

**BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING MINUTES
DECEMBER 16, 2009**

PRESENT:

Francine Aloï, President
Laurie Donato, Vice President
Vincent D'Ambroso
Theresa Fowler
James Grieco
Carol Ann O'Connor
Christopher Pinchiaroli

ALSO PRESENT:

Dr. S. Guiney, Superintendent of Schools
M. B. Mancuso, District Clerk
N. Schimpf, Director of Special Education
& Student Services
Dr. M. E. Wilson, Director of Curriculum
& Instructional Services
M. Cunzio, Principal CES
J. Schulman, Principal WMS
B. Ferguson, Interim Principal WHS
E. Zai-Fiorello, Principal HES
S. Conley, Asst. Principal WMS
D. Pirro, Director of PE/Health & Athletics
Residents

I. CALL TO ORDER: Ms. Aloï, President, convened the December 16, 2009 meeting of the Board of Education at approximately 8:04 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. Arianna Mingione, President, reported on: John Baresi Turkey Trot was a success and \$1250 was raised and donated to the John Baresi Scholarship Fund; class of 2010 participated in Operation Santa; wished all a very happy holiday season.
- ❑ WHS PTA: Ms. Patty Heilman, President, reported on: increase in PTA membership, sale of WHS clothing; upcoming fundraiser in February which is a comedy night. Ms. Heilman also reported that Ms. Mary Lou Boscio facilitated a workshop on normal personality preferences at their last PTA meeting. Ms. Heilman wished everyone a joyous and safe holiday season.
- ❑ WHS BLT: Mr. Bruce Ferguson, Interim Principal, reported that the BLT is continuing their work on the senior internship project which is modeled on the Scarsdale program. The next BLT meeting is January 26, 2010. Mr. Ferguson wished all a wonderful holiday season.
- ❑ WMS PTA: Ms. Sheila Conley, Assistant Principal, reported on the many fundraisers that were going on in the Middle School and the upcoming joint PTA meeting on January 11, 2010 called Healthy Kids and Healthy Eating in which a dietician from White Plains Hospital will be in attendance.
- ❑ WMS BLT: Ms. Sheila Conley, Assistant Principal, reported on: the turnout of parents during American Education Week; development of a survey on student transportation to the Middle School and High School; and the development of a district community resource link. Ms. Conley wished everyone a happy holiday.

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- ❑ Elementary PTA: Ms. Jenn DeFlorio, President, reported on the success of Holiday Boutique at both Hawthorne and Columbus and thanked those involved; a flyer on enrichment programs has been sent out; the first issue of 'PTA Connection' formerly the Patter will be distributed; and mother/son bowling. Their will be a joint meeting with the Middle School PTA on January 11, 2010. Ms. DeFlorio wished everyone a happy holiday season and new year.
- ❑ Columbus BLT: Mr. Michael Cunzio, Principal, reported that the BLT did not met this month but wanted to wish all a happy holiday season.
- ❑ Hawthorne BLT: Mary DiLiberti, parent member, thanked Dr. Guiney and Dr. Wilson for attending the BLT meeting. Ms. DiLiberti reported on the submission of grants. The BLT is discussing the expansion of on-site parking at Hawthorne Elementary School. Ms. DiLiberti wished everyone a happy holiday season.
- ❑ SEPTA: No report
- ❑ Westlake Athletic Club: Mr. Anthony Sardo, President, reported that the "Silvios" fundraiser was a success and a little over \$2100 was raised for the Athletic Club. The next fundraiser will be A Night at the Races on January 22, 2010 at Jessie's Villa in Pleasantville. Mr. Sardo encouraged parents to attend the Westlake Athletic Club meetings and visit their new website.

III. REPORTS

- ❑ President, Board of Education: Ms. Francine Aloj, President, welcomed Ms. Lisa Sanfilippo, the new Business Manager, on December 14, 2009. Ms. Aloj reported that Mr. Bruce Ferguson has been appointed Interim Principal at the High School on December 2, 2009 and an appointment of an interim Assistant Principal will be forthcoming. Also, the process has begun for the search of a new High School Principal. On November 23, 2009, Dr. Guiney held a Coffee Hour for parents to ask questions and discuss any issues. Mrs. Aloj also reported that Dr. Guiney froze the District's budget which means only necessary expenditures are approved. The budget process has begun and the Board will present a fiscally responsible budget to the community.
- ❑ Superintendent of Schools: Dr. Susan Guiney reported on the many well attended concerts. Dr. Guiney requested that the community participate in an online survey relating to budget issues which is posted on the website. In addition, Dr. Guiney informed the community that school district administrators have decided to file a lawsuit against Governor Patterson due to the illegality of withholding state aid. Dr. Guiney reported that Mr. D'Ambroso, Mr. Grieco and Ms. Fowler completed many hours of NYSSBA training and received certificates.

Mrs. Aloj introduced Mr. Grieco, Board Member, who presented on behalf of the Athletic Club, a check in the amount \$3,000 from the Wildcats cheerleaders, lacrosse and football clubs.

At this time, Dr. Guiney introduced Ms. N. Schimpf, Director of Special Education and Student Services; Dr. M. E. Wilson, Director of Curriculum and Instructional Services, Mr. M. Cunzio, Principal, Columbus Elementary School, Ms. E. Zai-Fiorello, Principal, Hawthorne Elementary School, and Ms. N. Donovan, District

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School Psychologist. The staff members presented an overview of RTI, Response to Intervention, which is a collaborative project taking place in Hawthorne and Columbus Elementary Schools.

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

BE IT RESOLVED: That the minutes of the November 18, 2009 regular monthly meeting and December 2, 2009 Board of Education meeting be approved.

VOTE: 6-1 (Mrs. Aloï abstained)

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 July 29, 2009.

#1	Trust & Agency Fund in the amount of	\$	5,277.31
#1a	General Fund (A) in the amount of		2,347,136.10
#2	General Fund (A) in the amount of		560,737.95

VOTE: 7- 0

B) ACCEPTANCE - RESIGNATION, PROFESSIONAL

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 hereby accepts the resignation of:

Sandra Campisi, Kindergarten Teacher, Hawthorne Elementary School
Effective: January 3, 2010

VOTE: 7- 0

C) ACCEPTANCE – RESIGNATION (DISABILITY RETIREMENT)

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

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BE IT RESOLVED: That the Mount Pleasant Central School District Board of Education hereby accepts the resignation for purposes of disability retirement of:

Employee # 1348
Effective: November 26, 2009

VOTE: 7- 0

D) ACCEPTANCE – SEPTA GRANTS

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 hereby accepts the grants from the Special Education PTA for the 2009-2010 school year as attached. The Board extends sincere appreciation to SEPTA for these generous awards totaling \$6,652.48.

VOTE: 7- 0

E) ACCEPTANCE – ELEMENTARY PTA GIFTS

Motion made by Mr. Grieco, seconded by Mrs. O'Connor as follows:

BE IT RESOLVED: That the Mount Pleasant Central School District Board of Education hereby accepts the gifts from the Elementary PTA for the 2009-2010 school year to be used at Hawthorne Elementary School as listed below:

3 – SMART Document Cameras SDC-280 - \$829.00 each

Total cost of 3 Document Cameras - \$2,487.00 + shipping costs

1 - Etching press #45013-0000 - \$601.60

1- bed plate 26 #C45013-1026 - \$97.60

1 cushion 12 x 26 #C46901-2512 - \$19.61

1 catcher 12 x 26 #C46901-1226 - \$15.69

1 pusher 12 x 26 #46901-1026 - \$18.48

Total cost of Etching Press & Accessories: \$752.98 + shipping costs

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The Board of Education extends sincere appreciation to the Elementary PTA for their generous gifts to the District.

VOTE: 7 - 0

F) ACCEPTANCE – WESTLAKE MIDDLE SCHOOL PTA GIFT

Motion made by Mr. Grieco, seconded by Mrs. O'Connor as follows:

BE IT RESOLVED: That the Mount Pleasant Central School District Board of Education hereby accepts a gift from the Westlake Middle School PTA to the Mount Pleasant Student Activity Fund for the Westlake Middle School Theatre Group in the amount of \$500. The Board extends sincere appreciation to the Westlake Middle School PTA for this generous gift.

VOTE: 7- 0

G) ACCEPTANCE – WILDCAT CHEERLEADING, FOOTBALL AND LACROSSE CLUBS GIFT

Motion made by Mr. Grieco, seconded by Mrs. O'Connor as follows:

BE IT RESOLVED: That the Mount Pleasant Central School District Board of Education hereby accepts a gift in the amount of \$3,000 from the Mt. Pleasant Wildcats Cheerleading, Football and Lacrosse Clubs to offset the maintenance of the main field located at the Westlake Middle School/Westlake High School complex. The Board extends sincere appreciation to the Wildcats Cheerleading, Football and Lacrosse Clubs for this generous gift.

VOTE: 7- 0

H) APPROVAL – CPSE and CSE STUDENT PLACEMENT RECOMMENDATIONS

Motion made by Mrs. Fowler, seconded by Mr. Grieco 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:	October 16, 21, 29 November 3
CSE:	October 7, 14, 19, 21, 26, 27, 28, 30 November 2, 4, 12, 13, 16, 17, 19

VOTE: 7- 0

I) APPROVAL- APPOINTMENT OF W.I.S.E. COORDINATOR

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

BE IT RESOLVED: That in accordance with the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby approves the following appointment for the 2009-2010 school year:

W.I.S.E. Program Coordinator: Donna Garr, Stipend \$4,174

VOTE: 7- 0

J) APPROVAL - REQUEST FOR FMLA

Motion made by Mrs. Fowler, seconded by Mr. Grieco 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 #1856

Leave to begin on November 25, 2009

Leave to conclude on December 11, 2009

VOTE: 7 – 0

**K) APPROVAL-EXTRA CURRICULAR APPOINTMENT 2009-2010 SCHOOL YEAR
(Winter Sports)**

Motion made by Mrs. O'Connor and seconded by Mr. Pinchiaroli as follows:

BE IT RESOLVED: That the Mount Pleasant Central School District Board of Education approves the Superintendent of Schools recommendation to appoint the following individuals, as attached, to the Extra Curricular Appointments for the 2009-2010 school year.

VOTE: 7 - 0

**L) APPROVAL –EXTRA CURRICULAR APPOINTMENT 2009/2010 SCHOOL YEAR
(FALL SPORTS)**

Motion made by Mrs. O'Connor and 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 Appointment for the 2009/2010 school year:

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<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Stipend</u>
Victor Byrne	Girls Varsity Diving	\$2,690

VOTE: 7 - 0

M) APPROVAL – IN THE MATTER OF THORNWOOD LDT, LLC v. the TOWN OF MT. PLEASANT and THE MOUNT PLEASANT CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

Motion made by Mrs. O'Connor and seconded by Mr. Pinchiaroli 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 53 & 35 Kensico Road, Town of Mount Pleasant, New York, a/k/a Tax Map# 106.15-1-39 & 40 for assessment years 2006 through 2008, 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 Consent Judgment not to exceed \$56,800,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT,

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby approves of and agrees to settle the claims of the petitioner (Thornwood LDT, LLC.) on the terms as set forth on the annexed Proposed Consent Judgment, 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 Consents 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: 7 - 0

N) APPROVAL – IN THE MATTER OF TRI-STAR ASSOCIATES v. the TOWN OF MT. PLEASANT and THE MOUNT PLEASANT CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

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

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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 185 Marble Avenue, Town of Mount Pleasant, New York, a/k/a Tax Map# 106.10-2-5 for assessment years 1994 through 2002, 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 Consent Judgment not to exceed \$4,200.,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT,

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby approves of and agrees to settle the claims of the petitioner (Tri-Star Associates) on the terms as set forth on the annexed Proposed Consent Judgment, 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 Consents 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: 7 - 0

O) APPROVAL – ADOPTION OF POLICY #5574, False Claims, Fraud Prevention and Detection (Waive 2nd Reading)

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

BE IT RESOLVED: That the requirement for two readings and two votes on a policy change, revision, or addendum be waived on Policy #5574: FALSE CLAIMS, FRAUD PREVENTION and DETECTION as adopted by the Mount Pleasant Central School District Board of Education at their meeting held on December 2, 2009, and said policy shall stand as adopted on December 2, 2009.

VOTE: 7 - 0

P) APPROVAL – APPOINTMENT OF INTERNAL AUDITOR, 2009- 2010 SCHOOL YEAR

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

BE IT RESOLVED: That Management Audit Consultants, Inc., 101 Hawthorn Place, Briarcliff Manor, NY 10501 is hereby designated as the internal auditing firm for the period of June 30, 2009 through June 30, 2010 in accordance with their proposal dated August 31, 2009 as follows:

Year 1, 2009 -2010, of risk assessment \$9,250 based on the required \$1,000,000 per occurrence and \$2,000,000 aggregate as specified in the RFP.

Testing Hourly Rate: \$165.

VOTE: 7 - 0

Q) APPROVAL – EDUCATIONAL DATA SERVICES, INC. AGREEMENT 2009-2010 SCHOOL YEAR

Motion made by Mrs. Donato, seconded by Mr. D'Ambroso 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 Educational Data Services Inc in the amount of \$5,800 for the licensing and maintenance fee for the 2009-2010 school year for the purchasing of district school supplies.

VOTE: 7 - 0

R) APPROVAL – PUBLIC RELATIONS CONSULTANT AGREEMENT

Motion made by Mrs. Donato, seconded by Mr. D'Ambroso 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 appointment of Eileen Farrell, 381 Marietta Avenue, Hawthorne, NY 10532, to serve as Public Relations Consultant, as per the agreement, effective 12/16/09 through 6/30/10 at a contract amount of \$31,350 pro-rated plus additional fees as noted in Section IV - Cost Proposal of the Request for Proposal issued on November 30, 2009.

VOTE: 7 - 0

S) 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-7, 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

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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-6 Civil Service personnel is hereby approved. All appointments are contingent on fingerprint clearance through the New York State Education Department.

VOTE: 7 - 0

VIII. OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC DISCUSSION AND COMMENTS: None

IX. ADJOURNMENT: At approximately 9:33 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 student matter and the employment history of a specific individual. At approximately 11:00 pm, motion made by Mrs. Fowler, seconded by Mr. D'Ambroso and unanimously adopted by the Board to adjourn the Executive Session and return to public session. At approximately 11:05 pm, motion made by Mrs. Donato, seconded by Mrs. Fowler and unanimously adopted by the Board to adjourn the December 16, 2009 Board of Education meeting.

Mary Beth Mancuso
District Clerk

Approved: 1/20/10

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SCHEDULE 09/10, P-7 PROFESSIONAL PERSONNEL APPOINTMENTS

FALL GIFTED AND TALENTED AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM, COLUMBUS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

SUSAN COWLES-DUMITRU, Westlake Middle School

Effective: October 26 – November 30, 2009

Salary: 2.5 hours/wk at \$64/hour per the agreement with the Mount Pleasant Central School District's Teachers Association

TRACEY ARMISTO, Columbus Elementary School

Effective: October 26 – November 30, 2009

Salary: 2.5 hours/wk at \$64/hour per the agreement with the Mount Pleasant Central School District's Teachers Association

PROBATIONARY APPOINTMENT

JENNIFER ANTONACCIO, Elementary

Assigned To: Hawthorne Elementary School

Certification: Permanent Certification in Pre-Kindergarten, Kindergarten and Grades 1-6

Effective: January 4, 2010 - January 3, 2011

Salary Placement: M.A. +15, Step 5 - \$77,410

MODIFICATION OF APPOINTMENT FROM PERMANENT SUBSTITUTE TO LEAVE REPLACEMENT

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)

PART-TIME APPOINTMENT

JON BONCI

Part-Time Cable Television Station Program Coordinator

Assigned To: Districtwide

Salary: \$25/hour, not to exceed 25 hours/month

Effective: December 2, 2009-June 30, 2010

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SCHEDULE 09/10, C-6 CIVIL SERVICE APPOINTMENTS

CSEA CUSTODIAL

JOHN DINAPOLI, Custodial Worker – Bus Driver

Assigned To: Westlake High School

Beginning of Probationary Period: December 1, 2009

Expiration of Probationary Period: November 30, 2010

Salary: Column B, Step 1 of CSEA Custodial Unit Contract: \$22,825.14 (pro-rated)

MODIFICATION OF ASSIGNMENT – TEACHER AIDE

LAUREL CAMMERATA, From Clerk PT to Teacher Aide

Effective: September 1, 2009-June 30, 2010

Assigned To: Westlake High School

Salary: \$18.74/hr



WESTLAKE HIGH SCHOOL

MT. PLEASANT CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

Athletic Department
825 West Lake Drive
Thornwood, NY 10594

914-769-8940 (direct)
914-769-1074 (fax)

Committed to Excellence

Donna M. Pirro
Director of P.E., Health
& Athletics

DATE: November 9, 2009

TO: Sue Tropeano

FROM: Donna M. Pirro

**RE: Coach Recommendations
Winter Sports - 2009-2010**

I would like to recommend the following applicants for the winter coaching positions:

SPORT	LEVEL	COACH	STIPEND
Basketball (Boys)	Varsity	Steve Pesick	\$7,141
	JV	Brian Conroy	\$4,926
	Mod	Rich Hennessy	\$3,919
Basketball (Girls)	Varsity	Sean Mayer	\$7,141
	JV	Carrie Davidson	\$4,926
	Mod	Joseph (Buzz) Smaila	\$3,919
Cheerleading	Varsity	Adriana Gill	\$2,922
	JV	Lauren McNamara	\$2,324
	Mod	OPEN	\$2,719
Swim (Boys)	Varsity	Dan Malone	\$5,532
Dive/Assistant (Boys)	Varsity	Anthony Pizzola	\$2,690
Track	Varsity	Anjuli Singh	\$4,700
	Asst.	Kurt Thomas	\$4,331
Wrestling	Varsity	Joseph Bucello	\$6,870
	JV	Brett Sowka	\$4,926
	Mod	Sky Smith	\$3,919
	Volunteer	Sal Fuschetto	-----
Volunteer	Michael Cucolo	-----	

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2009/10 SEPTA GRANTS

STAFF MEMBER	SCHOOL BUILDING	GRANT PROPOSAL	COST
Dr. Nancy Engel Music	Hawthorne	Suzuki tone chimes Adaptive Chorus Class – to be used in regular chorus classes which include 31 students with 504 plans and IEPs.	Materials: (\$899.00 bell set and case; \$72.00 shipping) Total: \$971.00
Blair Hoffman Speech Language Pathologist	Hawthorne	Visualizing and Verbalizing Program Students with special needs who present challenges in language comprehension and expression.	Materials: (12) program software \$923.40 + shipping and handling \$92.34 Total: \$1,015.74
Kathleen Fay Speech/language	Columbus	Materials regarding students who exhibit articulation disorders, auditory processing difficulties and conceptual development	Materials: (3) program software Total: \$358.95 (free shipping)
Sean Mayer Physical Education	Columbus	<u>Two Nintendo Wii Games</u> to enhance student movement to reach their goals while playing the games. This would work on eye and hand coordination, along with muscle and motor movement.	Materials: (2) Nintendo Wii Games (\$400.00 each) (8) extra controllers: \$280.00 Total: \$680.00
Christine Galbo Special Education	Columbus	<u>Touch Math program:</u> A multisensory approach to learning math designed for students who have difficulty with memorization and generalizing their learning.	Materials: (5) program software Total: \$843.74
Mimi Beyer Special Education	Westlake Middle School	<u>(2) Flip Ultra Camcorders</u> To promote student's language development and writing skills, especially students with ASD.	Materials: (2) cameras and software, (2) tripods, (2) protective cases, cables Total: \$330.00
Virginia Campbell Special Education	Westlake Middle School	<u>(2) Ipod Touch and headsets</u> An exciting tool to support the needs and education of students with special needs across many areas.	Materials: (2) Ipod Touch (\$400.00) 6 headsets (\$60.00) Programs (\$190.00) Total: \$650.00
Nancy Deneny Speech Pathologist	Westlake Middle School	<u>Linguistics</u> Materials used for speech therapy.	Materials: (5) program software \$269.50 Shipping: \$12.50 Total: \$282.00
Mary Cunningham Special Education	Westlake Middle School	<u>SMART Board</u> Would allow the ability to access teachers' actual class notes, print-out materials, create presentations, etc.	Materials: (1) Smart Board Total: \$1,200

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SEPTA GRANTS CONT'D			
Elizabeth McGovern Special Education	Westlake High School	Dell Mini Laptops, Apple Ipods, and USB drives in order to address different learning modalities and make students understand the importance of technology.	Materials: (2) Mini Dell Laptops (2) IPods (10) USB drives \$299.00 Shipping: \$22.05 Total: \$321.05

TOTAL: \$6,652.48

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FALSE CLAIMS, FRAUD PREVENTION AND DETECTION

The Board of Education recognizes the importance of detecting and preventing Medicaid fraud, waste, and abuse. The purpose of this policy is to set forth the procedures that will be used by the Mount Pleasant Central School District (hereinafter referred to as the "School District") to respond to reports by employees and others of activity which might violate applicable Medicaid laws or regulations, which includes, but is not limited to, submitting and/or receiving claims in a manner which does not meet the Medicaid program requirements, as applicable.

Policy/Procedure

Each employee must act in an ethical manner and adhere to applicable legal requirements in the course of performing their duties on behalf of the School District.

Any employee of the School District who has knowledge of activities that he or she believes may violate a law, rule, or regulation has an obligation to promptly report this matter to the designated Compliance Officer and/or his or her immediate supervisor. Reports may be made anonymously and employees will not be penalized for reports made in good faith. Failure to report known violations, failure to detect violations due to negligence or reckless conduct and intentionally making false reports shall be grounds for disciplinary action, including termination. The appropriate form of discipline will be case-specific and in accordance with applicable law and/or existing collective bargaining agreements.

Necessary steps will be taken to communicate appropriate standards and procedures to all employees by disseminating information that explains what is required. This shall include the posting of this policy.

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In order to detect and prevent fraud, the Board of Education authorizes the utilization of monitoring and auditing systems that are reasonably designed to detect misconduct by its employees, contractors, and/or agents.

Once a suspected violation has been, the Board of Education, acting upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools and the Compliance Officer, will take reasonable steps to respond appropriately and to prevent further violations, which shall include, any necessary modifications to its program designed to prevent and detect violations of applicable law.

All contractors and agents who furnish or authorize the furnishing of Medicaid services on behalf of the School District, or perform billing or coding functions are required to communicate these policies and procedures to their employees and are responsible for ensuring that such communication occurs.

Appointment of Compliance Officer

The Superintendent of Schools shall appoint a Compliance Officer, subject to the approval of the Board of Education, who shall have the authority to:

1. Oversee and monitor the implementation of the School District's compliance policy;
2. Consult outside counsel as legally necessary;
3. Conduct internal investigations and audits relating to compliance issues;
4. Review all documents and other information relevant to Medicaid compliance activities; and
5. Maintain direct access to the Superintendent of Schools, and when appropriate, the Board of Education.

Training and Education

The Compliance Officer shall implement a training program to help employees identify, prevent, and report noncompliance with applicable law. The Board of Education expects all employees to

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participate in general compliance training upon initial hire or periodically thereafter and must acknowledge attendance at each session. Documentation of attendance will be maintained by the Compliance Officer. Conversely, specialized training will be provided to employees, whose actions directly affect submission and reimbursement of claims, including those involved in dispensing, billing, and reimbursement of Medicaid claims.

Investigation

Through the Compliance Officer, the School District shall promptly respond to and take appropriate action for detected offenses.

A. Internal Investigation

The Compliance Officer will conduct a timely and reasonable investigation of all credible reports of suspected noncompliance. A reasonable inquiry includes a preliminary investigation by the Compliance Officer or other compliance personnel.

If an internal investigation results in the discovery of misconduct that may violate applicable laws or regulations, the Compliance Officer must notify the Superintendent of Schools and Board of Education.

B. Government Investigation

If a government investigation arises, the School District aims to be forthright and cooperative with the investigation.

Distribution

This policy will be made available on the School District's website. In addition, hard copies will be made available to new employees during the orientation process and current employees in those departments submitting and/or receiving claims.

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Cross-ref: Code of Ethics, Policy No. 6110

Ref: False Claims Act, 31 U.S.C. §3729, *et seq.*
N.Y. State Finance Law §187, *et seq.*
N.Y. Social Services Law §145-b
N.Y. Social Services Law §145-c
N.Y. Social Services Law §363-d
N.Y. Labor Law §740
18 NYCRR § 521.1, *et seq.*

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