

**NORTH SALEM CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**NORTH SALEM, NEW YORK 10560**  
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**BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING**  
**JANUARY 20, 2010**

**Call to Order**

A regular meeting of the Board of Education of the North Salem Central School District was called to order at 6:35 PM in the Board Conference Room by Board President Katherine Daniels.

At 6:37 PM, a motion was made by Katherine Daniels, seconded by Paul Giamundo, and carried (5-0), to enter into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing legal advice and the employment history of a particular person. Katherine Daniels was appointed Clerk Pro-Tem for this Executive Session.

At 7:36 PM, on a motion made by made Katherine Daniels, seconded by Paul Giamundo and carried (5-0), the Board adjourned the Executive Session and reconvened to the Public Session.

**Board Members Present:**

Ms. Katherine Daniels, President  
Mr. Paul Giamundo, Trustee  
Mr. Paul Smadbeck, Trustee  
Mr. Stephen Bobolia, Trustee  
Mr. Andrew Brown, Trustee

**Absent:**

Ms. Judith Schurmacher, Vice-President  
Mr. Jonathan Freeman, 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. Barbara Briganti, Director of Business Administration  
Ms. Rebecca Narvaez, District Clerk  
Members of North Salem Staff  
Members of the Public

**Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 7:38 PM Board President Katherine Daniels followed by the pledge of allegiance.

**Announcements**

Board President Katherine Daniels made the following announcements:

Kindergarten registration for 2010-11 begins on February 1, 2010 through February 5, 2010. Children age five by November 30<sup>th</sup> are eligible to register. Please see the district website for further details.

The North Salem Foundation for Learning has announced the formation of a new membership opportunity, Friends of the North Salem Foundation for Learning. This is an effort to increase participation and support. The Foundation for Learning provides financial support for educational opportunities that are not supported by the school budget. Please see the district website for a participation form and further information.

The District submitted the Race to the Top Memorandum of Understanding, as did many other districts, however, because of last minute activity in the legislature, the State's application for Race to the Top money (a possible \$700 million) did not include a revision of the state's charter school law. No one knows what the long-term effect of the legislature's inaction may be for future federal funding.

We have received a small tidal wave of information analyzing the impact of the Governor's Budget Proposal. The bottom line is that we can expect just under \$300,000 less in State Aid under the Governor's proposal.

The Westchester Putnam School Board Association is researching information concerning the impact of special education placements by a hearing officer, state review officer or court, that are different than the placements recommended by the District. Assemblywoman Amy Paulin has expressed an interest in drafting legislation that would provide state aid for such placements

The New York State School Board Association is hosting its State Issues Conference on March 14 and March 15, at the Crown Plaza in Albany. Registration is free to NYSSBA members.

### **Public Comment**

None

### **Acceptance of Minutes**

On a motion made by Katherine Daniels, seconded by Paul Giamundo and carried (5-0) the Board accepted the minutes for January 6, 2010.

### **Superintendent's Report**

Dr. Freeston made the following announcements:

- The District is working on the ability to have a live stream for future board meetings, through the district website, enabling people to view the meetings live on the website.
- The proposed budget from the Governor indicates an 11 ½ % reduction in aid, just less than 1 % of the District's budget.
- Dr. Freeston stated that it is expense that the district can control but not the revenue; at this time not sure what loss of these dollars will mean.
- Included in the proposed budget is the elimination of funding for the BOCES teacher's center a big resource for professional development. This will impact not only North Salem but many districts in Northern Westchester all funding.
- The Administrative team will meet tomorrow for an all day budget planning session. Dr. Freeston thanked the administrative team for their willingness to work together collaboratively, in an open process where each cost center describes line by line their proposed budget. Dr. Freeston recognized the Administrative Council for this very important work.

- There will be a presentation at a future board meeting from students representing the Environmental Club and the Sustainability Committee, regarding recycling in the school district.
- There will be a Facilities Committee on Monday February 1<sup>st</sup> and a report from Gary Green on the cost of the water hook up which is coming in currently at a very high cost. The District is still on target to have a new well operating for the 1<sup>st</sup> day of school, 2010-2011.

### **Director of Business Administration's Report**

Barbara Briganti presented the initial fund balance report to the Board.

### **Board Reports**

Steven Bobolia reported on the Policy Committee meeting on January 13, 2010, the committee continues to work on revisions to the Code of Conduct. The Policy Committee meets again this month on the January 27, 2010.

The Wellness Committee met on January 19, 2010 and welcomed two student representatives to the committee, discussed ideas for February (Heart Health Month) and March (National Nutrition Month) and April 20<sup>th</sup> (Mental Wellness Day). The committee also discussed the possibility of doing another staff development event in June.

Paul Giamundo attended a Westchester Putnam School Board Association forum regarding the School Budget Process and Strategies, during the forum small groups met and discussed the implications of 0% contingency budget as well as how to increase community involvement.

### **Presentations**

Dr. Michael Hibbard presented information highlighting the District's Student Performance on AP, Testing, SAT and ACT Participation.

### **Action Items**

#### **Acceptance of the Treasurer's Report, Budget Status and Revenue Status, Warrant Report and Monthly Expenditure Report for the month of December 2009**

On a motion made by Paul Smadbeck, seconded by Paul Giamundo and carried (5-0) the Board approved the following resolution:

**RESOLVED**, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the acceptance of the Treasurer's Report, Budget Status and Revenue Status, Warrant Report and Monthly Expenditure Report for the month of December 2009.

#### **Acceptance Student Activity Report for December 2009**

On a motion made by Paul Smadbeck, seconded by Paul Giamundo and carried (5-0) the Board approved the following resolution:

**RESOLVED**, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education accepts the Student Activity Report for the month of December 2009.

### **Gift Acceptance**

On a motion made by Paul Smadbeck, seconded by Paul Giamundo and carried (5-0) the Board approved the following resolution:

**RESOLVED**, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education accepts with gratitude the donation of a Ludwig Percussion Bell Kit valued at \$260, from Mr. Scott Lenhart.

**Acceptance of CSE and CPSE dated January 20, 2010**

On a motion made by Paul Smadbeck, seconded by Paul Giamundo and carried (5-0) the Board approved the following resolution:

**RESOLVED**, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the acceptance of CSE and CPSE Reports dated January 20, 2010.

**Consent Agenda**

On a motion made by Paul Smadbeck, seconded by Paul Giamundo and carried (5-0) the Board approved the following Consent Agenda:

**RESOLVED**, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the appointment of Ms. Lauren Zagorski-Truel as a Substitute Clerical for the Middle School/High School, for the 2009-2010 school year, at an hourly rate of \$16.00, subject to fingerprint clearance.

**RESOLVED**, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the appointment of Mr. Filippo Simone as a student teacher, in History, in the Middle School/High School, effective January 25, 2010 to March 12, 2010. Mr. Robert Mittelstadt will supervise Mr. Simone.

**RESOLVED**, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the following individuals to fill the positions for the AIS program at PQ Elementary School (2009-2010) to support student achievement on state and national assessments for up to eight hours, at a rate of \$65.00 an hour.

**Grade 3**

Susan Burch

Lynn Busch

**Grade 4**

Dorothea Breslow

Jeanne Dobbs

Joan Tendler

**Grade 5**

Nicole Federici

Dawn Schmitt

**Grade 3**

Susan Burch

Valerie Fuller

**Grade 4**

Dorothea Breslow

Jeanne Dobbs  
 Joan Tendler  
**Grade 5**  
 Marissa Oddo  
 Deborah Oswald

**RESOLVED**, upon the recommendation by the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the following individuals to fill the stipend positions as listed for the 2009-2010 school year.

<b><u>Name of Individual</u></b>	<b><u>Stipend Title</u></b>	<b><u>Amount</u></b>
Nancy Bruno	Musical Rehearsal Pianist	Per the NSTA Contract

**Step and Lane Advancements – Effective February 1, 2010**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Current Degree Status</b>	<b>Current Step</b>	<b>New Lane Requested</b>	<b>New Salary</b>
Sheri Dee	MA	Step 7	MA-30	Per the NSTA Contract
Patrice Farney	MA	Step 5	MA-30	Per the NSTA Contract

**Policy Reading and Adoption**

On a motion made by Paul Smadbeck, seconded by Paul Giamundo and carried (5-0) the Board adopted the following revised polices:

- Revision Policy # 1740 Access to Textbook Loan Regulation
- Revision Policy # 6410 Authorized Signatures
- Revision Policy # 6700 Purchasing Policy
- Revision Policy # 4321.3 Fee Schedule

**Public Comments**

Rosemaria DosSantos asked the funding for School Resource Officers had been cut in the Governor’s proposed budget. Dr. Freeston responded that it was not clear from the information they receivedj but there has been some rumor of the funding being cut. Dr. Freeston stated that it would be a big loss for the district if the program got cut.

**Adjournment**

On a motion made by Katherine Daniels, seconded by Paul Giamundo and carried (5-0) the Board of Education voted to adjourn the meeting at 9:46 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,  
*Rebecca Narvaez*  
 Rebecca Narvaez, District Clerk