

NORTH SALEM CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
NORTH SALEM, NEW YORK 10560
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BOARD OF EDUCATION
MINUTES OF REGULAR BOARD MEETING
May 18, 2011

Call to Order

A regular meeting of the Board of Education of the North Salem Central School District was called to order at 6:38 PM in the Board Conference Room by Board Vice President Judith Schurmacher.

At 6:38 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 negotiations/contracts. 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 (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
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 7:38 PM Katherine Daniels followed by the pledge of allegiance.

Announcements

Ms. Daniels announced the 2011-2012 Budget passed: 531 Yes votes vs. 379 No votes. Andrew Brown and Jonathan Freeman were reelected as Trustees. She thanked everyone that came out to support the education of North Salem students.

The Foundation for Learning Awards evening is scheduled for Thursday, May 19th at 7:30 in the Middle School cafeteria.

MS/HS progress reports are now available thru the Parent Portal.

The Madrigal Concert is on May 20th and Kindergarten screening is May 21st at PQ. Please check the school website for other upcoming functions. Follow-up to the screening of The Race to Nowhere can be found on the MS/HS Home page.

Congratulations to the Class of 2011 Valedictorian Ethan Bassin, and Salutatorian James Bathchelder. Ethan will be attending Washington University at St. Louis and James will be attending Yale University.

Junior Jackie DellaGrecca has been selected to attend the Manhattan College Summer Program in Engineering and Science for Women and Minority High School Students.

Ms. Daniels would also like to congratulate Dr. Cyganovich for being inducted into the Putnam Northern Westchester BOCES School Library System's Administrator Hall of Fame.

NYSSBA has posted its "Essential Fiscal Reform Playbook" on its website. There are seven major topics being worked on, they are: Reform the Triborough Amendment; eliminate "last in, first out"; streamline teacher disciplinary procedures (3020-a); establish maximum healthcare contributions; create new pension options; rebuild special education; and allow "piggyback" purchasing.

Mr. Brown thanked the voters for their support. And also congratulated the Spring Scholar Athletes, all athletes will be recognized at the Awards Banquet.

Mr. Giamundo mentioned the meeting with Assemblyman Katz is scheduled for May 26th at his office on Route 6 in Brewster.

Acceptance of Minutes

On a motion made by Judith Schurmacher, and seconded by Paul Giamundo and carried (7-0) the Board accepted the minutes of May 4, 2011.

Superintendent's Report

Dr. Freeston also thanked everyone for the support of the budget. Not just the team, but also those that come to the meetings, those that watch on TV, and those who voted.

Dr. Freeston met with the Town Board, the North Salem Senior Citizens and the Lions Club. Conversations were had about what's ahead for the District.

Mr. Giamundo, who also attended the Senior Citizen and Lions Club meetings, thanked Dr. Freeston for attending these meetings and keeping communications open.

Director of Business Administration's Report

Ms. Briganti advised that the Capital Project: HVAC/Security projects at PQ have gone out to bid. Since there was a delay in getting the plans back from SED, the BAN will need to be rolled over, and then we will go out to Bond in the fall. Ms. Briganti is working with the financial advisor at this time.

The Westchester County Sales tax check was \$15,000 more than expected.

Board Reports

Mr. Brown reported that the Safety Committee met and reviewed the lock down that was held at PQ. The Committee will continue to work on parking, drills and security next year.

Mr. Giamundo attended the last Communications Committee meeting of the year. Progress was made using electronic communications with parents, especially the parent portal. Only 9 families opted out of going paperless.

Action Items

Acceptance of Vote – Annual District Election & Budget

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 accepts the results of the 2011 Budget Vote and Trustee Election as verified by the District Clerk.

Annual Reorganization Meeting

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 hereby establishes July 5, 2011 as the date for the Annual Reorganization Meeting for 2011-2012.

Acceptance of CSE & CPSE Reports dated May 18, 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 & CPSE Reports dated May 18, 2011

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

Proposed Budget Westchester-Putnam School Boards Associations

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 2011-2012 WPSBA Proposed Budget in the amount of \$224,731.

Budget Transfers

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 following transfers:

To:	2250-491-00-5000 Special Ed BOCES	\$ 67,000.00
From:	2250-472-04-0000 Tuition-Private Schools	\$ 67,000.00
To:	2110-130-00-0000 Teachers’ Salaries	\$ 30,000.00
From:	2110-142-00-0000 DW Leave Replacements	\$ 30,000.00

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

Consent Agenda

Certified

Ms. Judith Dayton

RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the appointment of Ms. Judith Dayton 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.

Stipend

Ms. Anna Frates

RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the appointment of Ms. Anna Frates to fill the Mentor Stipend position of Grade 2 Teacher Leave Replacement from on or about May 13, 2011 thru November 11, 2011, at the rate of \$1,000/prorated.

Summer Stipend

Ms. Lynda Vincent

RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the appointment of Ms. Lynda Vincent to fill the Summer Stipend position of State Report Support/Student Database Summer work, for the months of July & August, 2011 at the rate of \$225/day for 30 days, total amount \$6,750.

Resignation

Ms. Katharine Bolender

RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education accepts the resignation of Ms. Katharine Bolender as a Substitute Teacher, specifically the Special Education Teacher Representative for CPSE effective May 2, 2011.

Driver Education Instructor

RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves Mr. Marvin Lazarus as the Driver Education Instructor from April 6, 2011 thru August 31, 2011 at the rate of \$20.00 per student, based on student enrollment.

New Business

Dr. Hibbard presented 8th grade projects using a new Problem Solving Task (PST). The project, Proposal for Washington DC Monument was one that has been done in the past, but this year, using the new PST, the projects were much better with the students having to use creative thinking.

Old Business

Mr. Brown thanked Dr. Freeston and staff for all the hard work on the budget. He stated that we are not finished. He asks community members to help support and pressure politicians by writing and calling and asking them to support education.

Public Comment

None.

Adjournment

On a motion made by Judith Schurmacher, seconded by Paul Giamundo and carried (7-0) the meeting was adjourned at 8:02 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mary Rhuda
District Clerk