

Minutes – Workshop Meeting – Board of Education – High School – March 4, 2015 – 7:00 PM

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

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Meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM by Brian Cournoyer, Board President. Maria C. Rice was appointed District Clerk Pro-Tempore for the Executive Session portion of the meeting.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

QUORUM CHECK

- Brian Cournoyer
- Steven Greenfield
- Aimee Hemminger
- Dominick Profaci
- Ruth Quinn
- Timothy Rogers – arrived at 6:21 PM
- Julie Tresco

ALSO PRESENT:

- Maria Rice, Superintendent of Schools
- Michelle Martoni, Assistant Superintendent of Educational Programs
- Richard Linden, Assistant Superintendent for Business

ROLL CALL The roll was called as reflected above.

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EXECUTIVE SESSION

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Motion made by Dominick Profaci and seconded by Aimee Hemminger that the Board of Education move into Executive Session at 6:01 PM for the purpose of discussing the school history of particular students in accordance with their FERPA rights, discussing the employment history of particular person or corporation, and discussing collective negotiations pursuant to Article 14 of the Civil Service Law. Motion carried 6 - 0 with 6 members voting.

Out of Executive Session - Motion made by Julie Tresco and seconded by Ruth Quinn that the Board return to Public Session at 6:58 PM. Motion carried 7 - 0 with 7 members voting.

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The Public Meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Brian Cournoyer, Board President.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

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- Brian Cournoyer
- Steven Greenfield
- Aimee Hemminger
- Dominick Profaci
- Ruth Quinn
- Timothy Rogers
- Julie Tresco

ALSO PRESENT:

- Maria Rice, Superintendent of Schools
- Michelle Martoni, Assistant Superintendent for Educational Programs
- Richard Linden, Assistant Superintendent for Business
- Meghan Febbie, Director of Pupil Personnel Services
- Kathleen Clark, Coordinator of Special Education
- Debra Hogencamp, Principal, Duzine Elementary School
- Michael Robinson, Director of Food Services
- Alberta Pedro, District Clerk Pro-Tempore
- 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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Board President Brian Cournoyer presented the following changes to the agenda:

Under COMMITTEE REPORTS add the following item:

9.1 Request for Approval to Accept Claims Auditor Report

Recommendation - that the New Paltz Central Schools Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Audit Committee, does hereby accept the Claims Audit Report.

Under OLD BUSINESS remove the following item:

12.1 Request for Approval of Settlement Agreement

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education does hereby approve the Settlement and Release Agreement with regard to Student No.12652; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Superintendent of Schools is hereby authorized to execute such Settlement and Release Agreement on behalf of the District.

Motion made by Vice President Ruth Quinn and seconded by Julie Tresco to accept the changes to the agenda as amended. Motion passed 7 to 0 with 7 members voting.

SPOTLIGHT ON PROGRAM

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- Duzine Elementary School-Second Graders Explore Sensational Sound
 - Ms. Skinner’s and Ms. Bartlett’s second grade students

PUBLIC COMMENTS

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- Carol Connelly – Town of New Paltz: Appreciation for district staying under the tax cap resulting in a rebate to taxpayers. Governor Cuomo’s circuit breaker proposal could realize a savings rebate to tax payers.
- Susan Zimet – Town of New Paltz: Governor Cuomo’s budget includes a circuit breaker proposal. New York Prize Community Grid Request For Proposal is available which would allow the development of a community microgrid as a source of alternative energy during power outages. New Paltz was identified as a prime community to benefit from this funding. Town of New Paltz would like to partner with the local utility, Central Hudson, the New Paltz Central School District, and SUNY New Paltz in the first planning phase of this proposal. The following documents were submitted by Susan Zimet to the Board of Education for review and are incorporated by reference into the minutes of the meeting: *NOTES from February 24, 2015 Call with Patrice Courtney, contractor through NYSERDA and member of the county Climate Smart Committee and NYSERDA FP 3044 NY Prize Community Grid Competition.*

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORT

STUDENT REP

- Student Representative-Lauren Apuzzo – Not in attendance

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORTS & DISCUSSION ITEMS

SUPT REPORT

- SUPERINTENDENT’S COMMENTS
 - *Underfunding of Ulster County Schools-Exposed* on March 6, 2015 from 6:00 to 7:30 PM at Ulster County BOCES is open to the public
 - Vice President Ruth Quinn will represent the district at this forum
- SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORTS
 - Vertical Alignment Task Force Report-Michelle Martoni, Assistant Superintendent for Educational Programs
 - Food Service Report-Mike Robinson, Director of Food Services

BOARD COMMUNICATIONS

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- Capital Project
 - Communication Plan
 - Letter to the Editor Regarding Cancellation of 1/27/15 Vote-Ruth Quinn
Vice President Ruth Quinn and the members of the Board of Education agreed that the Cancellation of 1/27/15 Vote Letter to the Editor be withdrawn as it was no longer relevant.
 - Letter to the Editor Regarding Fiscal Stress -Dominick Profaci

The Board of Education approved the Fiscal Stress Letter to the Editor be released to the media by Friday, March 6 for publication next week, after minor grammatical revisions.
 - Letter to the Editor Regarding Financial Planning – Dominick Profaci

The Board of Education approved the Financial Planning Letter to the Editor be released to the media for publication the week after the Fiscal Stress Letter to the Editor, after minor grammatical revisions without change to the content.
 - The subject of the next press release will be absentee ballots. The website has been updated with information. There will be handouts for the Middle School Tour on Tuesday, at 3:30PM. Revisions are due for the Capital Project mailer by Friday.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

CMTE REPORTS

- Facilities Committee-Sтивен Greenfield
 - Testing regiments for wastewater treatment
 - Early stages of information gathering regarding the old District Office building; Discussion planned at next meeting
 - Crosswalk at the Middle School
 - Superintendent Maria C. Rice discussed Safe Routes to School Plan for student safety in the parking lot at the Middle School
- Policy Committee-Brian Cournoyer
 - No Updates. Next Meeting date is April 25, 2015 at 6:00PM.
- Legislative Action Committee-Timothy Rogers
 - The PTA will organize a NPCSD parent-specific forum to discuss funding, APPR, education reform and its impact. A date has not been determined at this time.
 - The IDA and Food Waste Resolutions will be on the next Board agenda.
- Audit Committee-Dominick Profaci
 - The Claims Audit Report was an improvement from last year. Suggested improvement includes access to adding notes. Continued difficulty in consolidating multi-month staff reimbursement submissions. In February, the district initiated a new policy that employees must submit reimbursements on a monthly basis. More time is needed to evaluate the effectiveness of this protocol.
 - Final Report from the Internal Auditor notes last year’s issue with Payroll has been resolved. Recommendation made to sign off on bank reconciliation on a more regular basis.
 - Area to audit this year will be Facilities/Operations and Maintenance. Recommendation to improve storage capacity to enable the procurement of cleaning supplies and materials in bulk at a cost savings.
 - Review of existing Board policies or creation of policies on the topics of the Reserve Fund and GASB. Suggested language provided by the auditor for review/modifications by the policy committee and ultimately for submission to the Board for adoption.
 - Audit Committee Chair Dominick Profaci requested that in the future, a resolution for the approval of the Claims Audit Report should be included on the agenda, when the report is received.

9.1 Request for Approval to Accept Claims Auditor Report

Motion made by Ruth Quinn and seconded by Dominick Profaci that the Board of Education approve the following resolution:

Recommendation - that the New Paltz Central Schools Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Audit Committee, does hereby accept the Claims Audit Report.

Motion carried 7 – 0 with 7 members voting.

MINUTES OF MEETING

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Motion made by Timothy Rogers and seconded by Ruth Quinn 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 Business Meeting of February 18, 2015.

Motion carried 7 – 0 with 7 members voting.

PERSONNEL (CONSENT AGENDA)

PERSONNEL

Motion made by Dominick Profaci and seconded by Ruth Quinn that the Board of Education approve the following personnel (consent agenda) resolutions items 11.1 through 11.2:

11.1 Instructional Resignation

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 instructional employee:

Name	Title	Effective Date
Amanda Hernandez	General Science Teacher	April 3, 2015

11.2 Home Tutors

Recommendation - that the New Paltz Central Schools Board of Education, upon the recommendation of Maria C. Rice, Superintendent of Schools, does hereby appoint the following employees for the 2014-2015 school year:

- Name**
 Shiri Dembovich
 Silvia Daole

Motion to approve items 11.1 through 11.2 carried 7- 0 with 7 members voting.

Motion made by Dominick Profaci and seconded by Aimee Hemminger that the Board of Education approve the following personnel (consent agenda) resolution item 11.3:

11.3 Instructional Appointment - Substitutes

Recommendation that the New Paltz Central Schools Board of Education, upon the recommendation of Maria C. Rice, Superintendent of Schools, does hereby appoint the following substitute teachers with remuneration as per rates established at the July 2, 2014 Organizational Meeting:

Name	Effective Dates
Amy Coicou	3/5/15-6/30/15
Jessica Robb	3/5/15-6/30/15

Motion to approve item 11.3 carried 7- 0 with 7 members voting.

Motion made by Aimee Hemminger and seconded by Vice President Ruth Quinn that the Board of Education approve the following portion of personnel (consent agenda) resolution item 11.3:

Recommendation that the New Paltz Central Schools Board of Education, upon the recommendation of Maria C. Rice, Superintendent of Schools, does hereby appoint the following substitute teachers with remuneration as per rates established at the July 2, 2014 Organizational Meeting:

Name	Effective Dates
Kesai Riddick	3/5/15-6/30/15

Motion to approve item 11.3 carried 6 - 0 with 6 members voting and 1 recusal by Steven Greenfield.

Motion made by Ruth Quinn and seconded by Aimee Hemminger that the Board of Education approve the following personnel (consent agenda) resolution item 11.4:

11.4 Non-Instructional Resignations

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 employees and the Board further stated that they accept the resignation of Jeff Salt, with regret:

Name	Title	Effective Date
Joann Decker	Teacher Aide	3/6/2015
Jeff Salt	Modified Softball Coach	2/20/2015

Motion to approve item 11.4 carried 7 - 0 with 7 members voting.

Motion made by Timothy Rogers and seconded by Julie Tresco that the Board of Education approve the following personnel (consent agenda) resolutions items 11.5 through 11.9:

11.5 Non-Instructional Leave of Absence

The New Paltz Central Schools Board of Education, upon the recommendation of Maria C. Rice, Superintendent of Schools, does hereby approve an unpaid leave of absence for the following non-instructional employees:

Name	Title	Effective Dates
Lisa Haynes	School Bus Driver	3/20/2015 to 8/20/2015

11.6 Request for Approval of Stipend to Election Custodian for January 27, 2015 Special District Meeting

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby agrees to pay the election custodian, Ray Miller, the sum of \$150 for time spent preparing the voting machines for the January 27, 2015 vote, even though the vote was cancelled due to the anticipated severe inclement weather and the declaration of the state of emergency for that date.

11.7 Request for Approval of Stipend to Election Custodian for March 24, 2015 Special District Meeting

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby appoints Ray Miller, as election (voting machine) custodian for the March 24, 2015 Special District Meeting for the 2015 Capital Project Vote, at the extended voting hours of 6:00 AM to 9:00 PM, at a stipend of \$600.00.

11.8 Request for Approval of Stipend to Chief Election Inspector for March 24, 2015 Special District Meeting

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby authorizes the payment to Chief Election Inspector, Dusti Callo, for conducting the Special District Meeting for the 2015 Capital Project Vote on March 24, 2015, at the extended voting hours of 6:00 AM to 9:00 PM., at a stipend in the amount of \$600.00.

11.9 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:

Name	Title	Effective Date	Salary
Samantha Hubner	Sub. Clerical	3/2/2015 to 3/4/2015	\$14.00/hr
Samantha Hubner	Administrative Aide	3/5/2015	\$37,000/year (pro-rated)

Motion to approve items 11.5 through 11.9 carried 7 - 0 with 7 members voting.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

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NEW BUSINESS

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Motion made by Dominick Profaci and seconded by Julie Tresco that the Board of Education approve the following resolution:

13.1 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: 12197, 11299, 12250, 12372, 14002, 14012, 11363, 11387, 13382, 11372, 12332, 10955, 13177, 9911, 10328, 13905, 9912, 12921, 10037, 11220, 10032.

Motion carried 7 – 0 with 7 members voting.

13.2 Request for Acceptance of Donation

Motion made by Ruth Quinn and seconded by Julie Tresco that the Board of Education approve the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education accept the donation to the New Paltz Central Schools in the amount of \$100.00 (in memory of Tom Berger) from Kandy Keller to be used for the girls’ swim team. The board further directs the District Clerk to send a letter of thanks to Kandy Keller for her donation.

Motion carried 7 - 0 with 7members voting.

13.3 Resignation of Audit Committee Community Member

Motion made by Dominick Profaci and seconded by Ruth Quinn that the Board of Education approve the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of Audit Committee Chair, Dominick Profaci, accepts the resignation of Audit Committee Community Member, Julia Robbins, effective February 25, 2015. The board further directs the District Clerk to send a letter of appreciation to Julia Robbins for her service to the Audit Committee.

Motion carried 7 - 0 with 7 members voting.

OTHER DISCUSSION

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- Vice President Ruth Quinn said this would be a good opportunity for the community to submit an application to be part of the Audit Committee. A finance background is required.
- The Board of Education nominated Assistant Superintendent for Business, Rick Linden, to represent the district and participate in the NYSERDA NY Prize Community Grid Competition meetings with the Town, college and local utility.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

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- Susan Zimet – Town of New Paltz: Microsoft Institute has indicated an interest in participating with New Paltz in the NYSERDA NY Prize Community Grid Competition. There is an EPA grant that has a lot to do with food recovery and diverting that food to food pantry. Congress is looking at making cut backs to the nutritional requirements on a national level.

ADJOURN

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Motion made by Dominick Profaci and seconded by Julie Tresco that the Board adjourn at 9:27 PM.

Motion carried 7 - 0 with 7 members voting.

Respectfully submitted,

Alberta Pedro
District Clerk Pro-Tempore

Dusti Callo
District Clerk