

NORTH SALEM CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
NORTH SALEM, NEW YORK 10560
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BOARD OF EDUCATION
MINUTES OF REGULAR BOARD MEETING
March 30, 2011

Call to Order

A regular meeting of the Board of Education of the North Salem Central School District was called to order at 6:40 PM in the Board Conference Room by Board Vice President Judith Schurmacher.

At 6:40 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 negotiations. Ms. Schurmacher was appointed Clerk Pro-Tem for this Executive Session.

At 7:23 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 at this Meeting:

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. 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 7:30 PM Katherine Daniels followed by the pledge of allegiance.

Announcement

Ms. Daniels congratulated the cast and crew of Thoroughly Modern Millie for an amazing performance. She also congratulated all the Winter Scholar Athletes, who will be honored at the Varsity Awards dinner in June.

Congratulations were given to Mr. Henry Sassone for the being named Section 1 Athletic Director of the Year.

The film, "Race to Nowhere" will be presented on Tuesday, April 12. Ticket information can be found on the District Website. The Elizabeth Butler Blood Drive will be held on Friday, April 1, 2011 from 1:00pm – 7:00pm. The PQ PTO Parent's Night Out and the St. James Chili Cook Off will both be held this Saturday, April 2.

The Ruth Keeler Library will be exhibiting Middle School art work the month of April.

The Legislatures have reached a tentative budget agreement. The state budget will be the largest cut to education in state history.

Ms. Daniels announced the resignation of Mr. John White as Chairman of the Citizens Advisory Committee for Fiscal Planning. He has been the lead since 2005 and thanked him for his dedication and hard work.

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.

Ms. Daniels reminded everyone of the rules and procedures for public comment. There will be 3 public comment sessions this evening. Comments regarding the budget will be held to 5 minutes.

Presentations

Dr. Freeston presented the 2011-2012 Budget recap. He answered questions that were presented last week by members of the public. All 2011-2012 budget presentations can be found on the District website: http://www.northsalemsschools.org/board_of_education/annual_budget

Public Comment

Mr. R. Treadway, a member of the public inquired about funds spent on the turf field in past years.

Three students, representing the Amnesty International Club spoke about the wonderful experience they have all had and the impact they are making in our community and the world. They are asking to please keep the club. Two other students spoke about the wonderful experience they have had with the Drama Club and also asked that funds be kept in the budget to support the school clubs.

Board Discussion - 2011-2012 Budget Scorecard

Discussion took place regarding score card items to be added, deleted or modified on the proposed 2011-2012 budget.

The board members voted on scorecard issues relative to the 2011-2012 proposed budget item by item-

ITEM	AMOUNT	ACTION	VOTE
LAYER 1			
Transportation	(500.00)	Eliminate	7-0
Cortland Lanes	(3,600.00)	Eliminate	7-0
Cleaning & Repairs	(4,500.00)	Eliminate	7-0
PE Consortium	(1,500.00)	Eliminate	7-0
Intramurals	(1,147.00)	Eliminate	7-0
Special Ed HS Teacher	(95,000.00)	Eliminate	6-1 (JS)
Office Assistant	(57,146.00)	Eliminate	7-0
Half Security	(40,609.00)	Eliminate	5-2 (JF/DD)
Library Club (PQ)	(1,612.00)	Eliminate	4-3 (PG/PS/JF)
Club Advisors (partial)	(15,000.00)	Eliminate	5-2 (JF/DD)
Overnight Chaperones	(8,700.00)	Eliminate	7-0
PQ Software	(17,000.00)	Eliminate	7-0
BOCES Environmental	(10,000.00)	Eliminate	7-0
LAYER 2			
Equipment Reductions	(645.00)	Eliminate	6-1 (AB)
Thunder Ridge Skiing	(5,000.00)	Eliminate	5-2 (PS/AB)
Reduce Modified/2 contests	(5,000.00)	Eliminate	7-0
Indoor Lacrosse Practice	(3,712.00)	Eliminate	5-2 (PS/JF)
Reduce Ice Hockey	(10,000.00)	Eliminate	5-2 (AB/JF)
Reduce Post Season	(6,000.00)	Eliminate	6-1 (JF)
Reduce Supplies	(1,000.00)	Eliminate	4-3 (JS/AB/JF)
Cleaning & Repairs	(1,000.00)	Eliminate	4-3 (PS/AB/JF)
Awards	(4,250.00)	Eliminate	6-1 (JF)
Reduce JV 3 Contests	(7,152.00)	Eliminate	6-1 (JF)
Advisors	(50,000.00)	Eliminate	4-3 (JS/JF/DD)

Advisors (Re-vote)	50,000.00	No Change	3-4 (KD/PG/AB)
Security (2 nd Guard)	40,609.00	No Change	6-1 (PG)
Para 3 FTE	(78,000.00)	Eliminate	4-3(PG/PS/JF)
Nurse .8	(58,000.00)	Eliminate	4-3(JS/PS/JF)
Security Cameras	20,000.00	Withdrawn	
Hockey Elimination	18,250.00	No Change	4-3 (KD/JS/DD)
G&B Bowling Elimination	15,538.00	No Change	4-3 (KD/JS/DD)
Walkabout	50,094.00	No Change (out)	4-3 (JS/PG/JF)
Golf	7,300.00	No Change (in)	4-3 (KD/JS/DD)
Unreserved Fund Balance	850,000.00		4-3 (JS/PG/DD)
Unreserved Fund Balance	650,000.00	Revote	7-0

Public Comment

Ms. Donna DeMeo, PQ school nurse asked the Board to reconsider eliminating the .8 floating school nurse. The scope of a school nurses’ job has changed tremendously and the 3rd nurse is needed in NS.

Ms. RoseMaria DosSantos thanked the Board of all their hard work. The decisions made this evening have been tough, but have been fair across the board. She read a letter from Ms. Rita Carey, MS/HS school nurse, who is on the 8th grade Washington DC trip asking the Board to keep the school nurse position.

A parent of former Walkabout students asked the Board to also reconsider keeping funds in the budget for Walkabout. Without Districts supporting this program, it may be eliminated forever.

Mr. Bill Papp asked about athletic salaries, fees and dues.

Ms. Trish Galluccio, an employee of the District asked that the Board reinstate the Office Assistant position.

Acceptance of Minutes

On a motion made by Katherine Daniels, and seconded by Paul Giamundo and carried (7-0) the Minutes of March 9, 2011 were amended as requested.

On a motion made by Judith Schurmacher, and seconded by Paul Giamundo and carried (7-0) the Board accepted the minutes of March 9, 2011 as amended.

On a motion made by Judith Schurmacher, and seconded by Paul Giamundo and carried (7-0) the Board accepted the minutes of March 16, 2011.

Superintendent's Report

None.

Director of Business Administration's Report

None.

Board Reports

None.

Action Items

On a motion made by Judith Schurmacher, seconded by Paul Giamundo and carried (7-0) the Board of Education approved the following resolution:

Acceptance of the Treasurer's Report, Budget Status and Revenue Status, Warrant Report, Student Activities Fund Report and Monthly Expenditure Report for the month of February 2011.

RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the acceptance of the Treasurer's Report, Budget Status and Revenue Status, Warrant Report, Student Activities Fund Report and Monthly Expenditure Report for the month of February 2011.

The Claims Auditors report was received and reviewed by all Board members.

Erik V. Nicoletti Scholarship Fund Donation

On a motion made by Judith Schurmacher, seconded by Paul Giamundo and carried (7-0) the Board of Education approved the following resolution:

RESOLVED that the Board of Education authorizes the acceptance of \$470.00 to be applied to the Erik V. Nicoletti Scholarship Fund.

Election Workers

On a motion made by Judith Schurmacher, seconded by Paul Giamundo and carried (7-0) the Board of Education approved the following resolution:

RESOLVED that Ruth D. Murphy be appointed to the board of registration for the 2010-2011 school year at the compensation rate of \$12.00 an hour.

RESOLVED that Diana B. Stevens be appointed to the board of registration for the 2010-2011 school year at the compensation rate of \$12.00 an hour.

Budget Transfer

On a motion made by Judith Schurmacher, seconded by Paul Giamundo and carried (7-0) 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: 2250-400-04-0000	Contractual Costs	\$ 13,000
From: 2250-472-04-0000	Tuition Private Schools	\$ 13,000
To: 5510-160-02-0000	Bus Drivers Salaries	\$ 45,000
From: 9901-950-00	Transfer to Special Aid	\$ 45,000

Putnam County Real Property Tax Services Agency

On a motion made by Judith Schurmacher, seconded by Paul Giamundo and carried (7-0) the Board of Education approved the following resolution:

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education authorize the Superintendent of Schools to sign and execute the Real Property Tax Service Contract between the School District and the County of Putnam with respect to the School District's 2011-2012 tax roll.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education authorizes the acceptance of \$1,000.00 to be applied to the PQ Enrichment Fund for the We Care We Share Program.

Consent Agenda

On a motion made by Judith Schurmacher, seconded by Paul Giamundo and carried (7-0) the Board of Education approved the following resolution:

Appointment

Certified

Mr. David Babicz

RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the appointment of Mr. David Babicz as a Substitute Teacher, Grades 6 - 12, for the 2010-2011 school year, at the substitute rate of \$85.00 for the first 10 days; \$95 thereafter.

Classified

Mr. Christopher Pulver

RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the appointment of Mr. Christopher Pulver as Custodian in Charge at PQ, effective March 28, 2011, the annual rate of pay will be \$58,787/prorated, per the North Salem School Related Personnel contract. Mr. Pulver will be replacing Mr. Ritchie.

Approval

Mr. Michael Valenti

RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the appointment of Mr. Michael Valenti to fill the position of Volunteer Assistant Golf Coach for the 2010-2011 School Year.

Ms. Jennifer Peragine

RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves Ms. Jennifer Peragine to serve a full year Internship in School Psychologist at Pequenakonck Elementary School and the North Salem MS/HS effective September 1, 2011 thru June 30, 2012. There will be no compensation.

Mr. David Babicz

RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves Mr. David Babicz to Student Teach/Internship – Science effective March 21, 2011 thru May 13, 2011. There will be no compensation.

Unpaid Leave of Absence

Ms. Patrice Farney

RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education grants Ms. Patrice Farney unpaid leave of absence from on or about April 4, 2011 to on or about May 31, 2011.

Stipend

Mr. Stephen Drew

RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education amends the appointment of Mr. Stephen Drew to fill the Stipend position of Modified Boys Lacrosse Coach for the 2010-2011 School Year per NSTA Contract.

Old Business

None.

New Business

None.

Public Comment

Ms. DosSantos asked for clarification of the final budget figures.

Adjournment

On a motion made by Judith Schurmacher, seconded by Paul Giamundo and carried (7-0) the meeting was adjourned at 9:55 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mary Rhuda
District Clerk