

NORTH SALEM CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
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Call to Order

A regular meeting of the Board of Education of the North Salem Central School District was called to order at 6:32 PM in the Board Conference Room by President Marie Martell.

At 6:33 PM., a motion was made by Ms. Judith Schurmacher, seconded by Ms. Alison Hublard Hershman and carried, to enter into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing negotiations and personnel matters.

At 7:40 PM, on a motion made by Ms. Judith Schurmacher, seconded by Ms. Alison Hublard Hershman and carried, the Board adjourned the Executive Session and reconvened to the Public Session.

Board Members Present at this Meeting:

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

Also Present:

Dr. Kenneth Freeston, Superintendent of Schools
Ms. MaryJo Hauser, Assistant Superintendent Pupil Personnel
Dr. Michael Hibbard, Assistant Superintendent for Instruction and Human Resources
Ms. Louise Lynch, Director of Business Administration
Dr. Patricia Cyganovich, Principal North Salem Middle School/High School
Ms. Roberta Reiner, Principal Pequenakonck Elementary School
Ms. Jennifer Wilson, Director of Technology
Ms. Sarah Capichioni, Administrative Support
Members of North Salem School District Staff
Members of the Public

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:40 PM by Board President Ms. Marie Martell and followed by the pledge of allegiance.

Announcements

Ms. Sarah Capichioni made the following announcement; the nominating petitions for candidates interested in running for a seat on the Board of Education are due in the District Office no later than Monday, April 21, 2008.

The qualifications to run are that the candidate must: be a United States Citizen, eighteen years old by the date of the election, a resident of the district for 30 days and registered in the school district.

Nominating packets for those interested in running for the Board of Education are available in the District Office.

Ms. Marie Martell also reminded those interested in running for Board of Education Trustee that there will be a workshop for prospective Board Members, Saturday, April 12, 2008 from 8:30 AM to 12:00 PM at the Education House at 5 Homeside Lane in White Plains.

Ms. Marie Martell read the following statement regarding the previously discussed student situation. "Dr. Freeston had a lengthy and productive meeting today with the student and his parent. I am not going to tell you what was discussed or what modifications or arrangements were made to precipitate a change in the district's approach to this matter but will state that the student, parent and the Superintendent all left the meeting satisfied with the outcome and that the student will be returning to school tomorrow.

The district takes drug use or sale of drugs on school property as a serious offense and such steps to deal with such offense will be dealt with as appropriate.

Accordingly we will not have any further comment on this but I would like to offer Dr. Freeston a moment to comment."

Dr. Freeston stated he was satisfied with the outcome of the meeting and could not discuss anything else publicly in regards to this situation.

Budget Work Session Presentations

Proposed Budget Overview – Ken Freeston

Dr. Freeston recapped the budget overview stating that he was pleased to announce that the figure for ERS and TRS came in much lower than anticipated resulting in a decrease to the budget.

Instructional Supervision and Instructional Teaching – Pat Cyganovich, Roberta Reiner

Dr. Cyganovich and Mrs. Reiner presented the proposed budget for 2008-2009, which presented no staffing additions at the building level.

The 2008-2009 per pupil allocation cost included in the budget will allow for the allocation of: textbooks, instructional equipment, printing, repairs, classroom supplies, library books, conference and travel, and professional memberships.

The re-engineering capacity for PQ to improve student performance proposes: the replacement of musical instruments, science 21 materials for grades K-2, integrated non-fiction reading materials for science and social studies grades K-5, planting supplies for the raised gardens, and degrees of reading power benchmark testing for grades 3-5.

The re-engineering capacity for the High School/Middle School to improve student performance proposes: music program enhancements, new literature texts for grades 9-11 as well as AP

literature, equipment enhancements, print and non-print resources to support course work through the library media center and resources to support increased lab time in science and math.

Instructional Media and Technology – Jennifer Wilson

Ms. Jennifer Wilson presented the Technology and Instructional Media numbers with regard to re-engineering current capacity to improve student performance. Most significantly there will be a decrease in the proposed budget as a result of database expenditures being shifted to other areas.

The highlights of the re-engineering include SMARTBoard Integration K-12, projector set ups for six classrooms and Disaster Recovery Planning.

Budget Work Session:

A budget work session took place during which the Board discussed which items to put onto the scorecard to be discussed further at the next meeting. The areas include: electricity, clerical, fuel, gas and diesel, extra custodial help and vacation management.

Public Comment

Mr. Bill Dahl, **NSTA President**, asked the Board to consider another Physical Education teacher. Ms. Marie Martell requested information regarding the Physical Education capacity and the number of students per class.

Adjournment

On a motion made by Ms. Alison Hublard Hershman and seconded by Mr. Paul Giamundo, the Board of Education voted 7-0 to adjourn the meeting at 8:45 PM.