

**BOARD OF EDUCATION
MEETING MINUTES
NOVEMBER 14, 2012**

PRESENT:

James Grieco, President
Eric Schulze, Vice President
Vincent D'Ambroso
Laurie Donato
Thomas McCabe

ALSO PRESENT:

Dr. S. Guiney, Superintendent of Schools
M. B. Mancuso, District Clerk
J. Del Conte, Director of Special Education
& Student Services
M. A. Ellis, Director of Curriculum
& Instructional Services
D. Lander, Supt. of Buildings & Grounds
L. Sanfilippo, Director of Business Admin.
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 and Athletics
Residents

ABSENT:

Francine Aloï, Board Member
Christopher Pinchiaroli, Board Member

I. CALL TO ORDER: Mr. Grieco, President, opened the November 14 2012, Board of Education meeting at approximately 8:05 pm in the WMS/WHS Library with a moment of silence and the pledge to the flag.

II. ANNOUNCEMENTS/INFORMATION ITEMS

- ❑ WHS Student Council: No report
- ❑ WHS PTA: Ms. Marybeth Ederer, President, reported on the following events: Homecoming; Lord & Taylor fundraiser; on-going membership drive; the sale of Westlake clothing; donation of supplies to the victims of Hurricane Sandy; that scholarship letters will be going out shortly; and the next PTA meeting is on December 3, 2012. Ms. Ederer closed her report by wishing everyone a happy Thanksgiving.
- ❑ WHS BLT: Mr. Keith Schenker, Principal, reported the next BLT meeting will be on December 12, 2012. Mr. Schenker encouraged everyone to come out and attend the performances of Arsenic & Old Lace on Friday night (11/16), Saturday night (11/17) and on Sunday afternoon (11/18). Mr. Schenker wished everyone a happy Thanksgiving and a restful and relaxing holiday.
- ❑ WMS PTA: No report
- ❑ WMS BLT: Dr. Hendrickson, Principal, reported the next BLT meeting is on December 12, 2012. Dr. Hendrickson expressed his appreciation to the

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Student Council members and their advisors for organizing donations to the victims of Hurricane Sandy which will continue until Thanksgiving.

Dr. Hendrickson reported that the Social Studies Department engaged in voting activities and the results did not match those of the national election.

- ❑ Elementary PTA: No report.
- ❑ Columbus BLT: Mr. Michael Cunzio, Principal, reported the next BLT meeting is on December 4, 2012. Mr. Cunzio wished everyone a happy Thanksgiving.
- ❑ Hawthorne BLT: Mr. Jerry Schulman, Principal, reported the BLT will be meeting on December 4, 2012. Mr. Schulman thanked all the parents who worked on the star spangled banner, which is in on display in the lobby of Hawthorne Elementary School. Mr. Schulman concluded his report by wishing everyone a happy Thanksgiving.
- ❑ SEPTA: No report.
- ❑ Westlake Athletic Club: No report

III. REPORTS

- ❑ President, Board of Education: Mr. James Grieco thanked Mr. DiPaolo and the Habitat for Humanity Club for organizing a donation drive to benefit the victims of Hurricane Sandy. More information on the items being collected can be found on the Westlake High School website. This Monday, November 19th, the Westlake Athletic Club will be holding a fundraiser at Silvio's Restaurant to benefit the victims of Hurricane Sandy. Also, on Monday evening, Mr. Grieco invited the community to attend Dr. Guiney's Coffee Hour at 7:30 pm in the WMS/WHS Library for a discussion on the budget and the challenges affecting the budget. Mr. Grieco encouraged the community to attend the high school production of Arsenic and Old Lace which will be held on November 16, 17, 18, 2012.
- ❑ Superintendent of Schools: Dr. Susan Guiney reported that members of the school community were affected by Hurricane Sandy and hoped that everyone is back online and electricity restored. Dr. Guiney continued that all of the snow days and make up days have been utilized and 180 days of student attendance are required by law. Legislation has been proposed that requests a waiver of these days and NYS schools are awaiting word from the NYS Education Department regarding the next steps. Dr. Guiney will keep the community informed as soon as the District receives information. Dr. Guiney continued her report by explaining the security upgrade project, as well as the facelift to the WMS/WHS Library which was completed two years ago, was funded by the NYS EXCEL grant which the District was previously awarded, not from the district's annual operating budget. Dr. Guiney described the process that is required when submitting capital projects to the NYS Education Department. The bleachers, another capital project which the voters approved three years ago, needed to be handicapped accessible. The funds were put in a reserve and the monies could only be spent on the bleachers. The funds used to improve the front of the high school this summer were taken from the buildings and grounds line for maintenance and operations, 2011/2012 school year. It was not part of a larger capital project. Most of the work was completed by staff members and, if contractors were used, they followed the competitive bid process. Mr. Lander was able to arrange a great job for a great price.

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Dr. Guiney addressed a resolution which appears on the agenda regarding the reclassification of aides to monitors, which was discussed last year during the annual budget process. This came about when Civil Service and the aides bargaining unit notified the District that a number of individuals assigned as aides in the District were performing the duties of monitors. The District worked closely with Westchester County Civil Service and the unit regarding the classification and modification of the job titles to appropriately match the job duties. All titles and job descriptions have been approved by Westchester County Civil Service, which the District is obligated to abide to by law. The individuals who held the positions of aides were given the opportunity to remain in the new reclassified positions. It was up to the individuals if they wanted to remain and the District worked with them and the unit to ensure equity.

Dr. Guiney invited the community to join her on Monday evening, 11/19/12, 7:30 pm, for a Coffee and Questions on the budget process and the variables involved when putting together a budget. Dr. Guiney concluded her report by wishing the Mount Pleasant community a happy Thanksgiving and thanked the students, staff, parents and community for their outreach activities as they relate to Hurricane Sandy.

- Grades 3 – 8 ELA & Math Assessments: Ms. Mary Ellis, Director of Curriculum and Instructional Services and Ms. Jennifer Del Conte, Director of Special Education and Student Services, presented the results of the Grades 3 – 8 Assessments in ELA and Mathematics.
- Energy Education: Mr. Jerry Schulman, Energy Specialist, reported on the various ways the District is conserving energy and the associated cost savings.

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

BE IT RESOLVED: That the minutes of the October 17, 2012 monthly Board of Education Meeting be approved.

VOTE: 5 – 0

V. OLD BUSINESS: None

VI. COMMENT ON NEW BUSINESS AGENDA ITEMS: None

VII. NEW BUSINESS – ACTION ITEMS

A) ACCEPTANCE – RESIGNATION

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

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

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David Villegas, Teacher Aide, Columbus Elementary School
Effective: October 19, 2012

VOTE: 5 – 0

B) ACCEPTANCE – RESIGNATION

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

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

Carole Hyams, Per-Diem Substitute Nurse
Effective: October 9, 2012

VOTE: 5 – 0

C) ACCEPTANCE – DONATION

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

BE IT RESOLVED: That the Mount Pleasant Central School District Board of Education hereby accepts a donation from Target for Hawthorne Elementary School in the amount of \$303.33.

VOTE: 5 – 0

D) ACCEPTANCE – DONATION

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

BE IT RESOLVED: That the Mount Pleasant Central School District Board of Education hereby accepts a \$56.00 donation from New York Life Giving Campaign for Columbus Elementary School.

VOTE: 5 – 0

E) APPROVAL – FINANCIAL REPORTS

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

BE IT RESOLVED: That the Board of Education hereby approves the Treasurer's Report for the month of September, 2012.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That the Board of Education hereby accepts the reports from the Claims Auditor on Warrants #6, #7, #8, #9, #10.

VOTE: 5 – 0

F) APPROVAL – STUDENT ACTIVITY FUND REPORT

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

BE IT RESOLVED: That the Board of Education hereby approves the Student Activity Fund Report for the following quarter: July 2012 – September 2012.

VOTE: 5 – 0

G) APPROVAL - CSE AND CPSE PLACEMENT RECOMMENDATIONS

Motion made by Mr. D'Ambroso, seconded by Mr. McCabe, 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 Special 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: October 10, 17- 2012

CSE: October 9, 10, 12, 17, 18, 23 - 2012

VOTE: 5 – 0

H) APPROVAL - SPECIAL EDUCATION OUT OF DISTRICT PLACEMENT CONTRACT, 2012/2013

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

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 2012-2013 school year:

Eastchester Union Free School District, 1 student @ \$64,886.00.

VOTE: 5 – 0

I) APPROVAL – PER-DIEM SUBSTITUTE NURSE APPOINTMENT RESCINDED

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

BE IT RESOLVED: That the per-diem substitute nurse appointment, originally requested and approved by the Board of Education at its meeting held on August 29, 2012, for Dineen DeVito, is hereby rescinded.

VOTE: 5 – 0

J) APPROVAL – AMENDMENT TO EXTRA-CURRICULAR APPOINTMENT, 2012/2013 SCHOOL YEAR

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

BE IT RESOLVED: That the extra-curricular appointment, originally requested and approved at the October 17, 2012 Board of Education meeting for:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Stipend</u>
Michael Hood	MS Play Director Music	\$3,895

be amended to:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Stipend</u>
Michael Hood	MS Play Director Music	\$1,838

VOTE: 5 – 0

K) APPROVAL - EXTRA-CURRICULAR APPOINTMENTS, 2012/2013 SCHOOL YEAR

Motion made by Mr. McCabe, 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 approves the following extra-curricular appointments for the 2012/2013 school year:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Stipend</u>
William Schiavone/Tricia Oliveras	MS Ski Club	\$1,062.50 each

VOTE: 5 – 0

L) APPROVAL – AMENDMENT TO MODIFICATION OF APPOINTMENT FROM PER-DIEM SUBSTITUTE TO PERMANENT SUBSTITUTE

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

BE IT RESOLVED: That the modification of appointment from per-diem substitute to permanent substitute, originally requested and approved at the September 19, 2012 Board of Education meeting for:

Shawn O’Gallagher
Assigned To: Hawthorne Elementary School
Certification: Initial Certification in Childhood Education (Gr 1-6)

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Effective: September 1, 2012 – November 2, 2012
Salary: \$100/Day

be amended to:

Shawn O’Gallagher
Assigned To: Hawthorne Elementary School
Certification: Initial Certification in Childhood Education (Gr 1-6)
Effective: September 1, 2012 – October 19, 2012
Salary: \$100/Day

VOTE: 5 – 0

M) APPROVAL – SALARY ADVANCEMENT, LANE CHANGES

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

BE IT RESOLVED: That the Salary Schedule – Lane Changes, as attached, are hereby approved effective September 1, 2012, in accordance with the agreement between the Mount Pleasant Central School District Board of Education and the Mount Pleasant Teachers Association.

VOTE: 5 – 0

N) APPROVAL – EXTRA CURRICULAR APPOINTMENT, 2012/2013 SCHOOL YEAR (WINTER SPORTS)

Motion made by Mr. McCabe, seconded by Ms. Donato, 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 individual to the Extra Curricular appointments for the 2012/2013 school year:

<u>Position</u>	<u>Coach</u>	<u>Stipend</u>
Varsity Basketball - Boys	Steven Gage	\$7,411

VOTE: 5 – 0

O) APPROVAL – RECLASSIFICATION OF TEACHER AIDE TO SCHOOL MONITOR POSITIONS

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

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education herewith reclassifies 7 current Teacher Aide positions to School Monitor positions, in accordance with the approval of the Westchester County Department of Human Resources, effective September 1, 2012;

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the specific individuals to be reclassified are identified in the confidential Appendix A and have been reviewed by the Board of Education; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the salary and benefits of said positions shall be in accordance with the collective bargaining agreement between the Board of Education and the School Related Employees Association.

VOTE: 7 – 0

P) APPROVAL – RENTAL AGREEMENT

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

BE IT RESOLVED: That the Board of Education hereby approves the facilities rental agreement with Westchester Community College for the use of their facilities for Varsity Boys' Swim Team practices and meets from November 13, 2012 to February 1, 2013, at a rate of \$125 per session for an approximate total cost of \$6,125.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That the Director of Business Administration is authorized to execute the agreement on its behalf.

VOTE: 5 – 0

Q) APPROVAL – APPOINTMENT OF DISTRICT SECTION 504 COMMITTEES, 2012-2013

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

BE IT RESOLVED: That Ms. Jennifer Del Conte, Director of Special Education and Student Services and Dr. Gilian Goldman-Klein, School Psychologist, be appointed to serve on the Section 504 Committees for the 2012/2013 school year.

VOTE: 5 – 0

R) APPROVAL – CONSENT AGENDA

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

BE IT RESOLVED: That the attached Consent Agenda 12/13, 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 Consent Agenda 12/13, C-6, Civil Service

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

VOTE: 5 – 0

VIII. OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENTS TO BOARD OF EDUCATION: A Hawthorne resident and bus driver for Royal Coach thanked Dr. Guiney and staff for the decisions made during the storm, especially the two-hour delay, which ensured the safety of students, staff and bus drivers.

IX. ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, at approximately 9:08 pm, motion made by Mr. D'Ambroso, seconded by Mr. McCabe, and unanimously adopted by the Board to adjourn the November 14, 2012 Board of Education meeting. At this time, Mr. Grieco, President, wished everyone a happy Thanksgiving.

Mary Beth Mancuso
District Clerk

Approved: 12/19/12

SCHEDULE 12/13, P-6 PROFESSIONAL PERSONNEL APPOINTMENTS

DRIVER EDUCATION

James Fatigate, Driver Education Instructor, PAS Auto School
Certification: NYS Dept. of Motor Vehicles Driver Education Instructor
Certificate # A-7606
Effective: July 2, 2012 – August 17, 2012 (Summer Session)
Salary: \$803.42

William Hodrinsky, Driver Education Instructor, PAS Auto School
Certification: NYS Dept. of Motor Vehicles Driver Education Instructor
Certificate #A-8479
Effective: September 24, 2012 – February 1, 2013 (Fall Session)
Salary: \$1,205.12

PERMANENT SUBSTITUTE APPOINTMENT, 2012/2013 SCHOOL YEAR

Dan Casey, Westlake High School, \$100/Day
Effective: October 17, 2012 – June 30, 2013

SCHEDULE 12/13, C-6 CIVIL SERVICE APPOINTMENTS

**MODIFICATION OF APPOINTMENT FROM TEACHER AIDE SUBSTITUTE TO
TEACHER AIDE**

Marguerite Carpino-Giannini, Teacher Aide
Assigned To: Hawthorne Elementary School
Effective: November 5, 2012
Salary: \$16.35/Hour

TEACHER AIDE APPOINTMENT, 2012/2013 SCHOOL YEAR

Katie Forsythe
Assigned To: Columbus Elementary School
Effective: October 15, 2012 – June 30, 2013
Hours: 20 hours per week
Salary: \$16.35/hour per Step 1 of the Teacher Aide Salary Schedule

HOURLY APPOINTMENTS

Pam Andriola, Teacher Aide
Assigned To: MS Autism Speaks
Effective: September 25, 2012 – June 21, 2013
Hours: Not to exceed 18
Salary: \$18.82/hour

Lauren McNamara, Teacher Aide
Assigned To: MS Autism Speaks
Effective: September 25, 2012 – June 21, 2013
Hours: Not to exceed 18
Salary: \$16.35/hour

