

**NYACK PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
Board of Education**

**Tuesday, November 17, 2009  
LIBERTY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL – 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

7:32 – 7:45

1. Reconvene to Public Session
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. President's Report
4. Superintendent's Report
5. Student Representative'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**  
Mary Gray – Journal News' Rockland Scholar-Athlete of the Week – Girls' Soccer

7:50 – 8:30

**WORKSHOP**

11. Testing Report (Focus on High School)
12. Block Scheduling Update
13. Living Environment Honors
14. Discussion of Policy 5500 – Sending Student Records to Colleges
15. Citizens' Proposals, Questions, and Concerns on Workshop Items

8:30 – 9:00

**ACTION**

16. Citizens' Proposals, Questions, and Concerns on Action Items

**General**

17. Policy #1230 –Public Participation
18. Policy #2350 –Board Meeting Procedures
19. Approve Trustee Amy Applebaum to Attend NYSSBA Negotiations Workshop
20. Board of Education Minutes, 10-06-09 & 10-20-09

**Instruction**

21. Approval of Variance for Passing Grade on Each New Regents Exam
22. Committee on Special Education

**Personnel**

**Staff Appointment**

23. Jeanine Rufo – Coordinator of Project SEE, Middle School,  
effective 10/07/09 for the 2009-2010 school year
24. Nancy Rodriguez – Consultant – ESL Program, District-wide,  
effective 11/18/09 through 06/30/10

25. Rebecca Pence – Young Ambassador Club Co-Advisor, High School, effective 11/18/09 for the 2009-2010 school year
26. Diana Wright – Guidance Department Liaison, Middle School, effective 11/18/09 for the 2009-2010 school year
27. Shirley Birmingham – Special Education Department Liaison, High School, effective 11/18/09 for the 2009-2010 school year
28. Robin Kalmanson – Special Education Department Liaison, High School, effective 11/18/09 for the 2009-2010 school year
29. Co-Curricular Advisors – Middle School – effective 11/18/09 for the 2009-2010 school year – Francesca Garbellano – Yearbook, Ethan Smith – Yearbook, Greg Baccharini – Director 2010 MS Musical, Jared Rosenblum – Musical Conductor, 2010 MS Musical

#### **Staff Leave Replacement**

30. Janet Levitt – Business Education, Middle School, effective 11/18/09

#### **Increase in Assignment**

31. Cheryl Schwartz – ESL Teacher, .8, District, increase to full time 1.0, effective 11/18/09

#### **Staff Resignation**

32. Timothy Waples – Elementary Teacher, Liberty Elementary School, effective 01/01/10

9:00

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).