

NORTH SALEM CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
NORTH SALEM, NEW YORK 10560
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BOARD OF EDUCATION
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
MARCH 3, 2010

Call to Order

A regular meeting of the Board of Education of the North Salem Central School District was called to order at 7:40 PM in the Middle School Cafeteria.

Board Members Present:

Ms. Katherine Daniels, President
Ms. Judith Schurmacher, Vice-President
Mr. Paul Giamundo, Trustee
Mr. Paul Smadbeck, Trustee
Mr. Jonathan Freeman, Trustee (*via videoconference as listed on posting)
Mr. Andrew Brown, 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 7:42 PM Board President Katherine Daniels followed by the pledge of allegiance.

Announcements

Following the pledge of allegiance, Board President Katherine made the following announcements:

- Tonight's meeting will include one board member participating via video conference as listed on the posting.
- Congratulations to the Girls Basketball Team, Section A Champions.
- Thank you to the North Salem PTO and the North Salem Teacher's Association for wonderful and informative budget newsletter.
- Check out the North Salem Middle School's latest achievement, "Schools to Watch".
- Congratulations to seniors receiving their college acceptances.
- Kindergarten Registration is ongoing; please contact the main office of Pequenakonck Elementary School for more information [669-5317 xt. 3056].

Board Trustee and Budget Vote

There are four seats up in May 18, 2010 Trustee Election.

To run for the School Board a candidate must be a qualified voter of the district (i.e., a United States citizen); and must have resided in the School District for an uninterrupted period of at least one year prior to the election date. A person who has been convicted of a state or federal felony may not serve on a school board unless: (1) he/she has been pardoned or otherwise restored to the rights of citizenship by the Governor or the President; or (2) his/her maximum sentence of imprisonment has expired; or (3) he/she has been discharged from parole.

Petition Signatures

In accordance with §2018 of the State Education Law, nominating petitions for the May 18, 2010 election require at least twenty-five (25) qualified signatures. (It is suggested that additional qualified signatures be obtained.)

The filing deadline for filing nominating petitions is 5:00 p.m. on Monday, April 19, 2010. Petitions must be filed with the District Clerk at her office in the District Office at 230 June Road, North Salem, New York.

Public Comment

Ms. Cheryl Collangelo, North Salem resident and Occupational Therapist for the elementary school, voiced concern over positions cut from the budget for next year; particularly the Social Worker and Assistant Principal position. Ms. Collangelo stated that the reduction in the availability of someone for the children, in these roles, would be a loss felt by all.

Ms. Patricia Adams, resident and retired North Salem teacher, spoke about the cutting of the Social Worker and Assistant Principal position stating that these losses would leave gaps in service, for the children of the elementary school.

Prospective Board Vacancy Appointees

Board President Katherine Daniels explained that the Board would interview three prospective candidates interested in being appointed to fill the vacant board seat, until the May 18, 2010 election.

Mr. Skip Floer, Ms. Frances Ott and Mr. Greg Allen submitted resumes for the appointment.

The Board of Education asked each prospective candidate questions regarding their experience, interest and outlook.

Board Vote

On a motion made by Andrew Brown and seconded by Paul Giamundo the following resolution was voted on:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby appoints Skip Floer to serve as member of the Board of Education to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Stephen Bobolia, for the period from March 3, 2010 to May 18, 2010.

Roll Call Vote:

Katherine Daniels	Nay
Judith Schurmacher	Aye
Paul Giamundo	Aye
Paul Smadbeck	Nay
Jonathan Freeman	Nay
Andrew Brown	Aye

Vote failed (3-3)

On a motion made by Paul Smadbeck and seconded by Katherine Daniels the following resolution was voted on:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby appoints Greg Allen to serve as member of the Board of Education to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Stephen Bobolia, for the period from March 3, 2010 to May 18, 2010.

Roll Call Vote:

Katherine Daniels	Aye
Judith Schurmacher	Nay
Paul Giamundo	Nay
Paul Smadbeck	Aye
Jonathan Freeman	Aye
Andrew Brown	Nay

Vote failed (3-3)

As there were no further nominations, the Board of Education did not appoint a candidate to fill the vacant seat.

2010-2011 Budget Presentations

Administrators presented 2010-2011 prospective budgets highlighting the areas of Central Administration (Ms. Barbara Briganti), Building/Grounds/Transportation (Mr. Gary Green) and Curriculum (Dr. Michael Hibbard).

Copies of these presentations can be found on the District's website www.northsalemschools.org under the 2010-2011 budget.

Discussion followed regarding the policy to accept non-resident students of employees and whether or not this is a cost to the District. Board members and Dr. Freeston stated that the District accepts non-resident students of employees with the following guidelines, if there is sufficient space and appropriate in-district programs to accommodate the non-resident student without the creation of additional classes and if no increase in the size of faculty or staff will be necessary to accommodate

the student. There is therefore no additional cost to the District. This is a longstanding policy in North Salem that can be changed through board review and modification of the existing policy.

Steve Fuller, teacher at PQ Elementary School, asked for further clarification of how duties will be carried out for the two cuts, the Social Worker and Assistant Principal, at the elementary school. Dr. Freeston stated that there may be a loss in services since these are cuts and those discussions and plans on this have not taken place yet, as the budget has not yet been approved.

Action Items

Tax Certiorari Proceedings

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

BE IT RESOLVED, that in response to the request of the Town of North Salem, the Board of Education agrees to authorize the payment to the Town of 50% of the cost of a preliminary appraisal in a tax certiorari proceeding captioned Theresa Havell v. Town of North Salem at a total cost not to exceed \$ 3000.

Section 3020-a Education Law proceedings

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

BE IT RESOLVED, that Employee No. 00280 shall be suspended with pay during the pendency of Section 3020-a Education Law proceedings.

Roll Call Vote:

Katherine Daniels	Aye
Judith Schurmacher	Aye
Paul Giamundo	Aye
Paul Smadbeck	Aye
Jonathan Freeman	Aye
Andrew Brown	Aye

Vote carried (6-0)

Adjournment

On a motion made by Judith Schurmacher, seconded by Paul Giamundo and carried (6-0) the Board of Education voted to adjourn the meeting at 10:36 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rebecca Narvaez

Rebecca Narvaez, District Clerk

*The meeting will include a board member using video conference from the following location:

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Springhill Suites Marriott
12325 Johnston Road
Charlotte, NC 28277

The posting of this meeting included both locations with the understanding that the public had the right to attend the meeting at both of these locations.