

NORTH SALEM CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
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Regular Meeting
Of the Board of Education
Minutes
February 28, 2007

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

Ms. Marie Martell, President

Ms. Alison Hublard Hershman, Vice-President

Ms. Katherine Daniels, Trustee

Mr. Paul Giamundo, Trustee

Ms. Judith Schurmacher, Trustee (left Executive Session at 7:25 pm; returned at 8:45 pm to Public session.)

Also Present: Dr. Sidney Freund
Mary Jo Hauser
Louise Lynch
Carol Pawlinski
Members of the North Salem Staff
Members of the Public

Absent: Ms. Carla Palma, Trustee
Mr. Paul Smadbeck, Trustee

II. Motion to Enter Executive Session

- At 6:32 p.m., on a motion by Judith Schurmacher, seconded by Katherine Daniels and carried, the Board moved to an Executive Session for the purpose of discussing specific personnel and negotiations.

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

- At 7:30 p.m., on a motion by Alison Hublard Hershman, seconded by Katherine Daniels and carried, the Board adjourned the Executive Session and reconvened to the Public Session.

IV. Pledge of Allegiance

V. Announcements

A. Board of Education Vacancies/Petition Submittal

Mrs. Martell announced the three expiring terms on the Board of Education and the deadline for filing petitions.

B. Private School Transportation Requests

Mrs. Martell announced the April 1st deadline for submitting requests for transportation to private schools for the 2007-08 school year.

C. Committee Reports

Mr. Giamundo reported on a Facilities Meeting scheduled for next week and the Wellness Committee.

He also reported on a meeting with the Town that he and Judith Schurmacher attended.

Ms. Daniels reported that the Fiscal Planning Committee will be meeting Friday at 8:30 a.m.

Mrs. Martell complimented the Director and staff that produced the HS production of Grease.

D. Legislative Grant

Dr. Freund reported that the District has received the check for the \$60,000 legislative grant for building security.

VI. Student Reports

Chris DosSantos reported on events at PQ and the MS/HS.

VII. Reports to the Board

- A. Bette Sparago, Department Chairperson Foreign Languages, reported on the plans for the trips to Spain and France during the spring recess.

VIII. Public Comments

A teacher's tenure status was referenced by a student and parent. The tenure process was explained by Dr. Freund.

IX. Presentations

A. K-12 Math Program Evaluation

Terry Ferrarone, the elementary math consultant, and Eleanor Livesey, the MS/HS math consultant, elaborated on their written reports and reviewed their recommendations (see attached reports).

X. Action Items

A. Approval of Student Trips to France and Spain

Motion by Alison Hublard Hershman, second by Paul Giamundo, the Board of Education approved the trips to France and Spain for the 2006-07 school year. Vote: 5-0.

B. Policy #5280 – Interscholastic Athletics – Final Reading & Adoption

There was a final reading of the revised Policy #5280 – Interscholastic Athletics. On a motion by Alison Hublard Hershman, seconded by Katherine Daniels and carried 5-0, the Board of Education adopted revised Policy #5280 – Interscholastic Athletics.

C. Policy #6700.1 – District Contracts

There was a second reading of Policy #6700.1 – District Contracts. The policy was reviewed with the modification suggested at the prior meeting.

D. Policy #4531 – Field Trips

There was a first reading of Policy #4531 – Field Trips. Dr. Freund will review it with Jeff Kehl. There is concern that the regulation may be too detailed.

E. Budget Transfers

Motion by Alison Hublard Hershman, second by Judith Schurmacher, the Board of Education approved the budget transfers. Vote: 5-0.

F. KG&D Architects Field Study Contract

The AIA contract is “overkill”. A simpler agreement will be drafted. Motion by Alison Hublard Hershman, second by Judith Schurmacher, the item was tabled. Vote: 5-0.

G. Assistant Superintendent Job Description

On a motion by Alison Hublard Hershman, seconded by Judith Schurmacher and carried 5-0, the Board of Education approved the job description for the position of Assistant Superintendent for Instruction and Human Resources.

H. SAVE Plan

On a motion by Alison Hublard Hershman, seconded by Judith Schurmacher and carried 5-0, the Board of Education approved the *SAVE* Plan for 2006-07.

I. Mergers

Motion by Alison Hublard Hershman, second by Judith Schurmacher, the Board of Education authorized the Board President and the Superintendent to sign the Letters of Intent for mergers for the following sports. Vote: 5-0.

John Jay High School/Katonah Lewisboro School District:

- Varsity Cheerleading
- Varsity Football
- J.V. Football
- Modified Football – 7th Grade
- Modified Football – 8th Grade
- Varsity Skiing
- Men’s Varsity Swim & Drive
- Women’s Varsity Swim & Drive
- Winter Track

Somers High School/Somers School District:

- Varsity Ice Hockey
- Modified Ice Hockey

J. Consent Agenda

On a motion by Alison Hublard Hershman, seconded by Judith Schurmacher and carried 5-0, the Board of Education approved the attached Consent Agenda.

XI. New Business

Dr. Freund reviewed the budget review calendar and the Board of Education discussed the decision making process related to budget approvals.

XII. Adjournment

- On a motion to by Alison Hublard Hershman, seconded by Judith Schurmacher, and carried, the meeting was adjourned at 9:30 p.m.