

NORTH SALEM CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
NORTH SALEM, NEW YORK 10560
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BOARD OF EDUCATION
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 21, 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

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

Also Present: Dr. Sidney Freund
Mary Jo Hauser
Marge Ianniello
Louise Lynch

II. Motion to Enter Executive Session

- At 6:34 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 litigation.

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

- At 7:30 p.m., on a motion by Judith Schurmacher, seconded by Carla Palma and carried, the Board adjourned the Executive Session and reconvened to the Public Session.

IV. Pledge of Allegiance

V. Announcements

- Mrs. Martell again reminded the community of the deadline for submitting a petition to run for the School Board, the April 1, 2007 deadline to apply for transportation to a private school and announced that the bid opening for the roof project will occur on schedule, April 4, 2007.

VI. Public Comments

- No public comments.

VII. Approval of Minutes

- Motion by Alison Hublard Hershman, second by Carla Palma, the Board of Education approved a revision to the Minutes of February 7, 2007 pertaining to the discussion of a new policy on contracts. Vote: 7-0.

VIII. Action Items

A. 2007-08 School Calendar

Motion by Alison Hublard Hershman, second by Carla Palma, the Board of Education approved the 2007-08 School Calendar. Dr. Freund explained that the calendar was reviewed by all the bargaining units. It contains 188 days for teachers and 183 days for students and generally conforms to the BOCES calendar for 2007-08. Vote: 7-0.

B. Budget Transfers

Motion by Alison Hublard Hershman, second by Carla Palma, the Board of Education approved the transfer of \$75,030.00 from A2250-150-90-000 (Special Education – Instructional Salaries) to A2250-449-04-0000 (Special Education Related Services). Vote: 7-0.

C. Consent Agenda

Motion by Alison Hublard Hershman, second by Carla Palma, the Board of Education approved the Consent Agenda. Vote: 7-0.

IX. Budget Work Session

- A. Pupil Personnel Services** – Mary Jo Hauser, Assistant Superintendent of PPS, presented the PPS Budget. She explained the attached presentation, highlighting trends in student classification and explaining the need for an additional special education teacher at the high school, a teaching assistant at PQ and a .5 speech therapist district-wide.
- B. Educational Technology** – Jennifer Wilson, Director of Technology, explained the attached presentation, highlighting the significant budgetary increase for equipment and referencing the Education Technology Plan developed by the CAC.
- C. Undistributed Expenses** – Louise Lynch, Director of Finance, explained the attached presentation. Discussion ensued regarding health insurance and the concern around the district's liability for claims in excess of premiums and the potential impact on next year's budget.
- D. Revenue and Tax Rate Forecasts** – Dr. Freund explained the attached presentation. He highlighted the Fiscal Planning Committee's recommendation that \$1,650,000. of the current year's surplus be used to reduce the 2007-08 tax levy. This will result in either an estimated tax rate decrease or virtually no increase depending on where the taxpayer resides.

X. Public Comments

- No public comments.

XI. Adjournment

- Motion to adjourn at 9:38 pm by Alison Hublard Hershman, second by Paul Giamundo.

Respectfully submitted,

Marge Ianniello
District Clerk, pro tem