

**NEWBURGH ENLARGED CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
PROCEEDINGS
AT A SPECIAL MEETING
Wednesday, June 8, 2011**

The Special Meeting of the Board of Education was held Wednesday, June 8, 2011, in the Conference Room of the Board of Education/Library Complex, 124 Grand Street, Newburgh, NY 12550.

PRESENT: Mr. DeMarco, Mr. Lewis, Mrs. McAfee, Mr. Poppiti, Ms. Prokosch, Mrs. Resch, Mr. Vesely and Mrs. Fuchek.

ABSENT: Mr. Giudice.

ALSO PRESENT: Mr. Pizzo, Mr. Forgit, Mr. Jensen, Mrs. Leimer, Mr. McLymore, Dr. Noriega, Mr. Pacella, Mr. Swanson and Attorney Margo May.

OTHERS PRESENT: Mr. Louis R. Silverman, Esq., of Rutherford and Christie, LLP.

Mrs. Fuchek presided; the meeting opened at 3:05 p.m. Mr. Vesely led the Pledge.

PROPOSED EXECUTIVE SESSION SUBJECT TO BOARD APPROVAL

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board hereby recesses into Executive Session for the following purposes: To discuss the employment history of particular individuals and to discuss current litigation: United States District Court for the Southern District of New York, Case No. 06 CV 2797 (JFK) - Colette D. Ragin, Plaintiff, against NECS, Annette Saturnelli and Runston Lewis, Defendants. The Board will be taking action after the executive session.

Mr. DeMarco moved to adjourn to executive session, seconded by Mr. Poppiti.

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Mr. DeMarco, Mr. Lewis, Mrs. McAfee, Mr. Poppiti, Ms. Prokosch, Mr. Vesely and Mrs. Fuchek.
Motion Carried: 7-0.

The Board adjourned to executive session at 3:06 p.m.

Mrs. Resch entered the meeting at 3:19 p.m.

Mrs. Resch moved to reconvene the meeting to open session, seconded by Mr. Vesely.

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Mr. DeMarco, Mr. Lewis, Mrs. McAfee, Mr. Poppiti, Ms. Prokosch, Mrs. Resch, Mr. Vesely and Mrs. Fuchek. Motion Carried: 8-0.

The Board reconvened at 4:24 p.m.

AGENDA ITEMS – ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT FOR CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION

A. Resolution to Accept the Delivery of a Greenhouse from the 21st Century Community Learning Center Program to Temple Hill Academy

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Newburgh Enlarged City School District hereby accepts the delivery of a 16' x 16' greenhouse to Temple Hill Academy from the 21st Century Community Learning Center Program for use by the District's students.

Mr. Poppiti moved the resolution, seconded by Mrs. Resch.

Mr. Velez provided information regarding the installation of the greenhouse.

Ms. Prokosch suggested that the District explore solar energy grants to reduce the cost of electric and heating of the greenhouse.

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Mr. DeMarco, Mr. Lewis, Mrs. McAfee, Mr. Poppiti, Ms. Prokosch, Mrs. Resch, Mr. Vesely and Mrs. Fuchek. Motion Carried: 8-0.

B. Resolution to Approve the Participation of Seventeen Students from the NFA Track Team that Qualified to Compete in the NYS Championship in Caledonia, NY, June 9-11, 2011

WHEREAS, the Board of Education encourages participation in extracurricular activities;

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approves 17 students from the Newburgh Free Academy Track Team who qualified to compete in the New York State Championship in Caledonia, New York from June 9-11, 2011.

(Funding Source: General Funds – Athletics)

Mr. Poppiti moved the resolution, seconded by Mr. Vesely.

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Mr. DeMarco, Mr. Lewis, Mrs. McAfee, Mr. Poppiti, Ms. Prokosch, Mrs. Resch, Mr. Vesely and Mrs. Fuchek. Motion Carried: 8-0.

C. Resolution to Approve the Participation of One Student from the NFA Girls Golf Team that Qualified to Compete in the NYS Girls State Championship in Delhi, NY, June 11-12, 2011

WHEREAS, the Board of Education encourages participation in extracurricular activities;

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approves 1 (one) student from the Newburgh Free Academy Girls Golf Team who qualified to compete in the New York State Girls State Championship in Delhi, New York from June 11-12, 2011.

(Funding Source: General Funds – Athletics)

Mr. Lewis moved the resolution, seconded by Mr. Vesely.

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Mr. DeMarco, Mr. Lewis, Mrs. McAfee, Mr. Poppiti, Ms. Prokosch, Mrs. Resch, Mr. Vesely and Mrs. Fuchek. Motion Carried: 8-0.

D. Resolution to Authorize the Superintendent of Schools to Execute an Agreement with the NYS Office of General Services to Utilize their Facilities for Professional Development

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Newburgh Enlarged City School District hereby authorizes Ralph A. Pizzo, Superintendent of Schools, to execute an agreement with NYS Office of General Services, with offices at The Empire State Plaza Convention Center, Albany, New York 12242, to utilize their facilities for professional development for the period of August 15, 2011 through August 16, 2011, at a cost not to exceed \$3,000. Said Agreement shall be incorporated by reference within the minutes of this meeting. *(Funding Source: 2011-12 Title I, School Improvement-School Leadership)*

Mr. Lewis moved the resolution, seconded by Mr. Poppiti.

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Mr. DeMarco, Mr. Lewis, Mrs. McAfee, Mr. Poppiti, Ms. Prokosch, Mrs. Resch, Mr. Vesely and Mrs. Fuchek. Motion Carried: 8-0.

E. Resolution to Authorize the Superintendent of Schools to Execute an Agreement with David Burpee to provide Scheduling Consultation and Space Utilization Analysis with Building Level Administration at Temple Hill School

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Newburgh Enlarged City School District hereby authorizes Ralph A. Pizzo, Superintendent of Schools, to execute an agreement with David Burpee to provide scheduling consultation and space utilization analysis with building level administration at Temple Hill Academy for the period of June 1, 2011 through June 30, 2011, at a maximum fee of \$550 per day, with such compensation not to exceed \$9,900. Said Agreement shall be incorporated by reference within the minutes of this meeting. *(Funding Source: 2010-11 Title I SINI)*

Mr. Vesely moved the resolution, seconded by Mrs. Resch.

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Mr. DeMarco, Mr. Lewis, Mrs. McAfee, Mr. Poppiti, Ms. Prokosch, Mr. Vesely and Mrs. Fuchek. Motion Carried: 7-0. *Mrs. Resch was out of room at time of vote.*

F. Resolution to Authorize the Superintendent of Schools to Execute an Increase to the Consultant Agreement with Capital Area School Development Association to Provide Compass Training to School Building Administrators and Leadership Teams

WHEREAS, the Board of Education previously approved a consultant agreement with Capital Area School Development Association (CASDA), to provide consulting services to assist Temple Hill Academy, South Middle School, Heritage Middle School and Newburgh Free Academy building administrators and leadership teams in the development and update of the 2011-12 Comprehensive Education Plans, for the

period from June 1, 2011 through August 15, 2011 at the rate of \$1,000 per day for a maximum amount of \$32,000 plus reasonable travel expenses not to exceed \$4,400; and WHEREAS, the Board wishes to increase this consultant agreement and modify the scope of work to include Compass Training to Temple Hill Academy, South Middle School, Heritage Middle School and Newburgh Free Academy building administrators and leadership teams, at an additional fee of \$6,000, plus reasonable travel expenses not to exceed \$1,000;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Newburgh Enlarged City School District hereby authorizes Ralph A. Pizzo, Superintendent of Schools, to execute an increase to the consultant agreement with Capital Area School Development Association for an additional \$7,000, from June 1, 2011 through August 15, 2011 at a total cost not to exceed \$43,400. A copy of said Agreement shall be incorporated by reference within the minutes of this meeting.

(Funding Source: Title I, School Improvement Grant)

Mr. Lewis moved the resolution, seconded by Mr. DeMarco.

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Mr. DeMarco, Mr. Lewis, Mrs. McAfee, Mr. Poppiti, Ms. Prokosch, Mrs. Resch, Mr. Vesely and Mrs. Fuchek. Motion Carried: 8-0.

G. Resolution to Approve Conference Requests

Mr. Lewis moved the resolution, seconded by Mr. Vesely.

Mr. Forgit clarified that the *Learning Focused Relationships-Miravia: The Road to Learning* conference to Simsbury, Connecticut is for six days – July 10-15, 2011.

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Mr. DeMarco, Mr. Lewis, Mrs. McAfee, Mr. Poppiti, Ms. Prokosch, Mrs. Resch, Mr. Vesely and Mrs. Fuchek. Motion Carried: 8-0.

Date Received	Name	Position	Bldg.	Start Date End Date	#Days	Conference Title	Location	Sub	General Funds			External Funds		
									Conference	Cost	Sub	Conference	Cost	Sub
									Cost	Center	Cost	Cost	Center	Cost
C														
6/8/2011	Ed Forgit	Assistant Supt. C&I	BOE	7/10-15/2011	6	Learning Focused Relationships - Miravia: The Road To Learning	Simsbury, CT	N				\$2,100.78	Race To The Top	
6/8/2011	Mary Ellen Leimer	Assistant Supt. HR	BOE	7/10-15/2011	6	Learning Focused Relationships - Miravia: The Road To Learning	Simsbury, CT	N				\$2,100.78	Race To The Top	
6/8/2011	Michael McLymore	Executive Dir. HR	BOE	7/10-15/2011	6	Learning Focused Relationships - Miravia: The Road To Learning	Simsbury, CT	N				\$2,100.78	Race To The Top	
6/8/2011	Daniel Shanahan	Executive Dir. C&I	BOE	7/10-15/2011	6	Learning Focused Relationships - Miravia: The Road To Learning	Simsbury, CT	N				\$2,100.78	Race To The Top	
6/8/2011	Ken Swanson	Executive Dir. Special Ed	Executive Drive	7/10-15/2011	6	Learning Focused Relationships - Miravia: The Road To Learning	Simsbury, CT	N				\$2,101.78	Race To The Top	
6/8/2011	Patricia VanDuser	President NTA	NTA	7/10-15/2011	6	Learning Focused Relationships - Miravia: The Road To Learning	Simsbury, CT	N				\$2,100.78	Race To The Top	
6/8/2011	Mary Jo Bowdoin	Director	NFA - Main	7/10-15/2011	6	Learning Focused Relationships - Miravia: The Road To Learning	Simsbury, CT	N				\$2,099.78	Race To The Top	
6/8/2011	Theresa Brown	Director	Vails Gate	7/10-15/2011	6	Learning Focused Relationships - Miravia: The Road To Learning	Simsbury, CT	N				\$2,100.78	Race To The Top	
6/8/2011	Margaret Burpee	Director	NFA - Main	7/10-15/2011	6	Learning Focused Relationships - Miravia: The Road To Learning	Simsbury, CT	N				\$2,100.78	Race To The Top	
6/8/2011	John Etri	Director	NFA - Main	7/10-15/2011	6	Learning Focused Relationships - Miravia: The Road To Learning	Simsbury, CT	N				\$2,100.78	Race To The Top	
6/8/2011	Al Romano	Director	NFA - Main	7/10-15/2011	6	Learning Focused Relationships - Miravia: The Road To Learning	Simsbury, CT	N				\$2,100.78	Race To The Top	
6/8/2011	George Teasdale	Director	NFA - Main	7/10-15/2011	6	Learning Focused Relationships - Miravia: The Road To Learning	Simsbury, CT	N				\$2,100.78	Race To The Top	

6/8/2011	Jim Nee	Teacher	NFA - Main	7/10-15/2011	6	Learning Focused Relationships - Miravia: The Road To Learning	Simsbury, CT	N				\$2,100.78	Race To The Top	
6/8/2011	David Brown	IB Coordinator	Horizons	7/10-15/2011	6	Learning Focused Relationships - Miravia: The Road To Learning	Simsbury, CT	N				\$2,100.78	Race To The Top	
6/8/2011	T.B.A.	Instructional Coach	Balmville	7/10-15/2011	6	Learning Focused Relationships - Miravia: The Road To Learning	Simsbury, CT	N				\$2,100.78	Race To The Top	
6/8/2011	T.B.A.	Instructional Coach	Fostertown	7/10-15/2011	6	Learning Focused Relationships - Miravia: The Road To Learning	Simsbury, CT	N				\$2,100.78	Race To The Top	
6/8/2011	T.B.A.	Instructional Coach	Gardnertown	7/10-15/2011	6	Learning Focused Relationships - Miravia: The Road To Learning	Simsbury, CT	N				\$2,100.78	Race To The Top	
6/8/2011	T.B.A.	Instructional Coach	GAMS	7/10-15/2011	6	Learning Focused Relationships - Miravia: The Road To Learning	Simsbury, CT	N				\$2,100.78	Race To The Top	
6/8/2011	T.B.A.	Instructional Coach	Heritage	7/10-15/2011	6	Learning Focused Relationships - Miravia: The Road To Learning	Simsbury, CT	N				\$2,100.78	Race To The Top	
6/8/2011	T.B.A.	Instructional Coach	South Middle	7/10-15/2011	6	Learning Focused Relationships - Miravia: The Road To Learning	Simsbury, CT	N				\$2,100.78	Race To The Top	
6/8/2011	T.B.A.	Instructional Coach	Meadow Hill	7/10-15/2011	6	Learning Focused Relationships - Miravia: The Road To Learning	Simsbury, CT	N				\$2,100.78	Race To The Top	
6/8/2011	T.B.A.	Instructional Coach	Temple Hill	7/10-15/2011	6	Learning Focused Relationships - Miravia: The Road To Learning	Simsbury, CT	N				\$2,100.78	Race To The Top	
6/8/2011	T.B.A.	Instructional Coach	Meadow/ Temple 6-8	7/10-15/2011	6	Learning Focused Relationships - Miravia: The Road To Learning	Simsbury, CT	N				\$2,100.78	Race To The Top	
6/8/2011	T.B.A.	Instructional Coach	New Windsor	7/10-15/2011	6	Learning Focused Relationships - Miravia: The Road To Learning	Simsbury, CT	N				\$2,100.78	Race To The Top	
6/8/2011	T.B.A.	Instructional Coach	Vails Gate	7/10-15/2011	6	Learning Focused Relationships - Miravia: The Road To Learning	Simsbury, CT	N				\$2,100.78	Race To The Top	

AGENDA ITEMS – ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT FOR HUMAN RESOURCES**A. RESCISSION – (F. CIVIL SERVICE CHANGE OF APPOINTMENT STATUS)**

	Last Name	First Name	Position	Location	Previous Appointment	New Appointment	Effective Date
1	Durante	Thomas	Digital Video Streaming Specialist	EXE	Provisional	Permanent	05/06/11
2	Luke	Susana	Sr. Account Clerk	COA	Temporary	Permanent	02/23/11
3	Wallace	Mark	School Violence Prevention Coordinator	NFA	Provisional	Permanent	04/25/11
Rescind from Board Action taken on May 31, 2011; Item F, 1-3							

Mr. DeMarco moved rescission of Item A as presented, seconded by Mr. Poppiti.

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Mr. DeMarco, Mr. Lewis, Mrs. McAfee, Mr. Poppiti, Ms. Prokosch, Mrs. Resch, Mr. Vesely and Mrs. Fuchek. Motion Carried: 8-0.

B. CIVIL SERVICE CHANGE OF APPOINTMENT STATUS

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2	Luke	Susana	Sr. Account Clerk	COA	Temporary	Probationary	02/23/11
3	Wallace	Mark	School Violence Prevention Coordinator	NFA	Provisional	Probationary	04/25/11
4	Young	John	District Security Manager	COA	Provisional	Probationary	04/25/11

Mr. Lewis moved Item B, seconded by Mr. Poppiti.

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Mr. DeMarco, Mr. Lewis, Mrs. McAfee, Mr. Poppiti, Ms. Prokosch, Mrs. Resch, Mr. Vesely and Mrs. Fuchek. Motion Carried: 8-0.

C. RESOLUTION # 060811 C

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of the Newburgh Enlarged City School District, hereby authorizes the settlement of United States District Court for the Southern District of New York, Case No. 06 CV 2797 (JFK), upon such terms recommended by the insurance counsel, and ratifies the execution of a Settlement Agreement and General Release by the insurance counsel, and **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education of the Newburgh Enlarged City School District, hereby agrees to rescind the termination of Colette Ragin, effective April 14, 2006, and retroactively accepts her resignation effective April 14, 2006.

Mr. Vesely moved the resolution, seconded by Mrs. Resch.

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Mr. DeMarco, Mr. Lewis, Mrs. McAfee, Mr. Poppiti, Ms. Prokosch, Mrs. Resch, Mr. Vesely and Mrs. Fuchek. Motion Carried: 8-0.

D.

RESOLUTION # 060811 D

BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education of the Newburgh Enlarged City School District, hereby appoints Michael Ragusa, to the position of Middle School Principal at South Middle School, to serve a (3) year probationary term in the Middle School Principal tenure area effective September 1, 2011 through August 31, 2014, at an annual salary of \$129,332 (Salary Schedule A-2-6), as per the Newburgh Supervisors and Administrators Association agreement, replacing Ronald Jackson.

Mr. DeMarco moved the resolution, seconded by Mr. Poppiti.

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Mr. DeMarco, Mr. Lewis, Mrs. McAfee, Mr. Poppiti, Ms. Prokosch, Mrs. Resch, Mr. Vesely and Mrs. Fuchek. Motion Carried: 8-0.

E.

RESOLUTION # 060811 E

BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education of the Newburgh Enlarged City School District, hereby approves the change of status of Salvatore Vasile, from Mid-Range Systems Specialist to the position of Chief Information Officer, a provisional appointment, as part of the Managerial Confidential unit, at an annual salary of \$94,381, effective July 1, 2011, replacing Agnes Elish.

Mr. Lewis moved the resolution, seconded by Mr. Vesely.

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Mr. DeMarco, Mr. Lewis, Mrs. McAfee, Mr. Poppiti, Ms. Prokosch, Mrs. Resch, Mr. Vesely and Mrs. Fuchek. Motion Carried: 8-0.

F.

RESOLUTION # 060811 F

BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education of the Newburgh Enlarged City School District, hereby approves the change of status of Marc Bilyou, from Micro Computer Technician to the position of Systems Engineer, a provisional appointment, as part of the CSEA Bargaining Unit, at an annual salary of \$77,688 effective July 1, 2011, replacing Charles Houck.

Mr. Lewis moved the resolution, seconded by Mr. Poppiti.

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Mr. DeMarco, Mr. Lewis, Mrs. McAfee, Mr. Poppiti, Ms. Prokosch, Mrs. Resch, Mr. Vesely and Mrs. Fuchek. Motion Carried: 8-0.

G.

RESOLUTION #060811 G

BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education of the Newburgh Enlarged City School District, hereby approves the following appointments listed below for the Teacher on Special Assignment-CSE (Committee on Special Education) as per the Collective Bargaining Agreement(s) between the District and the Newburgh Teachers’ Association:

	Name	Position
1	Hamilton, Jo-Ann	CPSE (for Pre-K Special Ed)
2	Bourne, Barbara	CSE-Chair
3	Beyer, Geoia	CSE-Chair
4	DeGennaro, Nadene	CSE-Chair
5	Papageorgantis, Sheryl	CSE-Chair
6	Pagan, Sandra	CSE-Chair
7	Butler, Oneka	CSE-Chair
8	Wolff, Peggy	NYS Alternate Assessment

Mr. DeMarco moved the resolution, seconded by Mr. Poppiti

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Mr. DeMarco, Mr. Lewis, Mrs. McAfee, Mr. Poppiti, Ms. Prokosch, Mrs. Resch, Mr. Vesely and Mrs. Fuchek. Motion Carried: 8-0.

H.

RESOLUTION #060811 H

BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education of the Newburgh Enlarged City School District, hereby approves the following individual(s) for the Math Regents Review Program, for the 2010-2011 school year, as per Schedule “O” of the Collectively Negotiated Agreements between the District and the Newburgh Teachers’ Association:

	Last Name	First Name	Location
1	Spencer	Keri	NFA
2	Kleister	Rosemary	NFA
3	Muller	Joanna	NFA-N

(Provided through the General Fund)

Mr. DeMarco moved the resolution, seconded by Mr. Vesely.

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Mr. DeMarco, Mr. Lewis, Mrs. McAfee, Mr. Poppiti, Ms. Prokosch, Mrs. Resch, Mr. Vesely and Mrs. Fuchek. Motion Carried: 8-0.

Dr. Noriega requested the Board’s consideration in adding a facility use request to the agenda from the Newburgh Pride Club for use of the NFA Main Campus and Academy Field from June 27, 2011 to June 30, 2011 to hold a National Football League High School Player Development Program (NFL HSPD).

Mrs. Resch moved to add the facility use request to the agenda, seconded by Mr. Poppiti.

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Mr. DeMarco, Mr. Lewis, Mrs. McAfee, Mr. Poppiti, Ms. Prokosch, Mrs. Resch, Mr. Vesely and Mrs. Fuchek. Motion Carried: 8-0.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Newburgh Enlarged City School District hereby approves the use of school district facilities pursuant to the request submitted by the Newburgh Pride Club (NFA Football).

Mr. Lewis moved approval as presented, seconded by Mr. Poppiti.

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Mr. DeMarco, Mr. Lewis, Mrs. McAfee, Mr. Poppiti, Ms. Prokosch, Mrs. Resch, Mr. Vesely and Mrs. Fuchek. Motion Carried: 8-0.

Student participants will be invited from the Newburgh, Cornwall, Poughkeepsie and Washingtonville School Districts. Schools are required to provide their own equipment and expenses incurred are paid by the NFL.

With no further business, Mr. Lewis moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mr. Poppiti.

All members were in favor. Motion Carried: 8-0. The meeting adjourned at 5:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Lou Botsford
Clerk of the Board

All correspondence, reports, or related materials referred to in these minutes are on file in the Office of the District Clerk.