

NORTH SALEM CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
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BOARD OF EDUCATION
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2006

I. Call to Order

A regular meeting of the Board of Education of the North Salem Central School District was called to order at 6:30 p.m. in the Board Conference Room by President Marie Martell.

Board Members Present at this Meeting

Mrs. Marie Martell, President
Mr. Paul Giamundo, Trustee
Ms. Alison Hublard Hershman, Trustee
Ms. Carla Palma, Trustee
Ms. Judith Schurmacher, Trustee

Board Members Absent from this Meeting

Ms. Lisa Douglas, Vice President

II. Motion to Enter Executive Session

- At 6:30, on a motion by Paul Giamundo, seconded by Judy Schurmacher and carried, the Board moved to an Executive Session for the purpose of discussing specific personnel.

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

- At 7:00 p.m., on a motion by Paul Giamundo, seconded by Judy Schurmacher and carried, the Board adjourned the Executive Session and reconvened to the Public Session for tenure celebration and welcome for new staff members.

IV. Pledge of Allegiance

V. Tenured Teacher Celebration/Introduction of New Staff

- Mrs. Martell welcomed new staff and congratulated tenure teachers.
- Dr. Freund stated this is a great tradition. At the same time we welcome our new staff members, we also celebrate tenure which our new teachers aspire to.

Pat Cyganovich introduced new faculty and staff.
Roberta Reiner introduced new faculty and staff.
Sylvia Fassler-Wallach introduced support staff.

- Dr. Freund acknowledged Sylvia Fassler-Wallach's resignation and thanked her for all her work at the North Salem Central School District.
- The Board of Education congratulated tenure teachers and gave them their certificates.
- Carla Palma motioned to recess for the celebration at 7:10 p.m., second by Alison Hublard Hershman.

VI. Announcements

- Mrs. Martell – HYA is holding community forums to solicit input on the superintendent's search.

VII. Student Reports

- Chris Dos Santos – high school senior reported on events at PQ and MS/HS. Carla Palma questioned the French and Spanish trips. Are both trips running?
- Mrs. Martell thanked Ross Garrett for doing the videotaping.

VIII. Public Comments

- No public comments.

IX. Correspondence

- Mrs. Martell read a letter from Mr. William Lang and her response to the public. She stated "We as the Board of Education are looking at our finances. I am asking the community to give us a chance, we are looking at everything."

X. Action Items

A. Policy Review

1. Policy Reading: The Board of Education conducted the first reading of the Revised Facilities Use Policy #1500. The fee schedule will follow.
2. Policy Reading: The Board of Education reviewed and approved the Purchasing Policy #6700 and Regulation Policy #6700R. A request was made to add a consultant services threshold. Motion to table made by Carla Palma, second by Paul Giamundo. Vote: 5-0.

3. Policy Reading: The Board of Education reviewed and approved the Student Code of Conduct Policy #5300. Motion by Carla Palma, second by Alison Hublard Hershman. Vote: 5-0.
4. The Board of Education reviewed and approved the Audit Committee Charter. Motion by Carla Palma, second by Alison Hublard Hershman. Vote: 5-0.

B. RESOLVED, the Board of Education hereby endorses the candidacy of Thomas Knight for Area 10 Director of the New York State School Board Association. Motion by Carla Palma, second by Alison Hublard Hershman. Vote: 5-0.

Revised Consent Agenda

- The use of a Consent Agenda permits the Board of Education to make more effective use of its time by adopting a single motion to cover those relatively routine matters, which are included. Any member of the Board who wishes to discuss individually a particular piece of business on the Consent Agenda may so indicate and that item will be considered and voted on separately, thus preserving the right of all Board members to be heard on any issue. Motion by Carla Palma, second Alison Hublard Hershman. Vote 5-0.
- Appreciation was expressed to Sylvia Fassler-Wallach and MaryAnn Carroll, two departing employees.

C. Acceptance of Treasurer's Report, July 31, 2006.

- Motion by Carla Palma, second by Alison Hublard Hershman. Vote: 5-0.

XI. Public Comment

- Public: Earlier discussion – two mile limit for busing. Does District have a limit now? Sylvia Fassler-Wallach stated every child is eligible. Dr. Freund stated that the voters in the district previously approved a proposition providing busing to all students. The public wanted to know what percentage of students do not travel on buses. Sylvia Fassler-Wallach stated that we can look into it.

XII. Old Business

School Trustee Vacancy

- Mrs. Martell recommended to the Board that we post on the website and advertise a vacancy on the school board, interview candidates and appoint. Mrs. Martell stated that this will give a community member an opportunity to finish out Mr. O'Meara's term. Carla Palma stated that she would like to see an election for the Board vacancy,

since we have to run a referendum for the roof. She suggested that we wait 30 days and advertise. Motion by Alison Hublard Hershman, second by Carla Palma. Vote: 5-0.

Follow Up List

- Senior survey – next Board Meeting. Fixed assets inventory needs to be updated. Sylvia Fassler-Wallach stated that we have dollar values of fixed assets, but equipment has not been tagged for years. It is currently being updated. The Board of Education should declare unnecessary assets as surplus and discard them or sell them.
- Athletics Policy – issue of eligibility of seventh and eighth graders moving up to Varsity. There is a state physical exam they have to pass. The appeal process needs to be added to the Athletic Eligibility Policy.

XIII. New Business

None.

XIV. Motion to Enter Executive Session

- At 9:05 p.m. on a motion Carla Palma, seconded by Alison Hublard Hershman and carried, the Board moved to Executive Session. Vote: 5-0.

XV. Motion to Adjourn Executive Session and Reconvene to Public Session

- At 10:03 p.m. a motion was made by Alison Hublard Hershman, seconded by Carla Palma to return to Public Session. Vote: 5-0.

XVI. Motion to Adjourn

- At 10:04 p.m., a motion was made by Paul Giamundo, seconded by Judy Schurmacher to adjourn the Public Session. Vote: 5-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol A. Pawlinski, District Clerk