

**MOUNT PLEASANT CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT  
BOARD OF EDUCATION  
MEETING MINUTES  
SEPTEMBER 21, 2011**

**PRESENT:**

Theresa Fowler, President  
James Grieco, Vice President  
Francine Aloï  
Laurie Donato  
Christopher Pinchiaroli\*  
Eric Schulze

**ALSO PRESENT:**

Dr. S. Guiney, Superintendent of Schools  
M. B. Mancuso, District Clerk  
A. Brennan, Director of Special  
Education & Student Services  
D. Lander, Superintendent of Buildings  
& Grounds  
L. Sanfilippo, Business Manager  
Dr. M. E. Wilson, Director of Curriculum  
& Instructional Services  
J. Schulman, HES, Principal  
M. Cunzio, CES, Principal  
Dr. R. Hendrickson, WMS, Principal  
J. Rosof, WMS, Asst. Principal  
K. Schenker, WHS, Principal  
B. Ferguson, WHS, Asst. Principal  
D. Pirro, Director of Physical Education,  
Health & Athletics\*\*  
Residents  
Faculty  
Students

\*Arrived at approximately 8:06 pm

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**ABSENT:**

Vincent D'Ambroso, Board Member

**I. CALL TO ORDER:** Ms. Fowler, President, convened the September 21, 2011 meeting of the Board of Education at approximately 8:00 pm in the Westlake Middle School/Westlake High School library and asked everyone to stand for a moment of silence and the Pledge to the Flag.

**II. ANNOUNCEMENTS/INFORMATION ITEMS**

- WHS Student Council: Ms. Megan Maher, President of the Executive Board, the Student Council participated in a back pack drive in which 40 back packs were delivered to underprivileged children in the South Bronx, 'paw' were painted in different locations on the Westlake campus and an

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- information fair was held in the high school lobby to encourage participation in extra-curricular clubs. Ms. Maher spoke about a carwash which would take place on Saturday (9/24) from 10am – 2 pm with a rain date of Sunday at Columbus Elementary School and Homecoming on Saturday, October 22, 2011.
- WHS PTA: Ms. Marybeth Ederer, President, reported the PTA held their first meeting and thanked the Superintendent of Schools, high school administrators and PTA faculty representative for their attendance. Ms. Ederer encouraged attendance at the PTA Meetings. Ms. Ederer reported the PTA discussed fundraising activities which will take place during Homecoming on October 22, 2011. Ms. Ederer also reported the PTA membership drive is underway, WHS Back to School Night is on September 27, 2011 and the next WHS PTA meeting is on October 17, 2011.
  - WHS BLT: Mr. Schenker, Principal, reported the opening of school went smoothly and the scheduling changes made to time and classes have been a success. Mr. Schenker looks forward to the HS open house on Tuesday, September 27, 2011. Mr. Schenker announced this year the BLT will discuss flexible schedule design, the use of instructional time and new options for enriched courses.
  - WMS PTA: Ms. Carol Ann O'Connor, Co-President, reported the fall cookie dough fundraiser is underway and orders are due by Monday, September 26, 2011, a 'Kids Stuff' book, instead of the Entertainment Book, consisting of discount coupons will be sold at a cost of \$25, the membership drive is ongoing, the Middle School PTA has a Facebook page, the first PTA meeting will be on October 24, 2011 in the LGI room with a presentation by Mr. Rosof, Assistant Principal, on accessing the new parent portal and Mr. Schiavone and Ms. Gallo, WMS teachers, will conduct a workshop on accessing class pages for parents.
  - WMS BLT: Dr. Hendrickson, Interim Principal, reported the BLT has not met but reported on the opening of school in regards to arrival and dismissal times and transportation. Dr. Hendrickson mentioned the WMS open house was a success. Project based learning, Olweus anti bullying program and the writing project are some of the ongoing initiatives at the Middle School.
  - Elementary PTA: Ms. Jenn DeFlorio, President, reported on the success of the Boo Hoo Breakfast and recognized all those who volunteer their time for the many PTA sponsored events. Ms. DeFlorio also reported class parents have been selected at both Hawthorne and Columbus, movie night was a success, the wrapping paper fundraiser is underway and mini-calendars are for sale. Back to School night at Hawthorne Elementary is tomorrow night, September 22, 2011.
  - Columbus BLT: Mr. Michael Cunzio, Principal, reported the first BLT meeting is scheduled for October 4, 2011. Mr. Cunzio discussed the opening of school, arrival and dismissal times, transportation and the

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- successful Back to School night. This year Columbus Elementary also will be working on the Olweus anti bullying program.
- Hawthorne BLT: Mr. Jerry Schulman, Principal, reported a meet and greet occurred on September 1<sup>st</sup>, and the Boo Hoo breakfast, class parent tea and movie night were a success. Mr. Schulman thanked the PTA for all their assistance. Mr. Schulman said the buses are arriving and departing on schedule. The BLT meeting will occur on October 4, 2011, Back to School Night is September 22, 2011, and October 31, 2011 is the Annual Halloween Parade. Mr. Schulman requested parents visit the Hawthorne Elementary School website for updated information.
  - SEPTA: Ms. Maria Jost, President, reported on the following: the membership campaign is underway and requested that all parents, faculty and administration join SEPTA; October 4, 2011 is meet and greet Ms. Ann Brennan, Interim Special Education Director; October 14, 15, 16, 2011 is Family Photo and December 2, 2011 is the Annual Dinner Dance.
  - Westlake Athletic Club: Mr. Anthony Sardo, President, reported on the following: membership drive is underway; spirit items will be sold at Homecoming; 'trip of a lifetime' raffle tickets are available; and Night at the Races will be held on January 20, 2012. Raffle tickets can be purchased at Silvio's Restaurant, at football games and homecoming and by contacting Mr. Sardo or Rob Papa.

### **III. REPORTS**

- President, Board of Education: Ms. Theresa Fowler, President, reported on the scheduling and transportation changes and acknowledged the District Office personnel who were involved in the coordination and implementation of the new bus routes. Ms. Fowler thanked administrators, staff, parents and bus drivers for their cooperation in making these changes work efficiently and effectively. Ms. Fowler requested that everyone remain positive and cohesive during the school year for the benefit of the children.
- Superintendent of Schools: Dr. Susan Guiney, Superintendent, reported the opening of school went smoothly and thanked the administrators, faculty and staff for their cooperation. Dr. Guiney also reported during the month of October there will be discussions pursuant to the Strategic Plan. It is anticipated the Board of Education will adopt the Strategic Plan (which is posted on the website) in October. Dr. Guiney announced coffee hours will continue this school year and the first coffee hour will be on Monday, September 26, 2011 in the WMS/WHS library and the topic will be the 2% tax cap. Dr. Guiney reported on the following: visit to Hawthorne Elementary School during dismissal time utilizing the Brighton Avenue exit; communication with the Mt. Pleasant Police Department regarding traffic arriving at WMS/WHS campus; new routing software for bus transportation and the benefits of its use; receipt of transportation feedback forms and adjustments to routes; and weather concerns involving transportation. Dr. Guiney reported the District will be meeting

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with the Town of Mt. Pleasant. Dr. Guiney thanked the Business Manager and staff for answering numerous telephone calls and feedback forms.

Following Dr. Guiney's report, Dr. M.E. Wilson, Director of Curriculum and Instructional Services presented information on the state assessments, changes in grading and test scores relevant to Mt. Pleasant. The presentation will be made available on the District website.

**IV. APPROVAL of MINUTES**

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

- a) BE IT RESOLVED: That the minutes of the August 31, 2011 Board of Education monthly meeting be approved.

**VOTE: 5 – 1** (Ms. Donato abstained)

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

- b) BE IT RESOLVED: That the minutes of the September 7, 2011 Board of Education 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 – RESIGNATION**

Motion made by Ms. Aloï, seconded by Ms. Donato as follows:

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

Alicia Cammilleri, Permanent Substitute, Hawthorne Elementary School  
Effective: August 31, 2011

**VOTE: 6 – 0**

**B) ACCEPTANCE – RESIGNATION**

Motion made by Ms. Aloï, seconded by Ms. Donato as follows:

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

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Dan Casey, Permanent Substitute, Westlake High School  
Effective: September 1, 2011

**VOTE: 6 - 0**

**C) APPROVAL - CURRICULUM LEADER APPOINTMENT, 2011/2012  
SCHOOL YEAR**

Motion made by Ms. Aloï, seconded by Ms. Donato as follows:

BE IT RESOLVED: That in accordance with the recommendation of the Director of Curriculum and Instructional Services and the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby approves the following Curriculum Leader appointment for the 2011/2012 school year:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Stipend</u>
Nick DiPaolo	Guidance/Home & Careers	\$5,580

**VOTE: 6 – 0**

**D) APPROVAL – EXTRA CURRICULAR APPOINTMENTS 2011/2012  
SCHOOL YEAR**

Motion made by Ms. Aloï, seconded by Ms. Donato 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 2011/2012 school year:

<u>Position</u>	<u>Stipend</u>
MS Theatre Assistant - Jenny McCray	\$1,838
HS Musical Production Choreographer - Merry Thomas	\$2,886
HS Student Council Theresa Dileo/Tania Greco (\$1,858 each)	\$3,716

**VOTE: 6 – 0**

**E) APPROVAL – EXTRA CURRICULAR APPOINTMENTS RESCINDED,  
2011/2012 SCHOOL YEAR**

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

BE IT RESOLVED: That the extra curricular appointments for the 2011/2012 school year approved by the Board of Education at its meeting held on August 31, 2011, for the following individuals, are hereby rescinded:

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HS Service Club – Nick DiPaolo \$1,574  
HS Mock Trial Contest Team – Chris Sheehan \$2,125

**VOTE: 6 – 0**

**F) APPROVAL – PER-DIEM SUBSTITUTE APPOINTMENTS, 2011/2012  
SCHOOL YEAR RESCINDED**

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

BE IT RESOLVED: That the per-diem substitute appointments, 2011/2012 school year, approved by the Board of Education at its meeting held on August 31, 2011 for Tara Albaum and Nicole Mingione are hereby rescinded.

**VOTE: 6 – 0**

**G) APPROVAL – REQUESTS FOR FMLA**

Motion made by Ms. Donato, 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 requests in accordance with the Mount Pleasant Central School District Board of Education Policy No. 6551. Said requests were reviewed by the Board of Education in executive session:

**Employee #2138**

Leave to begin on August 23, 2011  
Leave to conclude on November 15, 2011

**Employee #1966**

Leave to begin on September 5, 2011  
Leave to conclude on October 20, 2011

**Employee #2340**

Leave to begin on September 13, 2011  
Leave to conclude on November 23, 2011

**VOTE: 6 – 0**

**H) APPROVAL – UNPAID CHILDCARE LEAVE**

Motion made by Ms. Donato, 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 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:

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**Employee #1966**

Leave to begin on October 21, 2011

Leave to conclude on June 30, 2012

**VOTE: 6 – 0**

**I) APPROVAL – CPSE AND CSE STUDENT PLACEMENT  
RECOMMENDATIONS**

Motion made by Mr. Pinchiaroli, seconded by Mr. Schulze 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: August 1, 5, 8 - 2011

CSE: July 12, 2011  
August 29, 2011

**VOTE: 6 – 0**

**J) APPROVAL-CONSENT AGENDA**

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

BE IT RESOLVED: That the attached Consent Agenda 11/12, P-4, Professional Personnel Appointments are hereby approved. All appointments are contingent on fingerprint clearance through the New York State Education Department.

**VOTE: 6 – 0**

**VIII. OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENTS TO BOARD OF EDUCATION:**

A Hawthorne resident addressed the Board on the following: Dr. Guiney's employment contract, the terms of the agreement, his disappointment with the Board of Education for approving the contract with the impending 2% cap and Dr. Guiney's role as it relates to the five year strategic plan. A Columbus Elementary School faculty member addressed the Board on the following: her personal assessment regarding the morale of teachers in the District, changes that have occurred within the District, dismantling of the character of Mt. Pleasant and requested the Board assess the climate within Mt. Pleasant CSD. A Hawthorne resident commented on transportation as it relates to Special Education students with disabilities. The resident asked for coordination with the Special Education Department when establishing the bus stops. A resident addressed the Board regarding the number of cars on the WMS/WHs campus, the need for a backup plan during the winter months on bus routes, the procedure for pickup at

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Hawthorne Elementary School and asked the Board to address concerns of the parents/residents. A resident addressed the Board regarding arrival times at Westlake Middle School, request to open the Middle School earlier than 7:15 am to alleviate traffic on the campus; the need for a safety plan on the WMS/WHS campus, and the attendance of parents/residents at Board of Education meetings.

**IX. ADJOURNMENT:** Following the ‘Opportunity for Public Comments’, the Board of Education members and the District Clerk discussed upcoming meeting dates. At approximately 9:57 pm, motion made by Mr. Grieco, seconded by Ms. Aloï and unanimously adopted by the Board to adjourn the September 21, 2011 Board of Education meeting.

Mary Beth Mancuso  
District Clerk

Approved: 10/19/11

**SCHEDULE 10/11, P-4 PROFESSIONAL PERSONNEL APPOINTMENTS**

**MODIFICATION OF APPOINTMENT FROM PERMANENT SUBSTITUTE TO LONG TERM SUBSTITUTE**

**LUANNE RILEY**

Assigned To: Hawthorne Elementary School  
Certification: Initial Certification in Childhood Education (Grades 1-6)  
Effective: September 1, 2011 – November 15, 2011  
Salary Placement: M.A. Step 1: \$298.30 Daily Rate

**REGINA DAVIDE**

Assigned To: Hawthorne Elementary School  
Certification: Initial Certification in Childhood Education (Grades 1-6)  
Effective: September 13, 2011 – November 23, 2011  
Salary Placement: M.A. Step 1: \$298.30 Daily Rate

**AP TESTING COORDINATOR, 2010/2011 SCHOOL YEAR**

Nick DiPaolo  
Salary: \$65/hour  
Hours: Not to exceed 6.5

**AP TESTING COORDINATOR, 2011/2012 SCHOOL YEAR**

Nick DiPaolo  
Salary: \$66/hour

**HOMEBOUND TUTORING – 2011/2012 SCHOOL YEAR**

Lisa Alterio

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

**PERMANENT SUBSTITUTE APPOINTMENT, 2011/2012 SCHOOL YEAR**

Tara Albaum, Hawthorne Elementary School, \$100/Day  
Nicole Mingione, Westlake High School, \$100/Day

**PER-DIEM SUBSTITUTE APPOINTMENT, 2011/2012 SCHOOL YEAR**

Cheryl Werner, \$100/Day  
Chris Angiolino, \$100/Day