

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

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The Public Meeting was called to order at 6:08 PM Patrick Rausch, Board President.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Stephen Bagley
Brian Cournoyer
Roderick Dressel, Jr.
Dominick Profaci
Ruth Quinn
Patrick Rausch
Edgar Rodriguez

QUORUM CHECK

ALSO PRESENT: Maria Rice, Superintendent of Schools
Richard Linden, Assistant Superintendent for Business
Maureen Ryan, Director of Transportation
Michael Robinson, Director of Food Services
Stephen J. Callahan, Director of Facilities & Operations
Elena Maskell, District Clerk
Members of the Public and Press

ROLL CALL The roll was called as reflected above.

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PLEDGE TO THE FLAG

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AGENDA CHANGES

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Mr. Rausch proposed to change the agenda as stated below.

Motion made by Mr. Bagley and seconded by Ms. Quinn to accept the following agenda changes:

BOARD COMMUNICATIONS

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1. SHORT TERM SECURITY & SAFETY CAPITAL PROJECT
2. LONG TERM FACILITIES PROJECTS
3. PUBLIC COMMENTS
4. BOARD COMMUNICATIONS

CREATION OF CAPITAL RESERVE FUND

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of the New Paltz Central School District upon the recommendation of Maria C. Rice, Superintendent of Schools, place the following proposition on the ballot at the annual meeting to be held on May 21, 2013:

“Shall the New Paltz Central School District, Ulster County, New York, establish a capital reserve fund to be known as the ‘District-wide Construction, Reconstruction and Real Property Purchase Reserve Fund’ for the purpose of paying all or part of the costs of construction, reconstruction and improvements to District buildings and facilities, including planning costs, site work and construction/reconstruction costs and for the purchase of real property for school district purposes; the ultimate amount of such fund shall be \$5,000,000, to be funded by the transfer of \$1,200,000 from the Capital Reserve Fund approved by the voters on May 17, 2005 and the unassigned fund balance in the general fund, as such funds become available over a period of 10 years?”

5. SECOND PUBLIC COMMENTS

All were in favor with none opposed. Motion passed 7-0.

Mr. Rausch stated in the past the Board tried to purchase property, but because it was fast tracked the public did not support it. He explained that long term planning is currently underway to have another vote in November 2013. The main factor in the Board’s decision is gathering as much data as possible so the Board can make an informed decision that is in the best interest of the district.

SHORT TERM SECURITY & SAFETY CAPITAL PROJECT

Mr. Rausch introduced Russell Davidson, Erik Kaeyer, and Daniel Jaconetti from KG&D Architects to give a presentation regarding health and safety items for the four buildings and a short term security and safety capital project. Mr. Davidson gave a power point presentation on health and safety issues to be addressed in the short term.

Mr. Dressel suggested that a bond be written to propose using funds from both the capital reserve and bonds up to \$500,000. Discussion ensued. All decisions will be voted on at the March 20, 2013 meeting.

LONG TERM FACILITIES PROJECTS

Mr. Davidson next discussed long term conceptual design options for taking care of the district’s long term facility’s needs.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

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Karen Edelman	New Paltz
Eric Schwartz	Esopus
Kathy Preston	New Paltz

Discussion ensued. Mr. Bagley, Dr. Rodriguez, Mr. Dressel, and Mr. Rausch would like the flexibility of using both the bond and the capital reserves. Ms. Quinn, Mr. Cournoyer, and Mr. Profaci would like the money to come only from the capital reserves. Since the tally was a 4/3 split, Mr. Rausch gave a directive to Rick Linden to come up with two bonds, one wherein the wording states funding comes from both the capital reserve and bonds up to \$500,00 and the other one wherein the wording states funding comes from only the capital reserve. Upon presenting both bonds at the March 20th meeting, a decision will be made on which one to present to the voters on the May 21, 2013 ballot.

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Mr. Dressel stated that he supports keeping the wording of the land acquisition in the proposition, however, the board should think about waiting to present this to the public because there are already three propositions on the May ballot. Mr. Dressel left the meeting at 8:13PM. Discussion ensued and members voiced their opinions on putting this proposition on the May ballot. The Board Members decided collectively that this was something to move forward on, but not in time for the May 2013 ballot. The creation of this capital reserve fund will be revisited in the future. All six Members agreed that when it is discussed in the future, that the land acquisition wording should be included in the proposition.

No action was taken on the following resolution:

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Motion made by Mr. Cournoyer and seconded by Mr. Bagley that the Board adjourn at 8:35 PM. Motion carried 6 - 0 with 6 members voting. Mr. Dressel was not present during voting.

Respectfully submitted,

Elena Rae Maskell
District Clerk