

NORTH SALEM CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
NORTH SALEM, NEW YORK 10560
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BOARD OF EDUCATION
MINUTES OF REGULAR BOARD MEETING
April 26, 2011

Call to Order

A regular meeting of the Board of Education of the North Salem Central School District was called to order at 6:37 PM in the Board Conference Room by Board Vice President Judith Schurmacher.

At 6:37 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/contracts. Ms. Schurmacher was appointed Clerk Pro-Tem for this Executive Session.

At 7:32 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 7:40 PM Katherine Daniels followed by the pledge of allegiance.

Announcements

Ms. Daniels announced the Public Hearing for the 2011-2012 Budget will be held on May 4, 2011 at 7:30pm. The Budget is available for review on the District Website, at the MS/HS, PQ and the North Salem Library.

The Annual Meeting & Budget Vote will be held on May 17, 2011 at PQ between the hours of 7:00am and 9:00pm.

Ms. Daniels will be meeting next week with the Foundation for Learning to discuss protocols for establishing endowments.

On May 6, at 7:30am at John Jay High School, there will be a Shared Services meeting. The meeting will have representatives from Katonah, Bedford and North Salem, both Town and Schools. Also, WPSBA has scheduled a meeting with Senator Greg Ball.

Dr. Freeston will be meeting with the North Salem Town Board, the North Salem Senior Citizens and the Lions Club to discuss the 2011-2012 Budget.

Acceptance of Minutes: April 13, 2011

On a motion made by Judith Schurmacher, and seconded by Paul Giamundo and carried (7-0) the Board accepted the minutes of April 13, 2011.

Superintendent's Report

Dr. Freeston stated this evening, tenure recommendations will be presented to the Board for approval. It is always special to welcome and congratulate the newly tenured staff. There will be a formal reception in September.

The North Salem Reorganization meeting will be held on Tuesday, July 5, 2011.

The Administration has received information on the new process for teacher evaluations. It is a very complex procedure with information still be forwarded. There will be an overview presented at an upcoming Board meeting.

Director of Business Administration's Report

Budget Statement books will be available on the District Website, the MS/HS, PQ and the North Salem Library.

Board Reports

Ms. Schumacher attended the Audit Committee Meeting. A representative from O'Conner Davies was present. They discussed reporting changes that will be starting shortly. Ms. D'Agostino stated that the Board may need to have a new policy in place regarding these new procedures. The auditor will be drafting a policy for review.

Presentation

Dr. Michael Hibbard, Assistant Superintendent of Instruction and Human Resources reported on the Progress Towards Accomplishing our Mission: Engage students to continuously learn, question, define and solve problems through critical & creative thinking.

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:

BOCES Administrative Budget 2011-2012

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

WHEREAS, the Board of Cooperative Educational Services of Putnam/Northern Westchester County (hereinafter "BOCES") has proposed and presented its tentative administrative budget for the 2011-2012 school year (July 1, 2011 through June 30, 2012), now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the **BOCES tentative administrative budget for the 2011-2012 school year** in the amount of \$8,444,265 be, and hereby is, approved by this Board.

BOCES Trustee Election

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, the Board of Education approves the casting of one ballot for each of the two candidates, Mrs. Anita Feldman and Mr. Richard Kreps as trustees in the election to the Board of Cooperative Education Services. The term will run from July 1, 2011 through June 30, 2014.

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 March 2011.

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

The Board received and reviewed the Claims Auditor's report for the month of March, 2011.

Acceptance of CSE dated April 26, 2011

On a motion made by Judith Schurmacher, seconded by Paul Giamundo and carried (7-0) 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 Reports dated April 26, 2011.

Disposal of Assets

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 disposal of six (6) VHS players and one (1) VHS/DVD player.

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:

Tenure

Ms. Deanna Adams

RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the tenure appointment of Ms. Deanna Adams in the Teaching Assistant Tenure Area, effective September 1, 2011.

Mr. Stephen Austin

RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the tenure appointment of Mr. Stephen Austin in the Music Tenure Area, effective September 1, 2011.

Ms. Heide DeMorris

RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the tenure appointment of Ms. Heide DeMorris in the Foreign Language Tenure Area, effective September 1, 2011.

Ms. Jenine Kugel

RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the tenure appointment of Ms. Jenine Kugel in the Special Education Tenure Area, effective September 1, 2011.

Ms. Jennifer Sharpe

RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the tenure appointment of Ms. Jennifer Sharpe in the Special Education Tenure Area, effective September 1, 2011.

Mentor Stipend

Ms. Terri McCleary

RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the appointment of Ms. Terri McCleary to fill the Mentor Stipend position for Heather Moran, English Teacher Leave Replacement for the period of April 8, 2011 – June 30, 2011, at the rate of \$1,000 prorated.

Old Business

None.

New Business

None.

Public Comment

None.

Adjournment

On a motion made by Judith Schurmacher, seconded by Paul Giamundo and carried (7-0) the meeting was adjourned at 8:24 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mary Rhuda
District Clerk