

**New Paltz Central School District Board of Education
December 4, 2019 Workshop Meeting – High School 7:00 PM
MEETING MINUTES**

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order at 5:32 PM by Kathy Preston, Board President.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

QUORUM CHECK

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

ALSO PRESENT:

- Michelle Martoni, Deputy Superintendent
- Richard Linden, Assistant Superintendent for Business
- David Shaw-entered at 5:55 PM
- Adam Rodd, Esq.- entered via phone call at 6:30 PM, left at 6:46 PM

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 Sophia Skiles that the Board of Education move into Executive Session at 5:32 PM for the purpose of 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 6 to 0 with 6 members voting.

DISTRICT CLERK PRO-TEMPORE

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

Out of Executive Session - Motion made by Bianca Tanis and seconded by Diana Armstead that the Board return to Public Session at 7:05 PM. Motion carried 6 to 0 with 6 members voting.

CALL TO ORDER

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The Public Meeting was called to order at 7:18 PM by Kathy Preston, Board President.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

QUORUM CHECK

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

ALSO PRESENT:

- Martoni, Deputy Superintendent
- Richard Linden, Assistant Superintendent for Business
- Dr. Mario Fernandez, New Paltz Central High School
- Sean Inglee, Principal, Lenape Elementary School
- Ross Hogan, Principal, Duzine Elementary School
- Michael Teator, Interim Assistant Principal, High School

Gregory Warren, Director of Health, Physical Education & Athletics
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 Michael O'Donnell and seconded by Diana Armstead to move items 12.6, 12.7 and 12.11, as well as the Board Recognition, Racial Equity Initiative Advisory Committee report and Capital Project Update to follow the Student Representative Report. Additionally, the Middle Level Program for Project Lead the Way will follow the Spotlight on Program. Motion carried 6 to 0 with 6 members voting.

SPOTLIGHT ON PROGRAM

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- Lenape Elementary, *What is Project Lead the Way?* Infection, Modeling and Simulation - Krista Pachomski's 5th Grade Students
- Middle Level Program, Project Lead the Way (PLTW) Year 1 Report for grades 5-8: Infection, Modeling and Simulation, and connection to 9-12: Gateway, Design and Modeling – Sean Inglee, Lenape Elementary Principal and Ann Sheldon, Middle School Principal

PUBLIC COMMENTS

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Laurie Adourian-commented on a Modified Lacrosse program
Eric Klein, New Paltz Lacrosse-commented on a Modified Lacrosse program
Jim Hyland, New Paltz Lacrosse-commented on a Modified Lacrosse program
Matt DiDonna, New Paltz Lacrosse-commented on a Modified Lacrosse program
Tim Rogers-commented on a Modified Lacrosse program
Sara Gordan, SUNY New Paltz Alumni-commented on the Climate Strike

Motion made by Bianca Tanis and seconded by Teresa Thompson to approve item 12.6.

12.6 Administrative Appointment – Interim Superintendent of Schools

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby appoints Dr. Bernard Josefsberg as Interim Superintendent of Schools for the New Paltz Central School District, for the period from December 18, 2019 through June 30, 2020 or the commencement of employment of a Superintendent of Schools, whichever sooner occurs, at the per diem salary of \$900.00; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board President is hereby authorized to execute an Agreement with Dr. Josefsberg setting forth the terms and conditions of his employment as Interim Superintendent of Schools, a copy of which Agreement will be incorporated by reference within the minutes of this meeting.

Motion to approve item 12.6 carried 6 to 0 with 6 members voting.

Motion made by Bianca Tanis and seconded by Michael O'Donnell to approve item 12.7.

12.7 Administrative Appointment – Interim Assistant Superintendent for Business

BE IT RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that the Board of Education hereby appoints Donald Gottlieb as Interim Assistant Superintendent for Business, on a contract basis, for the period from December 18, 2019 through February 12, 2020 at the per diem salary of \$700.00; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board President is hereby authorized to execute an Agreement with Mr. Gottlieb setting forth the terms and conditions of his employment as Interim Assistant Superintendent for Business, a copy of which Agreement will be incorporated by reference within the minutes of this meeting.

Motion to approve item 12.7 carried 6 to 0 with 6 members voting.

Motion made by Diana Armstead and seconded by Bianca Tanis to approve item 12.11.

12.11 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 Sharifa Carbon to a four year probationary administrative appointment as Assistant Superintendent for Business, in the tenure area of Assistant Superintendent for Business effective February 5, 2020 through February 4, 2024 at an annual salary of \$165,000.00 (pro-rated) for the period of February 5, 2020 through June 30, 2020 and an annual salary of \$165,000.00 for the period of July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021.

Motion to approve item 12.11 carried 6 to 0 with 6 members voting.

BOARD COMMUNICATIONS

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- Board Recognition – Albert Cook

Following the Board Recognition, the members engaged in a brief discussion in response to the topics raised during Public Comment. In response to the request by the organizers of the Climate Strike to consider allowing students to have excused absences if they choose to participate in the climate strike, board members agreed that absences for students choosing to participate in the Climate Strike on December 6, 2019 will be considered unexcused absences.

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORT

STUDENT REP

- Aedan Sennett

New Paltz High School Senior Aedan Sennett reported on winter sports, the Snow Ball, Coffee House, the school musical-Secret Garden, and the compost waste project for the High School courtyard.

BOARD COMMUNICATIONS

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- Capital Project Update – Luis Rodriguez, The Palombo Group and Bill Wisbauer, TetraTech Architects

COMMITTEE REPORTS

CMTE REPORTS

- Racial Equity Initiative Advisory Committee: Student Member, Jesse Avila Nativi

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORTS & DISCUSSION ITEMS

SUPT REPORT

- SUPERINTENDENT'S COMMENTS
 - Recipient of the Amazing Person Award: Greg Warren, Director of Health, Physical Education and Athletics
 - Wellness Center Ribbon Cutting, December 9, 2019 at 6:30 PM
- SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORTS
 - 2020-2021 School Calendar

7.1 Approval of 2020-2021 School Calendar

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 2020-2021 school calendar.

Following discussion by the members of the board, the approval of the 2020-2021 School Calendar was tabled to the December 18, 2019 board meeting.

- Connectedness Reports – High School
 - High School: Dr. Mario Fernandez, HS Principal and Michael Teator, HS Assistant Principal
- Connectedness Reports – Elementary Schools
 - Duzine – Ross Hogan, Duzine Elementary Principal and William Ball, Coordinator of Student Support Services
 - Lenape – Sean Inglee, Lenape Elementary Principal and William Ball, Coordinator of Student Support Services

BOARD COMMUNICATIONS

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- YONDR Presentation – Diana Armstead
- Racial Bias Incident Team – Sophia Skiles-this discussion was tabled to a future meeting

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 Special Board Meeting of November 18, 2019, the minutes of the Regular Business Meeting of November 20, 2019, and the minutes of the Special Board Meeting of November 21, 2019. Motion carried 6 to 0 with 6 members voting.

FINANCIAL REPORTS

FINANCIAL

- TREASURER'S REPORT-October 2019

Motion to accept the Treasurer's Report for October 2019 made by Bianca Tanis and seconded by Michael O'Donnell. Motion carried 6 to 0 with 6 members voting.

PERSONNEL (CONSENT AGENDA)

PERSONNEL

Motion made by Sophia Skiles and seconded by Bianca Tanis that the Board of Education approve the following personnel (consent agenda) resolutions: Items 12.1 through 12.5, 12.8(as amended) through 12.10(as amended), and 12.12 through 12.14.

12.1 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:

Name	Title	Effective Date	Years in District
Janice Pallus	Library Clerk	01/15/2020	27

12.2 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
Dona Savago	Substitute Clerical	11/20/2019	\$13.50/hr

12.3 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
Marianne Mackay	Cook Manager	01/06/2020	\$22.31/hr
Janice Pallus	Library Clerk	01/21/2020	\$21.37/hr
Tina Long	Secretary to the Assistant Superintendent for Business	01/01/2020	

12.4 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
Tom Tegeler	Boys Swimming Assistant

12.5 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:

Name	Title	Stipend
Tom Tegeler	Boys Swimming Assistant co-coach	\$1,925
Doug Thompson	Boys Swimming Assistant co-coach	\$1,925

12.8 Board Appointments

BET IT RESOLVED, that the New Paltz Central School District Board of Education does hereby appoint the individual listed below to the designated Board appointments:

- Affirmative Action Officer - Interim Assistant Superintendent for Business-effective December 21, 2019 through February 4, 2020
- Purchasing Agent - Interim Assistant Superintendent for Business-effective December 21, 2019 through February 4, 2020
- Records Management Officer - Interim Assistant Superintendent for Business-effective December 21, 2019 through February 4, 2020
- Records Access Appeals Officer – Interim Superintendent of Schools-effective December 21, 2019 through June 30, 2020
- District Residency Officer - Interim Superintendent of Schools-effective December 18, 2019 through June 30, 2020
- Chief Emergency Officer - Interim Superintendent of Schools-effective December 18, 2019 through June 30, 2020
- Safety Coordinator - Interim Superintendent of Schools-effective December 18, 2019 through June 30, 2020

12.9 Board Designations

- *Authorization to Enter into Resolution Agreements*

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board hereby designates the Interim Superintendent of Schools as the individual authorized to enter into Resolution Agreements pursuant to Part 200.5(j)(2)(iv) of the Commissioner’s Regulations, effective December 18, 2019 through June 30, 2020.

12.10 Authorizations

- *Certification of Payrolls*

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education authorize the Interim Superintendent of Schools effective December 21, 2019 through June 30, 2020 or the Interim Assistant Superintendent for Business effective December 21, 2019 through February 4, 2020 to certify the official payrolls of all certified and classified personnel.

- *Mileage Allowance*

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education authorize remunerative allowance, as per Internal Revenue Service mileage rates, to staff members who use their personal vehicle for school business with authorization of the Interim Superintendent of Schools, effective December 21, 2019 through June 30, 2020, Deputy Superintendent, or the Assistant Superintendents.

- *Transfer of Funds*

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education authorize the Interim Superintendent of Schools to make budget transfers during the 2019-2020 fiscal year, effective December 21, 2019 through June 30, 2020. Such authorization would include responsibility that the Interim Superintendent of Schools make full disclosure of all transfers at the next regularly scheduled Board of Education meeting. All transfers will be made in accordance with Education Law and Board policy. The limit of any such transfers shall be 0.2% of the budget (\$127,280.00).

- *Signature for National School Food Services Program*

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education authorize the Director of Food Services, Interim Assistant Superintendent for Business (effective December 21, 2019 through February 4, 2020), District Treasurer, and the Interim Superintendent of Schools (effective December 21, 2019 through June 30, 2020) as the official signature for the renewal and monthly reports for participation in the National School Food Services Program, and that they be authorized to sign all forms relevant to any federal funds related to the school food services program.

- *Bonding of Personnel (Ed. Law 2122, 2124, 2327)*

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education bond the District Treasurer, District Deputy Treasurer, Claims Auditor, District Tax Collector, Interim Assistant Superintendent for Business (effective December 18, 2019 through February 4, 2020) and the Interim Superintendent of Schools (effective December 18, 2019 through June 30, 2020) each in the amount of \$1,000,000.

- *Request for Approval to Sell/Dispose of Surplus Property*

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education authorize the Interim Superintendent of Schools (effective December 21, 2019 through June 30, 2020) or Assistant Superintendent for Business to declare as surplus and dispose of school district property which is unusable or has a value of less than \$500.

12.12 Request for Approval of Standard Work Day and Reporting Resolution

Recommendation - that the following resolution be approved: BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the New Paltz Central School District/Location Code 75103 hereby establishes the following as standard work days for appointed officials and will report the following days worked to the New York State and Local Employees’ Retirement System based on the time keeping system records or the record of activities maintained and submitted by these officials to the District Clerk:

Title	Name	Social Security Number (Last 4 Digits)	Registration Number	Standard Work Day (Hrs/ Day)	Term Begins/ Ends	Participates In Employer’s Time Keeping System (Yes/No)	Days/ Month (Based on Record of Activities)	Tier 1 (Check only if member is Tier 1)	Not Submitted (Check box if no record of activities completed or if participates in timekeeping system)
APPOINTED OFFICIALS									
School Claims Auditor	Amy Ludwigson	████	████	6	7/1/19 – 6/30/20	NO		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

12.13 Request for Approval of Stipend for Special Board of Education Meetings

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby agrees to pay the District Clerk, at the rate of \$150 per special Board meeting when she is not required to attend such meeting, for preparation and follow-up for such meetings effective October 29, 2019.

12.14 Home Tutor

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 David Cova as a Home Tutor for the 2019-2020 school year, effective December 5, 2019.

Motion to approve items 12.1 through 12.5, 12.8(as amended) through 12.10(as amended), and 12.12 through 12.14 carried 6 to 0 with 6 members voting. Teresa Thompson abstained from item 12.5.

OLD BUSINESS

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None.

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:

14.1 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. 15052, 14682, 12304, 12382, 11424, 14212, 13959, 10927, 15064, 14509, 13819, 14981, 13859, 13877, 12808, 14758, 14030, 15073, 15259, 10929, 14266, 10619, 14227, 14929, 14930, 14790, 12826

Motion carried 6 to 0 with 6 members voting.

Motion made by Diana Armstead and seconded by Michael O’Donnell to approve the following resolution:

14.2 Request for Approval to Appoint Special Counsel

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 Thomas, Drohan, Waxman, Petigrow & Mayle, LLP as Special Counsel with regard to a DASA appeal.

Motion carried 6 to 0 with 6 members voting.

Motion made by Michael O’Donnell and seconded by Sophia Skiles to approve the following resolution:

14.3 Request for Approval of Extra-Curricular Activity/Club and Appointment of Club Advisor

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 establishment of the Sign Language Club at New Paltz High School effective December 5, 2019; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board hereby appoints Amy Jett as Advisor of the Sign Language Club at New Paltz High School at a stipend of \$500.00 for the 2019-2020 school year.

Motion carried 6 to 0 with 6 members voting.

OTHER DISCUSSION

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None.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

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Motion made by Sophia Skiles and seconded by Bianca Tanis to move into Executive Session at 10:17 PM for the purpose of discussing proposed, pending or current litigation, discussing the employment history of a particular person or corporation and discussing collective negotiations pursuant to Article 14 of the Civil Service Law. Motion carried 6 to 0 with 6 members voting.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

QUORUM CHECK

- Diana Armstead
- Glenn LaPolt-excused
- Michael O’Donnell
- Kathy Preston
- Sophia Skiles
- Bianca Tanis
- Teresa Thompson-entered at 10:31 PM

ALSO PRESENT:

- Michelle Martoni, Deputy Superintendent-left at 10:51 PM
- Richard Linden, Assistant Superintendent for Business-left at 10:51 PM
- David Shaw, Esq.-left at 10:51 PM

OUT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion made by Teresa Thompson and seconded by Diana Armstead that the Board return to Public Session at 11:52 PM.
Motion carried 6 to 0 with 6 members voting.

RETURN PUBLIC SESSION

ADJOURN

Motion made by Diana Armstead and seconded by Bianca Tanis that the Board adjourn at 11:53 PM.
Motion carried 6 to 0 with 6 members voting.

ADJOURN

Respectfully submitted,

Dusti Callo
District Clerk