

NORTH SALEM CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
NORTH SALEM, NEW YORK 10560
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BOARD OF EDUCATION
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
APRIL 14, 2010

Call to Order

A regular meeting of the Board of Education of the North Salem Central School District was called to order at 6:47 PM in the Board Conference Room by Board Vice-President Judith Schurmacher.

At 6:47 PM, a motion was made by Judith Schurmacher, seconded by Paul Giamundo, and carried (5-0), to enter into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing the employment history of particular individuals. Judith Schurmacher was appointed Clerk Pro-Tem for this Executive Session.

At 7:20 PM, on a motion made by made Judith Schurmacher, seconded by Andrew Brown and carried (5-0), the Board adjourned the Executive Session and reconvened to the Public Session.

Board Members Present:

Ms. Katherine Daniels, President
Ms. Judith Schurmacher, Vice-President
Mr. Paul Giamundo, Trustee
Mr. Paul Smadbeck, Trustee
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. Mary Rhuda, District Clerk
Members of North Salem Staff
Members of the Public

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:29 PM Board President Katherine Daniels followed by the pledge of allegiance.

Announcements

Board President Katherine Daniels made the following announcements;

- Tickets are on sale for the production of “Les Miserables” for the presentations on April 17 & April 18. There will also be a dinner prior to the play on the 17th.
- Tonight, the Board of Education will adopt the 2010/2011 Budget. The Public Hearing for the Budget will be held on May 5, 2010, with the Budget Vote and Trustee Election be held on May 18, 2010 at Pequenaconck Elementary School during the hours of 7:00 AM to 9:00 PM.

- The community was reminded that if they missed any of the budget meetings, they can view them going to the school website, under Board of Education.
- The next Board of Education meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 27, 2010 to coincide with the BOCES schedule.
- Ms. Daniels is participating in 3 webinars on K-12 Foundation Building. A link will be forwarded for public viewing.

Superintendent Dr. Freeston acknowledged the recent passing of two former North Salem Central School District employees. Mr. Alfred Mulkern, who worked at NSHS from 1959-1984, as a teacher and an administrator.

Mrs. Helen Phillips, a beloved member of the facility also passed away this week. There has been an account set up on Facebook, "Friends of HP".

Public Comments

None.

Student Board Reports

None.

Presentations

None.

Superintendent's Report

Dr. Freeston advised that an Evacuation Drill was held today, which includes the evacuation of all students, faculty and visitors. There are different phases of an evacuation drill. It starts as a typical fire drill. Then after attendance is taken, everyone is asked to proceed down to Tompkins Field for the second phase of the drill. At that time, all persons must get on a school bus and be taken to PQ where everyone is brought to the gymnasium for attendance once again. The drill was a huge success. He thanked the Safety Committee, the Bus Drivers, the students, who were great, and the staff of all the Emergency Personnel who showed up to play apart in this drill.

Paul Giamundo was present at the drill as a member of the Safety Committee.

Andrew Brown was also present at the drill and asked that in the future, drivers need to be patience when they are stopped in the road to let the school buses and emergency workers pass.

Dr. Freeston met with the Communications Committee and the new website designer. The first look will be launched this summer. He stated it is intuitive, simple and navigatable. The new website will be completely different from the current website. It will be changing consistently to bring the most up-to-date information to viewers.

Dr. Freeston also mentioned that he met with the Senior Citizens of North Salem. He had a very cordial and delightful afternoon with them. The budget was discussed, as well as other concerns that

they have regarding the community. Paul Giamundo attended the meeting with the Senior Citizens and said they are very proud of the district.

Dr. Freeston also attended the PQ PTO meeting which was well attended. There was an open discussion, not only regarding the budget but other PQ issues. He thanked Roberta Reiner for her assistance.

Director of Business Administration's Report

Ms. Barbara Briganti noted that there is an item on the agenda that would need Board approval regarding the Water Improvement Project. The Board of Health requires a resolution authorizing a lead designer and engineer be designated. We are still on schedule, but time is of the essence.

Board Reports

Mr. Paul Giamundo attended the Westchester/Putnam Symposium with student graduates and post graduates. It was an all day affair, for students and participants.

Mr. Andrew Brown announced the Booster Club Salem Fest to be held on May 7th & 8th. It is 2 days filled with both boys and girls, Baseball, Softball & Lacrosse.

Dr. Freeston stated his appreciation for the Board on the model way this budget process went. They stayed focused throughout the process.

Mr. Paul Giamundo commended Dr. Freeston and his team for the tough decisions they had to make during this time.

Action Items

Adoption of Proposed 2010-2011 School Budget in the amount of \$38,088,703.

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

RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education adopts the Proposed 2010-2011 School Budget in the total amount of \$38,088,703 to be proposed to the District's voters on May 18, 2010.

Approval of Property Tax Report Card for the 2010-2011 school year.

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

RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the 2009-2010 Property Tax Report Card for the North Salem Central School District.

Approval authorizing of Fellenzer Engineering to act on behalf of the District.

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

BE IT RESOLVED that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education designate Fellenzer Engineering LLP as lead designer and engineer for the water improvement project for the North Salem Central School District.

Acceptance of CSE and CPSE dated April 14, 2010

On a motion made by Judith Schurmacher, seconded by Paul Giamundo and carried (5-0) the Board of Education 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 April 14, 2010.

Election Appointments

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

RESOLVED, that Mary Rhuda be appointed as chief of the election for the 2009-2010 school year at no additional compensation.

RESOLVED, that Mary Rhuda be appointed to the board of registration for the 2009-2010 school year at no additional compensation.

Consent Agenda

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

Ms. Ann Marie McCarthy

RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the appointment of Ms. Ann Marie McCarthy, as a substitute teacher, Grades K-12, for the 2009-2010 school year, at the substitute rate of \$85.00 per day for the first 10 days and \$95.00 per day thereafter, subject to fingerprint clearance.

Ms. Nancy Bruno

RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the appointment of Ms. Nancy Bruno, as a substitute teacher, Grades K-12, for the 2009-2010 school year, at the substitute rate of \$85.00 per day for the first 10 days and \$95.00 per day thereafter, subject to fingerprint clearance.

Ms. Lauren Zagorski-Treuel

RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the appointment of Ms. Lauren Zagorski-Treuel, as a substitute paraprofessional, for grades 6-12, at a rate of \$11.00/hr for the 2009-2010 school year.

Ms. Pamela Ranalli

RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the appointment of Ms. Pamela Ranalli, as a leave replacement bus driver, at a rate of \$21.12/hr for the 2009-2010 school year. Effective dates April 15, 2010 thru June 24, 2010. She is replacing R. Blauvelt.

Ms. Sharon Verdejo

RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the appointment of Ms. Sharon Verdejo, as a temporary appointment to Office Assistant – Automated Systems effective April 15, 2010, at a rate of pay per CSEA Contract, Schedule A, Step 5. This temporary appointment is allowed by the Westchester County Department of Human Resources for a period not to exceed three months.

RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves Donna Haas for home tutoring on an as needed basis at a rate of \$45 an hour for the 2009-2010 school year.

RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves Janice Flynn for home tutoring on an as needed basis at a rate of \$45 an hour for the 2009-2010 school year.

RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves Nicole Russo for home tutoring on an as needed basis at a rate of \$45 an hour for the 2009-2010 school year.

RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves James Minio for home tutoring on an as needed basis at a rate of \$45 an hour for the 2009-2010 school year.

RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves Diane Balch for home tutoring on an as needed basis at a rate of \$45 an hour for the 2009-2010 school year.

RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves Ann Marie McCarthy for home tutoring on an as needed basis at a rate of \$45 an hour for the 2009-2010 school year.

RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education appoints Dennis Tendler Kindergarten Screener Coordinator/Trainer. The rate of pay is \$65.00 per hour, during screening hours on May 15, 2010. Contracted Rate is \$225.00/day prorated for preparation and wrap-up hours.

RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education appoints the following individuals as Kindergarten screeners. The rate of pay is \$65.00 per hour for up to eight hours, on May 15, 2010.

Mimma Bartholdi	Rosemarie Lopez
Dorothea Breslow	Beth Maier
Jane Burdett	Michelle Messemer
Rebecca Donofrio	Pat Miller
Lauren Hussey	Beth Savarese
Jay Krass	Joan Tendler
Victoria Lodewick	

RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education appoints the following individuals as office staff to serve in support capacity for Kindergarten Screeners, for up to eight hours on Saturday, May 15, 2010 to be paid their individual contractual overtime hourly rate.

Valerie Baumler	Maria Bruen
Jean Jerussi	

RESOLVED, upon recommendation by the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves payment, according to the NSTA contract, to the individual's names and positions listed, in the attached charts dated 4/6/2010 (three charts: PQ-2 and MS/HS-1). The total for each project may not be exceeded except with the approval of the Board of Education, changes in the distribution such funding within a project may occur with the approval of the Superintendent of Schools.

RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of 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.

<u>Name of Individual</u>	<u>Stipend Title</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Jennifer Frohman	Advisor for Spring Intramurals	\$178.50
Neil Broderick	Advisor for Spring Intramurals	\$ 84.00

Old Business

Mr. Andrew Brown asked about the voting machines being used for the upcoming vote. The old machines are still in place, and the voting will take place only at Pequenkonck Elementary School.

New Business

Mr. Paul Giamundo mentioned Cyber Bullying and that we need to keep this issue in the back of our minds. Mrs. Schurmacher stated that the Cyber bullying Policy was looked at last year and is current.

Public Comment

None.

Adjournment

On a motion made by Judith Schurmacher, seconded by Paul Giamundo and carried (5-0) the Board of Education adjourned the meeting at 7:52 PM

Respectfully Submitted,

Mary Rhuda

Mary Rhuda, District Clerk