

**MOUNT PLEASANT CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING- AUGUST 26, 2009**

**BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING MINUTES
AUGUST 26, 2009**

PRESENT:

Francine Aloj, President
Vincent D'Ambroso
James Grieco
Carol Ann O'Connor
Christopher Pinchiaroli

ALSO PRESENT:

Dr. S. Guiney, Supt. of Schools
M B. Mancuso, District Clerk
K. Dougherty, Business Administrator
N. Schimpf, Director of Special Education
& Student Services
Residents
Staff

ABSENT:

Theresa Fowler
Laurie Donato*

*Ms. Donato arrived at approximately 9:15 pm for the Executive Session.

I. CALL TO ORDER: Mrs. Aloj, President, convened the August 26, 2009 monthly meeting of the Board of Education at approximately 8:03 pm and asked everyone to stand for a moment of silence and the Pledge of Allegiance.

II. ANNOUNCEMENTS/INFORMATION ITEMS

- WHS Student Council: WHS PTA; WHS BLT: No reports.
- WMS PTA; WMS BLT: No reports.
- Elementary PTA; CES BLT; HES BLT: No reports.
- Westlake Athletic Club: Mrs. O'Connor, Board of Education liaison to the Westlake Athletic Club (WAC), reported WAC's first meeting will be September 8, 2009 in the Westlake High School cafeteria. Mrs. O'Connor, on behalf of the summer league coaches, thanked the School District for field usage. Mr. Grieco, board member, also expressed gratitude from parents for the use of the baseball fields during the summer months for home games.
- SEPTA: No report

III. REPORTS

- President, Board of Education (Ms. Francine Aloj): Mrs. Aloj reported that during the WHS/WMS library renovation, the Board of Education meetings will be held in the WHS auditorium. Ms. Aloj also reported the custodians and Mr. Doug Lander, Superintendent of Buildings & Grounds have been busy getting the schools ready for the opening of schools.
- Superintendent of Schools (Dr. Susan Guiney): Dr. Guiney reported that Mr. Doug Lander, Jim Grieco, board member, and she will be doing their walk through of the school buildings. Dr. Guiney reported on the following: August 31st the district is welcoming seven (7) new faculty members, September 1st & 2nd are Superintendent Conference Days; the hiring of two physical education teachers which will enable Mt. Pleasant CSD to be the first district in Westchester County to meet the state

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mandates for physical education instruction. Dr. Guiney introduced Donna Pirro, Athletic Director as well as Dr. Mary Elizabeth Murray-Wilson, Director of Curriculum and Instruction. Dr. Guiney stated the district calendars have been mailed out; school opens on September 8th, the library is under renovation and the anticipated date for completion is the end of September or early October.

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

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

BE IT RESOLVED: That the minutes of the July 29, 2009 and August 19, 2009 Board of Education Meeting are hereby approved.

VOTE: 5-0

V. OLD BUSINESS: None

VI. COMMENT ON NEW BUSINESS AGENDA ITEMS: Mr. Wynn, Hawthorne resident, commented on Resolution I. Mr. Wynn addressed the Board on the need to hire another administrator in the District Office for curriculum when building principals are responsible for curriculum. Mr. Wynn also noted that the upcoming budget would be a difficult one and the Board must keep spending down. Dr. Guiney responded that the position of curriculum leader is not an administrative position and the Director of Curriculum position was budgeted for and is not a new position. Ms. Alois responded that she respects what he is saying but the Board defends the hiring of a Director of Curriculum because it definitely affects the educating of students.

VII. NEW BUSINESS - ACTION ITEMS

A) ACCEPTANCE - FINANCIAL REPORTS

Motion made by Mr. Pinchiaroli seconded by Mrs. O'Connor 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 June 30, 2009

#16	General Fund (A) in the amount of	\$ 2,347,136.10
	Cafeteria Fund (C) in the amount of	80,531.92
	Federal Fund (F) in the amount of	111,419.00
	Capital Fund (H) in the amount of	580.65
	Trust & Agency Fund in the amount of	132,680.45

VOTE: 5-0

B) ACCEPTANCE – GIFT

Motion made by Mr. Pinchiaroli seconded by Mr. D'Ambrosio as follows:

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BE IT RESOLVED: That the Board of Education hereby accepts the gift of a monetary grant from the WHS PTA to Mr. Frank Viteritti, Principal of Westlake High School, in the amount of \$4,765.00 towards the payment of a leadership program entitled, "7 Habits of Highly Effective People".

And Therefore

BE IT RESOLVED: That the Mount Pleasant Central School District Board of Education hereby accepts the gifts from the Westlake High School PTA in the following amounts:

\$4103.00 for the purchase of the WMS/WHS library's lounge area furniture;
\$6,000.00 towards the purchase of the circulation desk;
\$700.00 to purchase artwork and other furnishings

The Board of Education extends sincere appreciation to the WHS PTA for their generous gift to the District.

(Mrs. Aloï thanked the PTA for their donation to the library and noted that monies from the sale of the bricks enabled this donation.)

VOTE: 5-0

C) ACCEPTANCE - RESIGNATION

Motion made by Mr. Pinchiaroli 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:

Lisa Sarno, Teacher Aide, Columbus Elementary School
Effective: August 19, 2009

VOTE: 5 - 0

D) APPROVAL – CPSE and CSE STUDENT PLACEMENT RECOMMENDATIONS

Motion made by Mrs. O'Connor seconded by Mr. Pinchiaroli 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: April 23, 2009
May 11, 18, 21, 27, 2009
June 1, 4, 8, 11, 15, 16, 21, 2009
August 4, 2009

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CSE: February 25, 2009
March 16, 19, 26, 2009
April 16, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 27, 2009
May 6, 7, 11, 12, 13, 14, 18, 19, 20, 21, 27, 29, 2009
June 1, 2, 5, 8, 9, 11, 12, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 22, 24, 25, 29, 2009
July 13, 21, 2009
August 6, 2009

VOTE: 5-0

**E) APPROVAL – SERVICE PROVIDER, CONTRACTS & AGREEMENTS,
2009/2010 SCHOOL YEAR**

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

BE IT RESOLVED: That in accordance with the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Mount Pleasant Board of Education hereby approves the agreements with the outside agencies and therapists, noted below, to provide services to students with disabilities during the 2009/2010 school year:

Albert Seville
Theracare
Robin Nuzzolo
Joseph Kiefer – Developmental Steps
Kidabilities

VOTE: 5-0

F) APPROVAL – FOOD SERVICE CONTRACT, 2009/2010 SCHOOL YEAR

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

BE IT RESOLVED: Whereas legal notice having been published in the official school district newspaper for the purpose of receiving bids on Food Service Contract, for the period effective July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2010 for the Mount Pleasant Central School District, said bid opening was held on August 21, 2009 at 10:00 am in the Mount Pleasant Central School District Office and

Whereas, the bids received were reviewed and recommendations provided by the Superintendent of Schools, and the Business Administrator,

Now, Therefore, Be It

Resolved: That the Mount Pleasant Central School District Board of Education hereby awards the Food Service Contract bid to the lowest responsible bidder, Aramark Educational Services, LLC, 1101 Market Street, Philadelphia, PA 19107 in accordance with the specifications stipulated by the Mount Pleasant Central School District as follows:

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Food Service Contract

Francine Aloï	Voting - Aye
Laurie Donato	Absent
Vincent D'Ambroso	Voting - Aye
Theresa Fowler	Absent
James Grieco	Voting - Aye
Carol Ann O'Connor	Voting - Nay
Christopher Pinchiaroli	Voting - Aye

VOTE: 4 – 1 (Mrs. O'Connor)

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G) APPROVAL - BOARD OF EDUCATION PRIORITIES, 2009/10 SCHOOL YEAR

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 adopts the following as the School District's Priorities for the 2009/10 school year:

• **Curriculum and Instruction**

Evaluate student assessments throughout the curriculum

• **Technology/Green initiative**

Enhance home/school communication through school web site, class pages and online communications

• **Facilities**

Evaluate district infrastructure for safety and security

(Dr. Guiney reported this year's goals piggyback on last year's goals to continue with the momentum in curriculum and instruction and technology/green initiative. The facilities goal is a new one for the 2009 – 2010 school year. The facilities goal ties in with the EXCEL grant in terms of safety and security work that will be done this year. In regards to curriculum and instruction, New York State continues to increase the requirement of testing as well as changing the standards. The district will be looking at assessments using Understanding By Design, an initiative the district began using last year. In terms of Technology/Green Initiative, the district last year began using School 2.0. A group of teachers, administrators, parents, community members and students met to talk about where they want to go with technology. The students wanted an increase use of class pages on E-chalk and the ability to use technology in a more effective way in the classroom.)

VOTE: 5 - 0

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H) APPROVAL-GRANT STIPENDS 2009-2010

Motion made by Mr. Grieco, seconded by Mrs. O'Connor 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 authorizes a stipend in the amount of \$1,500 each to be paid to Nicole Schimpf and Dr. Susan Guiney for their work relating to the Title I grants for the 2009-2010 school year.

VOTE: 5-0

I) APPROVAL - APPOINTMENT OF ADMINISTRATOR

Motion made by Mr. Grieco, seconded by Mrs. O'Connor 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 administrative appointment:

Mary Elizabeth Murray-Wilson, Ed.D. – Director of Curriculum and Instructional Services
Commencement of Probationary Period: September 14, 2009
Expiration of Probationary Period: September 14, 2012
Tenure Area: Director of Curriculum and Instructional Services
Salary: \$115,395.83 annually (pro-rated)
Benefits in accordance with Memorandum of Understanding

(Mrs. O'Connor welcomed Dr. Wilson to the District and the Board looks forward to working with her. Dr. Wilson said she is very happy to be here and looks forward to working in the District.)

VOTE: 5-0

**J) APPROVAL-APPOINTMENT OF EXTRA-CLASSROOM ACTIVITIES FUND
TREASURER 2009/2010**

Motion made by Mr. D'Ambroso 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:

Extra-Classroom Activities Fund Treasurer: Sharon Sawler, Stipend: \$3,629.00

(Mrs. Alois reported the stipend is in accordance with the Mt. Pleasant teacher's contract.)

VOTE: 5-0

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K) APPROVAL – ESTABLISHMENT OF EXTRA CURRICULAR PROGRAM – HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

Motion made by Mr. D'Ambroso seconded by Mr. Grieco 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 creation of Habitat for Humanity at Westlake High School for the 2009-2010 school year and the establishment of a contractual extra-curricular stipend in the amount of \$2,047.00 (Group 4) for said assignment.

VOTE: 5-0

L) APPROVAL – EXTRA CURRICULAR APPOINTMENT, 2009/2010 SCHOOL YEAR

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

BE IT RESOLVED: That in accordance with the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the recommendation to appoint the personnel as listed below to Extra Curricular Appointments for the 2009/2010 school year.

<u>POSITION</u>	<u>ADVISOR</u>	<u>STIPEND</u>
HS Habitat for Humanity	Nick DiPaolo	\$2,047.00

VOTE: 5 - 0

M) APPROVAL – TUITION REIMBURSEMENT

Motion made by Mr. Pinchiaroli seconded by Mr. D'Ambroso 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 requests listed below are hereby approved:

Gloria DiBetta, Columbus Elementary School
Course Title: Collaboration with Professionals and Families
Pace University, Pleasantville, New York
Total Cost: \$1,950.00 Approved: \$1,950.00

Jennifer Rutledge, Columbus Elementary School
Course Title: Innovative Testing Tools: Merging Assessment & Instruction
Teacher Education Institute, White Plains, New York
Total Cost: \$622.00 Approved: \$311.00

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Ann Reilly, Westlake Middle School
Course Title: Supporting Student Learning as a Teacher Leader
Manhattanville College, Purchase, New York
Total Cost: \$873.30 Approved: \$436.65

Ann Reilly, Westlake Middle School
Course Title: Making Effective Decisions and Solving Problems
Manhattanville College, Purchase, New York
Total Cost: \$989.96 Approved: \$494.98

And further:

BE IT RESOLVED: That upon completion of the approved course, the recipients shall submit a report to the Superintendent of Schools outlining the results derived from the application of the materials learned.

VOTE: 5-0

N) APPROVAL – CURRICULUM LEADER APPOINTMENTS, 2009/2010

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

RESOLVED: That in accordance with the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby approves the Curriculum Leader appointments for the 2009/2010 school year, as noted:

<i>Name</i>	<i>Position</i>	<i>Stipend</i>
Christine Cazes	K-2 ELA//Reading/Library	\$2,264
Open	3-5 ELA//Reading/Library	\$2,264
Janet Matthews	6-12 ELA/Reading	\$5,377
Kimberly Newman	K-2 Mathematics	\$2,264
Lori Cutrone	3-5 Mathematics	\$2,264
Kenneth Amann	6-12 Mathematics/Bus/ Tech Ed/Computers	\$5,377
Kerri DeCrenza	K-2 Science	\$2,264
Dawn Turco	3-5 Science	\$2,264
Michael Toscano	6-12 Science	\$5,377
Deborah Kurlander	K-2 Social Studies	\$2,264
Loredana Uguccione	3-5 Social Studies	\$2,264
Anthony Paduano	6-12 Social Studies	\$5,377
Annette Crepeau	K-2 Fine Arts	\$2,264
Lauralee Chambers	3-5 Fine Arts	\$2,264
Claudia Abate	6-12 Fine Arts	\$5,377
Bernadette Kuntz	K-2 Special Services	\$2,264
Stacey Hametz	3-5 Special Services	\$2,264

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Donna Garr	Guidance/Home & Careers	\$5,377
Adriana Aloï	7-12 LOTE	\$4,529
Rose Murray	7-12 Health Services	\$4,396

VOTE: 5-0

O) APPROVAL-APPOINTMENT OF SPECIAL EDUCATION COORDINATOR, 2009/2010

Motion made by Mr. Grieco seconded by Mrs. O'Connor 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 Special Education Coordinator for the 2009/2010 school year:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Stipend</u>
Maureen Sullivan, WMS	Grades 6-8	\$5,205
Joni Patterson, WHS	Grades 9-12	\$5,205

VOTE: 5-0

P) APPROVAL-APPOINTMENT OF SUBSTITUTE CALLERS 2009/2010

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

BE IT RESOLVED: That in accordance with the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the following Substitute Caller appointments are hereby approved effective for the 2009/2010 school year:

Debbie Udice, Hawthorne Elementary School – Stipend \$2,050
Susan Auriemma, Columbus Elementary School – Stipend \$2,050
Felicia Sgueglia, Westlake Middle School – Stipend \$2,050
Patty Packes, Westlake High School – Stipend \$2,050

VOTE: 5-0

Q) APPROVAL – ESTABLISHMENT OF MILEAGE RATE

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

BE IT RESOLVED: That the Board herewith establishes the mileage reimbursement rate as set forth by the Internal Revenue Service.

VOTE: 5-0

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R) APPROVAL – AUTHORIZATION TO SIGN APPLICATIONS AND REPORTS FOR STATE AND FEDERAL AID

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

BE IT RESOLVED: That the Board herewith authorizes the Superintendent of Schools to sign applications and reports for State and Federal Aid for the period 7/1/09 through 6/30/10.

VOTE: 5-0

S) APPROVAL – AUTHORIZATION OF SIGNATURES ON SCHOOL DISTRICT CHECKS

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

BE IT RESOLVED: That the Board of Education herewith authorizes the following designation of signatures on School District checks:

1. Multi – Fund: Betty Yee
2. Payroll: Betty Yee

VOTE: 5-0

T) APPROVAL – APPOINTMENTS

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

BE IT RESOLVED: That the Board herewith approves the following appointments:

1. Records Management Officer: Mary Beth Mancuso, District Clerk
2. Attendance Officers: Bruce Ferguson, WHS Assistant Principal; Sheila Conley, WMS Assistant Principal; Michael Cunzio, CES Principal; Ethel Zai-Fiorello, HES Principal
3. Central Treasurer – Extra Classroom Activities: Sharon Sawler and either Mr. Jerry Schulman, WMS Principal or Mr. Frank Viteritti, WHS Principal

VOTE: 5-0

U) APPROVAL – APPOINTMENT OF BOARD OF EDUCATION MEMBERS TO AUDIT COMMITTEE

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

BE IT RESOLVED: That the Mount Pleasant Central School District Board of Education hereby approves the appointment of Mr. Vincent D'Ambroso and Ms. Theresa Fowler, Board of Education members, to serve on the District's Audit Committee for the 2009 – 2010 school year:

VOTE: 5-0

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V) APPROVAL – APPOINTMENT OF COMMUNITY MEMBER TO AUDIT COMMITTEE

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

BE IT RESOLVED: That the Mount Pleasant Central School District Board of Education hereby approves the appointment of Ms. Kathy Gill-Charest to serve on the District's Audit Committee for the 2009 – 2010 school year.

(Mr. D'Ambroso commented that he is looking forward to working with Ms. Gill-Charest. Mrs. Alois thanked Ms. Gill-Charest for volunteering her time.)

VOTE: 5-0

W) APPROVAL-CONSENT AGENDA

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

BE IT RESOLVED: That the attached Consent Agenda 09/10, P-3, 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 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-2 Civil Service 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 THE BOARD OF EDUCATION:

None

(Mrs. O'Connor acknowledged Mrs. Healy, Mr. Neal and Mr. Karol for serving on the Audit Committee during the past school year (s) and thanked them for donating their time to the district.)

IX. ADJOURNMENT: There being no further comment or question, at approximately 8:40 pm, Mr. D'Ambroso motioned, Mr. Grieco seconded and unanimously adopted by the Board to enter into Executive Session for the purposes of discussing a specific personnel matter. At approximately 9:20 pm, motion made by Mr. Pinchiaroli, seconded by Mr. D'Ambroso and unanimously adopted by the Board to close Executive Session and return to the public

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session. At approximately 9:30 pm, motion made by Mr. D'Ambroso, seconded by Mrs. Fowler and unanimously adopted by the Board to adjourn the August 26, 2009 Board of Education Meeting.

Mary Beth Mancuso
District Clerk

Approved: 9/16/09

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SCHEDULE 09/10, P-3 PROFESSIONAL PERSONNEL APPOINTMENTS

PERMANENT SUBSTITUTE APPOINTMENTS 2009/2010

LISA GIACOMO, Columbus Elementary School, \$100/day

LAURA MILLIOT, Columbus Elementary School, \$100/day

TINA PRINCIPE, Columbus Elementary School, \$100/day

TIMOTHEA WRIGHT, Hawthorne Elementary School, \$100/day

DOUGLAS FRASER, Hawthorne Elementary School, \$100/day

TARA ALBAUM, Hawthorne Elementary School, \$100/day

JOHN KING, Westlake Middle School, \$100/day

ERICA SILVESTRI, Westlake Middle School, \$100/day

ERIN LINEHAN, Westlake Middle School, \$100/day

DOREEN FERRARA, Westlake High School, 2 days per week at \$100/day

SCOTT CIANFAGLIONE, Westlake High School, \$100/day

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SCHEDULE 09/10, C-2 CIVIL SERVICE APPOINTMENTS

TEACHER AIDE APPOINTMENT 2009/2010

SUZANNE AMORUSO

Teacher Aide

Columbus Elementary School

Effective: September 1, 2009-June 30, 2010

Salary: \$17.72/hr