

**NORTH SALEM CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**NORTH SALEM, NEW YORK 10560**  
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**BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING**  
**APRIL 27, 2010**

**Call to Order**

A regular meeting of the Board of Education of the North Salem Central School District was called to order at 6:40 PM in the Board Conference Room by Board Member Paul Smadbeck.

At 6:40 PM, a motion was made by Paul Smadbeck, seconded by Jonathan Freeman, and carried (5-0), to enter into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing the employment history of particular personnel. Katherine Daniels was appointed Clerk Pro-Tem for this Executive Session.

At 7:22 PM, on a motion made by made Paul Giamundo, seconded by Paul Smadbeck 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. Andrew Brown, Trustee  
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. Mary Rhuda, District Clerk  
Members of North Salem Staff

**Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM Board President Katherine Daniels followed by the pledge of allegiance.

**Announcements**

Board President Katherine Daniels made the following announcements;

- This year the Spring Law Conference will discuss Superintendent Contracts, District Reorganizations, and minimizing BOCES costs.
- An email was received from BOCES, reaching out to districts to keep the lines of communications open.
- There are four candidates running for four seats available on the Board: Jonathan Freeman, Paul Smadbeck, Katherine Daniels and Deborah D'Agostino.

- Ms. Daniels participated in the Earth Day activities at PQ. Great participation with students and faculty.
- The next Parent University will be held on May 12<sup>th</sup> from 6:30 PM – 9:00 PM in the PQ Library.
- Ms. Daniels commended the production of Les Miserable. It was a wonderful performance.

### **Public Comments**

None.

### **Student Board Reports**

The Student Board Representatives reported on past and upcoming school events at the Elementary and Middle/High School. Including Earth Day at PQ, and the upcoming North Salem Madrigals presentation of “Joe Sent Me” on April 30<sup>th</sup> at the Hammond Museum.

### **Acceptance of Minutes**

On a motion made by Paul Smadbeck, seconded by Paul Giamundo and carried (5-0) the Board accepted minutes for the following meetings: March 24, 2010 and April 14, 2010.

### **Presentations**

None.

### **Superintendent’s Report**

Dr. Freeston commented that we are in the last 8 weeks of school, which is a very busy time for everyone. There are student performances, sporting events and of course the OPTIONS program. Dr. Freeston stated what a great experience it is for him to be apart of the OPTIONS panel, and recommends to everyone to come on the evening of June 10 to participate.

Dr. Freeston met with a small consortium of School Districts last week and one of the items discussed “Distance Learning”. There are some model schools that may be visited. Distance learning would be beneficial for credit recovery, tutoring and homebound instruction.

Dr. Freeston viewed a prototype of the website design, which looks great, and is very user friendly.

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

Ms. Barbara Briganti is finalizing documents to send to the community since the adoption of the 2010/2011 Budget. After the Public Hearing on May 5<sup>th</sup>, the 6 Day Notice will be mailed, so the budget is information clear for the residents.

Ms. Briganti discussed the School Facilities Report Card that is a mandate from the State. The Report Card is a state form, which was presented to the Board. The Board of Education reviewed the Report Card.

Mr. Paul Smadbeck asked about the lunch program. Ms. Briganti discussed the Treasurer's Report with the Board. The lunch program is running in the black and the new breakfast program has been very successful. Also, in the past, the Kindergarten students did not have the option to purchase lunch. In January, they were able to do so.

Revenues are slightly ahead of this time last year, due to the settlement from the roof.

## **Board Reports**

Dr. Hibbard spoke about the status of the District's Mission & Beliefs & the Master Strategies. Teachers, Administrators and Department Chairs have been meeting to work on problem solving strategies for the students. Every class will have 1 problem solving technique to work on, in the end our Students will be creative thinkers and problem solvers. Mr. Brown asked when the students will be able to use the skills they are learning. Dr. Hibbard feels, after that after 2 full years of learning the problem solving skills, the students will be able to use them in everyday situations.

Mr. Giamundo discussed his participation in a seminar at Manhantanville College regarding transitioning from high school to college. The seminar stressed the importance of schools starting this process with students in the early grades, not just when they are seniors.

Ms. Hauser stated that this process starts in the 8<sup>th</sup> grade at North Salem.

Mr. Freeman said the Technology Committee has many cool and interesting plans to move technology strategies forward.

Ms. Hauser reported on the PPS Committee. They are looking at conducting a student survey on the Co-teaching program. The teacher and parent surveys are completed.

Ms. Hauser also discussed the Wellness Committee which is working on new policies regarding food served in the classroom.

## **Action Items**

### **BOCES Administrative Budget 2010-2011**

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

***WHEREAS***, the Board of Cooperative Educational Services of Putnam/Northern Westchester County (hereinafter "BOCES") has proposed and presented its tentative administrative budget for the 2010-2011 school year (July 1, 2010 through June 30, 2011), now therefore be it

**RESOLVED**, that the BOCES tentative administrative budget for the 2010--2011 school year in a Amount of \$8,365,684 be, and hereby is, approved by this Board.

**BOCES Trustee Election**

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

**BE IT RESOLVED**, the Board of Education approves the casting of one ballot for each of the two candidates, Mr. Thomas Knight & Mrs. Joan Austin as trustees in the election to the Board of Cooperative Education Services. The term will run from July 1, 2010 through June 30, 2013.

**Acceptance of the Treasurer's Report, Budget Status and Revenue Status, Warrant Report, Student Activities Fund Report and Monthly Expenditure Report for the month of March 2010.**

On a motion made by Paul Smadbeck, 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 the Treasurer's Report, Budget Status and Revenue Status, Warrant Report and Monthly Expenditure Report for the month of March 2010.

**Adoption of Text Books**

On a motion made by Paul Smadbeck, 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 adoption of the following book for instructional use.

Title	Shakespeare's Secret
Author	Elise Broach
Publisher	Scholastic Press/New York
Copyright Date	2005

**Acceptance of CSE dated April 27, 2010**

On a motion made by Paul Smadbeck, 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 Reports dated April 27, 2010.

## **Disposal of Bus**

On a motion made by Paul Smadbeck, 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 trade in of Van #130 / VIN IGDJG31F1204280.

## **Consent Agenda**

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

### **Appointment**

#### **Certified**

##### **Ms. Jenna Goldberg**

**RESOLVED**, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the appointment of Ms. Jenna Goldberg, as a Substitute Teacher, Grades 6-12, 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.

#### **Classified**

##### **Ms. Colleen Marchigiani**

**RESOLVED**, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the temporary appointment of Ms. Colleen Marchigiani, as a typist in the Guidance Office at the rate per CSEA Contract, Clerical Schedule C, Step 1, effective April 20, 2010.

##### **Ms. Anna Morozuk**

**RESOLVED**, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the appointment of Ms. Anna Morozuk, Paraprofessional MS/HS, at the rate per CSEA Contract, Paraprofessional Schedule B, Step 3, effective April 20, 2010.

### **Tenure**

##### **Mr. Douglas Coates**

**RESOLVED**, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the tenure appointment of Mr. Douglas Coates in the Music Tenure Area, effective September 1, 2010.

**Ms. Barbara Corradi**

**RESOLVED**, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the tenure appointment of Ms. Barbara Corradi in the Teaching Assistant Tenure Area, effective September 1, 2010.

**Ms. Ellen Falk**

**RESOLVED**, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the tenure appointment of Ms. Ellen Falk in the Math 7-12 Tenure Area, effective September 1, 2010.

**Mr. Damien Holst**

**RESOLVED**, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the tenure appointment of Mr. Damien Holst in the Special Education Tenure Area, effective September 1, 2010.

**Ms. Victoria Lodewick**

**RESOLVED**, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the tenure appointment of Ms. Victoria Lodewick in the Elementary Tenure Area, effective September 1, 2010.

**Ms. Diana Marinovic**

**RESOLVED**, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the tenure appointment of Ms. Diana Marinovic in the Art Tenure Area, effective September 1, 2010.

**Ms. Kylie McCarron**

**RESOLVED**, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the tenure appointment of Ms. Kylie McCarron in the English Tenure Area, effective September 1, 2010.

**Ms. Elizabeth Roman**

**RESOLVED**, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the tenure appointment of Ms. Elizabeth Roman in the Teaching Assistant Tenure Area, effective September 1, 2010.

**Approval**

**Ms. Laurie Mechanic-Goodman**

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

**Curriculum Projects**

**RESOLVED**, upon recommendation by the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves additional payment, according to the NSTA contract, to the individual’s names and positions listed, in the attached chart dated 04/22/10. 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.

**Mentor Stipends**

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

<b><u>Name of Individual</u></b>	<b><u>Mentor Stipend</u></b>	<b><u>Amount</u></b>
Bill Dahl	Physical Education Teacher	\$1,000.00 Prorated effective 4/16/10

**Old Business**

None

**New Business**

None

**Public Comment**

None.

**Adjournment**

On a motion made by Paul Smadbeck, seconded by Paul Giamundo and carried (5-0) the Board of Education adjourned the meeting at 8:37 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mary Rhuda, District Clerk