masseo	HS Senior Class co-advisor	\$1,585
Justin Seweryn	HS Science Olympiad	\$2,050
Marc Knittel	HS Snow Club co-advisor	\$1,025
Todd Martin	HS Snow Club co-advisor	\$1,025
Jessica Bradley	HS Sophomore Class	\$1,480
Nancy Owen	HS Musical	\$3,170
Alexis Mallory	HS Technology Club co-advisor	\$1,585
Jennifer Cone	HS Technology Club co-advisor	\$1,585
Renee Salamone	HS World Language Club	\$1,480
Krista Pachomski	HS Yearbook	\$3,170
Kara Seim	HS Youth for Unity	\$ 460
Albert Cook II	HS Youth for Unity	\$ 460
Stephanie Costello	HS Student Council	\$3,170
Kimberly Sturgis	MS Student Council co-advisor	\$ 740
Kristen Conrad	MS Student Council co-advisor	\$ 740
Valerie Hughes	MS School Newspaper (Mirror)	\$2,050
Thomas Chervenak	MS Reflections	\$1,480
Kristen Conrad	MS Yearbook	\$2,050
Kimberly Sturgis	MS Art Club	\$2,050
Mary Holmes	MS Drama Club	\$ 920
Mary Guirma	MS Drama Assistant	\$ 920
Sonja Nosovsky	MS Rock and Soul co-advisor	\$1,585
William Halpern	MS Rock and Soul co-advisor	\$1,585
Sonja Nosovsky	MS All-County Band	\$2,050
William Halpern	MS All-County Chorus	\$1,480
Laura Faure	Lenape All-County Chorus	\$1,480
David Finch	Lenape All-County Band	\$1,480

11.3 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
Christine Burke	School Monitor	10/5/2017	\$11.00/hr
Stephanie DeStefano	School Bus Attendant	10/6/2017	\$13.50/hr
Suzette Neita-Turner	School Bus Attendant	10/5/2017	\$13.50/hr
Nicole Siegel	School Bus Attendant	10/9/2017	\$13.50/hr
Daniel Knoth	School Bus Driver	10/5/2017	\$27.50/hr

Sonja Santer	School Bus Driver	10/9/2017	\$27.50/hr
Valerie Mesceda-Grajewski	School Bus Driver	10/6/2017	\$27.50/hr
Allison Ricci	School Bus Driver	10/5/2017	\$27.50/hr
Karyn Morehouse	Lighting and Sound Coordinator	9/1/2017-6/30/2018	\$25.00/hr
Sierra Pullman	Teacher Aide	10/5/2017	\$13.50/hr
Mark Janow	Account Clerk/Typist	10/16/2017	\$33,000/yr (pro-rated)

11.4 Non-Instructional Appointment - Substitute

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
Sierra Pullman	Substitute Teacher Aide	9/28/2017	\$11.00/hr

11.5 Coaching Resignation

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

Name	Title
David Kelso	Modified Wrestling Coach

11.6 Home Tutor

Recommendation - that the New Paltz Central Schools Board of Education, upon the recommendation of Maria C. Rice, Superintendent of Schools, does hereby appoint the following employees for the 2017-2018 school year:

Name

Amy Chapman
Sandra Panman

11.7 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 2017/2018 school year with remuneration as per NPUT contract:

Name

Jane Beck
Laura Bryant
Rod Castro
Amanda Demaro
Kacie Fisher
Adrienne Houk-Maley
Catherine Law
Alexandra Majthenyi
Bonne Maseo
Sonja Nosovsky
Andrea Shaver
Melissa Sokota
Lara Tozzi

11.8 Substitute Salary-Instructional/Licensed

Recommendation - that the New Paltz Central Schools Board of Education approve the following:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the New Paltz Central School District Board of Education, upon the recommendation of Maria C. Rice, Superintendent of Schools, does hereby approve an hourly salary of \$15.00 per hour for Certified Substitute Teachers, \$11.00 per hour for Non-Certified Substitute Teachers, and \$15.00 per hour for Substitute Nurses for any work performed after the regular school day.

Motion to approve items 11.1 through 11.8 carried 7 to 0 with 7 members voting.

OLD BUSINESS

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Motion made by Matthew Williams and seconded by Kathy Preston that the Board of Education approve the following:

12.1 Second Reading of Policy 3285-Unmanned Aircraft Systems (“Drones”)

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Community Relations

SUBJECT: UNMANNED AIRCRAFT SYSTEMS (“DRONES”)

The use or operation of unmanned aircraft systems, commonly referred to as “drones” or remote-controlled aircrafts, is prohibited anywhere on school premises, including school buildings, property and facilities, except with the prior written permission of the Superintendent of Schools for school-related purposes only. This includes, but is not limited to, the area above playing fields and surfaces and the areas above surrounding surfaces that are part of a facility, such as bleachers and other seating areas, parking lots, sidewalks, tracks, playgrounds etc.

Adopted: , 2017

Motion carried 7 to 0 with 7 members voting.

NEW 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. 14011, 14572, 12966, 14736, 14640, 13233, 9439, 10956, 10115, 13959, 14790, 14606, 12437, 12355, 12910

Motion carried 7 to 0 with 7 members voting.

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

Motion made by Brian Cournoyer 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 \$1,177.00 representing a grant awarded by the Foundation to Lenape Elementary for use by the New Paltz Central School District for the Family Math Supply Box for Math Games project. The Board of Education further directs the District Clerk to send a letter of appreciation to the Foundation for their donation.

Motion carried 7 to 0 with 7 members voting.

13.3 Request for Acceptance of Donation

Motion made by Kathy Preston and seconded by Brian Cournoyer that the Board of Education approve the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education accept the donation to the New Paltz Central School District from Azeem K. Mallick for a memorial bench and plaque to be placed at the New Paltz Middle School Tennis Courts. The Board of Education further directs the District Clerk to send a letter of appreciation to Azeem Mallick and his family for their donation.

Motion carried 7 to 0 with 7 members voting.

13.4 Request for Acceptance of Donation

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

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education accept the donation to the New Paltz Central School District for a Haier Air Conditioner, Model#HWF05XCL-T and Serial # AD0JG2E0L00A9DCA0524. The board further directs the District Clerk to send a letter of appreciation for the donation.

Motion carried 7 to 0 with 7 members voting.

OTHER DISCUSSION

Members of the board shared that while they were disappointed with the options presented this evening for consideration in changing school start times, they would like to keep the discussion on the table.

OTHER DISCUSSION

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Rosalind Bendell, High School Senior-commented on Start Times
Steve Greenfield, parent-commented on Start Times
Ann Gregory, Physical Therapist, Coach-commented on Start Times

PUBLIC COMMENT

ADJOURN

Motion made by Brian Cournoyer and seconded by Alison Easton that the Board adjourn at 10:28 PM.
Motion carried 7 to 0 with 7 members voting.

ADJOURN

Respectfully submitted,

Dusti Callo
District Clerk