

**NEWBURGH ENLARGED CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
PROCEEDINGS
AT A SPECIAL MEETING
Tuesday, July 20, 2010**

The Special Meeting of the Board of Education was held Tuesday, July 20, 2010, in the Conference Room of the Board of Education/Library Complex, 124 Grand Street, Newburgh, NY 12550.

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

ABSENT: Mr. Giudice, Mr. Lewis and Mr. Vesely.

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Mr. Terry Damon of Armlin Damon & McMordie.

Mrs. Fuchek presided; the meeting opened at 5:06 p.m. Mrs. Resch 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 the employment history of particular corporations/firms.

The Board will be taking action after the executive session.

Mrs. Resch moved the resolution to adjourn to executive session, seconded by Mr. DeMarco.

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Mr. DeMarco, Mrs. McAfee, Mr. Poppiti, Ms. Prokosch, Mrs. Resch and Mrs. Fuchek.

Motion Carried: 6-0.

The Board adjourned to executive session at 5:07 p.m.

Attorney May entered the meeting at 5:12 p.m.

Mr. DeMarco moved to reconvene the meeting to public session, seconded by Mrs. Resch.

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Mr. DeMarco, Mrs. McAfee, Mr. Poppiti, Ms. Prokosch, Mrs. Resch and Mrs. Fuchek.

Motion Carried: 6-0.

The Board reconvened at 7:35 p.m.

AGENDA ITEMS-ACTING SUPERINTENDENT**A. Resolution to Authorize the Board President to Execute a Contract with The Palombo Group to Provide Construction Management Services for the District**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby appoints The Palombo Group to provide Construction Management Services for the Newburgh Enlarged City School District for the completion of the District's \$68 Million District-Wide Facilities Improvement Projects and the \$8.5 Million Athletic Improvement Projects, as approved by voters on March 27, 2007, in accordance with a proposal for services dated June 8, 2010 and additional/supplemental information provided by The Palombo Group on June 9, 18, 23 and 28, 2010, and July 9 and 13, 2010; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Education's appointment of The Palombo Group to provide Construction Management Services for the Newburgh Enlarged City School District as set forth above, is contingent upon the negotiation and finalization of a contract and approval by the District's legal counsel; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that upon the approval of the contract by the District's legal counsel, the Board President is hereby authorized to execute said contract with The Palombo Group, a copy of which contract shall be incorporated by reference within the minutes of this meeting.

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

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Mr. DeMarco, Mrs. McAfee, Mr. Poppiti, Ms. Prokosch, Mrs. Resch and Mrs. Fuchek.

Motion Carried: 6-0.

AGENDA ITEMS-ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT CURRICULUM & INSTRUCTION**A. Resolution to Approve the District Debate Team's (*Tentative Schedule*) for the 2010-2011 School Year**

Mr. DeMarco motioned to table the resolution, seconded by Mr. Poppiti.

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Mr. DeMarco, Mrs. McAfee, Mr. Poppiti, Ms. Prokosch, Mrs. Resch and Mrs. Fuchek.

Motion Carried: 6-0.

B. Resolution to Authorize the Superintendent of Schools to Execute an Agreement with Plato Learning to Purchase Student Learning Software

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Newburgh Enlarged City School District hereby authorizes Dr. Annette M. Saturnelli, Superintendent of Schools, to execute an agreement with Plato Learning to purchase student learning software for primary use in the Twilight Program at a cost, not to exceed \$59,682.90, inclusive of 50 licensing agreements and professional development at Newburgh Free Academy. Said Agreement shall be incorporated by reference within the minutes of this meeting.

(Funding Source: Title I, Part A-ARRA)

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

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Mr. DeMarco, Mrs. McAfee, Mr. Poppiti, Ms. Prokosch, Mrs. Resch and Mrs. Fuchek.

Motion Carried: 6-0.

C. Resolution to Authorize the Superintendent of Schools to Execute an Agreement with Scholastic Classroom Books to Purchase Scholastic Math Inventory Software Licenses for Student Assessment

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Newburgh Enlarged City School District hereby authorizes Dr. Annette M. Saturnelli, Superintendent of Schools, to execute an agreement with Scholastic Classroom Books to purchase scholastic math inventory software licenses for student assessment at a cost not to exceed \$37,015.00. Said Agreement shall be incorporated by reference within the minutes of this meeting.
(Funding Source: IDEA, Part B, Sec. 611)

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

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Mr. DeMarco, Mrs. McAfee, Mr. Poppiti, Ms. Prokosch, Mrs. Resch and Mrs. Fuchek.

Motion Carried: 6-0.

D. Resolution to Authorize the Superintendent of Schools to Execute an Agreement with Houghton Mifflin Publishing to Purchase Supplemental Reading Materials

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Newburgh Enlarged City School District hereby authorizes Dr. Annette M. Saturnelli, Superintendent of Schools, to execute an agreement with Houghton Mifflin Publishing to purchase supplemental reading materials (leveled readers), at a cost not to exceed \$95,706.55, for use in elementary schools. Said Agreement shall be incorporated by reference within the minutes of this meeting.
(Funding Source: Title I, Part A, Audit of Curriculum & IDEA, Part B Sec. 611)

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

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Mr. DeMarco, Mrs. McAfee, Mr. Poppiti, Ms. Prokosch, Mrs. Resch and Mrs. Fuchek.

Motion Carried: 6-0.

E. Resolution to Authorize the Board President to Execute an Extension to the Consultant Agreement with Write-On Consultants to Provide Additional Professional Development Services

WHEREAS, the Board of Education previously approved a consultant agreement with Write-On Consultants to provide certain professional development services from March 22, 2010 through August 31, 2010 at a cost not to exceed \$34,800; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education previously extended this approved consultant agreement with Write-On Consultants to include additional professional development services from July 1, 2010 to July 30, 2010 at an additional cost not to exceed \$7,200; and BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Newburgh Enlarged City School District hereby authorizes the Board President to further extend this consultant agreement with Write-On Consultants to provide thirty-six (36) full day professional development workshops to classroom teachers, at the rate of \$1,300 per workshop during the period from September 1, 2010 to November 25, 2010, at a cost not to exceed \$46,800. Said agreement shall be incorporated by reference within the minutes of this meeting. *(Funding Source: AOC Title I Grant)*

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

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Mr. DeMarco, Mrs. McAfee, Mr. Poppiti, Ms. Prokosch, Mrs. Resch and Mrs. Fuchek.

Motion Carried: 6-0.

F. Resolution to Authorize the Board President to Execute a Consultant Agreement with Dr. Janine Bixler to Provide Professional Development Services

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Newburgh Enlarged City School District Board of Education authorizes the Board President to execute a Consultant Agreement with Dr. Janine Bixler to provide professional development to Bilingual/ESL and Special Education teachers in grades PreK - 2, from September 1, 2010 to October 31, 2010 in the area of "Students with Disabilities and English Language Learners", at \$150 per hour, not to exceed \$6,000. Said Agreement shall be incorporated by reference within the minutes of this meeting. *(Funding Source: Audit of Curriculum, Title I Grant)*

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

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Mr. DeMarco, Mrs. McAfee, Mr. Poppiti, Ms. Prokosch, Mrs. Resch and Mrs. Fuchek.

Motion Carried: 6-0.

G. Resolution to Authorize the Board President to Execute an Extension to the Consultant Agreement with Dr. Joan Miller to Provide Additional Professional Development Services

WHEREAS, the Board of Education previously approved a consultant agreement with Dr. Joan Miller to provide certain professional development services from July 1, 2010 through July 31, 2010 at a cost not to exceed \$3,600; and WHEREAS, the Newburgh Enlarged City School District would like to extend the professional development services of Dr. Joan Miller through October 31, 2010; BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Newburgh Enlarged City School District hereby authorizes the Board President to extend the consultant agreement with Dr. Joan Miller to provide an additional 50 hours of professional services in the nature of professional development workshops and programming to classroom teachers, at the rate of \$200 per hour, during the period from September 1, 2010 to

October 31, 2010, at an additional cost not to exceed \$10,000. Said agreement shall be incorporated by reference within the minutes of this meeting.

(Funding Source: AOC Title I Grant)

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

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Mr. DeMarco, Mrs. McAfee, Mr. Poppiti, Ms. Prokosch, Mrs. Resch and Mrs. Fuchek.

Motion Carried: 6-0.

H. Resolution to Authorize the Board President to Execute a Request for Services with the Instructional Services Department of Ulster County BOCES

WHEREAS, the Board of Education previously approved a consultant agreement with Debby Hill of Mount Saint Mary College; and

WHEREAS, the Newburgh Enlarged City School District would like to extend the professional development services of Debby Hill through November 15, 2010; and

WHEREAS, the professional development services of Debby Hill will be performed through the Ulster County BOCES;

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Newburgh Enlarged City School District Board of Education authorizes the Board President to execute a Request For Services with the Instructional Services Department of Ulster County BOCES, to provide professional development to Newburgh staff members for a total of 72 hours at a rate of \$165 per hour from September 1, 2010 through November 15, 2010 concerning "AIS Reading and ELA: Diagnosis and Remediation of Student Reading Difficulties" at a cost not to exceed \$11,880. Said Agreement shall be incorporated by reference within the minutes of this meeting.

(Funding Source: Audit of Curriculum, Title I Grant)

Mr. Poppiti moved the resolution, seconded by Ms. Prokosch.

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Mr. DeMarco, Mrs. McAfee, Mr. Poppiti, Ms. Prokosch, Mrs. Resch and Mrs. Fuchek.

Motion Carried: 6-0.

I. Resolution to Authorize the Board President to Execute an Extension to the Consultant Agreement with NYSUT Education and Learning Trust for Additional Professional Development Services

WHEREAS, the Board of Education previously approved a Consultant Agreement with NYSUT Education and Learning Trust to provide certain professional development services from June 25, 2010 through July 31, 2010 at a maximum amount of \$10,000; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education previously extended this approved Consultant Agreement with NYSUT Education and Learning Trust to include additional professional development services through August 31, 2010 at an additional cost not to exceed \$4,000;

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Newburgh Enlarged City School District hereby authorizes the Board President to further extend this consultant agreement with NYSUT Education and Learning Trust for an additional twelve (12)

workshop sessions from September 1, 2010 through November 1, 2010 at a rate of \$2,000 per workshop at an additional cost not to exceed \$24,000.

(Funding Source: AOC Title 1 Grant)

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

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Mr. DeMarco, Mrs. McAfee, Mr. Poppiti, Ms. Prokosch, Mrs. Resch and Mrs. Fuchek.

Motion Carried: 6-0.

AGENDA ITEMS-ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT HUMAN RESOURCES

Mrs. Leimer presented an amended version of **Resolution #072010 A** to the Board for their consideration.

A. Resolution to Approve the District’s Participation in Part A of the Early Retirement Incentive Program as Set Forth in Chapter 105 of the Laws of 2010

RESOLUTION # 072010 A

WHEREAS, pursuant to Chapter 105 of the Laws of 2010, public school districts may elect by July 30, 2010 to participate in Part A of the retirement incentive, a targeted retirement incentive which provides one month of additional service credit for each year of service, up to a maximum of three years of service credit, to employees who were in active service in the District on February 1, 2010 and have remained in active service through July 20, 2010 and who are currently eligible to retire with the New York State Teachers Retirement System or are at least 50 years of age with 10 years of service; and

WHEREAS, the District has determined that targeting one or more positions will result in significant budgetary savings in accordance with Chapter 105 of the Laws of 2010.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of the Newburgh Enlarged City School District hereby elects to participate in Part A of the early retirement incentive program as set forth in Chapter 105 of the Laws of 2010, with an “open period” of 42 days designated from July 21, 2010 through August 31, 2010; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Education hereby targets ten (10) Elementary teaching positions, five (5) Special Education teaching positions, three (3) Reading positions, and four (4) School Library Media Specialist positions, for this retirement incentive and the District shall survey eligible employees within these titles relating to their interest in availing themselves of this targeted incentive; and
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that in the event that there are more eligible persons in these titles that wish to avail themselves of the incentive than the number of incentives being provided, the persons selected shall be so determined on the basis of their seniority; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that any eligible employee must notify the District of their intent to retire under the incentive at least 21 days prior to August 31, 2010 and must retire not later than August 31, 2010.

Mr. DeMarco motioned to accept the amendment to the resolution, seconded by Mrs. Resch.

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Mr. DeMarco, Mrs. McAfee, Mr. Poppiti, Ms. Prokosch, Mrs. Resch and Mrs. Fuchek.
Motion Carried: 6-0.

Mr. DeMarco moved to approve **Resolution #072010 A** as amended, seconded by Mr. Poppiti.

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Mr. DeMarco, Mrs. McAfee, Mr. Poppiti, Ms. Prokosch, Mrs. Resch and Mrs. Fuchek.
Motion Carried: 6-0.

Mr. Poppiti motioned to add **Resolution #072010 C** to the agenda, seconded by Mr. DeMarco.

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Mr. DeMarco, Mrs. McAfee, Mr. Poppiti, Ms. Prokosch, Mrs. Resch and Mrs. Fuchek.
Motion Carried: 6-0.

The following resolution was added to the agenda:

C. Resolution to Approve Teacher Tenure Recommendations

RESOLUTION #072010 C

Listed below are Administrator(s), Teacher(s), and Teaching Assistant(s) who are being recommended for Tenure. Effective date of Tenure is listed in the "Tenure Date" column.

Teachers(s):

	Last Name	First Name	Tenure Area	Tenure Date
1	Desiderio	Richard	Special Education	08/31/2010
2	Nardi	Patricia	Elementary Education	08/31/2010
3	Mahon	Ashley	Elementary Education	08/31/2010

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

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Mr. DeMarco, Mrs. McAfee, Mr. Poppiti, Ms. Prokosch, Mrs. Resch and Mrs. Fuchek.
Motion Carried: 6-0.

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

All members were in favor. Motion Carried: 6-0.

The meeting adjourned at 7:47 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.