

New Paltz Central School District Board of Education  
January 22, 2020 Business Meeting – District Office 6:30 PM  
**MEETING MINUTES**

**CALL MEETING TO ORDER**

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order at 5:30 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:**

- Dr. Bernard Josefsberg, Interim Superintendent of Schools
- Michelle Martoni, Deputy Superintendent

**ROLL CALL**

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The roll was called as reflected above.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

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Motion made by Kathy Preston and seconded by Michael O'Donnell that the Board of Education move into Executive Session at 5:30 PM for the purpose of discussing the school history of particular students in accordance with their FERPA rights, 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 7 to 0 with 7 members voting.

**DISTRICT CLERK PRO-TEMPORE**

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Interim Superintendent Bernard Josefsberg served 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 Teresa Thompson that the Board return to Public Session at 6:40 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 6:44 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:**

- Dr. Bernard Josefsberg, Interim Superintendent of Schools
- Michelle Martoni, Deputy Superintendent
- 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 Michael O'Donnell and seconded by Glenn LaPolt to accept the changes to the agenda as noted. Motion carried 7 to 0 with 7 members voting.

**SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORTS**

SUPT REPORT

- Presentation: Dr. Kiersten Greene, Upcoming Black Lives Matter in Schools events in February at SUNY New Paltz
- Equity Work Overview and Racial Equity Curriculum – Natalie McGee, Generation Ready

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

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Tricia Bowen, parent-commented on racial equity proficiency plan.  
 Chiara Bartlett, parent-commented on racial equity work in the district.  
 Patricia Culp, Gardiner-commented on racial equity work in the district.  
 Cathy Sanchez, parent-commented on racial equity work in the district.

**BOARD COMMUNICATIONS**

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- Superintendent Search Update
- Modified Lacrosse

**MINUTES OF MEETING**

MINUTES

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 Regular Workshop Meeting of January 8, 2020, the Special Meeting of January 14, 2020 and the Special Meeting of January 15, 2020. Motion carried 7 to 0 with 7 members voting.

**FINANCIAL REPORTS**

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- Treasurer’s Report – December 2019

Motion made by Michael O’Donnell and seconded by Teresa Thompson that the Treasurer’s Report for December 2019 be accepted. Motion carried 7 to 0 with 7 members voting.

**PERSONNEL (CONSENT AGENDA)**

PERSONNEL

Motion made by Michael O’Donnell and seconded by Teresa Thompson that the Board of Education approve the following personnel (consent agenda) resolutions, items 9.1 through 11.11:

**9.1 Instructional Resignation – Substitute**

Recommendation that the New Paltz Central School District Board of Education, upon the recommendation of Bernard Josefsberg, Interim 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, Susanne Lutley, effective January 2, 2020 as set forth in a letter presented to the Board of Education Clerk on January 13, 2020.

**9.2 Instructional Appointment-Substitute**

Recommendation that the New Paltz Central School District Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, does hereby appoint the following substitute teacher with remuneration as per rates established at the July 10, 2019 Organizational Meeting:

<b>Name</b>	<b>Effective Dates</b>
Casey Powell	1/23/2020 – 6/30/2020

**9.3 Non-Instructional Appointment - Substitutes**

The New Paltz Central Schools Board of Education, upon the recommendation of Bernard Josefsberg, Interim Superintendent of Schools, does hereby appoint the following non-instructional employees:

<b>Name</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Effective Date</b>	<b>Salary</b>
Carmen Dubaldi	Substitute Custodial Worker	1/23/2020	\$15.00/hr.
Selena Velez	Substitute Custodial Worker	1/22/2020	\$15.00/hr.
Cassandra Woinoski	Substitute School Bus Attendant	1/15/2020	\$13.50/hr.
Meena Patel	Substitute School Bus Attendant	1/16/2020	\$13.50/hr.

**9.4 Non-Instructional Appointment**

The New Paltz Central Schools Board of Education, upon the recommendation of Bernard Josefsberg, Interim Superintendent of Schools, does hereby appoint the following employees:

<b>Name</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Effective Date</b>	<b>Salary</b>
Marie Girard	Food Service Helper	1/23/2020	\$13.50/hr. (4 hrs. per day)

**9.5 Appointment of Teacher Representative to Health Advisory Committee**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the New Paltz Central School District Board of Education does hereby appoint Elizabeth Rizza as the Duzine Elementary teacher representative to the Health Advisory Committee effective January 23, 2020 through June 30, 2020.

**9.6 Administrative Appointment – Probationary – Correcting Resolution**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the New Paltz Central School District Board of Education, upon the recommendation of Bernard Josefsberg, Interim 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 3, 2020 through February 2, 2024 at an annual salary of \$165,000.00 (pro-rated) for the period of February 3, 2020 through June 30, 2020 and an annual salary of \$165,000.00 for the period of July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021.

**9.7 Non-Instructional Appointments – Substitutes – Correcting Resolution**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the New Paltz Central School District Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, does hereby appoint the following non-instructional employee:

<b>Name</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Effective Date</b>	<b>Salary</b>
Jessica Kenneda	Substitute District Office Clerical	01/07/2020	\$15.00/hr

**9.8 Administrative Appointment – Interim Director of Pupil Personnel Services and Special Education**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the New Paltz Central School District Board of Education, upon the recommendation of Bernard Josefsberg, Interim Superintendent of Schools, does hereby appoint Kathleen Coughlin as Interim Director of Pupil Personnel Services and Special Education, for the period from February 1, 2020 through June 30, 2020 or the commencement of employment of a Director of Pupil Personnel Services and Special Education, whichever occurs sooner, at a stipend of \$3,750.00 per month.

**9.9 Administrative Appointment – Interim Coordinator of Special Education**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the New Paltz Central School District Board of Education, upon the recommendation of Bernard Josefsberg, Interim Superintendent of Schools, does hereby appoint Katherine Banks as Interim Coordinator of Special Education for the period from February 1, 2020 through June 30, 2020, at the per diem salary of \$550.00.

**9.10 Board Appointments – Correcting Resolution**

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 January 31, 2020
- Purchasing Agent - Interim Assistant Superintendent for Business-effective December 21, 2019 through January 31, 2020
- Records Management Officer - Interim Assistant Superintendent for Business-effective December 21, 2019 through January 31, 2020

**9.11 Board Authorizations – Correcting Resolution**

- *Certification of Payrolls*

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education authorize the Interim Superintendent of Schools effective December 18, 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.

- *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 January 31, 2020), District Treasurer, and the Interim Superintendent of Schools (effective December 18, 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 January 31, 2020) and the Interim Superintendent of Schools (effective December 18, 2019 through June 30, 2020) each in the amount of \$1,000,000.

Motion to approve items 9.1 through 9.11 carried 7 to 0 with 7 members voting.

**NEW BUSINESS**

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Motion made by Michael O'Donnell and seconded by Diana Armstead that the Board of Education approve the following resolution, item 10.1.

**10.1 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. 10956, 15041, 12210, 14849, 12466, 12997, 12424, 13121, 14395, 14410, 14459, 12252, 14405, 15148

Motion carried 7 to 0 with 7 members voting.

Motion made by Glenn LaPolt and seconded by Sophia Skiles that the Board of Education approve the following resolution:

**10.2 Determination of Health and Welfare Tuition 2019-2020**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the New Paltz Central School District establishes the rate of \$1,073.03 per pupil for the school year 2019-2020 for Health Services provided for non-resident pupils attending non-public schools in the New Paltz Central School District; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Superintendent and Clerk of the Board of Education be authorized to sign contracts for health services for the 2019-2020 school year.

Motion carried 7 to 0 with 7 members voting.

Motion made by Michael O'Donnell and seconded by Bianca Tanis that the Board of Education approve the following resolution:

**10.3 Request for Approval of Health and Welfare Contract – Pine Bush Central School District 2019-2020**

BE IT RESOLVED that the New Paltz Central School District Board of Education approve the Health and Welfare Contract, forwarded under separate cover, for Pine Bush Central School District for a total amount of \$4,735.20 for health and welfare services for the 2019-2020 school year for five (5) children who are residents in the New Paltz Central School District attending non-public schools in the Pine Bush Central School District.

Motion carried 7 to 0 with 7 members voting.

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

**10.4 Approval of Settlement Agreement**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the New Paltz Central School District Board of Education, upon the recommendation of Bernard Josefsberg, Interim Superintendent of schools, does hereby approve a settlement agreement between the New Paltz Central School District and the New Paltz Educational Support Staff (NPES) resolving Grievance #2 of 2019-2020; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board hereby authorizes the Interim Superintendent of Schools to sign said agreement, a copy of which shall be referenced within the minutes of this meeting.

Motion carried 7 to 0 with 7 members voting.

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

**10.5 Resolution for DASA Appeal**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the New Paltz Central School District Board of Education hereby affirms the Superintendent of Schools' October 23, 2019 denial of a DASA appeal brought on behalf of Student 01/22/20, in accordance with the letter from the Board President to be forwarded to the student's parents.

Motion carried 7 to 0 with 7 members voting.

**OTHER DISCUSSION**

**DISCUSSION**

None.

**ADJOURN**

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Motion made by Michael O'Donnell and seconded by Diana Armstead that the Board adjourn at 9:00 PM.  
Motion carried 7 to 0 with 7 members voting.

Respectfully submitted,

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Dusti Callo  
District Clerk