

NORTH SALEM CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
NORTH SALEM, NEW YORK 10560
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BOARD OF EDUCATION
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
MARCH 2, 2011

Call to Order

A regular meeting of the Board of Education of the North Salem Central School District was called to order at 6:36 PM in the Board Conference Room by Vice President Judith Schurmacher.

At 6:36 PM, a motion was made by Judith Schurmacher, seconded by Paul Giamundo and carried (7-0), to enter into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing specific personnel, negotiations and litigation. Ms. Schurmacher was appointed Clerk Pro-Tem for this Executive Session.

At 7:25 PM, on a motion made by Judith Schurmacher, seconded by Paul Giamundo and carried (7-0), the Board adjourned the Executive Session and reconvened to the Public Session.

Board Members Present:

Ms. Katherine Daniels, President
Ms. Judith Schurmacher, Vice-President
Mr. Paul Giamundo, Trustee
Mr. Paul Smadbeck, Trustee
Mr., Andrew Brown, Trustee
Mr. Jonathan Freeman, Trustee
Ms. Deborah D'Agostino, Trustee

Also Present:

Dr. Kenneth Freeston, Superintendent
Dr. Michael Hibbard, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Human Resources
Ms. Barbara Briganti, Director of Business Administration
Ms. Mary Rhuda, District Clerk
Members of North Salem Staff
Members of the Public

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:34 PM Board President Katherine Daniels followed by the pledge of allegiance.

Announcements

Ms. Daniels announced that the Mandate Relief Team Preliminary Report was published and is available on-line <http://www.governor.ny.gov/assets/documents/finalmandate.pdf>

Ms. Daniels read the Board policy on Public Comment:

A reasonable period of time, not to exceed 30 minutes (which may be waived by a majority vote of the Board), shall be set aside during the first part of each regular and special Board meeting during

which the taxpayers, community citizens, school personnel, and school students may openly express themselves directly to the Board.

Persons wishing to speak should first be recognized by the President, then identify themselves, any organization they may be representing at the meeting and the agenda topic they wish to discuss. Comments should be kept as brief as possible and relate to school matters.

The President is responsible for the orderly conduct of the meeting and shall rule on such matters as the time to be allowed for public discussion, the appropriateness of the subject being presented, and suitability of the time for such a presentation. The Board as a whole shall have the final decision in determining the appropriateness of all such rulings.

BOE Protocol 22:

Public comments will be permitted at the beginning and end of each meeting. Comments regarding specific personnel, either positive or negative, will not be permitted. Comments should be limited to 3 minutes. The Board may also choose to allow citizens to comment on individual items prior to Board action and following initial questioning and comments by Board members.

On a Motion made by Judith Schurmacher and seconded by Paul Giamundo and carried (7-0), the Board extends the public comment time from 3 minutes to 5 minutes.

Public Comment

None.

2011-2012 Budget Presentations

Dr. Freeston presented an overview of the 2011-2012 budget process and the proposal given to the Board of Education.

Administrators presented 2011-2012 prospective budgets highlighting the following areas:

Central Administration - Ms. Barbara Briganti
Building/Grounds/Transportation - Mr. Gary Green
Curriculum Dr. Michael Hibbard

Copies of these presentations can be found on the District's website

http://www.northsalemsschools.org/board_of_education/annual_budget

Public Comment

A member of the audience as if it is possible to cut back on Professional/Staff Development in light of the economy. Dr. Hibbard advised that due to state mandates, this training is necessary. It was also asked about the Mentor Coordinator.

Adjournment

On a motion made by Judith Schurmacher, seconded by Paul Giamundo and carried (7-0) the Board of Education voted to adjourn the meeting at 9:57 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mary Rhuda, District Clerk