

New Paltz Central School District Board of Education  
January 14, 2020 Special Meeting  
Combined Meeting with Racial Equity Initiative Advisory Committee  
District Office 6:30 PM  
**MEETING MINUTES**

**CALL MEETING TO ORDER**

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Meeting was called to order at 6:34 PM by Kathy Preston, Board President.

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:**

QUORUM CHECK

Diana Armstead-left at 7:05 PM, returned at 7:35 PM  
Glenn LaPolt-arrived at 6:50 PM  
Michael O'Donnell  
Kathy Preston  
Sophia Skiles  
Bianca Tanis  
Teresa Thompson

**ALSO PRESENT:**

Dr. Bernard Josefsberg, Interim Superintendent of Schools  
Members of Racial Equity Initiative Advisory Committee:  
Ricki Butler  
Cathy Sanchez  
Lilly Andino-Skinner  
Melissa Rock  
Jennifer Berry  
Tricia Bowen  
Kristen Masson-Diedhiou  
Alison Lauchaire  
Carlos Rodriguez Murcia  
Jesse Avila Nativi  
Pilar Duvivier  
Paris White  
Reeti Patel

**ROLL CALL**

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The roll was called as reflected above.

**DISTRICT CLERK PRO-TEMPORE**

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Board President, Kathy Preston served as District Clerk Pro-Tempore for the meeting.

**PLEDGE TO THE FLAG**

PLEDGE

**BOARD COMMUNICATIONS**

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- Discussion with Racial Equity Initiative Advisory Committee (REIAC)
- Student members of REIAC provided a synopsis and update regarding their experience with the Spring Musical
  - There was a discussion regarding cultural proficiency initiatives in the District and the need for improvement
  - Alison Lauchaire updated the group about her work with the Arlington District and racial equity initiatives there. She will be working with the students to connect them with Arlington students doing racial equity work in their district.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION - ENTER**

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion made by Michael O'Donnell and seconded by Glenn LaPolt to move into Executive Session at 7:18 PM for the purpose of discussing the school history of particular students in accordance with their FERPA rights and discussing matters made exempt by FERPA. Motion carried 6 to 0 with 6 members voting.

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**QUORUM CHECK**

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REIAC members left at 8:45 PM.

**ROLL CALL**

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**EXECUTIVE SESSION - EXIT**

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A motion was made by Bianca Tanis and seconded by Sophia Skiles to return to public session at 9:19 PM with no action taken. Motion carried 7 to 0 with 7 members voting.

**ADJOURN**

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Motion made by Teresa Thompson and seconded by Glenn LaPolt that the Board adjourn at 9:22 PM.

Motion carried 7 to 0 with 7 members voting.

Respectfully submitted,

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Kathy Preston, Board President  
District Clerk Pro-Tempore