

NORTH SALEM CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
NORTH SALEM, NEW YORK 10560
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BOARD OF EDUCATION
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
MAY 5, 2010

Call to Order

A regular meeting of the Board of Education of the North Salem Central School District was called to order at 6:32 PM in the Board Conference Room by Board Member Judith Schumacher.

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

At 7:20 PM, on a motion made by made Paul Giamundo, seconded by Paul Smadbeck and carried (6-0), the Board adjourned the Executive Session and reconvened to the Public Session.

Board Members Present:

Ms. Katherine Daniels, President
Ms. Judith Schumacher, Vice 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 7:31 PM Board President Katherine Daniels followed by the pledge of allegiance.

Public Hearing: 2010-2011 Budget

Motion to open the Public Hearing concerning the 2010-2011 Budget by Katherine Daniels.

Ms. RoseMaria DosSantos stated that she was grateful that the Board and Administration worked so hard to put forth a budget that takes into consideration the economy and the residents.

Ms. Rita Driscoll agreed with Ms. DosSantos and thanked the Board for their hard work.

On a motion made by Judith Schumacher, seconded by Paul Giamundo and carried (6-0) the Public Hearing as closed.

Announcements

Board President Katherine Daniels made the following announcements:

- Please check out the 5th grade pod cast link that can be found on the home page of the District's website.
- The Foundation for Learning will be holding its annual fundraiser raffle which will be awarded at the annual dinner on May 27th. Please check the website.
- The next Parent University session will be held on May 12th.
- If you have a child that will be 5 years old by November 30, 2010, please contact PQ for kindergarten registration.
- WPSBA has had legislation moved for early retirement incentives.

Ms. Judith Schumacher mentioned that the Madrigals performance at the Hammond Museum was wonderful.

Public Comments - None

Acceptance of Minutes

On a motion made by Judith Schumacher, seconded by Paul Giamundo and carried (6-0) the Board accepted minutes for the following meetings: April 27, 2010.

Discussion Items

None.

Superintendent's Report

Dr. Freeston advised that there is a Budget Overview printout that has a good graph showing that the proposed budget is lower than the approved 2008-2009 budget.

A follow up to Dr. Hibbard's report at the last meeting on the Mission-Linked Problem Solving Tasks (PST). In June the approximately 120 PST's, 1 or 2 for every teacher, will be discussed.

The tentative date for the Reorganization Meeting will be July 7, 2010, which is consistent with past practices to have the meeting the 1st Wednesday in July. At that time a BOE retreat will be discussed.

Director of Business Administration's Report

Ms. Briganti discussed the budget transfers that are the agenda for approval this evening. The majority of transfers are due to the reclassification of salary codes. There is also an item on the agenda to approve the establishment of the reserve employee retirement fund. This is only to approve, not to fund the reserve.

Ms. Briganti also advised that the Westchester County sales tax check came in \$30,000 higher than anticipated. This will go in the reserve fund. The District is on target to have 4% in the fund balance.

Board Reports

Mr. Andrew Brown reported on the Safety Committee. At the most recent meeting, the evacuation drill was reviewed. He thanked all the volunteer community members for participation.

The parking program is moving along. He reminded everyone to please adhere to the signs posted.

Ms. Judith Schumacher will be attending the Town Task Force meeting at the North Salem Town Hall.

Ms. Daniels advised the NYSSBA has a new advocacy event “Lobby on Your Turf” This project takes place in the district offices of our local legislators. This is an attempt to break the stalemate in Albany.

Ms. Daniels also attended the 2010 Education Forum that Sandy Galef sponsored. David Steiner was the guest speaker and his vision for education in New York State is very similar to what we are doing at North Salem, and we seem to be ahead of the game. Our Mission Statement and is consistent with what they state is moving forward to and she thanked Dr. Hibbard for getting is on target.

Action Items

Budget Transfers

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

10-018 RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the transfer of \$16,795.00 to A 1621-166-03-000 Maintenance Salaries from A 1620-166-03-0000 Custodial Salaries and \$3,570.00 from A 162-167-03-0000 Maintenance Overtime to A 1621-166-03-000 Maintenance Salaries.

10-019 RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the transfer of \$8,000.00 to A 2020-161-31-0000 Substitute Clerical HS from A 202-163-31-0000 Clerical Salaries.

10-020 RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the transfer of \$7,600.00 to A 1621-428-03-0000 Building Repairs from A 2630-400-90-1000 Contractual Maintenance.

10-021 RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the transfer of \$132,500.00 to A 2110-121-00-0000 Gr 4-5 Teacher Salaries from A 2110-120-00-0000 Gr K-3 Teacher Salaries, and \$20,950.00 from Gr 7-12 Teacher Salaries from A 2110-130-00-0000, and \$17,255.00 from A 2250-150-90-0000 Special Ed Instruction Salaries.

10-022 RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the transfer of \$7,000.00 to A 2110-161-11-0000 Sub Paraprofessional PQ from A 2250-150-90-0000 Spec Ed Instruction Salaries.

10-023 RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the transfer of \$4,000.00 to A 2110-161-31-0000 Sub Paraprofessional M/HS from A 2250-150-90-0000 Spec Ed Instruction Salaries.

10-024 RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the transfer of \$4,500.00 to A 2250-157-04-0000 Instruction Salaries Speech from A 2250-153-90-0000 Teacher Assistants Inst.

10-025 RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the transfer of \$1,355.00 to A 2630-160-90-0000 Non-Inst Salaries from A 2630-150-90-0000 Instructional Salaries.

10-026 RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the transfer of \$17,450.00 to A 2630-491-00-0000 BOCES Services from A 2630-400-90-0000 Contractual System Admin.

10-027 RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the transfer of \$860.00 to A 2810-150-32-0000 Inst. Salaries-Guidance from A 2810-150-00-0000 Proctoring Certified.

10-028 RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the transfer of \$2,175.00 to A 2825-150-00-0000 Social Worker Salaries from A 2810-163-32-0000 Clerical Salaries-Guidance.

10-029 RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the transfer of \$103,600.00 to A 5510-160-02-0000 Bus Drivers Salaries from A 5510-162-02-0000 Bus Routes-Regular Rates.

10-030 RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the transfer of \$15,000.00 to A 9060-860-90-0000 Hospitalization Insurance from A 9060-865-90-0000 Dental/Vision Insurance.

Acceptance of CSE dated May 5, 2010

On a motion made by Judith Schumacher, seconded by Paul Giamundo and carried (6-0) 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 May 5, 2010.

Approval of Letter of Intent for the 2010-2011 School Year Merger/John Jay High School

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

RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education authorizes the Board of Education President and the Superintendent to sign the Letters of Intent for the mergers for the following sports with John Jay High School/Katonah Lewisboro School District:

Fall 2010

Women's Varsity Swim & Dive

Winter 2010/2011

Men's Varsity Swim & Dive

Modified Wrestling

Varsity Skiing

Winter Track

Approval of Letter of Intent for 2010-2011 School Year Merger/Somers High School

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

RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education authorizes the Board of Education President and the Superintendent to sign the Letters of Intent for the mergers for the following sports with Somers High School/Somers School District:

Winter 2010/2011

Varsity Ice Hockey

Modified Ice Hockey

Gift Acceptance

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

RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education accepts the donation of Douglas fir wood & galvanized screws for the purpose of the MS/HS Community Garden, with gratitude from Lakeland Lumber, Croton.

RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education accepts the donation of Top Soil, fertilizer, peat moss, landscaping fabric for the purpose of the MS/HS Community Garden, with gratitude from Hardscrabble Farm.

RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education accepts the donation of garden “Black Gold” fertilizer for the purpose of the MS/HS Community Garden, with gratitude from Mr. P. Kamenstein.

RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education accepts the donation of 30 pots (ceramic & plastic) for the purpose of the MS/HS Community Garden, with gratitude from Ms. Margaret Uyeki.

The Board thanked all the donors for the generaious donations and support of the MS/HS Community Garden

Reserve Fund

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

WHEREAS, the Board of Education may establish a reserve fund pursuant to the provisions of Section 6-r of the General Municipal Law for the purpose of financing retirement system contributions to the New York State and Local Employees’ Retirement System (ERS); and

WHEREAS, the Board wishes to establish and fund such reserve fund in anticipation of increases in future employer contributions to ERS due to the decline in the investment market;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education authorizes the establishment of a reserve fund pursuant to Section 6-r of the General Municipal Law, to be known as the Retirement Contribution Reserve Fund, for the purpose of financing retirement contributions to the New York State and Local Employees’ Retirement System.

Approval of Exemptions for the Elderly/Disabled Person

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

RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education adopts the Exemptions for the Elderly/Disable Person Option since 2006 for the 2010 Assessment Rolls as follows:

For the period commencing July 1, 2010

<u>Annual Income</u>	<u>Percentage of Assessed Value Exempt From Taxation</u>
\$0 to \$29,000.00	50%
\$29,000.01 to \$29,999.99	45%
\$30,000.00 to \$30,999.99	40%
\$31,000.00 to \$31,999.99	35%
\$32,000.00 to \$32,899.99	30%

\$32,900.00 to \$33,799.99	25%
\$33,800.00 to \$34,699.99	20%
\$34,700.00 to \$35,599.99	15%
\$35,600.00 to \$36,499.99	10%
\$36,500.00 to \$37,399.99	05%

Consent Agenda

On a motion made by Judith Schumacher, seconded by Paul Giamundo and carried (5-0), 1 abstention, A. Brown) the Board of Education approved the following Consent Agenda:

Classified

Amend

Ms. Colleen Marchigiani

RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education amends 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 until advised from the **Westchester County Department of Human Resources, with respect to the appropriate title, but in no event to exceed three months.**

Ms. Anna Morozuk

RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education amends the **temporary** appointment of Ms. Anna Morozuk, Paraprofessional MS/HS, at the rate per CSEA Contract, Paraprofessional Schedule B, Step 3, effective April 20, 2010 – June 24, 2010.

Appointment

Ms. Andrea Brown

RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the appointment of Ms. Andrea Brown, as a substitute paraprofessional, for grades K-5, at a rate of \$11.00/hr for the 2009-2010 school year.

Approval

Ms. Tara Carl

RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves Tara Carl for Unpaid Child Care Leave of Absence on or about November 25, 2010 until on or about December 9, 2010.

Ms. Christina Hundzynski

RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves Christina Hundzynski for Unpaid Child Care Leave of Absence on or about October 27, 2010 until on or about December 10, 2010.

Ms. Giselle Parrelli

RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the appointment of Ms. Giselle Parrelli as a student teacher, Math Education, in the Middle School/High School, Spring 2009. No compensation for Student Teachers.

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 04/28/10. 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.

Stipends

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 **2010-2011** school year.

<u>Name of Individual</u>	<u>Stipend</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Lynda Vincent	Summer District Position State Reporting/Student Database	\$225/day \$6,750/Total
Lynda Vincent	Data Analyst Specialist Stipend	\$12,000/Total
Mimma Bartholdi	Co-Mentor Coordinators	\$1,500

New Business

None.

Old Business

None.

Public Comment

None.

Adjournment

On a motion made by Judith Schumacher, seconded by Paul Giamundo and carried (6-0) the Board of Education adjourned the meeting at 8:07 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mary Rhuda, District Clerk