

New Paltz Central School District Board of Education
April 4, 2018 Workshop Meeting – High School 7:00 PM
MEETING MINUTES

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM by Michael O'Donnell, Board President.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

QUORUM CHECK

Brian Cournoyer
Alison Easton
Michael O'Donnell
Kathy Preston
Sophia Skiles
Teresa Thompson
Matthew Williams

ALSO PRESENT:

Maria Rice, Superintendent of Schools
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 Brian Cournoyer and seconded by Matthew Williams that the Board of Education move into Executive Session at 6:00 PM for the purpose of discussing the school history of particular students in accordance with their FERPA rights, discussing matters made exempt by FERPA, discussing the employment history of a particular person, discussing matters leading to the appointment, employment, promotion, demotion discipline, suspension, dismissal or removal of a particular person or corporation, and discussing collective negotiations pursuant to Article 14 of the Civil Service Law (NPESS). Motion carried 7 to 0 with 7 members voting.

DISTRICT CLERK PRO-TEMPORE

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Board President, Michael O'Donnell, appointed Maria C. Rice as District Clerk Pro-Tempore for the Executive Session portion of the meeting.

Out of Executive Session - Motion made by Alison Easton and seconded by Sophia Skiles that the Board return to Public Session at 5:59 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 7:05 PM by Michael O'Donnell, Board President.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

QUORUM CHECK

Brian Cournoyer
Alison Easton
Michael O'Donnell
Kathy Preston
Sophia Skiles
Teresa Thompson
Matthew Williams

ALSO PRESENT:

Maria Rice, Superintendent of Schools
Richard Linden, Assistant Superintendent for Business
Barbara Clinton, Principal, New Paltz Central High School
Richard Wiesenthal, Principal, New Paltz Middle School
Tarkan Ceng, Principal, Lenape Elementary 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

AGENDA CHANGES

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Motion made by Brian Cournoyer and seconded by Matthew Williams to accept the changes to the agenda as presented.
Motion carried 7 to 0 with 7 members voting.

SPOTLIGHT ON PROGRAM

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➤ Lenape Elementary

Lenape Elementary Principal Tarkan Ceng, Social Worker Meri Lederer and Social Work Intern Laura Wild introduced fifth grade students who participate in the conflict resolution program. Students gave a demonstration of a conflict resolution session.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

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Michelle Zipp, parent from Lenape-commented on school start time and lunch and recess time.
Keri Zurlini, New Paltz-commented on class sizes at the elementary level and communication between administration, teachers, the Superintendent and the Board of Education.
Matt Elkin, New Paltz Teacher-commented on elementary class sizes and sections
Arielle Chiger, Second Grade Teacher at Duzine-commented on needs for elementary students at Duzine

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORT

STUDENT REP

➤ Ben Williams

New Paltz High School Senior Ben Williams reported on students returning from recess, the musical Pippin, the Ulster County Job Fair in Kingston, the All County Choral Festival, the Model UN Function at SUNY New Paltz, Review Book Day, a visit from the county Board of Elections, Waitress the musical in New York City, the blood drive, Jr. Prom, the Senior Citizens Dinner and College Fair Night.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORTS & DISCUSSION ITEMS

SUPT REPORT

- SUPERINTENDENT’S COMMENTS
- SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORTS
 - 2018-2019 Budget

7.1 Adoption of 2018-2019 School Budget

Motion made by Brian Cournoyer and seconded by Alison Easton to approve the following:
BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of the New Paltz Central School District hereby adopts a budget of sixty one million, three hundred twenty thousand dollars (\$61, 320,000.00) for school district purposes for the school year July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019 to be presented to the voters at the Annual Meeting on May 15, 2018.
Motion carried 7 to 0 with 7 members voting.

BOARD COMMUNICATIONS

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➤ South Putt Corners Road Safety Initiative

8.1 Request for Approval of South Putt Corners Road Safety Initiative

Motion made by Alison Easton and seconded by Brian Cournoyer to approve the following resolution:
Recommendation - that the New Paltz Central Schools Board of Education approve the following:
WHEREAS, in accordance with a letter from Thomas H. Jackson, Jr., Ulster County Commissioner of Public Works, dated March 20, 2018, the Ulster County Department of Public Works (UCDPW), as part of County Executive Hein’s commitment to traffic safety in Ulster County, is seeking to study the possibility of establishing a regulated School Zone on South Putt Corners Road near New Paltz High School, which would, among other things, reduce the speed limit in the area around the entrance to the High School; and
WHEREAS, the Board of Education believes that the safety of students, staff and visitors at New Paltz High School, as well as the general public, is of paramount importance;
THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education expresses its strong support of the UCDPW initiative to study and establish a regulated School Zone on South Putt Corners Road and concomitant speed reduction in the areas near the entrance to the High School and authorizes the Board President to execute and issue a letter in support of this initiative to be sent to Town of New Paltz Supervisor Bettez and copied to Commissioner Jackson.
Motion carried 7 to 0 with 7 members voting.

➤ High Stakes Testing

8.2 Resolution on High Stakes Testing

Motion made by Alison Easton and seconded by Sophia Skiles to approve the following resolution:

Recommendation - that the New Paltz Central Schools Board of Education approve the following:

WHEREAS, our nation’s and New York State’s future well-being relies on a high-quality public education system that prepares all students for college, careers, citizenship, and lifelong learning, and strengthens the nation’s social and economic well-being; and

WHEREAS, our nation’s school systems have been spending growing amounts of time, money and energy on high-stakes standardized testing, in which student performance on standardized tests is used to make major decisions affecting individual students, educators, and schools; and

WHEREAS, the overreliance on high-stakes standardized testing in state and federal accountability systems is undermining educational quality and equity in U.S. public schools by hampering educators' efforts to focus on the broad range of learning experiences that promote the innovation, creativity, problem solving, collaboration, communication, critical thinking and deep subject-matter knowledge that will allow students to thrive in a democracy and an increasingly global society and economy; and

WHEREAS, it is widely recognized that standardized testing is an inadequate and often unreliable measure of both student learning and educator effectiveness; and

WHEREAS, the over-emphasis on standardized testing has caused considerable collateral damage in too many schools, including narrowing the curriculum, teaching to the test, reducing love of learning, pushing students out of school, driving excellent teachers out of the profession, and undermining school climate; and

WHEREAS, high-stakes standardized testing has negative effects for students from all backgrounds, and especially for low-income students, English language learners, children of color, and those with disabilities; and

WHEREAS, we do not oppose accountability in public schools and point with pride to the stellar performance of our students and teachers, but believe that standardized tests dominate instructional time and block our ability to make progress toward a world-class education system of student-centered schools and future-ready students;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that New Paltz Central School District calls on Governor Cuomo, Commissioner Elia, the State Legislature, and the Board of Regents to reexamine public school accountability systems in this state, including the Annual Professional Performance Review (APPR) and to develop a system based on multiple forms of assessment which does not require extensive standardized testing, more accurately reflects the broad range of student learning, and is used to support students and improve schools.

Motion carried 7 to 0 with 7 members voting.

MINUTES OF MEETING

MINUTES

Motion made by Matthew Williams and seconded by Kathy Preston 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 Workshop Meeting of March 14, 2018 and the Community Budget Forum of March 21, 2018.

Motion carried 7 to 0 with 7 members voting.

PERSONNEL (CONSENT AGENDA)

PERSONNEL

Motion made by Alison Easton and seconded by Matthew Williams that the Board of Education approve the following personnel (consent agenda) resolutions, items 10.1 through 10.10:

10.1 Instructional Leave of Absence - Extension

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

Name	Title	Original Effective Dates	Extension
Sarah Potenza	Math Teacher	9/1/2017-5/27/2018	5/28/2018-1/27/2019

10.2 Instructional Leave of Absence

Recommendation that 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 instructional employee:

Name	Title	Effective Dates
Alicia Tuttle	Family & Consumer Science Teacher	4/9/2018 – 4/30/2018

10.3 Instructional Leave Replacement Appointment - Extension

Recommendation that the New Paltz Central Schools Board of Education, upon the recommendation of Maria C. Rice, Superintendent of Schools, does hereby approve the extended leave replacement appointment of the following instructional employee for the 2017/2018 school year:

Name	Title	Original Effective Dates	Extension	Step/Salary
Rebecca Williams	Elementary Teacher	1/2/18 – 4/2/18	4/2/18 – 6/30/18	MA Step 2 \$63,900 (pro-rated)

10.4 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 12, 2017 Organizational Meeting:

Name	Effective Dates
Dyani Fitzpatrick	April 5, 2018 - 6/30/2018
Sarah Hough	April 2, 2018 - 6/30/2018

10.5 Coaching Resignation

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

Name	Title
Anthony Covino	Modified Baseball

10.6 Coaching Appointments

The New Paltz Central Schools Board of Education, upon the recommendation of Maria C. Rice, Superintendent of Schools, does hereby appoint the following coaches for the 2017/2018 school year, with remuneration as per NPUT contract:

Name	Title	Stipend
Gerard Barbato	Modified Baseball	\$2,340
Michael Watts	Modified Softball	\$2,340
Betty Watts	Modified Softball Scorekeeper	unpaid
Dylan Scribani	Assistant Boys Varsity Track & Field	unpaid

10.7 Non-Instructional Resignation for the Purpose of Retirement

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 for the purpose of retirement:

Name	Title	Effective Date	Years in District
Kevin Lawrence	Custodial Worker	05/30/2018	10

10.8 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:

Name	Title	Effective Date
Ray Scheffel	Facilities & Operations Worker	04/06/2018

10.9 Request for Approval of Settlement Agreement

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education hereby approves the terms of and authorizes its Superintendent of Schools to execute a Settlement Agreement between Employee No. 04062, and the New Paltz Central School District, dated March 15, 2018 as presented to the Board at this meeting. A copy of said Settlement Agreement shall be incorporated by reference within the minutes of this meeting.

10.10 Instructional Appointment-Mentors

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 instructional employee as a mentor for the 2017/2018 school year with remuneration as per NPUT contract:

Name
Rachel Busher
Catherine Law
Linda Sinforoso

OLD BUSINESS

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None.

NEW BUSINESS

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Motion made by Alison Easton and seconded by Sophia Skiles that the Board of Education approve the following resolutions, items 12.1 through 12.4:

12.1 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. 14447, 12939, 13177, 12864, 12943, 14161, 14132, 13757, 13478, 14040, 14812, 14115, 13008, 13025, 13004, 12868, 12926, 12720, 12708, 14175, 13819, 13995, 14800, 14438, 14310, 14552, 14393, 14678, 14617, 14405, 14553, 14434, 14620, 14279, 14710, 14607, 14774, 14791, 14748, 14750, 10259, 12565, 14831, 13233, 10933, 10633, 11051, 11127, 10981, 10880, 11494, 13227, 12516, 12541, 11196, 10946, 11053, 10758, 14190, 12618, 11522, 12542, 12383, 10715, 10744, 10637, 10644, 12250, 11173, 12355, 13392, 12141, 13229, 11301, 14408, 10885, 11122, 12265, 10430, 13226, 10452, 10346, 12424, 14826, 14227, 12176, 12029, 13912, 12277, 11525, 12082, 14827

12.2 Request for Approval of 2017-2018 Health and Welfare Tuition

Recommendation - that the following resolution be approved:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the New Paltz Central School District establishes the rate of \$903.08 per pupil for the school year 2017-2018 for Health Services provided for non-resident pupils attending non-public schools in the New Paltz Central School District.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Superintendent and Clerk of the Board of Education be authorized to sign contracts for health services for the 2017-2018 school year.

Physician Services	25,461
Nursing Services	230,645
Psychological Services	365,690
Social Work Services	443,630
Speech Services	435,300
Benefits	506,697
Administrative Fee	100,371
Total Cost	2,107,794

Local Students	2,206
Non-Public, Mt. Laurel	128
Total Enrollment	2,336

Cost per pupil: 903.08

12.3 Request for Approval to Participate in 2018-2019 Cooperative Bidding with Ulster County BOCES

Recommendation - that the following resolution be approved:

WHEREAS it is the desire of the participating school districts of the Board of Cooperative Educational Services, Ulster County, adopting this resolution to jointly request bids for certain commodities to be determined by the Superintendent of this school district from time to time for the 2018-19 school year,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the New Paltz Central School District hereby agrees to participate with other school districts of the Board of Cooperative Educational Services, Ulster County, New York, in the joint bidding of commodities to be requested by the school district Purchasing Agent and approved by the Superintendent; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the specifications as prepared by the Steering Committee of participating school districts and presented to this Board of Education will be used and that this Board, if it desires to purchase these commodities agrees to purchase said commodities at the lowest bid price recommended by the Steering Committee of the joint school districts; provided, however, that each participating Board of Education in exercising its legal responsibilities, has the right to reject and/or modify the recommendation of the Steering Committee in the awarding of the bid; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the invitation to bid will be advertised by BOCES in the Kingston Daily Freeman, the Middletown Record and the Poughkeepsie Journal in accordance with the provisions of Section 103 of the General Municipal Law.

12.4 Request for Approval of Health and Welfare Contract – Valley Central School District 2017-2018

Recommendation – that the following resolution be approved:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approve the Health and Welfare Contract, forwarded under separate cover, for Valley Central School District for a total amount of \$3,566.70 for health and welfare services for the 2017-2018 school year for three (3) children who are residents in the New Paltz Central School District attending non-public schools in the Valley Central School District

Motion to approve items 12.1 through 12.4 carried 7 to 0 with 7 members voting.

OTHER DISCUSSION

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Board member Brian Cournoyer remarked that the original Resolution on High Stakes Testing was approved by the board in 2013 and was made possible because of the work of Bianca Tanis.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

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Arielle Chiger, New Paltz-commented on the Resolution on High Stakes Testing, needs of students at the elementary students and class sizes, the Math AIS position, the Psychologist position and school social workers.
Maggie Veve, New Paltz-commented on the budget and the BOCES Coser.

ADJOURN

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Motion made by Alison Easton and seconded by Sophia Skiles that the Board adjourn at 8:40 PM.
Motion carried 7 to 0 with 7 members voting.

Respectfully submitted,

Dusti Callo
District Clerk