

**NORTH SALEM CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
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**BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING**  
**WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 2006**

**I. Call to Order**

- The Board of Education meeting called to order at 5:30 p.m. in front of Pequenakonck Elementary School. The Board was accompanied by Ken Waldron, Dr. Freund and Mrs. Fassler-Wallach and conducted the annual building tour.

**II. Motion to Enter Executive Session**

- At 6:30 p.m., on a motion by Mr. Giamundo, seconded by Mrs. Douglas, and carried, the Board moved to an Executive Session for the purpose of discussing specific personnel. The Board came out of executive session at 7:26 p.m.

**III. Motion to Adjourn Executive Session and Reconvene to Public Session**

- At 7:30 p.m., the regular meeting was called to order by Mrs. Martell.

**IV. Pledge of Allegiance**

**V. Announcements**

**A. Referendum of December 5, 2006**

- Mrs. Martell thanked Mr. Waldron for the building tour and complimented the staff for their work over the summer. She also announced that September 7, 2006, was the deadline to apply for the new Audit Committee. Invitations to the community forum on selection of the next superintendent have been mailed out.
- Dr. Freund announced the return of the staff on Tuesday and is looking forward to greeting our children.
- Mr. Giamundo reported on the Fields and Facilities Committee. He notes the improvements in the exterior appearance of our schools and complimented Mr. Waldron and his staff. He mentioned two people in particular, Trish Gallagher and Chris (Mary Ann) Miras, who worked on the High School's interior courtyards.

- Mrs. Palma stated that the Middle School and High School cafeterias looked great.

## VI. Presentations

- A. **Strategic Planning Committee** – Dr. Freund commented positively on the work to date and the template for reporting the work of the Citizen Advisory Committees.
- B. Mrs. Hauser, Dr. Courtney, Mrs. Fassler-Wallach and Dr. Freund outlined the initial thinking on the charges to the Curriculum Council and the work to date of the Fiscal Planning Committee, Facilities and Fields Committee, Pupil Personnel Committee and Educational Technology Committee.
- C. Mrs. Martell solicited committee interests of the Board members.
- **Audit Committee** – Judy Schurmacher, Lisa Douglas and Alison Hublard Hershman, with Lisa to be the facilitator.
  - **Bid Openings** – Paul Giamundo, with Carla Palma as alternate.
  - **Policy Committee** - Eliminated. The entire Board will work policies.
  - **Public Relations** - Lisa Douglas and Paul Giamundo, with Marie Martell as alternate.
  - **Special Education – CSE Reviews** – Paul Giamundo and Marie Martell.
  - **Curriculum Council** – Carla Palma and Marie Martell.
  - **Safety Committee** – Paul Giamundo and Marie Martell.
  - **Educational Technology** – Carla Palma.
  - **Facilities Committee** – Paul Giamundo.
  - **Fiscal Planning** – Judy Schurmacher, Alison Hublard Hershman and Lisa Douglas. Alison will act as Lead Trustee.
  - **Strategic Planning Committee** - Carla Palma, Judy Schurmacher and Alison Hublard Hershman.
  - **Foundation for Learning** – Marie Martell, with Carla Palma as alternate.
  - **Joint Task Force** – Lisa Douglas and Judy Schurmacher.

- **PPS Committee** – Marie Martell.

**D.** Mrs. Martell asked that there be community volunteer sign-up sheets for the community advisory committees available before the October 1, 2006, meeting.

**E. District Goals** – Dr. Freund recommended readopting the 2005-2006 goals with the addition of a goal pertaining to the selection of a superintendent.

## **VII. Public Comments**

None.

## **VIII. Correspondence**

**A.** Mrs. Martell announced that the Board had received a Letter of Resignation from Trustee, John O'Meara, effective September 7, 2006.

**B.** Mrs. Martell explained the Board has three options regarding the vacancy. The seat could remain open until the next budget vote, the Board could appoint a community member until the budget vote or the Board could hold a special election. The Board discussed the options and asked Dr. Freund for the time frame for a vote on the roof project, at which time it may be possible to also hold an election.

**C.** Mrs. Martell acknowledged a letter from Mr. William Lang with budgeting concerns.

## **IX. Action Items**

### **A. Consent Agenda**

Motion by Lisa Douglas, seconded by Carla Palma. Vote: 6-0.

A question was asked about the Certiorari Reserve Fund and the Board requested a list of pending certiorari cases.

**B.** Approval of the Audit Committee charge was tabled with a motion by Alison Hublard Hershman, seconded by Judy Schurmacher. Vote: 6-0.

### **C. Review and Approval of the BOE Protocols**

At its retreat in August, the Board and interim superintendent agreed on protocols to insure positive interactions between the Board and superintendent. Mrs. Martell recommended adding a reference to the handling of e-mails. Judy Schurmacher asked that a schedule be established for receiving financial reports. A motion was made by Judy Schurmacher, seconded by Paul Giamundo. Vote: 6-0.

- D. The Board took no action on endorsing a candidate for the Area 10 Director of NYSSBA. The Board has not received any information regarding one of the candidates.

#### **X. Old Business**

- A. The Board requested a schedule of educational reports. There are still some outstanding from last year.
- B. Mrs. Palma requested a report on the recommendations of the science consultant last year.
- C. Mr. Giamundo complimented Mrs. Hauser. He is impressed with her grasp of the needs of each special needs student.
- D. Mr. Giamundo suggested developing a fee schedule approved by the Board for the use of facilities by outside groups.
- E. Mr. Giamundo also requested that the Board revisit the issue of eighth graders and selection classification.
- F. Mr. Giamundo requested of Dr. Courtney the results of the Survey of Graduating Seniors.

#### **XI. New Business**

- A. Mr. Giamundo informed the Board that Marie Martell, Alison Hublard Hershman and he attended opening day with the staff. The mood and spirit were very positive.
- B. The School Board's annual convention is October 28, 2006. Mrs. Martell asked if any Board members wanted to attend.
- C. Mr. Giamundo stated that we need to update our fixed assets inventory.

#### **XII. Motion to Adjourn Public Session**

At 9:11 p.m., on a motion by Carla Palma, seconded by Paul Giamundo and carried 6-0, the meeting was adjourned.