

New Paltz Central School District Board of Education
Workshop Meeting March 14, 2018 – High School 7:00 PM
MEETING MINUTES

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order at 6:00 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 Matthew Williams 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 matters made exempt by FERPA, 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 7 - 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 Alison Easton and seconded by Kathy Preston that the Board return to Public Session at 7:00 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 7:08 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
Connie Hayes, Director of Pupil Personnel Services
Barbara Clinton, Principal, New Paltz Central High School
Richard Wiesenthal, Principal, New Paltz Middle School
Debra Hogencamp, Principal, Duzine Elementary School
Ann Sheldon, Assistant Principal, Middle School
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 made by Brian Cournoyer and seconded by Alison Easton to accept the changes to the agenda as amended.
Motion carried 7 to 0 with 7 members voting.

SPOTLIGHT ON PROGRAM

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Duzine Elementary “ ‘Big Words’ we learned from Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.” featuring students from Mrs. Profaci and Mrs. Schaller’s Kindergarten Class.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

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Jessica Greenstein, New Paltz-commented on time off for students during Regents weeks.
Maggie Veve-commented on future agendas and asked the board to consider moving the discussion about the possible BOE racial equity committee to an earlier spot in the meeting.

Following public comment, Board President Michael O’Donnell asked for a motion to move the Capital Project Update to follow public comment. Motion was made by Matthew Williams, seconded by Brian Cournoyer and the motion carried 7 to 0 with 7 members voting.

➤ **Capital Project Update:** Luis Rodriguez, The Palombo Group

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORT

STUDENT REP

➤ Ben Williams

New Paltz High School senior Ben Williams shared comments about the National School Walkout and participation by the high school students. Ben reported on the scholarship concert, All County Band and Choral Festival, winter and spring sports, the PTSA book fair and the Musical *Pippin*.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORTS & DISCUSSION ITEMS

SUPT REPORT

➤ SUPERINTENDENT’S COMMENTS

Superintendent Maria Rice shared comments on the National School Walkout and students from both the Middle School and High School who participated. Mrs. Rice remarked on how respectful and well organized students were in their efforts to acknowledge solidarity with the students from Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland, Florida.

➤ SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORTS

- 2018-2019 Budget

Following discussion of the proposed budget, board members took a straw poll regarding the addition of a School Resource Officer (SRO). Members voted 6 to 1 in favor of removing the proposed SRO from the proposed 2018-2019 Budget.

- Equity Report Card
- Bus Proposition

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

7.1 Request for Approval to Place Proposition on Ballot at the Annual Meeting on May 15, 2018 Approving Purchase of Vehicles

BE IT RESOLVED that the following proposition be placed on the ballot at the Annual Meeting of the qualified voters of the New Paltz Central School District, to be conducted on May 15, 2018:

Shall the Board of Education of the New Paltz Central School District, Ulster County, New York, be authorized to purchase three 65-passenger or larger school buses at a cost of \$100,000 each, for a maximum estimated cost of \$300,000; and three

30-passenger vehicles at a cost of \$60,000 each, for a maximum estimated cost of \$180,000; for an aggregate maximum estimated cost of \$480,000; and that the sum of \$480,000, or so much thereof as may be necessary, shall be raised by the levy of a tax upon the taxable property of said School District and collected in annual installments, as provided by Section 416 of the Education Law, and, in anticipation of such tax, obligations of the District shall be issued.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the School District Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to publish this proposition in the Legal Notice of Annual Meeting, Election and Vote in the designated newspapers.

Following discussion by the members of the Board regarding the bus proposition, the members agreed that the resolution to approve placing the bus proposition on the ballot at the Annual Meeting not be approved at this time but be added to the agenda for further discussion at the March 21, 2018 Community Budget Forum.

BOARD COMMUNICATIONS

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- Follow-Up Discussion Regarding Proposed BOE AD-HOC Racial Equity Committee

Members of the board presented a proposal for a Racial Equity Initiative Advisory Committee. Following a discussion regarding all of the components of the proposed committee, a motion was made by Brian Cournoyer and seconded by Alison Easton to establish the Racial Equity Initiative Advisory Committee as amended. Motion carried 7 to 0 with 7 members voting.

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 February 21, 2018 and the minutes of the Special BOE Meeting of February 28, 2018. Motion carried 7 to 0 with 7 members voting.

10. FINANCIAL REPORTS

FINANCIAL

- TREASURER’S REPORT-January 2018
- CLAIMS AUDIT REPORT-December 2017 and January 2018

Motion made by Alison Easton and seconded by Matthew Williams to approve items 10.0 through 11.5.

PERSONNEL (CONSENT AGENDA)

PERSONNEL

11.1 Instructional Resignation

Recommendation that the New Paltz Central School District Board of Education, upon the recommendation of Maria Rice, Superintendent of Schools, does hereby accept the resignation of the following instructional employee: BE IT RESOLVED that the board hereby accept the resignation of Music Teacher, Sean Morrison, effective March 9, 2018 as set forth in a letter presented to the Board of Education Clerk on March 12, 2018.

11.2 Non-Instructional Resignations

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 employees:

Name	Title	Effective Date
Stephanie DeStefano	School Bus Attendant	03/04/2018
Craig Every	Substitute Custodial Worker	2/23/2018
Brian Briggs	Teacher Aide	03/16/2018

11.3 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
Anne DeLongis	Substitute Clerical	02/15/2018	\$13.00/hr
Megan O’Brien	Substitute School Bus Driver	02/14/2018	\$20.00/hr
Donna Bishop	Substitute School Monitor	02/05/2018	\$11.00/hr
Donna Bishop	Substitute Teacher Aide	02/05/2018	\$11.00/hr
Yuka Seko Yeomans	Substitute Teacher Aide	02/26/2018	\$11.00/hr

11.4 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
Nicholas Fuller	Custodial Worker	03/08/2018	\$30,000/yr (pro-rated)
Patricia Peck	School Monitor	03/12/2018	\$11.00/hr

11.5 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:

Name	Title
Justin Finnegan	JV Girls Lacrosse
Douglas Thompson	Varsity Girls Lacrosse (unpaid)

Motion to approve items 10.0 through 11.5 carried 7 to 0 with 7 members voting.

11.6 Coaching Appointments

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

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

Name	Title	Stipend
Joanne Metzger	Co-coach Varsity Girls Lacrosse	\$1,930
Douglas Thompson	Co-coach Varsity Girls Lacrosse	\$1,930
Tony Saracino	Varsity Baseball	\$3,860
Ryan Cronin	JV Girls Lacrosse	\$3,280

Motion carried 6 to 0 with one abstention by Theresa Thompson.

Motion made by Brian Cournoyer and seconded by Sophia Skiles to approve items 11.7 through 13.4.

11.7 Home Tutors

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
Maureen L. Crocker
Susanna O'Brien (retroactive as of March 7, 2018)

11.8 Appointment of Health Advisory Committee (HAC) Members

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 appoint the following individuals to the Health advisory Committee:

Name	Effective Dates
Maria Meoli (Lenape)	3/15/2018-6/30/2018
Elizabeth Rizza (Duzine)	3/15/2018-6/30/2019

OLD BUSINESS

None.

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NEW BUSINESS

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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. 14799, 13940, 14223, 13185, 12743, 12384, 12304, 12427, 12428, 12418, 13016, 12389, 14811, 14720, 12442, 14286, 12796, 12054, 12019, 14828, 10098, 12677, 10706, 10759, 10516, 10519, 10751, 14605

13.2 Request for Approval of Health and Welfare Contract – Kingston City School District 2017-2018

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 Kingston City School District for a total amount of \$12,311.00 for health and welfare services for the 2017-2018 school year thirteen (13) children who are residents in the New Paltz Central School District attending non-public schools in the Kingston City School District.

13.3 Request for Approval of Health and Welfare Contract – Arlington Central School District 2017-2018

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 Arlington Central School District for a total amount of \$9,005.52 for health and welfare services for the 2017-2018 school year for twelve (12) children who are residents in the New Paltz Central School District attending non-public schools in the Arlington Central School District.

13.4 Request for Approval to Participate in Cooperative Bidding with Other School Districts for 2018-2019

Recommendation – that the following resolution be approved:

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 2018-2019, as provided by General Municipal Law, Section 119-0, for the purchase of:

DIESEL FUEL

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 FURTHER 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.

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

Motion to approve items 11.7 through 13.4 carried 7 to 0 with 7 members voting.

OTHER DISCUSSION

None.

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PUBLIC COMMENTS

Cathy Sanchez-Racial Equity Committee
Edgar Rodriguez-Racial Equity Committee

PUBLIC COMMENT

ADJOURN

Motion made by Brian Cournoyer and seconded by Alison Easton that the Board adjourn at 11:44 PM.
Motion carried 7 to 0 with 7 members voting.

ADJOURN

Respectfully submitted,

Dusti Callo
District Clerk