

**BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING MINUTES
JANUARY 20, 2010**

PRESENT:

Francine Aloï, President
Laurie Donato, Vice President
Vincent D’Ambroso
Theresa Fowler
James Grieco
Christopher Pinchiaroli

ALSO PRESENT:

Dr. S. Guiney, Superintendent of Schools
M. B. Mancuso, District Clerk
D. Lander, Supt. of Buildings & Grounds
L. Sanfilippo, Business Manager
N. Schimpf, Director of Special Education
& Student Services
Dr. M. E. Wilson, Director of Curriculum
& Instructional Services
M. Cunzio, CES Principal
B. Ferguson, WHS Interim Principal
J. Schulman, WMS Principal
E. Zai-Fiorello, HES Principal
S. Conley, WMS Asst. Principal
D. Pirro, Director of PE/Health & Athletics
Faculty
Residents
Representative from Ingerman Smith**

ABSENT:

Carol Ann O’Connor

**in attendance from 9:03 pm – 9:42 pm

I. CALL TO ORDER: Ms. Aloï, President, convened the January 20, 2010 meeting of the Board of Education at approximately 8:08 pm and asked everyone to stand for a moment of silence and the Pledge to the Flag.

II. ANNOUNCEMENTS/INFORMATION ITEMS

- ❑ WHS Student Council: Ms. Ariana Mingione, President, reported the students will participate in a Valentine’s Day fundraiser based on the completion of a survey which will match up students. In addition, the Executive Board is planning the annual “Singled Out” game which will take place during an assembly. The Student Council wished all the students much success on their mid term exams and a healthy and fun-filled winter break.
- ❑ WHS PTA: No report
- ❑ WHS BLT: Mr. Bruce Ferguson, Interim Principal, reported the BLT is continuing to investigate the expansion of an internship program for seniors. Mr. Ferguson explained that during mid-term week, students are only required to be on campus for exams or extra help. Exams begin at 8:00 am and 12:00 noon. If parents have any questions, please call the office at 769-8311.
- ❑ WMS PTA: No report
- ❑ WMS BLT: Mr. Jerry Schulman, Principal, reported on the results of the transportation/bus survey which was done to gain information regarding traffic

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and safety issues. Many suggestions and questions were submitted by survey respondents to improve safety concerns at the Middle/High School complex.

- Elementary PTA: Mrs. DeFlorio, President, reported on the following; first issue of PTA Connection (formerly Patter) was distributed; Mother/Son bowling; upcoming Father/Daughter Dance; and cookie dough fundraiser in February. Mrs. DeFlorio thanked the volunteers that make each event successful and fun.
- Columbus BLT: Mr. Michael Cunzio, Principal, reported the BLT has discussed possible adjustments to certain curriculum areas, i.e. social studies; Response to Intervention and implementation in CES; the budget process; and parental concerns about class coverage when Mrs. Maybury is appointed Town Supervisor. Mr. Cunzio wishes Mrs. Maybury much success in her new role.
- Hawthorne BLT: Mrs. Mary Andrews, parent member, reported the BLT discussed the parking concerns and traffic concerns in and around Hawthorne Elementary School; the timeliness of receiving the lunch menus; possibility of refilling print cartridges instead of purchasing new ones; upcoming Earth Day and Walk the Green Walk activities as well as the establishment of a 'Green Team'.
- SEPTA: No report
- Westlake Athletic Club: Mr. Anthony Sardo, President, reported on the status of the score board for the upper field; encouraged residents to attend the Night at the Races fundraiser at Jessie's Villa on 1/22/10; the possibility of bringing all clubs under the umbrella of the Athletic Club; and would like to encourage more parents/residents to attend Westlake Athletic Club meetings. Mr. Sardo thanked Mr. Cunzio and Mr. Schulman for their assistance in distributing through their schools registration forms for lacrosse.

III. REPORTS

- President, Board of Education: Ms. Francine Aloj, reported on the following; high school students will be taking mid-term exams; the Board of Education and Superintendent of Schools are concentrating on the budget process and are working to develop a fiscally responsible budget for the 2010-2011 school year.
- Superintendent of Schools: Dr. Susan Guiney, reported on the following: attended a conference in Albany with other district superintendents to share ideas and learn about New York State's budget and its effect on school districts and state aid; the results of the survey that was posted on Mt. Pleasant CSD's website are under review; district administrators are diligently working to present a fiscally responsible budget to the community; the High School principal search is underway and Dr. Guiney will be meeting with constituent groups. In closing, Dr. Guiney wished the students good luck on their exams.

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion made by Mrs. Donato, seconded by Mr. D'Ambroso as follows:

BE IT RESOLVED: That the minutes of the December 16, 2009 regular monthly meeting be approved.

VOTE: 6-0

V. OLD BUSINESS: None

VI. COMMENT ON NEW BUSINESS AGENDA ITEMS: None

VII. NEW BUSINESS – ACTION ITEMS

A) ACCEPTANCE – FINANCIAL REPORTS

Motion made by Mr. D'Ambroso, seconded by Mrs. Fowler as follows:

BE IT RESOLVED: that the Mount Pleasant Central School District Board of Education has received the report of the Claims Auditor and the accompanying warrant schedules dated August 31, 2009

#2a	Trust & Agency Fund (TA) in the amount of	\$	4,941.74
#3	General Fund (A) in the amount of		558,845.31
	Federal Fund (F) in the amount of		20,281.83
	Capital Fund (H) in the amount of		80,606.15
	Trust & Agency Fund (TA) in the amount of		1,286.13
#4	General Fund (A) in the amount of		71,665.25

VOTE: 6-0

B) APPROVAL – CPSE and CSE STUDENT PLACEMENT RECOMMENDATIONS

Motion made by Mr. D'Ambroso, seconded by Mrs. Fowler as follows:

BE IT RESOLVED: That the recommendations for placement of students with disabilities as recommended by the Mount Pleasant Central School District's Committee on Pre-School Special Education and the Committee on Special Education at their meetings listed below are hereby approved. Copies of said recommendations are on file in the office of the District Clerk:

CPSE:	November 24 December 8, 10
CSE:	November 4, 20, 23, 24, 30 December 1, 3, 9, 15, 16, 18

VOTE: 6-0

C) APPROVAL - AMENDMENT TO PROBATIONARY APPOINTMENT

Motion made by Mr. D'Ambroso, seconded by Mrs. Fowler as follows:

BE IT RESOLVED: That the probationary appointment originally requested and approved at the August 19, 2009 Board of Education meeting for:

NICOLE DONOVAN, School Psychologist
Assigned to: District Wide
Certification: Permanent Certification as School Psychologist
Effective Date: September 1, 2009-September 1, 2012
Salary Placement: M.A.+20 – Step 3: \$70,939

be amended as follows:

NICOLE DONOVAN, School Psychologist
Assigned to: District Wide
Certification: Permanent Certification as School Psychologist
Effective Date: September 1, 2009-September 1, 2012
Salary Placement: M.A.+30 – Step 3: \$73,120

VOTE: 6-0

D) APPROVAL- MENTORING PROGRAM HONORARIUM, 2009-2010 SCHOOL YEAR RESCINDED

Motion made by Mrs. Fowler, seconded by Mr. Grieco as follows:

BE IT RESOLVED: That the Mentoring Program Honorarium for Christine Cavalli for the 2009-2010 school year, approved by the Board of Education at its meeting held on November 18, 2009, is hereby rescinded.

VOTE: 6-0

E) APPROVAL – MENTORING PROGRAM HONORARIUM, 2009-2010 SCHOOL YEAR

Motion made by Mrs. Fowler, seconded by Mr. Grieco as follows:

BE IT RESOLVED: That as recommended by the Director of Curriculum and Instructional Services and the Superintendent of Schools and in accordance with the agreement between the Mount Pleasant Central School District Board of Education and the Mount Pleasant Teachers Association, the following teacher will be paid a \$500 honorarium upon successful completion of the 2009-2010 mentoring program:

<u>Mentor</u>	<u>Teacher Mentored</u>	<u>School</u>
Janet Matthews	Mary Knopp	WMS/WHS

VOTE: 6-0

F) APPROVAL – TUITION REIMBURSEMENT

Motion made by Mrs. Fowler, seconded by Mr. Grieco as follows:

BE IT RESOLVED: That as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools and in accordance with the Agreement between the Mount Pleasant Central School District Board of Education and the Mount Pleasant Teachers Association, the tuition reimbursement request listed below is hereby approved:

Susan Cowles-Dumitru, Westlake Middle School
Course Title: Dissertation Seminar in Art Education
Teachers College, Columbia University
Total Cost: \$2,622.00 Approved: \$1,000.00

And further:

BE IT RESOLVED: That upon completion of the approved course, the recipient shall submit a report to the Superintendent of Schools outlining the results derived from the application of the materials learned.

VOTE: 6-0

G) APPROVAL – REQUEST FOR FMLA

Motion made by Mr. Grieco, seconded by Mr. Pinchiaroli as follows:

BE IT RESOLVED: That upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby approves the following FMLA request in accordance with the Mount Pleasant Central School District Board of Education Policy No. 6551. Said request was reviewed by the Board of Education in executive session:

Employee #1818
Leave to begin on January 7, 2010
Leave to conclude on March 11, 2010

VOTE: 6-0

H) APPROVAL-EXTRA CURRICULAR APPOINTMENT 2009-2010 SCHOOL YEAR

Motion made by Mr. Grieco, seconded by Mr. Pinchiaroli as follows:

BE IT RESOLVED: That in accordance with the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Mount Pleasant Central School District Board of Education hereby approves the following Extra Curricular Appointments for the 2009-2010 school year:

Name	Position	Stipend
Chris Sheehan	HS Mock Trial Contest Team	\$2,047

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John Moran HS Musical Show Asst. (Tech) \$2,388

VOTE: 6-0

I) APPROVAL-AMENDMENT TO MODIFICATION OF APPOINTMENT

Motion made by Mr. Grieco, seconded by Mr. Pinchiaroli as follows:

BE IT RESOLVED: That the modification of appointment originally requested and approved at the December 16, 2009 Board of Education meeting for:

LUANNE RILEY, Elementary

Assigned To: Hawthorne Elementary School

Certification: Initial Certification in Early Childhood Education (Birth-Grade 2)

Effective: January 4, 2010-June 30, 2010

Salary Placement: M.A. – Step 1, \$35,351.43 (pro-rated)

be amended as follows:

LUANNE RILEY, Elementary

Assigned To: Hawthorne Elementary School

Certification: Initial Certification in Early Childhood Education (Birth-Grade 2)

Effective: January 4, 2010-June 30, 2010

Salary Placement: M.A. – Step 1, \$34,489.20 (pro-rated)

VOTE: 6-0

J) APPROVAL – IN THE MATTER OF 332 ELWOOD REALTY CORP. v. the TOWN OF MT. PLEASANT and THE MOUNT PLEASANT CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

Motion made by Mr. Pinchiaroli, seconded by Mrs. Donato as follows:

WHEREAS, the Mount Pleasant Central School District is a party respondent in certain tax certiorari proceedings commenced by the property owners of property located at 332 Elwood Avenue, Town of Mount Pleasant, New York, a/k/a Tax Map# 112.9 - 4, 46, 47 & 48 for assessment years 2003 through 2007, and,

WHEREAS, the parties to said litigation have attempted to narrow their differences, and,

WHEREAS, after a review of the relative merits of the petitioners' claims, the parties have agreed to settle the above tax certiorari claims on terms set forth on the annexed proposed Stipulation of Settlement, not to exceed \$13,000.,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT,

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby approves of and agrees to settle the claims of the petitioner (332 Elwood Realty Corp.) on the terms as set forth on the

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annexed Stipulation of Settlement, as in the best interests of the School District and its taxpayers, and, it is,

FURTHER RESOLVED, that counsel is authorized and directed to execute the appropriate Consent and/or Stipulations of Settlement, if any, and consent to the entry of an Order and Judgment implementing the aforesaid settlement, and be it,

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the District administrators, if needed, are hereby authorized and directed to make the necessary arrangements, pursuant to the Local Finance Law or otherwise, for payment of the aforesaid judgment, and be it,

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the District Clerk provide the District's Legal Counsel with a copy of this resolution upon adoption.

VOTE: 6-0

K) APPROVAL-THE PREFERRED GROUP AGREEMENT 2009-2010 SCHOOL YEAR

Motion made by Mr. Pinchiaroli, seconded by Mrs. Donato as follows:

BE IT RESOLVED: That upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby authorizes the Superintendent of Schools to enter into an agreement with The Preferred Group for flexible benefit plan services administered by Mt. Pleasant CSD pursuant to I.R.S. Section 125 and associated regulations for 2009-2010. The fee is as follows:

Fee Schedule

\$750.00	Annual Fees Include: Presentation/Enrollment Day with Question and Answer Session Maintenance of Plan Document and Summary Plan Description for Mandatory IRS Plan Changes Discrimination Testing, as needed Preparation for Filing of IRS Form 5500, if needed Employer/Employee Periodic Reports, Forms etc.
\$ 3.50	Monthly Fees: Per Member Per Month Charge for Unreimbursed Medical, Dependent Care, and/or Premium Expenses Flexible Spending Accounts (one fee per Member/per month for one or a combination of accounts) Includes Direct Deposit
\$ 0.00	No Member, Per Month Charge for Premium Conversion
\$ 0.00	Minimum Monthly Billing for FLEX Participants

Optional Fees

- \$ 18.00 Benny™ Prepaid Benefit Card, Voluntary Basis Per Participants/Annual Fee Includes Online Access
- \$150.00 Additional Presentation/Enrollment Day/Per PGP Staff Member/Per Day (when requested by Client). Client further agrees to pay reasonable and Prudent travel expenses to any of Client's facilities which are greater than 60 miles from PGP's local office upon Client's request.
- \$250.00 Legal fee Per Hour – For Consultation Needed to make Client-requested Revisions to Plan Documents and Summary Plan Descriptions, Other Than Revisions Required by, Changes in Federal or State Law or Regulations (for which there will be no charge Client)

Fees Guaranteed for Three Years

VOTE: 6-0

L) APPROVAL-EXECUTION OF REPAYMENT AGREEMENT

Motion made by Mrs. Donato, seconded by Mr. D'Ambroso as follows:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education authorizes the President to execute a certain Agreement with an employee ID No. 2266 concerning the overpayment of wages. Said agreement has been previously reviewed by the Board in executive session.

VOTE: 6-0

M) APPROVAL – 2009/2010 BUDGET CALENDAR FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE 2010/2011 BUDGET

Motion made by Mrs. Donato, seconded by Mr. D'Ambroso as follows:

BE IT RESOLVED: That the Mount Pleasant Central School District Board of Education hereby approves the attached 2009/2010 Budget Calendar for the development of the 2010/11 school year budget.

VOTE: 6-0

N) APPROVAL – TRANSFER OF FUNDS

Motion made by Mrs. Donato, seconded by Mr. D'Ambroso as follows:

BE IT RESOLVED: That the Board of Education hereby authorizes the following budget transfers for the 2009-2010 year as specified below:

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TRANSFER FROM:

<u>Account title</u>	<u>Code</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Supplies – Gifted/Talented	A2110500010431	\$7,000.00

TRANSFER TO:

<u>Account title</u>	<u>Code</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Contract Services – Gifted/Talented	A2110400010431	\$7,000.00

EXPLANATION OF TRANSFER:

To provide funds to compensate consultants used in the gifted/talented program

VOTE: 6-0

O) APPROVAL - CONSENT AGENDA

Motion made by Mrs. Donato, seconded by Mr. D'Ambroso as follows:

BE IT RESOLVED: That the attached Consent Agenda 09/10, P-8, Professional Personnel Appointments is hereby approved. All appointments are contingent on fingerprint clearance through the New York State Education Department. All salaries and hourly rates are based on the Mount Pleasant contract between the Board of Education of the Mount Pleasant Central School District and the Mount Pleasant Central School District Teachers Association.

AND

BE IT RESOLVED: That the attached Consent Agenda 09/10, C-7 Civil Service personnel is hereby approved. All appointments are contingent on fingerprint clearance through the New York State Education Department.

VOTE: 6-0

VIII. OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC DISCUSSION AND COMMENTS: Dr. Salinas thanked the students for sending dental supplies to Peru and volunteered to talk to students about life in Peru. Dr. Salinas addressed the Board regarding the following: the need to fill the position of Interim Assistant Principal at Westlake High School; the way in which the agenda aligns with Robert's Rules of Order.

IX. ADJOURNMENT: At approximately 8:55 pm, motion made by Mrs. Donato, seconded by Mr. D'Ambroso and unanimously adopted by the Board to enter into Executive Session to discuss a specific contract with a vendor. At approximately 9:18 pm, Ms. Fowler secluded herself from the executive session. At approximately

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9:42 pm, motion made by Mr. D'Ambroso, seconded by Mr. Grieco and unanimously adopted by the Board to adjourn the executive session and return to public session. At approximately 9:50 pm, motion made by Mrs. Donato, seconded by Mr. D'Ambroso and unanimously adopted by the Board to adjourn the January 20,2010 Board of Education meeting.

Mary Beth Mancuso
District Clerk

Approved: 2/24/10

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SCHEDULE 09/10, P-8 PROFESSIONAL PERSONNEL APPOINTMENTS

PER DIEM SUBSTITUTES

MELISSA SAMUELSON, \$100/Day
SALVATORE SPATARO, \$100/Day
FELIX NICODEMO, \$100/Day
GIANNA SPAZIANTE, \$100/Day
ELIZABETH BUONO, \$100/Day
SHAWN O’GALLAGHER, \$100/Day

LEAVE REPLACEMENT

SANTO CICCONE, Elementary
Assigned To: Westlake Middle School
Certification: Permanent Certification in Math 7-12
Effective: January 4, 2010-March 11, 2010
Salary: Placement: M.A. Step 1 : \$287.41 Daily Rate

NICOLE HARVEY-BRAMUCCI, Health
Assigned To: Westlake High School
Certification: Permanent Certification in Health
Effective: January 4, 2010-June 30, 2010
Salary Placement: M.A. Step 5 - \$44,445 pro-rated

CHAPERONES

BRIGITTE JONES
RICHARD MIRABITO

*Chaperone Fee based on the agreement between the Mount Pleasant Central School District and the Mount Pleasant Teacher’s Association.

HOMEWORK CENTER FOR 2009-2010 – WMS/WHS

WESTLAKE HIGH SCHOOL

CAROLYN ANGRESANO
MATT DACHIK
DOROTHY DOUGHERTY
JASON GELARDI
DUANE HOVDESTAD
LARRY NADELL
JANET SALCICCIOLI
LUANN SCHEUERMANN

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Not to exceed a total of 55.5 hours per person for the 2009-2010 school year.

Salary: \$64/hour per the agreement with the Mount Pleasant Central School District Teachers Association.

WESTLAKE MIDDLE SCHOOL

JEANNETTE AINSWORTH
COURTNEY ANGLE
HAROLD BROSKOWSKY
GRACE COSENZA
MARY CUNNINGHAM
SEVERINO D'AMICO
MICHELLE GOLCZEWSKI-MCGILL
ANN REILLY
BILL SCHIAVONE
JOANN SPATARO
ROSE ZEITCHICK

Not to exceed a total of 12 hours per person for the 2009-2010 school year.

Salary: \$64/hour per the agreement with the Mount Pleasant Central School District Teachers Association.

MODIFICATION OF APPOINTMENT FROM PERMANENT SUBSTITUTE TO LEAVE REPLACEMENT

LAURA MILLIOT, Elementary
Assigned To: Columbus Elementary School
Certification: Initial Certification in Childhood Education (Grades 1-6)
Effective: January 25, 2010-June 30, 2010
Salary Placement: B.A.+30 – Step 1, \$29,232.53 (pro-rated)

MODIFICATION OF APPOINTMENT - PERMANENT SUBSTITUTE

JUDITH BYRNE, From Per-Diem Substitute to Permanent Substitute
Effective: January 25, 2010-June 30, 2010
Assigned To: Columbus Elementary School
\$100/Day

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SCHEDULE 09/10, C-7 CIVIL SERVICE APPOINTMENT

CSEA CLERICAL

CATHERINE SOLDANO, Secretary to School Principal
Assigned to: Hawthorne Elementary School
Provisional Appointment Effective: January 14, 2010
Salary: \$20,555.08 (pro-rated)

(Provisional Appointment contingent upon successful passage of appropriate civil service examination)

PER-DIEM CLERICAL SUBSTITUTE APPOINTMENT

KACIE SCHULMAN
Salary: \$12.00/hour

PARKING ATTENDANT APPOINTMENT

JOSEPH BUCELLO
Parking Attendant
Westlake High School
Effective: January 19, 2010-June 30, 2010
Salary: \$15.25/hr per the School Monitor Salary Schedule of the Agreement with the Mount Pleasant School Related Employees Association.

Weekly Gas Allowance: \$15/week

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**MOUNT PLEASANT SCHOOL DISTRICT
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DATE	ACTIVITY
2010	
*Wednesday, January 20 th Regular Board meeting	Budget calendar adopted by Board of Education Superintendent gives progress report to the Board
**Wednesday February 24 th Regular Board meeting	Superintendent presents budget overview
***Wednesday, March 10 th Work Session	Non-Instructional Budget
Wednesday, March 24 th Regular Board meeting	Instructional Budget. Includes Supervision, Teaching, Special Education, Support Services, Technology, Instructional Media, Co-Curricular, Interscholastic
Thursday, April 1 st	First Legal Notification to Public
Wednesday, April 7 th Work Session	Budget Discussion
Wednesday, April 14 th Regular Board meeting	Board of Education adopts Budget
Thursday, April 15 th	Second Legal Notification
Monday, April 19 th	Petition nominating candidates for the Board must be received by 5:00 P.M. by the District Clerk.
Wednesday, April 21 st	Budget available to the Public.
Wednesday, April 21 st	Submit Property Tax Report Card to SED.
Tuesday, April 27 th Regular Board meeting	BOCES Budget Adoption
Friday, April 30 th	Third Legal Notification to Public
Saturday, May 1 st	Available for budget presentation, if necessary.
Wednesday, May 5 th Work Session	Budget Hearing – Must be no less than 7 days and no more than 14 days to the budget vote.
Wednesday, May 5 th	Budget notice mailed to eligible voters.
Wednesday, May 12 th	Voter Registration 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
Friday, May 14 th	Fourth Legal Notification to Public
Tuesday, May 18th	

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	BUDGET VOTE 7:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m.

- * Monday, January 11th - Citizens Budget Advisory Committee
- ** Monday, February 1st - Citizens Budget Advisory Committee
- *** Monday, March 1st - Citizens Budget Advisory Committee