

NORTH SALEM CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
NORTH SALEM, NEW YORK 10560
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BOARD OF EDUCATION
MINUTES OF REGULAR BOARD MEETING
March 9, 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 Board Vice President Judith Schurmacher.

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

At 7:31 PM, on a motion made by Judith Schurmacher, seconded by Paul Giamundo and carried (6-0), the Board adjourned the Executive Session and reconvened to the Public Session.

Board Members Present at this Meeting:

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

Board Members Absent

Mr. Jonathan Freeman, Trustee

Also Present:

Dr. Kenneth Freeston, Superintendent
Dr. Michael Hibbard, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Human Resources
Ms. MaryJo Hauser, Assistant Superintendent for Pupil Personnel Services
Ms. Barbara Briganti, Director of Business Administration
Mr. Gary Green, Director of Facilities, Operations, Maintenance and Transportation
Ms. Mary Rhuda, District Clerk
Members of the Public & Faculty

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:40 PM Katherine Daniels followed by the pledge of allegiance.

Student Board Representative Reports

Student Representatives, Nicholas Brown and Linda DosSantos each reported on past and upcoming events at both Pequenakonck and the Middle/High School.

Announcements

Ms. Daniels announced she will be traveling to Albany to work with New York State School Board Association (NYSSBA) legislative teams and lobby in the Capital.

Ms. Daniels reminded everyone of the public comment policy, which was read at the last meeting. The time for public comment has been extended to 5 minutes per individual.

Public Comment

A member of the public asked how much do our teachers contribute to health insurance. They contribute 11.5%. Percentage to pension was also asked, this amount depends on the longevity of the employee. It was also asked how much was spent on reports/studies for the turf field project. It is thought that approximately \$35,000 was spent.

Acceptance of Minutes

On a motion made by Judith Schurmacher, and seconded by Paul Giamundo and carried (6-0) the Board accepted the minutes for the following meetings: February 9, 2011 and March 2, 2011.

Presentations

Dr. Freeston recapped the 2011-2012 proposed budget with no changes as previously presented. He stated that the NY State just advised that building aid may drop from 17% to 0% for new projects, and there may be a shift in Special Education costs from the state to the Districts. All budget presentations can be found on the North Salem School District website: http://www.northsalemschools.org/board_of_education/annual_budget

Instructional Supervision and Instructional Teaching

Dr. Patricia Cyganovich and Ms. Robert Reiner presented the K-12 proposed budget for 2011-2012. They discussed staff reductions and enrollment figures. They also presented the Co-curricular program information including those programs that may be eliminated.

Athletics

Mr. Henry Sassone, Athletic Director, presented the Athletic proposed budget for 2011-2012. He discussed the number of teams, number of participants and athletic accomplishments. There are no recommendations for expansion of the athletic program in the 2011-2012 budget.

Announcement

Board Trustee and Budget Vote

There are two seats open in May 17, 2011 Trustee Election.

To run for the School Board a candidate must be a qualified voter of the district (i.e., a United States citizen); and must have resided in the School District for an uninterrupted period of at least

one year prior to the election date. A person who has been convicted of a state or federal felony may not serve on a school board unless: (1) he/she has been pardoned or otherwise restored to the rights of citizenship by the Governor or the President; or (2) his/her maximum sentence of imprisonment has expired; or (3) he/she has been discharged from parole.

Petition Signatures

In accordance with §2018 of the State Education Law, nominating petitions for the May 18, 2010 election require at least twenty-five (25) qualified signatures. (It is suggested that additional qualified signatures be obtained.)

The filing deadline for filing nominating petitions is 5:00 p.m. on Monday, April 18, 2010. Petitions must be filed with the District Clerk at her office in the District Office at 230 June Road, North Salem, NY.

Superintendent's Report

Dr. Freeston announced that the BOCES Capital project will be delayed until further notice.

Director of Business Administration's Report

Ms. Briganti reiterated that the State Building Aid is possibly being reduced to 0%. Eighteen districts in Westchester County will all be down to 0% if this proposal goes through.

The Point of Sale is on target to go live in the cafeterias on March 16th at PQ and March 17th at the MS/HS. Please see the District website to get more information on how to set up your child's account.

Board Reports

Ms. D'Agostino and Mr. Giamundo attended the Fiscal Planning Committee meeting. The committee will be reaching out to 4 of our benchmark districts to drill down transportation and instruction costs. They will also be looking for information on the number of certified teachers, staff to student ratio and the average age of the teachers as well as median salaries.

Mr. Brown attended the Booster Club meeting as they prepare for the athletic awards evenings. It is not too late to join the Booster Club and help support the athletes and district.

Ms. Schurmacher attended the Art Against Abuse presentation at the Hammond Museum.

Ms. Daniels attended the Wellness Committee meeting. They discussed the webpage development and that the committee is going to try and monitor the compliance in the district with the Wellness policy.

Mr. Giamundo attended the Westchester/Putnam School Boards meeting on the proposed governor's cuts. There was also a discussion regarding on-line learning. He will also be attending the West/Put Legislative meeting.

Mr. Giamundo attended a showing to the "Race to Nowhere". He thought it was a great film.

Dr. Freeston advised that the PTO will be sponsoring a showing of this film on April 12th in the MS/HS Auditorium.

Action Items

Acceptance of CSE and CPSE dated March 9, 2011

On a motion made by Judith Schurmacher, seconded by Paul Giamundo and carried (6-0) the Board of Education approved the following resolution:

RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the acceptance of CSE and CPSE Reports dated March 9, 2011.

School Calendar 2011-2012

On a motion made by Paul Smadbeck, seconded by Paul Giamundo and carried (6-0) the Board of Education approved the following resolution:

RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education adopts the North Salem Central School District Calendar for 2011-2012.

Adoption of Text Books

On a motion made by Paul Smadbeck, seconded by Paul Giamundo and carried (6-0) the Board of Education approved the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the adoption of the following books for instructional use.

Title	Understanding Psychology
Author	Richard A. Kasschau, Ph.D.
Publisher	Glencoe
Copyright Date	2008

Southern Westchester BOCES Cooperative Bid

On a motion made by Paul Smadbeck, seconded by Paul Giamundo and carried (6-0) the Board of Education approved the following resolution:

WHEREAS it is the desire of the participating school districts of the Southern Westchester Board of Cooperative Educational Services, adopting this Resolution to bid jointly in those supplies, commodities, materials and equipment set forth below.

Now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED that the North Salem Central School District agrees to participate with other school districts of the Southern Westchester Board of Educational Services, Westchester County, New York adopting this in the joint bidding of:

Art Supplies
General School Supplies
Office Supplies
Fine Paper Supplies
Audio Visual Supplies & Equipment
Custodial Supplies
Custodial Paper Supplies
Lumber Supplies
Laser & Ink Jet Toners
Microcomputer Hardware
Office & Classroom Furniture
Graphing Calculators

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Resolution shall remain in effect until June 30, 2012 and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that it is agreed that the specifications as presented will be used, and that this Board agrees to bid its required amount of said commodities jointly with other participating school districts in Southern Westchester and the Southern Westchester Board of Cooperative Educational Services. The recommendation of the Purchasing Steering Committee will be considered when this Board acts on the purchase of said Commodities.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the invitation to bid will be advertised by BOCES in the Journal News in accordance with the provisions of Section 103 to the General Municipal Law.

Budget Transfers

On a motion made by Paul Smadbeck, seconded by Paul Giamundo and carried (6-0) the Board of Education approved the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the following transfer:

To:	2110-120-00-0000 Grades K-3 Teacher Salaries	\$ 33,675.28
From:	2110-142-10-0000 Lane changes	\$ 33,675.28
To:	5510-160-02-0000 Bus Driver Salaries	\$ 22,000.00
From:	5510-162-02-4600 Custodian OT Bus Run	\$ 6,000.00
	5510-402-02-0000 Advertising	\$ 750.00

5510-404-02-0000 Conf/Travel/Dues	400.00
5510-424-02-0000 Insurance	10,000.00
5510-450-02-0000 Supplies	1,000.00
5510-162-02-4500 Bus Mechanic Overtime	2,400.00
1620-491-03-1000 Health & Safety	1,450.00

Milnes Engineering

On a motion made by Paul Smadbeck, seconded by Paul Giamundo and carried (6-0) the Board of Education approved the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education authorize Milnes Engineering, Inc. to execute and deliver to the Westchester County Department of Health, an application for a permit to design the Wastewater Treatment Plant Upgrade and to execute and deliver any and all additional documents which may be appropriate or desirable in connection therewith.

Electric Supply Pricing

On a motion made by Paul Smadbeck, seconded by Paul Giamundo and carried (6-0) the Board of Education approved the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education authorize the Superintendent of Schools to sign and execute an electric supply contract on the day pricing is received.

Order & Judgement

On a motion made by Paul Smadbeck, seconded by Paul Giamundo and carried (6-0) the Board of Education approved the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education authorizes a tax refund due to the Order and Judgment in the Matter of Marianne Shoecraft, 218 Titicus Road, Town of North Salem, Sheet 13, Block 1689, Lot 224 in the amount of \$20,844.05 and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Education hereby approves an increase to budget line A1964.400.90-Resv (Refund of Real of Real Property Taxes) in the amount of \$20,844.05 as an additional budget appropriation to the 2010-2011 and that such appropriation be funded from the Tax Certiorari Reserve Fund.

Old Business

None.

New Business

None.

Public Comment

An audience member asked if the optimum class size was with or without a Teaching Assistant or a Paraprofessional. The NSTA contract is silent on this. It was also asked for a breakdown of professional development mandates and non-mandates.

Adjournment

On a motion made by Judith Schurmacher, seconded by Paul Giamundo and carried (6-0) the meeting was adjourned at 10.26 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mary Rhuda
District Clerk