

**NORTH SALEM CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
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**BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING**  
**WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 4, 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 pm in the Board Conference Room by President Marie Martell.

**Board Members Present at this Meeting**

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

Ms. Alison Hublard Hershman-absent at the start of the meeting and the Executive Session.

**II. Motion to Enter Executive Session**

- At 6:35 pm, on a motion by Judith Schurmacher, seconded by Paul Giamundo 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 7:25 pm, on a motion by Carla Palma, seconded by Judith Schurmacher and carried, the Board adjourned the Executive Session and reconvened to the Public Session.

**IV. Pledge of Allegiance**

## **V. Announcements**

### **A. Board Announcements**

- Mrs. Martell announced that HYA would present the results of their meetings with constituents on October 18<sup>th</sup> regarding qualifications of the next Superintendent.
- She also stated that the Board of Education would be making a decision on the process for filling the vacant Board seat on October 18<sup>th</sup>. The Board of Education is asking anyone interested in serving on the Board to send a letter of interest by October 17<sup>th</sup>.
- Mr. Giamundo stated that the Lions Club is having its Harvest Festival on Saturday, Sunday and Monday at the vineyard.

### **B. Student Recognition**

- Dr. Cyganovich introduced the students who were National Merit Scholarship Commended Students. The students were presented with certificates of commendation by the Board of Education, Principal and Superintendent.

## **VI. Public Comment**

- A parent requested that his son be permitted to wrestle as an independent wrestler with John Jay High School. The wrestler is an 8<sup>th</sup> grader who would need to be selectively classified. The Board of Education discussed the pros and cons and reviewed past conversations and decisions. Dr. Freund advised the Board of Education to consider the “bigger picture” and implications of the decision.

## **VII. Correspondence**

- None.

## **VIII. Action Items**

- A. Dr. Courtney and Dr. Cyganovich reviewed high school performance data. The department chairs present at the meeting were acknowledged. Their report is appended to the minutes of the meeting.

AP results were discussed and the Principal and Interim Superintendent affirmed their commitment to expanding the offerings of AP courses to more students, recognizing that as a result scores might not look as impressive. They felt the experience is more important than the score. The department chairs were supportive of the position.

Alison Hublard Hershman arrived at 8:05 pm.

Recess 9:20 pm  
Meeting resumed at 9:25 pm.

**VIII. Action Items** (cont'd)

B. 2005/06 Audit Report

Mr. Scott Oling presented the Audit Report for 2005-06. He stated that the audit did not uncover any improprieties.

The Board decided to table acceptance of the report pending review by the Audit Committee.

C. The Board of Education approved a resolution to hold a special meeting on December 5<sup>th</sup> to ask the voters to consider spending \$2,063,141.00 for a roof project at PQ and the MS/HS. Motion by Lisa Douglas, second by Carla Palma. Vote: 6-0.

D. Resolution establishing internal audit function. Motion by Lisa Douglas, second by Carla Palma. Vote: 6-0.

E. Consent Agenda

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

**IX. Old Business**

A. Follow Up List

- Fixed Asset inventory work to be done this year.
- A board member asked if our staff is updated on security procedures. Dr. Freund stated that procedures were reviewed with the staff at the beginning of the school year and that training is ongoing. A board member also asked if teachers are required to sign in and out of the building. Dr. Freund stated that they are not required to do so, and that if we want our teachers to sign in, it would have to be negotiated since it is considered a term and condition of employment. It was requested of Dr. Freund that he verify this with Jeff Kehl, Legal Counsel.

**X. Motion to Enter Second Executive Session**

- The Board moved into executive session at 10:45 to discuss specific personnel. Motion by Carl Palma, second by Lisa Douglas. Vote: 6-0.

**XI. Motion to Adjourn Second Executive Session**

- At 11:00 pm, on a motion by Carla Palma, seconded by Judith Schurmacher and carried, the Board adjourned the Second Executive Session and reconvened to the Public Session.

**XII. Motion to Adjourn Public Session**

- At 11:05 pm, on a motion by Carla Palma, seconded by Judy Schurmacher and carried, the meeting was adjourned.