

**BOARD OF EDUCATION  
MEETING MINUTES  
NOVEMBER 19, 2014**

**PRESENT**

James Grieco, President  
Eric Schulze, Vice President  
Laurie Donato  
Theresa Fowler  
Thomas McCabe  
Christopher Pinchiaroli

**ALSO PRESENT**

Dr. S. Guiney, Superintendent of Schools  
M. B. Mancuso, District Clerk  
M. Ellis, Director of Curriculum &  
Instructional Services  
L. Sanfilippo, Director of Business Admin.  
R. Tepper, Director of Special Education  
& Student Services  
J. Schulman, Principal, HES  
M. Cunzio, Principal, CES  
Dr. R. Hendrickson, Principal, WMS  
K. Schenker, Principal, WHS  
Faculty and Community Members

**ABSENT:**

Vincent D'Ambroso, Board Member

**I. CALL TO ORDER:** Mr. Grieco, President, opened the November 19, 2014 Board of Education meeting at approximately 8:00 pm in the WMS/WHs Library with a moment of silence and the pledge to the flag.

**II. ANNOUNCEMENTS/INFORMATION ITEMS**

- WHS Student Council: Ms. Jeannine Ederer, President, Executive Board, reported on the following: the John Barresi Memorial Turkey Trot to be held on November 29<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am, registration at 9:30 am in the WHS lobby, was discussed; new ideas and activities are being discussed for the winter season; all students are invited to the student council meetings and wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.
- WHS PTA: Ms. Marybeth Ederer, President, requested the community join together for a revised bond referendum; the Lord & Taylor fundraiser was successful; the scholarship drive for is ongoing; the PTA will be selling clothing at the Holiday Lights Craft Fair; the next meeting will be on December 1<sup>st</sup>, please support our students; and Happy Thanksgiving.
- WHS BLT: Mr. Keith Schenker, WHS Principal, reported the BLT meeting is scheduled for the first week in December. Mr. Schenker invited the community to support the students by attending the outstanding performance of 'Fools' this weekend.
- WMS PTA: Ms. Colleen Scaglione, Co-President, reported on the following: the membership drive is ongoing and it's not too late to become a member; the holiday boutique will take place on December 3, 4 5; and recognized the volunteers for their support.

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- WMS BLT: Dr. Robert Hendrickson, Principal, reported the BLT meeting has been rescheduled to 11/24/14 as Mr. Amann will be present to discuss the common core and how parents can assist their children as it relates to the new mathematics.
- Elementary PTA: Ms. Evelyn Varga, President, reported on the following: the Fall Fundraiser , Scholastic Book Fairs at HES and CES, and Turkey Bingo have occurred; the first PTA Connection was released; the PTA directory was sent out to the families that have joined the PTA; upcoming events are the Reflections Contest, the Holiday Boutiques at HES and CES and the Holiday Lights Craft Fair at CES. Ms. Varga thanked all the volunteers for their time and support.
- Columbus BLT: Mr. Michael Cunzio, Principal, reported the BLT met on November 12<sup>th</sup> and discussed the survey which is being formulated to address the 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade departmentalizing, and thanked those who attended and assisted at Turkey Bingo.
- Hawthorne BLT: Mr. Jerry Schulman reported the BLT will meet on December 8<sup>th</sup>.
- Westlake Athletic Club: No report
- Mount Pleasant Education Foundation: Ms. Lina Gianfrancesco reminded everyone the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Turkey Trot will occur this Sunday, November 23<sup>rd</sup> and on Saturday, at the high school, between 9:00 am – 12 noon, there will be registration for those who want to participate and for those registered their t-shirt and pinney will be available for pickup..

### **III. REPORTS**

- Testing Transparency and Ongoing APPR Work: Ms. Mary Ellis, Director of Curriculum and Instructional Services, presented information on the Annual Professional Performance Review (APPR) which was implemented in the 2012/13 school year and the Testing Transparency Report. Ms. Ellis explained the measurement scale which is used to rate teachers and principals. Ms. Ellis spoke about the State Education Department's reversal in the amount of testing and the District's decision on assessments. Each school district received a Testing Transparency Report and Mt. Pleasant's can be found on the district's website, [www.mtplcsd.org](http://www.mtplcsd.org), Departments tab, curriculum and instruction.
- Energy Education: Mr. Jerry Schulman, Energy Specialist, reported on the energy savings procedures that occur prior to and during the Thanksgiving break in classrooms and in the cafeteria; natural gas is used to heat HES, WMS and WHS; and thanked the administrators, faculty, staff and the Board of Education for their support of energy conservation.
- Board of Education: Mr. James Grieco, President, reported on the disappointment that the referendum did not pass. Mr. Grieco thanked the committee members on the citizens' advisory committee for their time and commitment as well as the residents who participated in the open forums, attended meetings and visited the website to read the materials provided by the District. Mr. Grieco continued there were 1629 'no' votes and 713 'yes' votes and approximately 5,000 residents who did not vote. Mr. Grieco reported at the December 10<sup>th</sup> work session, a discussion will take place on the next steps and invited residents to attend to provide their input on why the referendum failed. Mr. Grieco thanked everyone for their hard work on the bond and acknowledged Mary Beth Mancuso for her part in the bond process.

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- Superintendent of Schools: Dr. Susan Guiney thanked the steering committee members and the residents who came out to vote although the outcome was a disappointment. Dr. Guiney reported on the following: Special Education workshops presented by Dr. Lange; PARC assessments and implementation; and field testing. Dr. Guiney concluded her report by wishing all a Happy Thanksgiving.

**IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Motion made by Mr. Schulze, seconded by Mr. McCabe, as follows:

BE IT RESOLVED: That the minutes of the October 8, 2014 Board of Education meeting and the October 15, 2014 monthly meeting minutes be approved.

VOTE: 6 – 0

**V. OLD BUSINESS:** None

**VI. COMMENT ON NEW BUSINESS AGENDA ITEMS:** None

**VII. NEW BUSINESS – ACTION ITEMS**

**Motion made by Mr. Schulze, seconded by Mr. Pinchiaroli, to adopt in a single motion Resolutions A through X as printed on the agenda.**

VOTE: 6 – 0

**A) ACCEPTANCE – RESIGNATION, (RETIREMENT)**

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

Joseph Decrenza, Custodial Worker, Westlake High School  
Effective: November 27, 2014

The Board extends sincere appreciation to Mr. DeCrenza for his many years of service to the Mount Pleasant Central School District and wishes him a happy and healthy retirement.

**B) ACCEPTANCE – DONATION**

BE IT RESOLVED: That the Mount Pleasant Central School District Board of Education hereby accepts a \$16.00 donation from The Benevity Community Impact Fund for Hawthorne Elementary School.

**C) ACCEPTANCE – STUDENT ACTIVITY FUND REPORT**

BE IT RESOLVED: That the Board of Education hereby approves the Student Activity Fund Report for the following quarter:

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**D) APPROVAL – FINANCIAL REPORTS**

BE IT RESOLVED: That the Board of Education hereby approves the Treasurer's Report for the month of September 2014.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That the Board of Education accepts the report from the claims auditor on warrant # 8, 9, 10.

**E) APPROVAL – TEACHERS COLLEGE COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY AGREEMENT**

BE IT RESOLVED: That the Board of Education hereby approves the agreement with Teachers College, Columbia University to provide onsite Professional Development and site based coaching services for the 2014/2015 school year at a cost of \$72,250, plus estimated travel expenses of approximately \$3,000.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That the Director of Curriculum and Instructional Services is authorized to execute the contract on its behalf.

**F) APPROVAL – MODIFICATION TO TAX CERTIORARI SETTLEMENT**

BE IT RESOLVED: That the tax certiorari settlement pertaining to properties identified on the tax roll as Parcel 112.6-5-1 and owned by Getty Petroleum Marketing Inc., originally requested and approved at the September 17, 2014 Board of Education meeting, be modified from \$7,000 to \$9,000.

**G) APPROVAL – TAX CERTIORARI SETTLEMENT – ZWILLING J.A. HENCKELS,LLC**

WHEREAS, the Mount Pleasant Central School District is a respondent in certain tax certiorari proceedings pertaining to properties identified on the tax roll as Section 111.20, Block 1, Lot 8, for tax years 2008 through 2012; and

WHEREAS, the parties have negotiated a tentative resolution of the proceedings, as set forth in the consent judgment attached hereto; and

WHEREAS, the Board has determined that it is in the best interests of the School District to resolve the proceeding in accordance with the Consent Judgment without further litigation;

NOW, BASED UPON THE FORGOING, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that the Board hereby approves the settlement of the tax proceedings as set forth in the Consent Judgment not to exceed \$60,000;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Ingerman Smith, LLP is authorized to execute the consent judgment attached hereto, and any other relevant settlement papers necessary to effectuate the settlement;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Director of Business Administration shall be authorized to issue a refund payment in accordance with the Consent Judgment.

**H) APPROVAL – TAX CERTIORARI SETTLEMENT - SEACOR REALTY, LLC**

WHEREAS, the Mount Pleasant Central School District is a respondent in certain tax certiorari proceedings pertaining to properties identified on the tax roll as Section 112.17, Block 1, Lot 34, for tax years 2010 through 2014; and

WHEREAS, the parties have negotiated a tentative resolution of the proceedings, as set forth in the consent judgment attached hereto; and

WHEREAS, the Board has determined that it is in the best interests of the School District to resolve the proceeding in accordance with the Consent Judgment without further litigation;

NOW, BASED UPON THE FORGOING, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that the Board hereby approves the settlement of the tax proceedings as set forth in the Consent Judgment, not to exceed \$40,000;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Ingerman Smith, LLP is authorized to execute the consent judgment attached hereto, and any other relevant settlement papers necessary to effectuate the settlement;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Director of Business Administration shall be authorized to issue a refund payment in accordance with the Consent Judgment.

**I) APPROVAL – REJECTION OF BIDS**

BE IT RESOLVED: That the Board of Education hereby rejects all bids received in response to Re-Bid #2014-2015-8 for Professional Security Services for the 2014-2015 school year.

**J) APPROVAL – PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT**

BE IT RESOLVED: That the Board of Education hereby approves the service agreement with Sawyer Educational Consulting, Inc. for professional development on December 10 and 11, 2014, for a total cost of \$4,000 plus travel and lodging expenses.

**K) APPROVAL – CPSE AND CSE PLACEMENT RECOMMENDATIONS**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the recommendations for placement of students with disabilities as recommended by the Mount Pleasant Central School District's Committee on Special

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Education and Committee on Preschool 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: 8/27/14  
10/1/14  
10/20/14  
11/3/14

CSE: 5/14/14, 5/20/14, 5/22/14, 8/13/14, 8/27/14, 10/1/14, 10/3/14  
10/6/14, 10/8/14, 10/14/14, 10/15/14, 10/16/14, 10/20/14, 10/22/14,  
10/27/14, 10/28/14, 10/29/2014, 11/3/14

**L) APPROVAL – SPECIAL EDUCATION OUT OF DISTRICT PLACEMENT CONTRACT, 2014/15**

BE IT RESOLVED: That in accordance with the recommendation of the Director of Special Education and Student Services, the Board of Education hereby approves the following Special Education Out of District Placement Contract for the 2014-15 school year:

Developmental Disabilities Institute, Inc., 1 student @ \$49,763 (prospective rate)

**M) APPROVAL – TERMINATION OF EMPLOYMENT**

BE IT RESOLVED: That upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education herewith terminates the employment of Employee #2894 effective November 14, 2014.

**N) APPROVAL – EXTRA CURRICULAR APPOINTMENT, 2014/2015 SCHOOL YEAR (FALL SPORTS)**

BE IT RESOLVED: That the Mount Pleasant Central School District Board of Education approves the Superintendent of Schools recommendation to appoint the following individual to the Extra Curricular appointments for the 2014/2015 school year:

<b><u>Position</u></b>	<b><u>Coach</u></b>	<b><u>Stipend</u></b>
Modified Tennis	Greg Bobro	\$1,284 pro-rated

\*Effective Dates: September 3, 2014 – September 24, 2014

**O) APPROVAL – EXTRA CURRICULAR APPOINTMENTS, 2014/2015 SCHOOL YEAR (WINTER SPORTS)**

BE IT RESOLVED: That the Mount Pleasant Central School District Board of Education approves the Superintendent of Schools recommendation to appoint the following individuals to the Extra Curricular appointments for the 2014/2015 school year:

<b><u>Position</u></b>	<b><u>Coach</u></b>	<b><u>Stipend</u></b>
Assistant Track	Martin Rodriguez	\$4,540
Fitness Room Supervisor	Claudio Barbieri	\$1,721

**P) APPROVAL – REQUEST FOR FMLA**

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 #1966**

Leave to begin on October 1, 2014

Leave to conclude on December 5, 2014

**Q) APPROVAL – UNPAID CHILDCARE LEAVE**

BE IT RESOLVED: That upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby approves the following request for an unpaid child care leave in accordance with the collective bargaining agreement between the Mount Pleasant Teachers Association and the Mount Pleasant Central School District:

**Employee #1966**

Leave to begin on December 8, 2014

Leave to conclude on June 30, 2015

**R) APPROVAL – REQUEST FOR FMLA**

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 #1858**

Leave to begin on October 14, 2014

Leave to conclude on December 11, 2014

**S) APPROVAL – MODIFICATION TO HOURLY APPOINTMENT, 2013/2014  
SCHOOL YEAR**

BE IT RESOLVED: That the hourly appointment for Melissa Hansen, previously approved at the March 19, 2014 Board of Education meeting, be modified from 40 hours to 91 hours.

**T) APPROVAL – MODIFICATION TO LONG-TERM SUBSTITUTE**

BE IT RESOLVED: That the long-term substitute appointment for Katie Forsythe, originally requested and approved at the August 27, 2014 Board of Education meeting, be extended through December 17, 2014.

**U) APPROVAL – EXTRA CURRICULAR APPOINTMENT RESCINDED**

BE IT RESOLVED: That the Modified Tennis appointment, originally requested and approved at the August 27, 2014 Board of Education meeting, for William Davis is hereby rescinded.

**V) APPROVAL – MODIFICATION TO SUBSTITUTE CALLER APPOINTMENT**

BE IT RESOLVED: That the substitute caller appointment for Norma DeSousa, originally requested and approved at the September 17, 2014 Board of Education meeting, be modified with an end date of November 21, 2014.

**W) APPROVAL – MODIFICATION TO EXTRA CURRICULAR APPOINTMENT**

BE IT RESOLVED: That the extra-curricular appointment for Dennis Bencosme, originally requested and approved at the July 9, 2014 Board of Education meeting, be modified to September 3, 2014 through October 10, 2014.

**X) APPROVAL – PROFESSIONAL PERSONNEL AND CIVIL SERVICE  
PERSONNEL APPOINTMENTS**

BE IT RESOLVED: That the attached 14/15, P-6, Professional Personnel Appointments are hereby approved. All appointments are contingent on fingerprint clearance through the New York State Education Department

AND

BE IT RESOLVED: That the attached 14/15, C-6, Civil Service Personnel Appointments are hereby approved. All appointments are contingent on fingerprint clearance through the New York State Education Department.



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**VIII. OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENTS TO BOARD OF EDUCATION:** A parent of a 2<sup>nd</sup> grader and kindergarten student acknowledged Dr. Guiney, the Board, School Foundation, and the PTAs for their work on the bond and expressed his disappointment on the results of the bond vote and inquired as to how many registered voters there are in the district and how many parents of students actually voted .

**IX. ADJOURNMENT:** At approximately 8:30 pm, there being no further business, motion made by Mr. Pinchiaroli, seconded by Mr. McCabe, and unanimously adopted by the Board to adjourn the November 19, 2014.

Mary Beth Mancuso  
District Clerk

Approved: 1/21/15

**SCHEDULE 14/15, P-6 PROFESSIONAL PERSONNEL APPOINTMENTS**

**LONG-TERM SUBSTITUTE APPOINTMENTS**

Cynthia LePere, Special Education  
Assigned To: Westlake Middle School  
Certification: Professional Certification in Students with Disabilities (Grades 5-9),  
Generalist  
Effective: October 23, 2014 – March 13, 2015  
Salary Placement: M.A Step 1: \$301.28/day

Christine Dalton, Special Education  
Assigned To: Westlake Middle School  
Certification: Permanent Certification in Special Education  
Effective: October 8, 2014 – December 12, 2014  
Salary Placement: M.A. Step 1: \$301.28/day

**PART-TIME APPOINTMENT**

Donna Murphy, .6 Reading Teacher  
Assigned To: Westlake Middle School  
Certification: Permanent Certification as Reading Teacher  
Effective: November 10, 2014 – June 30, 2015  
Salary Placement: M.A. +30 Step 15: \$52,537.13 (pro-rated)

**.2 ADDITIONAL TEACHING ASSIGNMENT**

Patricia Ryan, Westlake High School

Salary: Paid in accordance with the Mount Pleasant Central School District Teachers Association agreement

**.1 ADDITIONAL TEACHING ASSIGNMENT**

Tim Raney, Westlake Middle School

Salary: Paid in accordance with the Mount Pleasant Central School District Teachers Association agreement.

**DRIVER EDUCATION, 2014/2015 SCHOOL YEAR**

Vera Allen, Driver Education Instructor, PAS Auto School  
Certification: NYS Dept. of Motor Vehicles Driver Education Instructor  
Certificate #00278  
Effective: Fall 2014 Session (September 29, 2014 – February 16, 2015)  
Salary: \$1,162.22

**SCHEDULE 14/15, C-6 CIVIL SERVICE APPOINTMENTS**

**CSEA CLERICAL**

Corinne Cunnington

Title: Senior Office Asst (Auto Sys)\*

Assigned To: District Office (Special Education)

Beginning of Probationary Period: November 10, 2014

Expiration of Probationary Period: November 9, 2015

Salary: Column C, Step 6: \$30,704.94 (pro-rated)

\*Appointment made from Eligible List # 02-416

Kim Thomas

Title: Secretary to School Administrator\*

Assigned To: District Office (Curriculum & Instruction)

Beginning of Probationary Period: November 24, 2014

Expiration of Probationary Period: November 23, 2015

Salary: Column C, Step 3: \$25,747.16 (pro-rated)

\*Appointment made from Eligible List # 61-284

**ATHLETIC CLEARANCE HOURS FOR WINTER SPORTS, 2014/2015 SCHOOL YEAR**

Lisa Feldman, Registered Professional Nurse

Assigned To: Westlake Middle School

Hours: Not to exceed 25 clearance hours

Salary: \$40.23/hour

Dawn McQuade McCarrick, Registered Professional Nurse

Assigned To: Westlake Middle School

Hours: Not to exceed 25 clearance hours

Salary: \$38.64/hour

Mary Jane Au, Registered Professional Nurse

Assigned To: Westlake High School

Hours: Not to exceed 25 clearance hours

Salary: \$35.47/hour

Kathy Neal, Health Aide

Hours: Not to exceed 25 clearance hours

Salary: \$17.02/Hour

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**HOURLY APPOINTMENT - ATHLETICS**

Pam Andriola, Substitute Teacher Aide  
Assigned To: Student Athletes (Fall/Winter/Spring Seasons)  
Effective: October 3, 2014 – June 30, 2015  
Salary: \$20.51/hour

**HOURLY APPOINTMENT**

Kim Bernardi, School Monitor  
Assigned To: WMS Athlete Supervision and Extra-Curricular Activities  
Effective: October 21, 2014 – June 30, 2015  
Salary: \$17.78/hour

**PER-DIEM SUBSTITUTE NURSE**

Lisa Burke  
Effective: October 29, 2014 – June 30, 2015  
Salary: \$120/day

**CHAPERONE/SCOREKEEPER/ANNOUNCER APPOINTMENTS, 2014/2015 SCHOOL YEAR**

Lorrie Villalba  
Felicia Sgueglia