

New Paltz Central School District Board of Education  
Minutes – December 16, 2015 Business Meeting – District Office 6:30 PM

**CALL TO ORDER**

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The Public Meeting was called to order at 6:32 PM by Brian Cournoyer, Board President.

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:**

QUORUM CHECK

- Brian Cournoyer
- Alison Easton
- Steven Greenfield-arrived at 6:33 PM
- Aimee Hemminger
- Michael O'Donnell
- Dominick Profaci
- Julie Tresco

**ALSO PRESENT:**

- Maria Rice, Superintendent of Schools
- Michelle Martoni, Assistant Superintendent for Educational Programs
- Richard Linden, Assistant Superintendent for Business
- Dusti Callo, District Clerk
- Members of the Public

**ROLL CALL** The roll was called as reflected above.

ROLL CALL

**PLEDGE TO THE FLAG**

PLEDGE

**AGENDA CHANGES**

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Board President Brian Cournoyer asked that Personnel item 7.1 be moved to follow Public Comments. All members agreed.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

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None.

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

**7.1 Tenure Recommendation-Instructional**

Recommendation – that the New Paltz Central Schools Board of Education, upon the recommendation of Maria C. Rice, Superintendent of Schools, does hereby grant tenure to the following instructional employee:

Name	Tenure Area	Effective Date
Laura Van Etten	Elementary Teacher	1/1/2016

Motion carried 7 to 0 with 7 members voting. The board members and Superintendent Maria Rice publically congratulated Laura Van Etten for achieving tenure.

**BOARD COMMUNICATIONS**

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- Board of Education Goals 2015-2016

Following a discussion by the members of the board and the Superintendent, the board agreed to work on three different goals that include providing ongoing information to the community about the progress of the Capital Project, defining and measuring success for students, and making a decision on school start times. Members agreed that the work to achieve these goals will be ongoing and will begin by sharing their ideas of what success looks like to each of them at the January 6, 2016 board meeting during Board Communications. The Superintendent and board members agreed that discussion regarding the board goals should take place at the first board meeting of each month.

**MINUTES OF MEETING**

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Motion made by Alison Easton and seconded by Julie Tresco 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 Workshop Meeting of December 2, 2015.

Motion carried 7 to 0 with 7 members voting.

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**PERSONNEL (CONSENT AGENDA)**

**PERSONNEL**

Motion made by Dominick Profaci and seconded by Alison Easton that the Board of Education approve the following personnel (consent agenda) resolutions, items 7.2 through 7.6:

**7.2 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:

<b>Name</b>	<b>Effective Dates</b>
Dominick Crisci	12/17/15 – 6/30/16
Suzan Brassard	12/17/15 – 6/30/16

**7.3 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, per Article XVI of the New Paltz Educational Support Staff Contract, of the following non-instructional employees:

<b>Name</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Effective Date</b>
Ruthann Serdah	Teacher Aide	12/31/2015
Samantha Fusco	Teacher Aide	01/31/2016

**7.4 Non-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 non-instructional employee:

<b>Name</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Effective Date</b>
Clancy Vos	Food Service Helper	12/22/2015

**7.5 Non-Instructional Appointment**

The New Paltz Central Schools Board of Education, upon the recommendation of Maria C. Rice, Superintendent of Schools, does hereby appoint the following employee:

<b>Name</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Effective Date</b>	<b>Salary</b>
Bryan Weis	Sub. Teacher Aide	12/02/2015	\$10.50/hr

**7.6 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 employee:

<b>Name</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Effective Dates</b>
Angela Avila-Flores	School Bus Driver	12/02/2015 – 1/31/2016

Motion to approve items 7.2 through 7.6 carried 7 to 0 with 7 members voting.

**NEW BUSINESS**

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**8.1 Request for Approval of Committee on Special Education Recommendations and Student Placements**

Motion made by Dominick Profaci and seconded by Alison Easton 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 approve the Committee on Special Education (CSE) and Committee on Pre-School Special Education (CPSE) recommendations and student placements. 12472, 14255, 14259, 10927, 14151, 13887, 13923, 13996, 12782, 14238, 14236, 14118, 13746, 12744, 12953, 12759, 14271, 14176, 9406, 10133, 10359, 10874, 13382, 10130, 14009, 14254.

Motion carried 7 to 0 with 7 members voting.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

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Motion made by Michael O'Donnell and seconded by Alison Easton to move into Executive Session at 7:12 PM for the purpose of discussing proposed, pending or current litigation, discussing the employment history of a particular person, and discussing matters leading to the employment of a particular corporation.

Motion carried 7 to 0 with 7 members voting.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

QUORUM CHECK

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

ALSO PRESENT:

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

Out of Executive Session

RETURN PUBLIC SESSION

Motion made by Alison Easton and seconded by Dominick Profaci that the Board return to Public Session at 7:35 PM. Motion carried 7 to 0 with 7 members voting.

Upon returning to public session, Board President Brian Cournoyer read aloud the following resolution, and a motion was made by Alison Easton and seconded Aimee Hemminger to approve the resolution:

**RESOLUTION**

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Education supports efforts to reduce energy costs throughout the District; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Education has determined that the use of solar power systems on lands owned and controlled by the District is in the best long-term interest of the District; and

**WHEREAS**, the District has expressed interest in the K-Solar Program, a joint initiative through the New York Power Authority (NYPA), the New York State Energy Research and Development Authority (NYSERDA) and the New York State Education Department (NYSED) for the purpose of reducing schools' energy costs through the use of solar power; and

**WHEREAS**, SolarCity is the designated provider for this region under the K-Solar program pursuant to the State's RFP process; and

**WHEREAS**, SolarCity has advised the District that the construction and installation of solar energy systems at New Paltz High School and Lenape Elementary School will result in cost savings to the District; and

**WHEREAS**, the District, through the Assistant Superintendent for Business and the School Attorney, has been negotiating the provisions of the Power Purchase Agreements (PPAs) with SolarCity;

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education hereby determines that construction and installation of solar systems on property at New Paltz High School and Lenape Elementary School would be in the best interest of the District; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education approves the design, construction, and installation of integrated systems for the generation of solar energy at New Paltz High School and Lenape Elementary School pursuant to two Power Purchase Agreements, with a guaranteed reduced rate for electricity produced by the solar systems for a term of eighteen (18) years, with the District having the right to purchase the systems at the end of that term; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the President of the Board of Education is authorized to execute two Power Purchase Agreements with SolarCity, for the design, construction and operation of solar-powered electric generating systems at the two School sites, subject to approval of same by the School Attorney. A copy of such Power Purchase Agreements shall be incorporated by reference within the minutes of this meeting.

Motion to approve carried 5 yay votes to 2 nay votes. Nay votes were made by Steven Greenfield and Brian Cournoyer.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Motion made by Alison Easton and seconded by Dominick Profaci to move into Executive Session at 7:40 PM for the purpose of discussing proposed, pending, or current litigation and discussing the employment history of a particular person. Motion carried 7 to 0 with 7 members voting.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:**

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

**QUORUM CHECK**

**ALSO PRESENT:**

Maria C. Rice, Superintendent  
Michelle Martoni, Assistant Superintendent for Educational Programs-left at 7:54 PM  
Richard Linden, Assistant Superintendent for Business

**OUT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Motion made by Dominick Profaci and seconded by Steven Greenfield that the Board return to Public Session at 8:15 PM. Motion carried 7 to 0 with 7 members voting.

**RETURN PUBLIC SESSION**

**ADJOURN**

Motion made by Alison Easton and seconded by Julie Tresco that the Board adjourn at 8:16 PM. Motion carried 7 to 0 with 7 members voting.

**ADJOURN**

Respectfully submitted,

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Dusti Callo  
District Clerk