

NORTH SALEM CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
NORTH SALEM, NEW YORK 10560
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BOARD OF EDUCATION
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
May 6, 2009

Call to Order

A regular meeting of the Board of Education of the North Salem Central School District was called to order at 6:33 PM in the Board Conference Room by Board Vice President Judith Schurmacher.

At 6:33 PM, a motion was made by Judith Schurmacher and seconded by Katherine Daniels and carried (6-0), to enter into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing specific matters of personnel. Judith Schurmacher was appointed Clerk Pro-Tem for this Executive Session.

At 7:33 PM, on a motion made by Judith Schurmacher, seconded by Katherine Daniels and carried (6-0), the Board adjourned the Executive Session and reconvened to the Public Session.

Board Members Present at this Meeting:

Ms. Katherine Daniels, President
Ms. Judith Schurmacher, Vice-President
Mr. Paul Giamundo, Trustee
Mr. Jonathan Freeman, Trustee
Mr. Stephen Bobolia, Trustee
Mr. Andrew Brown, Trustee

Absent:

Mr. Paul Smadbeck, Trustee

Also Present:

Dr. Kenneth Freeston, Superintendent
Dr. Michael Hibbard, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Human Resources
Ms. MaryJo Hauser, Assistant Superintendent for Pupil Personnel Services
Ms. Elizabeth Joyce, Interim Director of Business Administration
Ms. Danelle Perillo, District Treasurer/Bookkeeper
Ms. Rebecca Narvaez, District Clerk
Members of North Salem Staff
Members of the Public

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:35 PM by Katherine Daniels and followed by the pledge of allegiance.

2009-2010 Budget Public Hearing

Katherine Daniels opened the Public Hearing on the 2009-2010 Budget for Board discussion and public comment.

Mr. Jason Clark asked about the BOCES Election Management budget code. Dr. Freeston stated that this will enable the District to register voters and update election data electronically.

As there was no further discussion, on a motion made by Katherine Daniels, seconded by Judith Schurmacher and carried (6-0), the Public Hearing on the 2009-2010 Budget was closed.

Student Board Representative Report

A Student Board Representative from the North Salem High School/Middle School reported on recent and upcoming events in the High School/Middle School as well as events at Pequenaconck Elementary School.

Superintendent's Report

Dr. Kenneth Freeston acknowledged the tremendous work done by all involved in the negotiation of the teachers' contract, recognizing the North Salem Teachers Association, the negotiating team and North Salem Teachers Association President Bill Dahl for their commitment and understanding of the fiscal times that school districts are facing. Dr. Freeston stated that the contract shows that the membership and membership leaders understand the fiscal times we are in and are committed to public education and children.

Dr. Freeston gave an update on the most current H1N1 (Swine Flu) information coming from the Westchester County Health Department. The recommendation is currently not to close schools but these recommendations are changing frequently.

Discussion Items

Special Education Parent Survey Results

MaryJo Hauser presented the North Salem Central Schools NYS Parent Questionnaire Results with regard to Indicator #8. The North Salem Central School District is a required "Indicator" school and therefore reports on a rotating basis for special education, this survey reflects the school year 2007-2008.

The results are as follows:

Survey Format:

Number ordered:	188
Minimum required sample size:	67
Number of surveys returned completed:	90
% of minimum sample of survey returns:	135.8
Number of survey responses agree or better or frequently or better:	83

Percent positive parental response rate: 92.2

Dr. Freeston and the Board thanked Ms. Hauser for the presentation and remarked on the extremely parental response rate.

2009-2010 Contingency Budget

Ms. Elizabeth Joyce, Interim Director of Business Administration, presented the contingency budget and the two options for the calculating of this budget and discussed the options with the Board. The website formula under the law will result in a contingency budget higher than the proposed budget. Dr. Freeston

stated that the contingency budget is not an automatic; the Board can make changes to the budget and take it to the public for another vote.

Action Items

North Salem Teacher's Association

On a motion made by Judith Schurmacher, seconded by Paul Giamundo and carried (6-0) the Board approved the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the negotiating teams for the District and the North Salem Teachers Association executed a Memorandum of Agreement, dated April 23, 2009 setting forth the terms of a collectively negotiated agreement for the period commencing July 1, 2009; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the provisions of Section 204-a of the Civil Service Law, the Board of Education must vote to approve the expenditure of funds necessary to implement the provisions of said agreement;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board hereby ratifies the provisions of the April 23, 2009 Memorandum of Agreement as referenced above, and approves the expenditure of those monies necessary to fund the provisions of the collectively negotiated agreement between the District and the North Salem Teachers Association that commences July 1, 2009. A copy of said Memorandum of Agreement shall be incorporated by reference within the minutes of this meeting.

Adoption of Text Books

On a motion made by Judith Schurmacher, seconded by Paul Giamundo and carried (6-0) the Board approved the following resolution:

RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the adoption of the following books for instructional use.

Title	<u>The Scarlet Pimpernel</u>
Author	Emmuska Orczy
Publisher	Bantam Books
Copyright Date	First published in 1905

Title	<u>Plagues and Peoples</u>
Author	William H. McNeill
Publisher	Anchor Books
Copyright Date	1976

Title	<u>First They Killed My Father</u>
Author	Loung Ung
Publisher	Harper Collins
Copyright Date	2000

Title	<u>The Bridge at Andau</u>
Author	James Michener
Publisher	Random House
Copyright Date	1957

Title The Roman Mysteries-The Thieves of Ostia
Author Caroline Lawrence
Publisher Puffin Books
Copyright Date 2001

Title Algebra I
Author Isidore Dressler
Publisher Amsco
Copyright Date 2000

Health and Welfare Service Contracts

On a motion made by Judith Schurmacher, seconded by Paul Giamundo and carried (6-0) the Board approved the following resolution:

RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of School, the Board of Education executes the contracts billing for Health and Welfare, with the Brewster Central School District for the 2008-2009 school year, in the amount of \$5591.46 for a total of (6) six students.

Budget Transfers

On a motion made by Judith Schurmacher, seconded by Paul Giamundo and carried (6-0) the Board approved the following resolution:

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RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the transfer of \$6,812.21

From:	A2330-156-41-0000	Instr. Salaries – Adult Education
	2330-160-41-0000	Adult Ed Coordinator
	2330-160-90-0000	Non Instruction Summer
	2330-450-11-0000	Supplies - Summer School
	2330-450-41-0000	Supplies - Adult Education
	2010-150-04-1500	Mentoring Salaries
To:	A2330-400-41-0000	Contractual – Adult Education

Public Comment

Bill Dahl, President North Salem Teacher’s Association, thanked the Board for ratifying the contract and for committing to the teachers by not cutting programs or positions in the 2009-2010 Budget. Mr. Dahl stated that the teachers overwhelmingly approved the contract.

Rosemaria DosSantos, Co-President of the Middle School/High School PTO, thanked the Board for a smooth and transparent budget process.

Ms. DosSantos announced that workshops for North Salem Continuing Education Program have been very popular and thanked the library for creating a successful partnership to provide educational programs for the community.

Adjournment

On a motion made by Judith Schurmacher, seconded by Paul Giamundo and carried (6-0) the Board voted to adjourn at 8:58 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rebecca Narvaez

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District Clerk