

**NYACK PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
Board of Education**

**Tuesday, October 6, 2009  
ADMINISTRATION BUILDING – 7:30PM**

The Board of Education meetings will be audio recorded and Podcast on the District website: [www.nyackschools.com](http://www.nyackschools.com)

**AGENDA**

- 6:00 – 6:02 Public convening of Board of Education  
6:02 – 7:30 Adjourn to Executive Session
- 7:30 – 7:45
1. Reconvene to Public Session
  2. Pledge of Allegiance
  3. President’s Report
  4. Student Representative’s Report
  5. Superintendent’s Report
  6. Board of Education Reports
  7. Board of Education New Business
  8. Response to Prior Citizens’ Proposals, Questions, and Concerns
  9. Citizens’ Proposals, Questions, and Concerns
- 7:45 – 7:50
10. **RECOGNITION**  
Benjamin Grange & Adam Straus – Selected as Semifinalists in the 2010 National Merit Scholarship Program
- 7:50 – 8:00
11. **Audit Committee Meeting/Independent Auditor’s Report**
- 8:00 – 8:45
- WORKSHOP**
12. Tenure Review
  13. First Read – Policies #1510 - Public Sales on School Property  
#1230 - Public Participation at Board Meetings  
#2350 - Board Meeting Procedures
  14. Citizens’ Proposals, Questions, and Concerns on Workshop Items
- 8:45 – 9:00
- ACTION**
15. Citizens’ Proposals, Questions, and Concerns on Action Items
- General**
16. Appointment delegate & alternate for NYSSBA Convention
  17. Board of Education Minutes, 08/06/09 & 08/25/09
- Instruction**
18. Textbook Adoption – Grades 11 & 12, Interdisciplinary Science, Environmental Science (rev. 2005), Amsco Publishers
  19. Committees on Special Education
- Business**
20. Accept Independent Auditor’s Report for 2008-2009
  21. Response to Independent Auditor’s Comments
  22. E-Rate Compliance

### **Personnel**

#### **Rescind – Increase in Assignment (from the 09-15-09 BOE Meeting)**

23. Roxanna Juarez – Spanish Teacher, Nyack High School, additional section (.2) effective 09-01-09 through 06-30-10

#### **Staff Appointment**

24. David Hochheiser – English Department Chairperson, Nyack High School & Middle School, effective 09-09-09 (Revised from 09-08-09 BOE Mtg.)
25. Yesenia Polanco – School Community Liaison Assistant Spanish Speaking, Administration Bldg., effective 10-07-09
26. Valerie Clegg – Activity Treasurer, District, 2009-2010 School Year
27. Brett Sloane – School Social Worker, Upper Nyack & Liberty Elementary, effective 10-07-09
28. Helen Davies – Consultant for Robotics Program K-2, effective 10/07/09 through 06/30/10
29. Anne Oakley – Lead Teacher, Valley Cottage Elementary, effective 09-01-09 through 06-30-10
30. Bridget Forkin – Lead Teacher, Liberty Elementary, effective 09-01-09 through 06-30-10
31. Patricia Jacobson – Lead Teacher, Upper Nyack Elementary, effective 09-01-09 through 06-30-10
32. Co-Curricular Advisors – Nyack Middle School (See Attachment)
33. Co-Curricular Advisors – Nyack High School (See Attachment)

#### **Staff Tenure**

34. Larayne Peterson, Teaching Assistant, Liberty Elementary, effective 09-19-09
35. Sean Cavanagh – Revised Tenure Date to 09-08-11

#### **Increase in Assignment**

36. Laurie Marshall-Lauria – Foreign Language Teacher, Nyack High School, additional section (.2) effective 09-01-09 through 06-30-10

9:15

Adjourn

#### **POLICY FOR PARTICIPATION:**

The Nyack Board of Education considers the concerns of community members to be an important part of its decision making process and encourages public participation in Board meetings.

##### **Regular Business Meetings:**

The Board invites public comments on any subject at each regular business meeting. When possible and appropriate, the Board also encourages joint Community/Board discussion at this time.

The Board invites members of the community to speak on action items at each meeting as indicated on the agenda.

We ask that individual comments be limited to three minutes.

All expressed concerns will be considered by the Board though there will be no personal or direct response at this time.

##### **Workshop Sessions:**

These sessions provide opportunities for the public to observe the Board at work.

The Board invites comments, suggestions, and concerns from the public at each session.

We ask that individual comments be limited to three minutes.

#### **School District Goals**

**1- STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT:** Challenge each student to reach his/her highest potential as a whole person (i.e. intellectually, socially, ethically, artistically and physically).

**2 -FISCAL RESPONSIBILITY:** Continue to improve the District's operating and financial efficiency in a way that is supportive of student achievement and stakeholder communications.

**3 -STAKEHOLDER COMMUNICATIONS:** Continue to improve how the District and its stakeholders work together to achieve District goals (e.g. parents, community, staff, students).