

New Paltz Central School District Board of Education
Minutes – October 7, 2015 Workshop Meeting – High School 7:00 PM

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

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Meeting was called to order at 6:35 PM by Brian Cournoyer, Board President.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

QUORUM CHECK

- Brian Cournoyer
- Alison Easton
- Steven Greenfield
- Aimee Hemminger
- Michael O'Donnell
- Dominick Profaci
- Julie Tresco-excused

ALSO PRESENT:

Maria Rice, Superintendent of Schools

ROLL CALL

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The roll was called as reflected above.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

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Motion made by Steven Greenfield and seconded by Dominick Profaci that the Board of Education move into Executive Session at 6:36 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, and discussing collective negotiations pursuant to Article 14 of the Civil Service Law. Motion carried 6 to 0 with 6 members voting.

DISTRICT CLERK PRO-TEMPORE

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Board President, Brian Cournoyer, appointed Maria C. Rice as District Clerk Pro-Tempore for the Executive Session portion of the meeting.

Out of Executive Session - Motion made by Michael O'Donnell and seconded by Dominick Profaci that the Board return to Public Session at 7:15 PM. Motion carried 6 to 0 with 6 members voting.

CALL TO ORDER

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The Public Meeting was called to order at 7:17 PM by Brian Cournoyer, Board President.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

QUORUM CHECK

- Brian Cournoyer
- Alison Easton
- Steven Greenfield
- Aimee Hemminger
- Michael O'Donnell
- Dominick Profaci
- Julie Tresco-excused

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
- Barbara Clinton, Principal, New Paltz Central High School
- Dusti Callo, District Clerk
- Student Representative
- Members of the Public and Press

ROLL CALL The roll was called as reflected above.

ROLL CALL

PLEDGE TO THE FLAG

PLEDGE

Following the pledge to the flag, Board President Brian Cournoyer acknowledged the loss of a student in our district, expressed the board's condolences to the family and asked for a moment of silence prior to moving forward with the meeting. All present paused for a moment of silence.

AGENDA CHANGES

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Board member Steven Greenfield asked that an update regarding this week's Fire Safety Presentations at the district schools be shared at the end of Board Communications following the Change Order Board Concept. Members agreed.

SPOTLIGHT ON PROGRAM

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- New Paltz High School's Evolving Journalism Program-Joel Neden, High School English Teacher with Journalism students and The Maroon Newspaper student staff.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORT

STUDENT REP

- Student Representative-Kelly Vinett

Student representative Kelly Vinett reported on the start of the academic school year, the loss of a fellow student, the rescheduling of the Homecoming dance, Fall sports, Senior guidance meetings and Senior portraits, College Night and PSATs.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORTS & DISCUSSION ITEMS

SUPT REPORT

- SUPERINTENDENT'S COMMENTS

- SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORTS
 - K-12 Guidance Plan
 - Meghan Febbie, Director of Pupil Personnel Services
 - Stephanie Shoemaker, Director of Guidance
 - Jessica Peterson, High School Guidance
 - Sarah Oles, High School Guidance
 - Katie Tracz, Middle School Guidance
 - Meri Lederer, Social Worker
 - Renee Reynolds, Social Worker

Following the presentation of the 2015-2016 K-12 Guidance Plan, board members asked if the plan could include provisions that address more clearly the social/emotional component for grades 6-12 and the financial instability of economically disadvantaged students for grades K-12. Superintendent Maria Rice suggested, and it was agreed, that moving forward the guidance team work together to develop ways to include these components requested by members of the board in the 2016-2017 K-12 Guidance Plan.

7.1 Request for Approval of 2015-2016 K-12 Guidance Plan

Motion made by Alison Easton and seconded by Aimee Hemminger that the Board of Education approve the following resolution:

Recommendation that the New Paltz Central School District Board of Education, approve the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the New Paltz Central School District Board of Education, upon the recommendation of Maria C. Rice, Superintendent of Schools, approve the 2015-2016 K-12 Guidance Plan as presented.

Motion carried 6 to 0 with 6 members voting.

BOARD COMMUNICATIONS

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- External Audit Report- Cooper-Arias, LLP, Andrew Arias

8.1 Request for Approval to Accept the External Audit Report for the 2014-2015 Fiscal Year

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

Recommendation – that the following resolution be approved: BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education accept the 2014-2015 External Audit Report as presented by the accounting firm of Cooper-Arias, LLP, Certified Public Accountants. Motion carried 6 to 0 with 6 members voting.

- Capital Project Update-Bill Wisbauer, TetraTech and Louis Rodriguez, The Palombo Group
- 2020 Vision: Food Services Report-Ruth Quinn-report was tabled to the December 2, 2015 meeting.
- Ulster County School Boards Association (UCSBA) Legislative Action Committee Representative
 - Brian Cournoyer

Steven Greenfield volunteered and Board President, Brian Cournoyer appointed him as representative of the New Paltz Board of Education to the Ulster County School Boards Association (UCSBA) Legislative Action Committee.

- Change Order Board Concept-Dominick Profaci

Following discussion by the board, members agreed to refer the current Change Order Board Policy to the Facilities Committee for recommended changes to then be sent on to the Policy Committee for review and recommendation to the board at a future meeting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

CMTE REPORTS

- Facilities Committee-Dominick Profaci, Chair
- Audit Committee-Dominick Profaci, Chair
- Policy Committee-Brian Cournoyer, Chair
- Legislative Committee-Steven Greenfield, Chair

MINUTES OF MEETING

MINUTES

Motion made by Alison Easton and seconded by Aimee Hemminger 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 September 16, 2015. Motion carried 6 to 0 with 6 members voting.

FINANCIAL REPORTS

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Motion made by Alison Easton and seconded by Michael O’Donnell that the Claims Audit Report for July 2015 be accepted. Motion carried 6 to 0 with 6 members voting.

PERSONNEL (CONSENT AGENDA)

PERSONNEL

Motion made by Alison Easton and seconded by Aimee Hemminger that the Board of Education approve the following **Personnel** (consent agenda) resolutions, items 12.1 through 12.8 and **New Business** items 14.1 through 14.3.

12.1 Non-Instructional Leave of Absence

Recommendation that the New Paltz Central School District 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 employee:

Name	Title	Effective Dates
Tammy Penovich	School Bus Driver	3/14/2016-3/22/2016

12.2 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 employees:

Name	Title	Effective Date	Salary
Dutcharree Bywater	Sub. Teacher Aide	10/8/2015	\$10.50/hr
Brian Briggs	Sub. School Monitor	9/22/2015	\$ 9.00/hr
Brian Briggs	School Monitor	10/8/2015	\$10.50/hr
Andrew Ladouceur	Sub. School Monitor	9/25/2015	\$ 9.00/hr
Andrew Ladouceur	School Monitor	10/8/2015	\$10.50/hr
Jessica Walker	Sub. School Monitor	9/21/2015	\$ 9.00/hr
Jessica Walker	Sub. Teacher Aide	9/21/2015	\$10.50/hr
Joann Decker	Sub. Teacher Aide	10/8/2015	\$10.50/hr
Laura Every	Sub. Teacher Aide	9/11/2015	\$10.73/hr
Kathleen Myers	Food Service Helper	10/8/2015	\$12.00/hr
Carrie Bono	Sub. Teacher Aide	9/24/2015	\$10.50/hr
Eileen Gatto	School Bus Driver	10/8/2015	\$26.00/hr
Linda Hanss	School Bus Driver	10/9/2015	\$26.00/hr
Scott Hanss	School Bus Driver	10/31/2015	\$26.00/hr

Gary Mistarka	School Bus Driver	10/14/2015	\$26.00/hr
Tom Mihalics	School Bus Driver	10/15/2015	\$26.00/hr
Ian Turner	School Bus Driver	10/16/2015	\$26.00/hr
Gina Totten	School Bus Driver	10/19/2015	\$26.00/hr

12.3 Appointment of Health Advisory Committee (HAC) Student Members

Recommendation-that the New Paltz Central School Board of Education, upon recommendation of Maria C. Rice, Superintendent of Schools, appoint the following individuals as Health Advisory Committee Members:

Title	Name	Effective Dates
Student	Cierra Bruck	10/8/15 through 6/30/16
Student	Morgan Cozzolino	10/8/15 through 6/30/16

12.4 Instructional Appointment-Substitutes

Recommendation that the New Paltz Central School District 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 8, 2015 Organizational Meeting:

Name	Effective Dates
Christina Doherty	10/8/15 – 6/30/16

12.5 Instructional Appointment – Probationary: Correcting Resolution (Correction from 8/12/15 BOE Meeting)

Recommendation that the New Paltz Central School Board of Education, upon recommendation of Maria C. Rice, Superintendent of Schools, does hereby approve the following correcting resolution to change the probationary period for Katherine Lossee in Personnel Item 5.5 approved on August 12, 2015 from a four (4) year probationary period to a three (3) year probationary period as follows:

BE IT RESOLVED, that upon recommendation of Maria C. Rice, Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education appoints **Katherine Losee** to a three (3) year probationary appointment as a Reading Teacher in the tenure area of Remedial Reading at an annual salary of \$63,240 (MA Step C), effective 9/1/15 through 8/31/18, subject to receipt of composite or overall annual professional performance review ratings pursuant to Education Law Section 3012-c and/or 3012-d of either effective or highly effective in at least three (3) of the four (4) preceding years, and if the probationer receives an ineffective composite in the final year of the probationary period he or she shall not be eligible for tenure at that time.

12.6 Instructional Leave of Absence

Recommendation that the New Paltz Central School District Board of Education, upon the recommendation of Maria C. Rice, Superintendent of Schools, does hereby approve an unpaid leave of absence for the following instructional employee:

Name	Title	Effective Dates
Ellen Allis	Teacher	9/1/15 – 10/31/15

12.7 Home Tutor

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 employee for the 2015-2016 school year:

Name
Eleanora A. Lapo

12.8 Advisorships

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 instructional employees to the following advisorships for the 2015/2016 school year, with remuneration as per NPUT contract:

Name	Title	Salary
Donald Bucher	HS Science Olympiad	\$2,050
Ralph Schroer	HS All County Band	\$2,050
Ralph Schroer	HS Marching Band	\$3,490
Nicole Foti	HS All County Chorus	\$ 920
Nancy Owen	HS Drama Club	\$3,170
Souad Kurzban	HS Freshman Class Co-advisor	\$ 740
Antoinette Russolello	HS Freshman Class Co-advisor	\$ 740
Lisa St. John	HS Gay/Straight Alliance Co-advisor	\$1,025
Joanna Arkans	HS Gay/Straight Alliance Co-advisor	\$1,025

Joel Neden	HS Newspaper	\$1,480
Linda Sutton	HS Junior Class	\$3,170
Kathryn Stewart	HS Math Club	\$ 920
Stephannie Costello	HS National Honor Society Co-advisor	\$1,025
William DeFino	HS National Honor Society Co-advisor	\$1,025
Todd Martin	HS Open Studio in Art	\$2,050
Shannan Magnifico	HS Peer Leadership	\$2,050
Jessica Peterson	HS Peer Mediation	\$ 920
Lisa St. John	HS Poetry Club	\$ 920
Joseph Dolan	HS Senior Class Co-advisor	\$1,585
Bonne Maseo	HS Senior Class Co-advisor	\$1,585
Jessica Peterson	HS Sophomore Class	\$1,480
Stephannie Costello	HS Student Council	\$3,170
Alexis Mallory	HS Technology/Computer Club	\$1,585
Jennifer Cone	HS Technology/Computer Club	\$1,585
Alexis Mallory	HS Yearbook	\$3,170
Albert Cook	HS Youth for Unity Co-advisor	\$ 460
Kara Seim	HS Youth for Unity Co-advisor	\$ 460
Cathy Law	HS Environmental Club	\$1,480
Albert Cook	HS Mock Trial	\$3,170
Nancy Owen	HS Musical	\$3,170
Todd Martin	HS Snow Club Co-advisor	\$1,025
Marc Knittel	HS Snow Club Co-advisor	\$1,025
Kim Sturgis	MS Student Council Co-advisor	\$ 740
Kristen Conrad	MS Student Council Co-advisor	\$ 740
Valerie Hughes	MS Mirror	\$2,050
Tom Chervenak	MS Reflections	\$1,480
Kristen Conrad	MS Yearbook Co-advisor	\$1,025
Valerie Hughes	MS Yearbook Co-advisor	\$1,025
Kim Sturgis	MS Art Club	\$2,050
Mary Holmes	MS Drama Club	\$ 920
Laura VanEtten	MS Drama Club Asst.	\$ 920
Scott Milici	MS School of Rock	\$1,585
Sonja Beard	MS School of Rock	\$1,585
Sonja Beard	MS All County Band	\$2,050
Scott Milici	MS All County Chorus	\$1,480
David Finch	Lenape All County Band	\$1,480
Laura Faure	Lenape All County Chorus	\$1,480

OLD BUSINESS

None

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NEW BUSINESS

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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: 10754, 12029, 10516, 10515, 13783, 9624, 14176, 14178, 14010, 11524, 11523, 12922, 14177, 14212, 12428, 12427, 10755, 14252, 14255.

14.2 Committee Designations, Appointments, and Purpose

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education authorize the following membership of CSE or CPSE committee for the 2015-2016 school year:

Parent Member List

Name

- Jessica Greenstein
- Colleen Oremus
- Susan Reeves

14.3 Appointment of Health Advisory Committee (HAC) Student Members

Recommendation-that the New Paltz Central School Board of Education, upon recommendation of Maria C. Rice, Superintendent of Schools, appoint the following individual as Health Advisory Committee Members:

Title	Name	Effective Dates
Private School Representative	Carol Jordan	10/8/15 through 6/30/16

Motion to approve **Personnel** items 12.1 through 12.8 and **New Business** items 14.1 through 14.3 carried 6 to 0 with 6 members voting.

14.4 Acceptance of Donation

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

Recommendation - that the following resolution be approved: BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the New Paltz Central School District accept a donation to the New Paltz School District from co-authors Michael O'Donnell and Ronald Knapp of five copies of the book titled *The Gunks (Shawangunk Mountains) Ridge and Valley Towns Through Time*. The board thanked Mr. O'Donnell and Mr. Knapp for their donation and the board clerk will send a letter of thanks to Mr. O'Donnell and Mr. Knapp for their donation.

Motion carried 5 to 0 with 1 abstention by Michael O'Donnell, and 6 members voting.

OTHER DISCUSSION

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Steven Greenfield publically acknowledged that the second board meeting of each month will take place at the District Office beginning at 6:30 PM with the exception of March 16, 2016 and June 15, 2016 which will remain at the high school.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

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None.

ADJOURN

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Motion made by Dominick Profaci and seconded by Alison Easton that the Board adjourn at 9:41 PM.

Motion carried 6 to 0 with 6 members voting.

Respectfully submitted,

Dusti Callo
District Clerk