

NEW PALTZ CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION WORKSHOP MEETING

June 2, 2021

6:00 PM - Executive Session-Subject to Board Approval

7:00 PM – Lenape Gymnasium

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER/LAND ACKNOWLEDGMENT/ROLL CALL
2. PLEDGE TO THE FLAG
3. AGENDA CHANGES
4. RECOGNITION
 - Rachel Reinking – 2021 Salutatorian
5. PUBLIC HEARING
 - Code of Conduct: Ricki Butler, Director of Student Support Services and Bianca Tanis, Trustee

6. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Speakers are asked to please be mindful of the length of their comment in order to ensure everyone has a chance to speak. Speakers may not identify any person by name or position. Public comments are not meant to be a dialogue, but rather a time for the board to hear comments from the public. At the conclusion of the public comment period, the Board may, at their discretion, offer comments or engage in a brief discussion of the topics or issues raised by members of the public.

7. STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORT
 - Samantha Wong-Pan
8. SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORTS & DISCUSSION ITEMS
 - Educational Update
9. BOARD COMMUNICATIONS
 - School Board Evaluation
10. COMMITTEE REPORTS
 - Audit Committee - Michael O’Donnell, Chair
 - Policy Committee - Brian Cournoyer, Chair
 - Facilities Committee - Teresa Thompson, Chair
 - Legislative Action Committee - Bianca Tanis, Chair
 - Racial Equity Initiative Advisory Committee - Diana Armstead, BOE Representative

11. MINUTES OF MEETING

Recommendation - that the New Paltz Central Schools Board of Education accept the minutes of the Business Meeting of May 19, 2021.

12. PERSONNEL (CONSENT AGENDA)

12.1 Administrative Resignation

Recommendation - that the New Paltz Central School District Board of Education, upon the recommendation of Angela Urbina-Medina, Superintendent of Schools, does hereby accept the resignation of the following administrative employee: Mario Fernandez.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board does hereby accept the resignation of Mario Fernandez, Principal, New Paltz High School, effective the close of business on July 7, 2021 as set forth in a letter presented to the Superintendent on May 24, 2021.

12.2 Administrative Resignation

Recommendation - that the New Paltz Central School District Board of Education, upon the recommendation of Angela Urbina-Medina, Superintendent of Schools, does hereby accept the resignation of the following administrative employee: Michael Teator.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board does hereby accept the resignation of Michael Teator, Assistant Principal-New Paltz High School, effective the close of business on July 7, 2021 as set forth in a letter presented to the Superintendent on May 24, 2021.

12.3 Non-Instructional Appointments

Recommendation that the New Paltz Central Schools Board of Education, upon the recommendation of Angela Urbina-Medina, Superintendent of Schools, does hereby submit the following non-instructional appointments:

Name	Title	Effective Date	Salary/Rate
Erin Metzger	School Monitor	5/25/2021	\$13.50/hour

12.4 Non-Instructional Resignation

Recommendation that the New Paltz Central Schools Board of Education, upon the recommendation of Angela Urbina-Medina, Superintendent of Schools, does hereby accept the following non-instructional resignation:

Name	Title	Effective Date
Jessica Walker	Teacher Aide	6/8/2021

12.5 Non-Instructional Substitute Resignations

Recommendation that the New Paltz Central Schools Board of Education, upon the recommendation of Angela Urbina-Medina, Superintendent of Schools, does hereby accept the following non-instructional substitute resignations:

Name	Title	Effective Date
Katelyn Dietz	Substitute School Bus Attendant	5/25/2021
Jody Bivona Mesches	Substitute School Nurse	5/28/2021

12.6 Non-Instructional Resignation for the Purpose of Retirement

Recommendation that the New Paltz Central Schools Board of Education, upon the recommendation of Angela Urbina-Medina, Superintendent of Schools, does hereby accept the following resignation for the purpose of retirement:

Name	Title	Effective Date	Years in District
Walter Huntoon	School Bus Driver	6/8/2021	39

12.7 Approval of Non-Instructional Leave of Absence Extension

Upon the recommendation of Angela Urbina-Medina, Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education does hereby approve unpaid leave of absence extension for the following employee:

Name	Title	Effective Date
Valerie Mesceda-Grajewski	School Bus Driver	5/21/2021 thru 9/20/2021 unpaid

12.8 Summer CSE Evaluations/Meetings

Recommendation that the New Paltz Central School Board of Education upon the recommendation of Angela Urbina-Medina, Superintendent of Schools, does hereby appoint, as needed, the following employees effective July 1, 2021 – August 31, 2021.

CSE Summer Work:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Title</u>
Elizabeth Hamilton	ESY provider in Occupational Therapy

CSE Meetings/Evaluations:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Title</u>
Michelle Quattrone	CSE Meetings/Psychologist

12.9 Instructional Resignation for the Purpose of Retirement

Recommendation that the New Paltz Central Schools Board of Education, upon the recommendation of Angela Urbina-Medina, Superintendent of Schools, does hereby accept the resignation, of the following instructional employee for the purpose of retirement:

Name	Title	Effective Date	Years in District
Donald Bartlett	Social Studies Teacher	7/01/2021	28

12.10 Summer School Appointments

Recommendation that the New Paltz Central Schools Board of Education upon recommendation of Angela Urbina-Medina, Superintendent of Schools, does hereby appoint the following summer school employees with remuneration as per union contracts or Board of Education approved rates effective July 6, 2021 through August 12, 2021, plus a professional development day on July 1, 2021:

Name	Title
Melissa Manning Sokota	Teacher
Marsha Cotten	Teacher
Melissa Gigliotti	Teacher
Daniel Monheit	Teacher
Patricia Kosinetz	Teacher
Jessica Abrams	Teacher
Joy Van Vlack Weiss	Nurse
Erin Bush	Nurse
Renee Reynolds	Social Worker
Jasmine Cruz	Social Worker

12.11 Summer School Substitute Appointments

Recommendation that the New Paltz Central Schools Board of Education upon recommendation of Angela Urbina-Medina, Superintendent of Schools, does hereby appoint the following summer school substitute employees with remuneration as per union contracts or Board of Education approved rates effective July 6, 2021 through August 12, 2021:

Name	Title
Jennifer Cone	Substitute Teacher
Aaron Copenhaver	Substitute Teacher

12.12 Amending Resolution

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education does hereby amend resolution 12.3-Appointment of Election Inspectors which was approved at the May 5, 2021 Board of Education Meeting, to provide that full day election inspectors be paid at a rate of \$200 per day (covering the hours of 6:00 am – 10:00 pm), and be paid for additional hours at the hourly rate of \$12.50 per hour.

12.13 Create New Position – School Social Worker

BE IT RESOLVED, that the New Paltz Central School District Board of Education, upon the recommendation of Angela-Urbina-Medina, Superintendent of Schools, does hereby approve the creation of the following position:

Title	Effective Date
1.0 FTE School Social Worker - Secondary	9/1/2021

12.14 Administrative Appointment – Summer School Principal

BE IT RESOLVED that the New Paltz Central School District Board of Education, upon the recommendation of Angela Urbina-Medina, Superintendent of Schools, does hereby appoint Meryle Lederer as Summer School Principal effective July 1, 2021 through August 13, 2021 at a salary of \$7,250.00.

13. OLD BUSINESS

13.1 Third Reading of Policy 7680 - Independent Educational Evaluations

2021 7680

Students

SUBJECT: INDEPENDENT EDUCATIONAL EVALUATIONS

An Independent Educational Evaluation is an individual evaluation of a student thought to have a disability, conducted by a qualified examiner who is not employed by the New Paltz Central School District or any public agency responsible for educating the student.

If a parent disagrees with the initial evaluation or re-evaluation conducted by the school district, the parent should explain, in writing, to the Director of Pupil Personnel Services(PPS) and Special Education, the reason(s) why they disagree with the district’s evaluation. The Director of PPS and Special Education will promptly make a decision as to whether the request for an independent educational evaluation at public expense will be granted. If such a request is denied, the district will, without unnecessary delay, commence an impartial hearing to demonstrate the appropriateness of the challenged evaluation(s). If the hearing officer's decision is that the challenged evaluation is appropriate, the parent still has the right to an independent educational evaluation, but not at public expense. The results of any independent educational evaluation will be considered by the Committee on Special Education (CSE) or the Committee on Preschool Special Education (CPSE) in any decision made with respect to the student’s educational program.

Whenever an independent educational evaluation is at public expense, the criteria under which the evaluation is obtained, including the location of the evaluation and the qualifications of the examiner, must be **comparable to the same as** the criteria that the district uses when it initiates an evaluation, **to the extent those criteria are consistent with the parent’s right to an independent education evaluation.** Thus, whenever approval of a parent’s request for an independent evaluation is granted, **the independent evaluator must possess licensure and qualifications comparable to district personnel.** ~~be licensed or certified or have met any minimum qualification requirements that an evaluator(s) employed by the District would need to possess to perform the same evaluation.~~

The Board hereby directs the Superintendent of Schools to develop regulations which ensure that information regarding independent educational evaluations are made available to parents who request the same. Such information should include the minimum qualifications required of independent evaluators and provide a schedule of the fees that the District will pay for independent educational evaluations in a variety of disciplines. The fee schedule shall be reflective of community standard rates in each discipline. In exceptional circumstances (e.g., if an unusual evaluation is needed, or if no appropriately certified independent evaluators can be found whose rates meet those set by the District), the Director of PPS and Special Education may authorize an independent evaluation for which the fee charged will exceed the allowable fee which may be paid for a particular type of independent evaluation.

Adopted: 7/16/08

Revised: ??/??/2021

14. NEW BUSINESS

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: 10961, 11424, 11494, 14536, 14232, 13949, 14206, 13183, 11258, 10880, 11143, 13959, 12516, 10883, 13922, 14855, 14236, 15383, 14885, 14841, 14979, 13031, 14580, 15109, 15041, 14818, 15146, 14978, 10949, 10850, 11530, 14519, 14408, 13869, 13089, 12720, 12029, 12470, 11437, 10956, 12565, 14802, 14921, 15116, 14829, 15000, 14132, 14058, 14095, 15491, 14036, 15274, 15062, 14107, 14254, 11127, 10881, 11020, 10885, 12070, 11282, 12372, 12008, 12330, 14400, 12541, 12210, 12466, 14557, 11059, 11111, 10889, 13815, 15276, 12440, 12644, 13975, 12312, 12826, 14828, 13233, 10525.

14.2 Request for Approval of Automotive Diesel Fuel Bid

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education award the Diesel Fuel Bid to Bottini Fuel for marketer differential prices of \$0.0110 for Premium Diesel and \$0.2500 for Kerosene.

14.3 Acceptance of Donation

Recommendation that the New Paltz Central Schools Board of Education, upon the recommendation of Angela Urbina-Medina, Superintendent of Schools, does hereby accept a donation of \$1612.95 from ShowTix4U on behalf of parents and community members who decided to donate ticket refunds to the High School Musical Club.

14.4 Acceptance of Donation

Recommendation that the New Paltz Central Schools Board of Education, upon the recommendation of Angela Urbina-Medina, Superintendent of Schools, does hereby accept a donation of 56 facial tissue packets and 110 packages of 10 hand sanitizing wipes valued at \$200.00 from Walgreens Pharmacy of New Paltz, NY.

14.5 Request for Approval of Agreement with Transfinder

BE IT RESOLVED, that the New Paltz Central School District, upon the recommendation of Angela Urbina-Medina, Superintendent, does hereby approve the agreement between the New Paltz Central School District and Transfinder for transportation software licenses, hosting services, training and support in the amount of \$21,380.00 for the first year of the contract, and \$6,550.00 for contract renewal commencing one year from initial activation date, and authorizes the Assistant Superintendent for Business to execute the contract.

15. OTHER DISCUSSION

16. PUBLIC COMMENTS

17. EXECUTIVE SESSION – SUBJECT TO BOARD APPROVAL

18. ADJOURN