

New Paltz Central School District Board of Education  
Minutes – January 6, 2016 Workshop Meeting – High School 7:00 PM

**CALL MEETING TO ORDER**

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Meeting was called to order at 6:29 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

**ALSO PRESENT:**

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

**ROLL CALL**

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The roll was called as reflected above.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

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Motion made by Julie Tresco and seconded by Michael O'Donnell that the Board of Education move into Executive Session at 6:30 PM for the purpose of discussing the school history of particular students in accordance with their FERPA rights, discussing matters made exempt by FERPA, and discussing current litigation. Motion carried 7 to 0 with 7 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 Dominick Profaci and seconded by Aimee Hemminger that the Board return to Public Session at 6:58 PM. Motion carried 7 to 0 with 7 members voting.

**CALL TO ORDER**

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The Public Meeting was called to order at 7:03 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

**ALSO PRESENT:**

Maria Rice, Superintendent of Schools  
Michelle Martoni, Assistant Superintendent for Educational Programs  
Richard Linden, Assistant Superintendent for Business  
Kathy Coughlin, Interim Director of Pupil Personnel Services  
Kathleen Clark, Coordinator of Pupil Personnel Services  
Barbara Clinton, Principal, New Paltz Central High School  
Richard Wiesenthal, Principal, New Paltz Middle School  
Audrey Wood, Principal, Lenape Elementary School  
Nicole Vitale, Assistant Principal, Middle School  
Dusti Callo, District Clerk  
Student Representative  
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 for a motion to accept the agenda as presented with highlighted revisions. Motion made by Alison Easton and seconded by Aimee Hemminger. Motion carried 7 to 0 with 7 members voting.

**SPOTLIGHT ON PROGRAM**

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New Paltz Middle School

- *The Adoration of Jenna Fox*, presented by Ms. Sullivan and Ms. Denman and 8<sup>th</sup> grade students.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

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None.

**STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORT**

**STUDENT REP**

- Sarah Rubin

Student Representative, Sarah Rubin reported on Community Day and the possibility of making it an annual event, Winter Concert, Day of Coding, Winter Sports, Club News, Poetry Out Loud, the Jr. Class Dance to raise money for prom and Mid-Term Exams.

**SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORTS & DISCUSSION ITEMS**

**SUPT REPORT**

- SUPERINTENDENT'S COMMENTS

- SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORTS

- Coding Day Documentary
- Elementary Coding Program
  - Michelle Martoni, Assistant Superintendent for Educational Programs
  - Tracey Shaffer, Director of Technology
  - Deborah Hogencamp, Duzine Principal
  - Audrey Wood, Lenape Principal
- Special Education Mid-Year Report-Kathleen Coughlin, Interim Director of Pupil Personnel Services

**BOARD COMMUNICATIONS**

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- Capital Project Update-Bill Wisbauer, TetraTech and Louis Rodriguez, The Palombo Group

Board members discussed the Statement of Requirement document presented at this meeting and sharing the information contained in it with the public. A Letter to the Editor will be drafted by Facilities Chair, Dominick Profaci and submitted on behalf of the full board introducing the document and sharing with the public areas on the website the document can be accessed. With the assistance of Bill Wisbauer from Tetra Tech the document will be modified into tabbed sections for ease of viewing its contents and updates to the document will be ongoing as the Capital Project progresses.

- 2016-2017 School District Calendar Review and Approval

Motion made by Steven Greenfield and seconded by Alison Easton to approve the 2016-2017 School District Calendar as presented. Motion carried 6 to 0 with 6 members voting.

- Update on Use of Electronic Voting Machines-Dusti Callo, District Clerk

- Polling Hours for School Budget Vote/Elections

Following a brief discussion by members of the board, a motion was made by Steven Greenfield and seconded by Alison Easton that the polling hours for the annual school budget vote and election permanently take place from 7:00 AM to 9:00 PM. Motion carried 7 to 0 with 7 members voting.

➤ Defining Success Discussion

Following a discussion by members of the board, the Superintendent and Assistant Superintendents, members agreed they would each email a list of questions regarding the definition of success to the Superintendent. The questions will be compiled and organized to be included in the February 3, 2016 Board of Education meeting packet in preparation for additional discussion at that meeting.

➤ Alternate School Funding Resolution

Board members discussed a sample resolution shared by New Paltz Mayor Tim Rogers regarding alternate funding for public education. Members were in consensus that while they agree with the concept of the resolution, they are not in favor of this specific resolution.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**CMTE REPORTS**

- LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE-Steven Greenfield
- POLICY COMMITTEE-Brian Cournoyer
- AUDIT COMMITTEE-Dominick Profaci
- FACILITIES COMMITTEE-Dominick Profaci

Facilities Chair, Dominick Profaci asked that the proposed revisions to the Change Order Board Policy made by the facilities committee be forwarded to the policy committee for review and consideration for a first reading and possible approval at the February 3, 2016 Board of Education meeting. Policy Committee Chair, Brian Cournoyer agreed that the Change Order Board Policy would be the top priority at the next Policy Committee meeting scheduled for January 27, 2016.

**MINUTES OF MEETING**

**MINUTES**

Motion made by Aimee Hemminger and seconded by Alison Easton 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 December 16, 2015.

Motion carried 7 to 0 with 7 members voting.

**FINANCIAL REPORTS**

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Motion made by Aimee Hemminger and seconded by Alison Easton that the **Claims Audit Report** for November 2015, the **Treasurer’s Report** for November 2015, and the **Internal Audit Report** be accepted. Motion carried 7 to 0 with 7 members voting.

**PERSONNEL (CONSENT AGENDA)**

**PERSONNEL**

Motion made by Julie Tresco and seconded by Alison Easton that the Board of Education approve the following personnel (consent agenda) resolutions, items 12.1 through 12.5:

**12.1 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>
Clancy Vos	School Monitor	01/07/2016	\$10.50/hr
Joann Decker	Teacher Aide	01/07/2016	\$13.31/hr

**12.2 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>
Alan Affuso	1/7/16 – 6/30/16
Carol Falcone	1/7/16 – 6/30/16
Alexander Vignogna	1/7/16 – 6/30/16
Stephanie Kelly	1/7/16 – 6/30/16

**12.3 Instructional Appointment – Part-time**

Recommendation that the New Paltz Central Schools Board of Education, upon the recommendation of Maria C. Rice, Superintendent of Schools, does hereby approve the appointment of the following instructional employees with remuneration as per NPUT contract, pro-rated:

<b>Name</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Effective Dates</b>	<b>Step/Salary</b>
Qianhe Zhao	Chinese Teacher (.2)	1/4/16-1/15/16	(.2) MA Step C, \$63,240

**12.4 Instructional Resignation - Substitute**

Recommendation that the New Paltz Central School District Board of Education, upon the recommendation of Maria Rice, Superintendent of Schools, does hereby accept the resignation of the following instructional employee:

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the board hereby accept the resignation of **Substitute Teacher, Brittany D’Orazio**, effective **January 15, 2016** as set forth in a letter presented to the Board of Education Clerk on January 4, 2016.

**12.5 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:

<b>Name</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Effective Dates</b>
Ellen Allis	Teacher	1/1/16 – 6/30/16

Motion carried 7 to 0 with 7 members voting.

**OLD BUSINESS**

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

Motion made by Julie Tresco 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. 14012, 14118, 11534, 10474, 11318, 9610, 10677, 12070, 13422.

Motion carried 7 to 0 with 7 members voting.

**14.2 Request for Acceptance of Donation**

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

Recommendation - that the New Paltz Central Schools Board of Education, upon the recommendation of Maria C. Rice, Superintendent of Schools, does hereby approve the following:

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education accept the donation to the New Paltz Central School District for two days of labor from five workers and materials to help the Green Classroom at the Duzine Elementary School from Bloom Fine Gardening. The board further directs the District Clerk to send a letter of thanks to the Bloom Fine Gardening for their donation. Motion carried 7 to 0 with 7 members voting.

**14.3 Request for Acceptance of Award from NPCSD Foundation for Student Enhancement – World Languages Classroom Movie Studios-Middle School**

Motion made by Aimee Hemminger and seconded by Julie Tresco 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, upon the recommendation of Superintendent Maria C. Rice, does hereby accept funds from the New Paltz Central School District Foundation for Student Enhancement (the “Foundation”) in the amount of \$2,054.00 representing a grant awarded by the Foundation to the Middle School for use by the New Paltz Central School District for the World Languages Classroom Studios project. The Board of Education further directs the District Clerk to send a letter of appreciation to the Foundation for their donation.

Motion carried 7 to 0 with 7 members voting.

**OTHER DISCUSSION**

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**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

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**ADJOURN**

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Motion made by Aimee Hemminger and seconded by Alison Easton that the Board adjourn at 9:52 PM.  
Motion carried 7 to 0 with 7 members voting.

Respectfully submitted,

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Dusti Callo  
District Clerk