

**New Paltz Central School District Board of Education  
September 18, 2019 Business Meeting – District Office 6:30 PM  
MEETING MINUTES**

**CALL MEETING TO ORDER**

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order at 5:34 PM by Kathy Preston, Board President.

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:**

QUORUM CHECK

- Diana Armstead
- Glenn LaPolt
- Michael O'Donnell
- Kathy Preston
- Sophia Skiles-arrived at 5:37 PM
- Bianca Tanis-arrived at 6:03 PM
- Teresa Thompson

**ALSO PRESENT:**

- Maria Rice, Superintendent of Schools
- Michelle Martoni, Deputy Superintendent
- Richard Linden, Assistant Superintendent for Business
- Connie Hayes, Director of Pupil Personnel Services & Special Education

**ROLL CALL**

ROLL CALL

The roll was called as reflected above.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

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Motion made by Michael O'Donnell and seconded by Diana Armstead that the Board of Education move into Executive Session at 5:35 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 proposed, pending or current litigation, discussing the employment history of a particular person or corporation, discussing matters leading to the appointment, employment, promotion, demotion, discipline, suspension, dismissal, or removal of a particular person or corporation, and discussing collective negotiations pursuant to Article 14 of the Civil Service Law. Motion carried 5 to 0 with 5 members voting.

**DISTRICT CLERK PRO-TEMPORE**

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Board President, Kathy Preston appointed Maria C. Rice as District Clerk Pro-Tempore for the Executive Session portion of the meeting.

Out of Executive Session - Motion made by Glenn LaPolt and seconded by Teresa Thompson that the Board return to Public Session at 6:33 PM. Motion carried 7 to 0 with 7 members voting.

**CALL TO ORDER**

CALL TO ORDER

The Public Meeting was called to order at 6:37 PM by Kathy Preston, Board President.

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:**

QUORUM CHECK

- Diana Armstead
- Glenn LaPolt
- Michael O'Donnell
- Kathy Preston
- Sophia Skiles
- Bianca Tanis
- Teresa Thompson

**ALSO PRESENT:**

- Maria Rice, Superintendent of Schools
- Michelle Martoni, Deputy Superintendent
- Richard Linden, Assistant Superintendent for Business
- Dusti Callo, District Clerk
- 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 Sophia Skiles and seconded by Teresa Thompson to accept the changes to the agenda as amended. Motion carried 7 to 0 with 7 members voting.

**BOARD COMMUNICATIONS**

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- Climate Strike - Friday, September 20, 2019

Following discussion by the board regarding the planned Climate Strike, a motion was made by Sophia Skiles and seconded by Michael O’Donnell that students who participate in the Climate Strike on Friday, September 20, 2019 with parental consent will receive an excused absence. Motion carried 7 to 0 with 7 members voting.

- District-Wide Safety Plan with Law Enforcement Contract and Memorandum of Agreement

Motion made by Michael O’Donnell and seconded by Teresa Thompson to approve item 4.1.

**4.1 Request for Approval to Amend the 2019-2020 District Wide-Safety Plan**

BE IT RESOLVED that the New Paltz Central School District Board of Education does hereby approve the 2019-2020 District-Wide Safety Plan as amended.

Motion to approve item 4.1 carried 7 to 0 with 7 members voting.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

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Christina Vasquez-commented on immunization requirements.

Jenn Sullivan-read aloud an email from Johanna Harlett regarding immunization requirements.

Kristin Misik-commented on the Climate Strike.

**MINUTES OF MEETING**

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Motion made by Diana Armstead and seconded by Teresa Thompson 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 September 4, 2019 and the minutes of the Special Meeting of September 12, 2019. Motion carried 7 to 0 with 7 members voting.

**PERSONNEL (CONSENT AGENDA)**

**PERSONNEL**

Motion made by Bianca Tanis and seconded by Sophia Skiles that the Board of Education approve the following personnel (consent agenda) resolutions, items 7.1 through 7.11:

**7.1 Instructional Appointment – Part-time**

Recommendation that the New Paltz Central Schools Board of Education, upon the recommendation of Maria C. Rice, Superintendent of Schools, does hereby approve the appointment of the following instructional employee with remuneration as per NPUT contract, pro-rated:

<b>Name</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Effective Dates</b>	<b>Step/Salary</b>
Charles Barbaro	Social Studies Teacher 0.2 FTE	9/11/2019 - 6/30/2020	(0.2 FTE) MA Step 2, \$62,640 (pro-rated)

**7.2 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 10, 2019 Organizational Meeting:

<b>Name</b>	<b>Effective Dates</b>
Charles Barbaro	9/11/2019 – 6/30/2020
Jacob Delaney	9/19/2019 – 6/30/2020
Lauren Marz	9/19/2019 – 6/30/2020
Griffin Thomas	9/19/2019 – 6/30/2020
Tara Thompson	9/19/2019 – 6/30/2020
Ashley Leitmann	9/19/2019 – 6/30/2020
Maryanne Ceriello	9/19/2019 – 6/30/2020

**7.3 Instructional Resignation – Substitute**

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 Substitute Teacher, Victoria Overing, effective September 16, 2019 as set forth in a letter presented to the Board of Education Clerk on September 11, 2019.

**7.4 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:

<b>Name</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Effective Date</b>	<b>Salary</b>
Tiffany Briggs	School Monitor	09/19/2019	as per contract
Kathryn Silver	School Monitor	09/19/2019	as per contract
Jennifer Heyl	School Monitor	09/19/2019	as per contract
Garfield Crawn Jr.	Auto Mechanic	09/19/2019	\$54,170/yr (pro-rated)

**7.5 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 2019-2020 school year:

- Name**  
 Kim Abrahamsen  
 Tasha Clemmer  
 Sandra Goodman  
 Renee Salamone

**7.6 Appointment of Members to the Racial Equity Initiative Advisory Committee**

BE IT RESOLVED that the New Paltz Central School District Board of Education, upon the recommendation of Board of Education Representative Sophia Skiles, does hereby appoint the following individuals to the Racial Equity Initiative Advisory Committee:

<b>Name</b>	<b>Effective Dates</b>
Lilly Andino-Skinner	09/19/2019-06/30/2021
Fredericka Butler	09/19/2019-06/30/2021
Allison Lauchaire	09/19/2019-06/30/2021

**7.7 Appointment of Members to Health Advisory Committee (HAC)**

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:

<b>Name</b>	<b>Membership Area</b>	<b>Effective Dates</b>
Connie Hayes	Central Administrator Co-Chair	09/19/2019-06/30/2020
Fredericka Butler	Central Administrator Co-Chair	09/19/2019-06/30/2020
Dr. Mario Fernandez	Building Administrator	09/19/2019-06/30/2020
Ann Sheldon	Building Administrator	09/19/2019-06/30/2020
Phoenix Kawamoto	Local Agency	09/19/2019-06/30/2020
Matthew Goodnow	Local Agency	09/19/2019-06/30/2021
Lauren Rooney	Community Safety Personnel	09/19/2019-06/30/2021

**7.8 Create New Position – Instructional**

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 create the following instructional position:

<b>Title</b>	<b>Effective Date</b>
0.4 FTE English as a New Language Teacher (ENL)	09/19/2019

**7.9 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:

<b>Name</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Effective Date</b>	<b>Salary</b>
Kyle Gulliksen	Substitute School Bus Driver	09/16/2019	\$25.00/hr

**7.10 Appoint Community Member to Facilities Committee**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the New Paltz Central School District Board of Education, upon the recommendation of Facilities Committee Chair, Teresa Thompson, does hereby appoint Matthew Williams as community member to the Facilities Committee effective 09/19/2019 through 06/30/2021.

**7.11 Request for Approval to Amend Health Advisory Committee Charge and Appoint Committee 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 approve the changes to the Health Advisory Committee Membership as amended, a copy of which shall be incorporated into the minutes of this meeting; and  
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the New Paltz Central School District Board of Education, upon the recommendation of Maria C. Rice, does hereby appoint the following individuals to the Health Advisory Committee:

<b>Name</b>	<b>Membership Area</b>	<b>Effective Dates</b>
Christina Rust	Student	09/19/2019-06/30/2020
Paris White	Student	09/19/2019-06/30/2020
Grace Witte	Student	09/19/2019-06/30/2020
Jacqueline Reed	Community Member	09/19/2019-06/30/2021

Motion to approve items 7.1 through 7.11 carried 7 to 0 with 7 members voting.

**NEW BUSINESS**

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Motion made by Diana Armstead and seconded by Bianca Tanis that the Board of Education approve the following resolution:

**8.1 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. 14886, 13832, 15052, 12427, 15120, 14405, 14812, 14436, 10744, 14081, 10955, 13898, 12437, 14828

Motion carried 7 to 0 with 7 members voting.

Motion made by Michael O'Donnell and seconded by Glenn LaPolt to approve the following resolution:

**8.2 Request for Approval of Supplemental Memorandum of Agreement – NPES**

BE IT RESOLVED that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the terms of and authorizes the Superintendent of Schools to sign a Supplemental Memorandum of Agreement between the District and the New Paltz Educational Support Staff (NPES) dated September 10, 2019 regarding the application of Article XXII of the Collectively Negotiated Agreement between the District and the NPES to certain unit members, as presented to the Board at this meeting, a copy of which shall be incorporated by reference within the minutes of this meeting.

Motion carried 7 to 0 with 7 members voting.

Motion made by Bianca Tanis and seconded by Teresa Thompson to approve the following resolution:

**8.3 Request for Approval of Settlement Agreement**

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board hereby approves a Settlement Agreement in the matter of Student No. 12316 dated September 6, 2019; and  
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Superintendent of Schools is hereby authorized to sign such Settlement Agreement on the District's behalf.

Motion carried 7 to 0 with 7 members voting.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

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Motion made by Sophia Skiles and seconded by Teresa Thompson to move into Executive Session at 8:17 PM for the purpose of discussing the school history of particular students in accordance with their FERPA rights, discussing matters made exempt by FERPA and discussing the employment history of a particular person or corporation. Motion carried 7 to 0 with 7 members voting. Board President Kathy Preston announced that the board would return to public session with no action taken.

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:**

**QUORUM CHECK**

- Diana Armstead
- Glenn LaPolt
- Michael O'Donnell
- Kathy Preston
- Sophia Skiles
- Bianca Tanis
- Teresa Thompson

**ALSO PRESENT:**

- Maria Rice, Superintendent of Schools-left at 9:40 PM
- Michelle Martoni, Deputy Superintendent-left at 9:40 PM
- Richard Linden, Assistant Superintendent for Business-left at 9:40 PM

**OUT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**RETURN PUBLIC SESSION**

Motion made by Glenn LaPolt and seconded by Teresa Thompson that the Board return to Public Session at 11:09 PM.  
Motion carried 7 to 0 with 7 members voting.

**ADJOURN**

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Motion made by Diana Armstead and seconded by Michael O'Donnell that the Board adjourn at 11:10 PM.  
Motion carried 7 to 0 with 7 members voting.

Respectfully submitted,

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Dusti Callo  
District Clerk