

NORTH SALEM CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
NORTH SALEM, NEW YORK
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Regular Meeting
Of the Board of Education
Minutes
May 2, 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 (arrived at 6:45 pm)

Ms. Katherine Daniels, Trustee (arrived at 7:00 pm)

Mr. Paul Giamundo, Trustee

Ms. Carla Palma, Trustee

Ms. Judith Schurmacher, Trustee

Mr. Paul Smadbeck, Trustee

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

II. Motion to Enter Executive Session

At 6:32 p.m., on a motion by Judith Schurmacher, seconded by Paul Smadbeck 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 7:32 p.m., on a motion by Judith Schurmacher, seconded by Paul Smadbeck and carried, the Board adjourned the Executive Session and reconvened to the Public Session.

IV. Pledge of Allegiance

V. District Clerk Pro Tem

On a motion by Alison Hublard Hershman, seconded by Carla Palma and carried 7-0, the Board of Education appointed Louise Lynch District Clerk pro tem.

VI. Approval of Minutes

A. On a motion by Alison Hublard Hershman, seconded by Carla Palma and carried 7-0, the Board of Education approved the April 11, 2007 minutes and the April 24, 2007 minutes as modified.

VII. Announcements

A. **Budget Vote – May 15, 2007**

VIII. 2007-08 School Budget Public Hearing

Dr. Freund presented the Budget 2007-08 video that will be shown on cable, for viewing by the Board of Education and audience. There were no citizen comments at the hearing.

IX. Reports to the Board

A. Budget Status Report

Louise Lynch reported that the end of the year budget fund balance forecast is unchanged.

X. Committee Reports

Mr. Giamundo reported that the Facilities & Fields Committee will meet tomorrow morning with the architect to prioritize his recommendations and on Friday the recommendations will be shared with the Fiscal Planning Committee. Dr. Freund added that the recommendations will be reviewed with the Board of Education and the Strategic Planning Committee on May 16th.

Ms. Daniels reported that the Audit Committee met with Dave Moran and reviewed the draft of Accume's Risk Assessment Report. While it is probably legally sufficient, it is not as in depth nor comprehensive as we had hoped for. The committee recommends that payroll be the specific area for risk assessment before the end of the fiscal year. The Superintendent, Director of Business Administration and the Board of Education concurred. Ms. Daniels also reported that the Audit Committee met with the District's external auditors to discuss a work schedule and begin discussing the scope of the audit.

Mrs. Lynch plans to send out RFPs for both internal and external auditors for the 2007-08 school year.

Mrs. Martell reported that the Pupil Personnel Committee met on April 30th and developed the last goal on literacy. The goal reads:

"At Risk" Students will acquire necessary reading skills to successfully meet grade level requirements. The board will receive a final report on all the goals objectives, strategies, resources, timeline, ownership and evidence and assessment before the end of June. This will also be sent to the Long Term Strategic Planning.

Mrs. Martell mentioned the disaster drill for the Middle School/High School on April 25, 2007. This drill was in coordination with the school, town, fire, police and emergency personnel. Everyone was evacuated and brought over to PQ. We hope we will never have to use this drill, but we wanted to ensure one was in place if ever needed. Thank you to Dr. Bovino for his leadership on the District Safety Committee and everyone involved. Next steps to work on is the drill for PQ.

XI. Action Items

A. Budget Transfers

On a motion by Alison Hublard Hershman, seconded by Carla Palma and carried 7-0, the Board of Education approved the transfer of \$15,000.00 from A1621—429-03-1000 (Maintenance of Plant – Grounds/Fields Maintenance) to A1620-400-03-1000 (Operation of Plant - Contractual) for the 2006-2007 school year.

B. Annual Reorganization Meeting

On a motion by Alison Hublard Hershman, seconded by Carla Palma and carried 7-0, the Board of Education established July 11, 2007 as the date for the Annual Reorganization Meeting for 2007-2008.

C. Policies and Regulations

On a motion by Alison Hublard Hershman, seconded by Carla Palma and carried 7-0, the Board of Education rescinded the following policies and regulations:

0400, 1240,-R; 1520; 5311.1; 5311.4; 5311.5; 5312; 5312.2; 5312.3; 5313;
5313.1; 5313.2,-R; 5313.3,-R; 5313.5; 5314; 5320; 5330,-R; 4343; 5020;
5020.1-R, -E; 5160,-E; 5161,-R; 5170,-R; 9110; 9110.2,-R, -E; 9620.

Dr. Freund requested that the Board members return their Policy Manuals so that they can be updated.

D. Disposal of Surplus Equipment

On a motion by Alison Hublard Hershman, seconded by Carla Palma and carried 7-0, the Board of Education declared the computer equipment on the attached page as surplus (it's obsolete) and authorized its disposal and removal from the District's files.

E. Gift Acceptance

On a motion by Alison Hublard Hershman, seconded by Carla Palma and carried 7-0, the Board of Education accepted the gift of 21 books from the Middle School/High School PTO to the Keefe Library.

The Board of Education also complimented the MS/HS PTO on the beautiful new sign at the front entrance to the school.

F. Consent Agenda

On a motion by Carla Palma, seconded by Judith Schurmacher and carried 7-0, the Board of Education approved the attached Consent Agenda.

Dr. Freund congratulated all the teachers awarded tenure this evening.

XII. Old Business

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- A.** On a motion by Carla Palma, seconded by Alison Hublard Hershman and carried 7-0, the Board of Education approved the adoption of the WPSBA position paper on testing and assessment.

Mrs. Daniels emphasized the importance of developing policy and procedures regarding a Disaster Recovery Plan specifically for technology and data retrieval. She suggested checking with NYSSBA to determine if they have a sample policy and regulations.

Mr. Giamundo recommended that the District undertake a security study. Mrs. Lynch responded that State Trooper Liberti and a fellow trooper will conduct a vulnerability study at no cost to the District and prepare written recommendations.

Mr. Giamundo was very complimentary towards the PTOs and encouraged their leadership to periodically report their activities at a public meeting of the Board.

XIV. Public Comments

A citizen inquired if it would be possible to send out a blanket text message similar to the voice message system we currently utilize for emergency notices.

Mr. Dahl, President of the NSTA, complimented the Board of Education for all its work and acknowledged Carla Palma, in particular, for her 15 years of dedicated service on the Board of Education.

XV. Adjournment

On a motion by Alison Hublard Hershman, seconded by Carla Palma and carried, the meeting was adjourned at 9:01 p.m.