

**MOUNT PLEASANT CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING – MAY 18, 2011**

**BOARD OF EDUCATION
MEETING MINUTES
MAY 18, 2011**

PRESENT:

Theresa Fowler, Acting President
Vincent D'Ambroso
Laurie Donato
James Grieco
Carol Ann O'Connor

ALSO PRESENT:

Dr. Susan Guiney, Superintendent of Schools
Dr. M. E. Wilson, Director of Curriculum &
Instructional Services
D. Lander, Supt. of Buildings & Grounds
K. Schenker, Principal, WHS
B. Ferguson, Asst. Principal, WHS
D. Pirro, Director of PE, Health & Athletics
J. Schulman, Principal, WMS
S. Conley, Asst. Principal, WMS
M. Cunzio, Principal, CES
E. Zai-Fiorello, Principal, HES
M. D'Ambroso, Acting District Clerk
Representative from Ingerman Smith*
Residents
Faculty

* In attendance from approximately 8:30 pm – 10:05 pm

ABSENT:

M. B. Mancuso, District Clerk
N. Schimpf, Director of Special Education and Student Services

I. CALL TO ORDER: Ms. Theresa Fowler, Acting President, called the May 18, 2011 Board of Education meeting to order at approximately 8:03 pm and asked everyone to stand for a moment of silence and pledge to the flag.

II. ANNOUNCEMENTS/INFORMATION ITEMS

- WHS Student Council: Ms. Nicole Ederer, President, WHS Executive Board, gave an update on the following fundraisers in the high school, i.e. American Heart Association, jewelry sale to benefit Cystic Fibrosis Foundation and the Powder Puff Football game. Ms. Ederer reported Executive Board interviews will be conducted for sophomore class officers this week and discussions are taking place on activities to be held during May Madness.
- WHS PTA: No report given.
- WHS BLT: Mr. Bruce Ferguson, Assistant Principal, reported on the senior internship program. Mr. Ferguson reported a meeting will be scheduled with the Junior class to provide information on the internship program. Mr. Ferguson highlighted the different types of internships that were available to the current

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seniors. Mr. Ferguson will be meeting with the senior class to discuss the rubric and presentation on their senior internship experience. Mr. Ferguson reported the BLT is discussing topics which will be addressed next year; i.e. honors and AP program. The next BLT meeting will be on June 14, 2011.

- WMS PTA: No report given.
- WMS BLT: Ms. Sheila Conley, Assistant Principal, reported for the BLT on the following: the compilation of the annual report, final exam schedule, updates on school start times, and scheduling at the Middle School with exploratory periods.
- Elementary PTA; Ms. Jenn DeFlorio, President, reported on the success of the cookie swap at Hawthorne and Columbus Elementary Schools and thanked all those involved, especially Artuso Bakery for donating cookie boxes. Ms. DeFlorio advised the next event will be a family fun night with a Hollywood Night's theme. The student vote was a success and the winning items are as follows: Hawthorne – Balls of Fun and Columbus – playground equipment. Ms. DeFlorio thanked the District Clerk for arranging to have the actual voting machines available to the student body as well as Ms. Szeszko for organizing the student vote.
- Columbus BLT: Mr. Michael Cunzio, Principal, reported for the BLT and presented the following topics: revisions to the elementary schedules to provide for uninterrupted instruction times; goodbye to BLT members and aligning of BLT meeting dates calendar; annual report will be forwarded to the Board in June.
- Hawthorne BLT: Ms. Pamela Clark, parent member of the BLT, reported on the Go Green Walk and discussion of possible improvements to the Go Green initiative; Science and Technology Fair and possible expansion to the kindergarten and first grade classes; continue to develop the school wide character education program.
- SEPTA: No report given.
- Westlake Athletic Club: Mr. James Grieco, Board Member, reported for WAC to remind everyone about the following: Golf outing on June 6, 2011 and the Lacrosse fundraiser at Gordo's on May 20th. More information is available on the Westlake Athletic Club website.

III. REPORTS

- President, Board of Education: Ms. Fowler, Acting President, reported that due to a personal emergency President Alois will not be attending tonight's meeting. Ms. Fowler thanked the administrators, community, parents, staff, PTA's and Clubs for their support and assistance in getting the 2011/2012 budget passed. Ms. Fowler congratulated Ms. Laurie Donato on her reelection and to Mr. Eric Schulze on his election to the Board for three years.
- Superintendent of Schools: Dr. Susan Guiney reported on the tenure process and how teachers are granted tenure step by step. Dr. Guiney also talked about the new evaluation process of teachers and the APPR (Annual Professional Performance Review). Dr. Guiney reported information on tenure will be posted on the website. Dr. Guiney also explained the reductions in staff.
- Presentation on Concussion Management: Ms. Donna Pirro, Director of PE, Athletics and Health, introduced Dr. Dunkel, a consultant on concussion

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management. Dr. Dunkel spoke about how one gets a concussion, symptoms, and diagnosis.

IV. APPROVAL of MINUTES

BE IT RESOLVED: That the minutes of the April 6, 2011 Board of Education meeting and April 13, 2011 Board of Education meeting be approved.

V. OLD BUSINESS: None

VI. COMMENT ON NEW BUSINESS AGENDA ITEMS: None

VII. NEW BUSINESS – ACTION ITEMS

A) APPOINTMENT OF ACTING DISTRICT CLERK

Motion made by Ms. Donato, seconded by Mr. Grieco as follows:

BE IT RESOLVED: That Ms. Marie D'Ambroso be appointed Acting District Clerk for the May 18, 2011 Board of Education Meeting.

VOTE: 4 – 1 (Mr. D'Ambroso abstained)

B) ACCEPTANCE – RESIGNATION, PROFESSIONAL

Motion made by Ms. Donato, seconded by Mr. Grieco as follows:

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

Mary Dengler, Special Education Teacher, Westlake High School
Effective: June 30, 2011

VOTE: 5 – 0

**C) APPROVAL - TERMINATION OF PROBATIONARY APPOINTMENT
(PROFESSIONAL)**

Motion made by Ms. Donato, seconded by Mr. Grieco as follows:

BE IT RESOLVED: That the Board of Education herewith terminates the probationary appointment of Harold Brosowsky effective June 30, 2011 upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools.

VOTE: 5 – 0

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D) APPROVAL – FINANCIAL REPORTS

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

BE IT RESOLVED: That the Board of Education hereby approves the Treasurer's Report for the following month of March, 2011.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That the Board of Education hereby accepts the Report from the Claims Auditor on Warrant #: 30, audit dates 4/27-4/28/11.

VOTE: 5 – 0

E) APPROVAL – STUDENT ACTIVITY FUND REPORT

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

BE IT RESOLVED: That the Board of Education hereby approves the Student Activity Fund Report for the following quarter, January, 2011 – March, 2011.

VOTE: 5 – 0

F) APPROVAL – TUITION REIMBURSEMENT

Motion made by Mr. D'Ambroso, 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:

Chris Sheehan, Westlake High School
Course Title: AP European History
The Taft Educational Center
Total Cost: \$1,050 Approved: \$525

And further:

BE IT RESOLVED: That upon completion of the approved course, the recipient shall submit a report to the Superintendent of Schools describing the course and its value in terms of the recipient's teaching and our curriculum.

VOTE: 5 - 0

G) APPROVAL – CPSE and CSE STUDENT PLACEMENT RECOMMENDATIONS

Motion made by Mr. Grieco, seconded by Ms. Donato 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

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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: March 17, 29 – 2011
April 4, 11, 12, 17, 26, 27 - 2011

CSE: March 21, 22 – 2011
April 11, 15, 19, 27, 29 – 2011
May 2, 3 - 2011

VOTE: 5 - 0

H) APPROVAL – HEALTH SERVICES 2010/2011

Motion made by Mr. Grieco, seconded by Ms. Donato as follows:

BE IT RESOLVED: That the Board of Education hereby approves the following health and welfare services contracts for the 2010-11 school year:

Briarcliff Manor Union Free School District: 15 students @ \$990.16 for a total of \$14,852.40.

Valhalla Union Free School District: 8 students @ \$944.96 for a total of \$7,559.68.

White Plains School District: 11 students @ \$791.58 for a total of \$8,705.18.

Yorktown Central School District: 4 students @ \$1,072.92 for a total of \$4,291.68.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That the President of the Board of Education is authorized to sign the contract on its behalf.

VOTE: 5 – 0

I) APPROVAL – SERVICE CONTRACT

Motion made by Mr. Grieco, seconded by Ms. Donato as follows:

BE IT RESOLVED: That the Board of Education hereby approves the service contract with Tanknology, Inc. to provide tank line testing services for the 2010/2011 school year at a total cost of \$2,230.40.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That the Business Manager is authorized to execute the contract on its behalf.

VOTE: 5 - 0

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J) APPROVAL – TRANSPORTATION SERVICE CONTRACT AMENDMENT

Motion made by Ms. O'Connor, seconded by Ms. Donato as follows:

BE IT RESOLVED: That the Board of Education hereby approves the amendment to the transportation contract with Royal Coach Lines, Inc. for the 2010/2011 and 2011/2012 school years.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That the President of the Board of Education is authorized to execute the contract on its behalf.

VOTE: 5 - 0

K) APPROVAL – SCHOOL PHYSICIAN SERVICES

Motion made by Ms. O'Connor, seconded by Ms. Donato as follows:

BE IT RESOLVED: That the Board of Education hereby approves the agreement with Dr. Jeanne Wilson to provide professional medical services, and the related business associate agreement for the 2010/2011 school year at a total cost of \$8,000.00.

AND BE IF FURTHER RESOLVED: That the President of the Board of Education is authorized to execute the medical services agreement and the related business associate agreement on its behalf.

VOTE: 5 – 0

L) APPROVAL - CONSENT AGENDA

Motion made by Ms. O'Connor, seconded by Ms. Donato as follows:

BE IT RESOLVED: That the attached Consent Agenda 10/11, P-15, 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 Consent Agenda 10/11, C-10 Civil Service Personnel Appointments are hereby approved. All appointments are contingent on fingerprint clearance through the New York State Education Department.

VOTE: 5 - 0

VIII. OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC DISCUSSION AND COMMENTS: A Thornwood resident addressed the Board and requested the Citizen Budget Committee convenes earlier for next year's budget.

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IX. ADJOURNMENT: At approximately 9:13 pm, motion made by Ms. Fowler, seconded by Mr. D'Ambroso and unanimously adopted by the Board to enter into Executive Session to discuss a specific personnel matter. At approximately 10:40 pm, motion made by Mr. D'Ambroso, seconded by Mr. Grieco and unanimously adopted by the Board to close executive session and return to the public meeting. At approximately 10:45 pm, motion made by Ms. O'Connor, seconded by Mr. Grieco and unanimously adopted by the Board to adjourn the May 18, 2011 Board of Education meeting.

Marie D'Ambroso
Acting District Clerk

Mary Beth Mancuso
District Clerk

Approved: 6/15/11

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SCHEDULE 10/11, P-15 PROFESSIONAL PERSONNEL APPOINTMENTS

SPECIAL EDUCATION TEAM COORDINATOR – TRANSITIONARY PERIOD

Nicole Donovan Lloyd
Effective: May 2, 2011 – June 30, 2011
Salary: \$65/Hr

TEST SCORING – NYS MATH ASSESSMENT

Alysia Catucci, Math Teacher
Effective: May 16, 2011 – May 17, 2011
Salary: \$65/Hr

HOMEBOUND TUTORING – 2010/2011 SCHOOL YEAR

Elizabeth McGovern

Salary will be paid in accordance with the Mount Pleasant Central School District Teachers Association agreement.

CHAPERONE/SCOREKEEPER/ANNOUNCER APPOINTMENTS

Joseph Bucello

OVERNIGHT CHAPERONE APPOINTMENTS

Pam Andriola
Jeannette Ainsworth
Mimi Beyer
Virginia Campbell
Sheila Conley
Mary Cunningham
Nancy Deneny
Karen Griffin
Kathy Ilardi
Robert Molfetta
Gina Pace
Judy Prieston
Jerry Schulman
Schuyler Smith
Adam Yaeger

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SCHEDULE 10/11, C-10 CIVIL SERVICE APPOINTMENTS

HOURLY APPOINTMENTS

SUZANNE AMORUSO, Substitute Teacher Aide
Assigned To: CES Chess Club
Effective: 3/18/11
Salary: \$19.84/Hour

PER-DIEM SUBSTITUTE APPOINTMENTS

Santo Ciccone, \$100/Day
William Bendlin, \$100/Day