

New Paltz Central School District Board of Education  
November 20, 2019 Business Meeting – District Office 6:45 PM  
**MEETING MINUTES**

**CALL MEETING TO ORDER**

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order at 5:36 PM by Kathy Preston, Board President.

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:**

QUORUM CHECK

- Diana Armstead
- Glenn LaPolt
- Michael O'Donnell
- Kathy Preston
- Sophia Skiles-arrived at 5:47 PM
- Bianca Tanis
- Teresa Thompson

**ALSO PRESENT:**

- Maria Rice, Superintendent of Schools
- Richard Linden, Assistant Superintendent for Business
- Steve Latino, Esq.-entered at 5:35 PM, left at 6:35 PM
- Pamela Melville- entered at 5:45 PM, left at 6:00 PM
- Cathy Oncher- entered at 5:45 PM, left at 6:00 PM
- Mike Teator- entered at 6:35 PM, left at 6:45 PM
- Adam Rodd, Esq.-entered by phone at 6:48 PM, ended at 7:00 PM

**ROLL CALL**

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The roll was called as reflected above.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

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Motion made by Glenn LaPolt and seconded by Diana Armstead that the Board of Education move into Executive Session at 5:37 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. Motion carried 6 to 0 with 6 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 Sophia Skiles and seconded by Michael O'Donnell that the Board return to Public Session at 7:16 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 7:20 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
- Richard Linden, Assistant Superintendent for Business
- Keith Baisley, Director of Integrated Technology
- 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 Glenn LaPolt to approve the changes to the agenda as noted and to add item 8.10, Administrative Appointment-Probationary to the Personnel (Consent Agenda). Motion carried 7 to 0 with 7 members voting.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

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Rachel Drillings, New Paltz High School Junior-commented on her desire to establish a Sign Language Club at the high school. Following a brief discussion by the members of the Board, the Superintendent and Assistant Superintendent for Business, Board President, Kathy Preston asked that the Sign Language Club be added to the comeback list.

**SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORTS**

SUPERINTENDENT

➤ 2020-2021 School Calendar

Following discussion about possible changes to the calendar by the Superintendent, Assistant Superintendent and members of the Board, the 2020-2021 school calendar will be discussed again at the December 4, 2019 Board of Education meeting. The topic of Regents Week will be added to the comeback list.

**BOARD COMMUNICATIONS**

COMMUNICATIONS

➤ Lobbyguard Demonstration – Noelle Zamow and John Drake, Mid-Hudson Regional Information Center

**MINUTES OF MEETING**

MINUTES

Motion made by Bianca Tanis and seconded by Michael O’Donnell 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 November 6, 2019 and the minutes of the Special Meeting of November 13, 2019. Motion carried 7 to 0 with 7 members voting.

**PERSONNEL (CONSENT AGENDA)**

PERSONNEL

Motion made by Michael O’Donnell and seconded by Diana Armstead that the Board of Education approve the following personnel (consent agenda) resolutions, item 8.1:

**8.1 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>
Wayne Kreuscher	School Bus Driver	01/01/2020	11

Motion to approve item 8.1 carried 7 to 0 with 7 members voting.

Motion made by Michael O’Donnell and seconded by Glenn LaPolt to approve items 8.2 through 8.9:

**8.2 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>
Lauren Apuzzo	11/21/2019 – 06/30/2020
Rachel Buonforte	11/21/2019 – 06/30/2020
Megan Champlin	11/21/2019 – 06/30/2020
Barbara Hebert	11/21/2019 – 06/30/2020
Cheyenne Heinen	11/21/2019 – 06/30/2020
Michele Riddell	11/21/2019 – 06/30/2020
David Uridia	11/21/2019 – 06/30/2020

**8.3 Administrative Appointment – Interim**

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 Katherine Banks as Interim Coordinator of Student Support Services/CSE Chair, effective November 18, 2019 and terminating June 30, 2020 at a rate of \$500 per day.

**8.4 Committee Designations, Appointments, and Purpose – Correcting Resolution**

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 following correcting resolution previously approved at the 11/6/2019 Board meeting and does hereby approve the appointment of the Professional Development Plan Committee effective 11/21/2019 through 11/21/2020.

**Appointment/Confirmation of Professional Development Plan Committee Members**

Administrator/Facilitator	Michelle Martoni
Administrator	Ann Sheldon
Administrator	Kathleen Coughlin
Administrator	Fredericka Butler
Administrator	Ross Hogan
Administrator	Gregory Warren
Teacher	Joanna Arkans
Teacher	Mary Holmes
Teacher	Lara Savelson
Teacher	Eric Savelson
Teacher	Angelo Urrico
Teacher	Sarah Sebald
Teacher	Patrizia Gonzalez
Teacher	Arielle Chiger
Teacher	Kathryn Stewart
Community Member/Parent	Stephanie Laffin
Higher Education	Dr. Jennifer Davis-Duerr

**8.5 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:

<b>Name</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Effective Date</b>	<b>Salary</b>
Eamon Burdick	Substitute School Monitor	11/12/2019	\$13.50/hr
Ashley Hausmann	Substitute School Monitor	10/30/2019	\$13.50/hr
Gina Dortono	Substitute Custodial Worker	11/06/2019	\$15.00/hr
Lois Dippel	Substitute Food Service Helper	10/29/2019	\$13.50/hr
Ronald Finigan	Substitute Auto Mechanic	11/08/2019	\$25.00/hr
Brittany Chwika	Substitute Food Service Helper	11/13/2019	\$13.50/hr
Brittany Chwika	Substitute School Monitor	11/13/2019	\$13.50/hr

**8.6 Non-Instructional Appointment**

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>
Jason VanDemark	Building Maintenance Worker I	12/09/2019	\$33,000/yr (pro-rated)
Jeremy McLaughlin	Library Clerk	11/25/2019	\$20.00/hr

**8.7 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 2019/2020 school year, with remuneration as per NPUT contract:

<b>Name</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Stipend</b>
<b><u>Volunteers Assistants</u></b>		
Peter Rubin	Boys Varsity & JV Basketball	unpaid
Kathy Eckenroth	Girls Modified Basketball	unpaid
Bryan Krebs	Boys Varsity & JV Basketball	unpaid

**8.8 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 part-time School Counselor, Mary McClellan, effective November 12, 2019, as set forth in a letter presented to the Board of Education Clerk on November 12, 2019.

**8.9 Instructional Appointment-Mentor**

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 employee as a mentor for the 2019/2020 school year:

**Name**

Fredericka Butler

Motion to approve items 8.2 through 8.9 carried 7 to 0 with 7 members voting.

Motion made by Michael O’Donnell and seconded by Glenn LaPolt to approve item 8.10:

**8.10 Administrative Appointment - Probationary**

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 Michael Teator to a four-year probationary appointment as Assistant Principal in the tenure area of Assistant Principal, effective November 21, 2019 through November 20, 2023 at an annual salary for the 2019-2020 school year of \$110,000.00 pro-rated.

Motion to approve item 8.10 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, item 9.1:

**9.1 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. 14566, 13073, 14720, 12372, 10622, 14482, 10744, 11524, 11523, 13764, 15041, 15116.

Motion to approve item 9.1 carried 7 to 0 with 7 members voting.

Motion made by Michael O’Donnell and seconded by Teresa Thompson to approve item 9.2:

**9.2 Request for Acceptance of Awards from NPCSD Foundation for Student Enhancement**

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 \$3,000 representing a grant awarded by the Foundation to the New Paltz Central School District for use by the Duzine/Lenape Elementary for the Feed Your Mind project. The Board of Education further directs the District Clerk to send a letter of appreciation to the Foundation for their donation.

Motion to approve item 9.2 carried 7 to 0 with 7 members voting.

Motion made by Bianca Tanis and seconded by Teresa Thompson to approve item 9.3:

**9.3 Request for Approval to Sell/Dispose of Surplus Equipment**

Recommendation – that the following resolution be approved: BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education declares the following buses as excess, unneeded property and authorize the sale/disposition of the buses.

<u>Bus #</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Make</u>	<u>Vehicles:</u>	<u>VIN:</u>
86	2001	INTNL	BUS	1HVBBAANX1H507293
88	2001	INTNL	BUS	1HVBBAAN31H507295
90	2002	INTNL	BUS	4DRBRAAN72A948855
103	2005	INTNL	BUS	4DRBUAAN15B976888
135	2009	CHEV	VAN	1GBHG31C891153150
116	2006	CHEV	CAR	1GNDV23L66D247858

**OTHER DISCUSSION**

With a motion for item 9.3 still on the table, the board entered into a brief discussion regarding field trip funding and agreed to have the topic added to the comeback list.

Board President Kathy Preston asked for a vote for item 9.3 and the motion to approve item 9.3 carried 7 to 0 with 7 members voting.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

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Motion made by Sophia Skiles and seconded by Glenn LaPolt to move into Executive Session at 8:35 PM for the purpose of discussing proposed, pending or current litigation, 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.

Board President, Kathy Preston announced that following Executive Session, the Board will return to public session with no action taken.

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:**

**QUORUM CHECK**

Diana Armstead-left at 10:02 PM  
Glenn LaPolt-left at 8:48 PM  
Michael O'Donnell  
Kathy Preston  
Sophia Skiles-left at 9:35 PM  
Bianca Tanis  
Teresa Thompson

**ALSO PRESENT:**

Maria Rice, Superintendent of Schools-left at 8:55 PM  
Richard Linden, Assistant Superintendent for Business-left at 8:55 PM  
Rebecca Versace-entered at 8:58 PM

**OUT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**RETURN PUBLIC SESSION**

Motion made by Michael O'Donnell and seconded by Bianca Tanis that the Board return to Public Session at 9:58 PM. Motion carried 7 to 0 with 7 members voting.

**ADJOURN**

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Motion made by Bianca Tanis and seconded by Teresa Thompson that the Board adjourn at 10:06 PM. Motion carried 4 to 0 to with 4 members voting.

Respectfully submitted,

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Dusti Callo  
District Clerk