

**MOUNT PLEASANT CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT  
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING – APRIL 27, 2010**

**BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING MINUTES  
APRIL 27, 2010**

**PRESENT:**

Francine Aloï, President  
Laurie Donato, Vice President  
Vincent D'Ambrosio\*  
Theresa Fowler  
James Grieco  
Carol Ann O'Connor\*\*  
Christopher Pinchiaroli

**ALSO PRESENT:**

Dr. S. Guiney, Superintendent of Schools  
M. B. Mancuso, District Clerk  
L. Sanfilippo, Business Manager  
N. Schimpf, Director of Special Education  
& Student Services  
Dr. M. E. Wilson, Director of Curriculum  
& Instructional Services  
D. Lander, Superintendent of Bldgs & Grounds  
B. Ferguson, WHS Interim Principal.  
M. Cunzio, Principal CES  
J. Schulman, WMS Principal  
E. Zai-Fiorello, HES Principal  
D. Evans, WHS Interim Assistant Principal  
S. Conley, WMS Assistant Principal  
D. Pirro, Director of PE/Health & Athletics  
Faculty & Staff  
Residents

\*arrived at approximately 8:17 pm  
\*\*arrived at approximately 9:35 pm

**I. CALL TO ORDER:** Ms. Aloï, President, convened the April 27, 2010 meeting of the Board of Education at approximately 8:10 pm and asked everyone to stand for a moment of silence and the Pledge of Allegiance

**II. ANNOUNCEMENTS/INFORMATION ITEMS**

- ❑ WHS Student Council: Ms Arianna Mingione, President, reported on the 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Powder Puff fundraiser whereby the girls play football while the boys coach them, fundraiser to benefit cystic fibrosis; 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual May Madness Field Day on May 27, 2010.
- ❑ WHS PTA: No report
- ❑ WHS BLT: Mr, Bruce Ferguson, Interim Principal, reported that the BLT is putting the finishing touches on the senior internship project which will be forwarded to District Office for review. Mr. Bruce Ferguson on behalf of the high school staff offered their condolences to the Glardon family.
- ❑ WMS PTA: No report
- ❑ WMS BLT: Mr. Schulman, Principal, reported the BLT discussed the proposed budget and items restored to the Middle School; item purchased from last year's student vote (television for cafeteria); this year's items to be voted on by the students ; results of the traffic study; changes to the 2010/2011 calendar; and final exam week. Mr. Schulman advised that the BLT minutes will be posted on the website.

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- Elementary PTA: Ms. Jean DeFlorio, President, reported on the following: cookie swap at Hawthorne and Columbus to take place during Teacher Appreciation week; turn off tv week; tag sale on May 15<sup>th</sup> at Columbus Elementary School; and family fun night with a western theme. Mrs. DeFlorio reported positions are available on the PTA Executive Board and if interested please contact Mrs. Mary Kate McCabe for information. The PTA's will be holding a joint meeting with Dr. Guiney as the guest speaker to discuss the budget
- Columbus BLT: Mr. Michael Cunzio, Principal, reported their last BLT meeting was a joint meeting with the Hawthorne BLT. Discussed at the meeting was the current Board of Education Transportation Policy and how it effects the pickup/drop off of students and issuance of bus passes.
- Hawthorne BLT: Ms. Ethel Zai Fiorello, Principal, reported the BLT met twice. As mentioned by Mr. Cunzio, the joint BLT meeting discussed the current transportation policy and its relevance to the current practices utilized by both elementary schools. The BLT's recommendation was that the Board of Education revisit and review the Transportation Policy to revise it to reflect the needs of the students and parents. Ms. Zai Fiorello reported on Dr. Wilson's work on the STEM initiative. In addition, the results of the questionnaire regarding the ASPIRE program were discussed as well as the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Science and Technology Fair to take place at Hawthorne Elementary School.

(Mrs. Aloï, President, explained the Board of Education will review the Transportation Policy.)

- SEPTA: Mrs. Maria Jost reported for Mrs. Bastardi that SEPTA hosted a walk to benefit Autism Speaks Walk and raised \$4,200.. In addition, Mrs. Jost mentioned that SEPTA's last meeting will feature a dessert gathering on May 25<sup>th</sup> at the Bradhurst House. SEPTA is looking for volunteers and if anyone is interested please contact any board member on SEPTA. In addition, on June 6<sup>th</sup> Autism Speaks will hold a walk at Manhattanville College and this year all volunteers will walk under the umbrella of Team Mt. Pleasant.
- Westlake Athletic Club: Mr. Jim Grieco, Board member, reported for Mr. Anthony Sardo on the following items: donation of a scoreboard for girl's softball; 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Gold Outing on June 14<sup>th</sup>. Information on the golf outing is on the Westlake Athletic Club website.

**III. REPORTS**

- President, Board of Education: Mrs. Francine Aloï, reported that the Board adopted the budget with a 0% tax increase to the community. Mrs. Aloï thanked the Teachers Association and Administrators Association for opening up the contracts and giving back a portion of their salary increases for next year. Due to this the District was able to restore almost all of the positions that would have been cut.. Mrs. Aloï recognized the community members as well as Dr. Guiney and administrators for participation in the budget process. Mrs. Aloï advised the community there are two open board seats and the candidates are Mr. Pinchiaroli,

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Mr. Metzler and Mrs. Aloï. Mrs. Aloï encouraged residents to come out and vote on May 18<sup>th</sup>.

(Mrs. Donato explained she was misquoted in The Examiner. Mrs. Donato stated she is in support of summer tutoring and after school help initiatives.)

- Superintendent of Schools: Dr. Susan Guiney, reported on the following events that are taking place in the District: the play production of, Out of the Frying Pan, 6<sup>th</sup> grade DARE graduation; Middle School VALUE celebration; Walk the Green Walk at Hawthorne with Mr. Rob Astorino and Ms. Maybury present; 3-8 grade assessments; 7<sup>th</sup> grade Boston trip and AP testing. Dr. Guiney invited parents/guardians/staff to a high school tea on May 7<sup>th</sup> to meet Mr. Keith Schenker, WHS principal.

**IV: APPROVAL of MINUTES**

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

BE IT RESOLVED: That the minutes of the March 25, 2010 regular monthly Board of Education meeting and the April 7, 2010 and April 14, 2010 Board of Education meetings 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 – PROFESSIONAL**

Motion made by Mrs. Donato, 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:

Michael Anderson, Art Teacher, Westlake High School  
Effective: June 30, 2010

**VOTE: 6 - 0**

**B) ACCEPTANCE- RESIGNATION**

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

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

Lisa Giacomo, Permanent Substitute, Columbus Elementary School  
Effective: March 19, 2010

**VOTE: 6 - 0**

**C) ACCEPTANCE- RESIGNATION**

Motion made by Mrs. Donato, 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:

Dorilynn Ferrara, School Claims Auditor, District Office  
Effective: April 8, 2010

**VOTE: 6 - 0**

**D) ACCEPTANCE – GRANTS, MOUNT PLEASANT EDUCATION FOUNDATION, INC.**

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

BE IT RESOLVED: That the Mount Pleasant Central School District Board of Education hereby accepts the grants as listed below from the Mount Pleasant Education Foundation, Inc. The Board of Education extends sincere appreciation and gratitude to the Foundation for their continued support and commitment to enriching the educational life for all Mount Pleasant students.

<u>Grant Requestor</u>	<u>Amount Approved</u>	<u>Description</u>
Lisa Rush	\$ 2,570.60	Literacy Center materials
Lisa Gray	2,500.00	The Power of Play in K
Deborah Kurlander	2,500.00	Math
Jennifer Antonaccio	2,500.00	Creative Play
Ann Marie Boucher	2,478.50	Rigby Books
Denise Danzis	2,468.55	Character Counts
Christine Galbo/ Sarah Nesheiwat	2,398.00	Touch Math Program
Sean Mayer	2,096.11	TV's & Carts for Wii Fit
Luann Riley	1,300.00	Literacy Center Materials

Total Grant Requests                      \$20,811.76

AND BE IT RESOLVED: That the funds for the grant received by the family of the late Patrick Collins in the amount of \$4,560 which were accepted at the June 17, 2009 Board of Education meeting for the purpose of purchasing Chairs for the Westlake Middle/High

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School library have been utilized for the completion of the nature trail/outdoor classroom project at Hawthorne Elementary School.

**VOTE: 6 - 0**

**E) APPROVAL - TREASURER'S REPORTS**

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

BE IT RESOLVED: That the Board of Education hereby approves the Treasurer's Reports for the following months:

October, 2009	January, 2010
November 2009	February, 2010
December 2009	March, 2010

**VOTE: 6 - 0**

**F) APPROVAL – TRANSFER OF FUNDS**

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

BE IT RESOLVED: That the Board of Education hereby authorizes the following budget transfers for the 2009-2010 year as specified below:

**TRANSFER FROM:**

<u>Account title</u>	<u>Code</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Special Ed Tutoring	A2250402060000	\$50,000.00

**TRANSFER TO:**

<u>Account title</u>	<u>Code</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Contract Services-Aides	A2250410060000	\$20,000.00
Private Evaluations-Non-Employee	A2250408060000	\$30,000.00

**EXPLANATION OF TRANSFER:**

To provide funds for related services approved by CSE

**VOTE: 6 - 0**

**G) APPROVAL – TRANSFER OF FUNDS**

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

BE IT RESOLVED: That the Board of Education hereby authorizes the following budget transfers for the 2009-2010 year as specified below:

**TRANSFER FROM:**

<u>Account title</u>	<u>Code</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Fire and Liability Insurance	A1910400070000	\$4,800.00

**TRANSFER TO:**

<u>Account title</u>	<u>Code</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Taxes and Assessments	A1950400070000	\$4,800.00

**EXPLANATION OF TRANSFER:**

To provide funds for payment of sewer taxes

**VOTE: 6 - 0**

**H) APPROVAL – HEALTH SERVICES CONTRACTS 2009-2010**

Motion made by Mrs. Fowler, 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 health and welfare services contracts for the 2009-10 school year:

Ossining Union Free School District: 3 students at \$857.85 for a total of \$2,573.55

Somers Central School District: 3 students at \$775.14 for a total of \$2,325.42

Board of Education City of White Plains: 14 students at \$773.21 for a total of \$10,824.94

Bedford Central School District: 1 student at \$957.08 for a total of \$957.08

Yorktown Central School District: 2 students at \$998.74 for a total of \$1,997.48

The Rye City School District: 2 students at \$682.32 for a total of \$1,364.64

Harrison Central School District: 3 students at \$994.17 for a total of \$2,982.51

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Briarcliff Manor Union Free School District: 20 students at \$1,125.54 for a total of \$22,510.80

Greenburgh Central School District No. 7: 5 students and 1 pro-rated student at \$746.16 for a total of \$3,880.02

Valhalla Union Free School District: 9 students at \$901.25 for a total of \$8,111.25

**VOTE: 6 - 0**

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

Motion made by Mrs. Fowler, seconded by Mr. Grieco 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: February 23, 25, 2010  
March 2, 4, 7, 2010

CSE: February 22, 2010  
March 8, 9, 10, 12, 15, 23, 24, 26, 2010

**VOTE: 6 - 0**

**J) APPROVAL – MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT FOR ROOF MAINTENANCE**

Motion made by Mrs. Fowler, 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 hereby approves the roof maintenance agreement with Tremco Incorporated in the amount of \$17,000 for a term of one year, and authorizes the Superintendent to execute the agreement on its behalf.

**VOTE: 6 - 0**

**K) APPROVAL – SOUTHERN WESTCHESTER BOCES COOPERATIVE BID**

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

BE IT RESOLVED: That the Mount Pleasant Central School District Board of Education agrees to participate with other school districts of the Southern Westchester Board of Cooperative Educational Services, Westchester County, New York, adopting the joint bidding for the items noted below:

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General School Supplies  
Office Supplies  
Fine Paper Supplies  
Audio Visual Supplies & Equipment  
Custodial Supplies  
Lumber Supplies  
Laser & Ink Jet Toners  
Microcomputer Software  
Microcomputer Hardware  
Office & Classroom Furniture  
Graphing Calculators

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That this resolution shall remain in effect until receipt by the Southern Westchester BOCES of written withdrawal from said joint bidding by the Mount Pleasant Central School District,

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That it is agreed that the specifications as presented will be used, and that the Mount Pleasant Central School District Board of Education agrees to bid its required amount of said commodities with other participating school districts in Southern Westchester and the Southern Westchester Board of Cooperative Educational Services. The recommendation of the Purchasing Steering Committee will be considered when the Mount Pleasant Board acts on the purchase of said commodities, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That the invitation to bid will be advertised by BOCES in the Journal News, in accordance with the provisions of Section 103 of the General Municipal Law.

**VOTE: 6 - 0**

**L) APPROVAL – 2010/2011 SOUTHERN WESTCHESTER BOCES  
ADMINISTRATIVE BUDGET**

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

BE IT RESOLVED: That the Mount Pleasant Central School District Board of Education hereby approves the 2010 -2011 Estimated Administrative Budget, in the amount of \$8,558,115 for Southern Westchester Board of Cooperative Education Services, and encourages the Trustees and administrative staff of Southern Westchester BOCES to proceed in a fiscally prudent manner taking into account the current economic conditions of their component Districts.

**VOTE: 6 - 0**

**M) APPROVAL – SOUTHERN WESTCHESTER BOCES TRUSTEES**



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

BE IT RESOLVED: That the Mount Pleasant Central School District Board of Education hereby casts three votes, one for Georgia Riedel, one for Joseph Wooley and one for Nancy Fisher to serve as Trustees on the Southern Westchester Board of Cooperative Educational Services for the time period July 1, 2010 through June 30, 2013.

**VOTE: 6 - 0**

**N) APPROVAL – APPOINTMENT OF ELECTION INSPECTORS/BOARD OF REGISTRATION**

Motion made by Mr. Grieco, seconded by Mr. Pinchiaroli 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 appoints the individuals listed below as Election Inspectors of the Annual Budget Vote/School Board Election to be held on May 18, 2010:

Bea Annunziata, Jean Bronson, Cristina Cappa, Louise Carpentieri, Joseph Carpentieri, Muriel Costello, John Magaletta, Norma Mercaldi, Marietta Parrillo, Vivian SanMarco, Barbara Sherman, Grace Spano, Mary Surace, Josephine Surace, Margaret Tricarico

And Further

BE IT RESOLVED: That the individuals listed below are hereby appointed to serve as the Board of Election Registration:

Muriel Costello, Lilli Ritterbusch, Mary Surace

AND BE IT RESOLVED: That the hourly rate of pay for said Election Inspectors and registrars will be paid \$11.50/hr.

AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED: That Ms. Katherine Gale be paid for her assistance in preparing the district voter registration books at \$19/hr for 2 1/2 hours.

**VOTE: 6 - 0**

**O) APPROVAL – UNPAID CHILD CARE LEAVE**

Motion made by Mr. Pinchiaroli, seconded by Mrs. Donato 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,

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in accordance with the collective bargaining agreement between the Mount Pleasant Teachers Association and the Mount Pleasant Central School District:

**Employee #1924**

Leave to begin on September 1, 2010

Leave to conclude on June 30, 2011

**VOTE: 6 - 0**

**P) APPROVAL-REQUEST FOR FMLA**

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

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 #2350**

Leave to begin on March 31, 2010

Leave to conclude on June 11, 2010

**VOTE: 6 - 0**

**Q) APPROVAL – SALARY ADVANCEMENT, LANE CHANGES**

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

BE IT RESOLVED: That the Salary Schedule – Lane Changes, as attached, are hereby approved effective February 1, 2010, in accordance with the agreement between the Mount Pleasant Central School District Board of Education and the Mount Pleasant Teachers Association.

**VOTE: 6- 0**

**R) APPROVAL-CONSENT AGENDA**

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

BE IT RESOLVED: That the attached Consent Agenda 09/10, P-11, 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.

**VOTE: 6- 0**

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**VIII. OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENTS TO BOARD OF EDUCATION:** None

**IX. ADJOURNMENT:** At approximately 8:50 pm, motion made by Mr. D'Ambroso, seconded by Mrs. Donato and unanimously adopted by the Board to enter into Executive Session to discuss the employment history of specific individuals, specific personnel matters and proposed litigation. At approximately 10:23 pm, motion made by Mrs. O'Connor, seconded by Mrs. Fowler and unanimously adopted by the Board to adjourn the executive session and return to public session. At approximately 11:27 pm, motion made by Mrs. Donato, seconded by Mr. D'Ambroso and unanimously adopted by the Board to adjourn the April 27, 2010 Board of Education meeting.

Mary Beth Mancuso  
District Clerk

Approved: 5/19/10

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**SCHEDULE 09/10, P-10 PROFESSIONAL PERSONNEL APPOINTMENTS**

**DETENTION CENTER FOR 2009-2010 – WESTLAKE HIGH SCHOOL**

Claudia Papazian-Moravec  
Frank Chiera

**Not to exceed a total of 10 hours for the 2009-2010 school year.**

**Salary: \$64/hour per the agreement with the Mount Pleasant Central School District Teachers Association.**

**HOMEWORK CENTER FOR 2009-2010**

**WESTLAKE HIGH SCHOOL**

MARK MAMMOLA

**Not to exceed a total of 22.5 hours for the 2009-2010 school year.**

**Salary: \$64/hour per the agreement with the Mount Pleasant Central School District Teachers Association.**

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

**TARA ALBAUM**, Elementary  
Assigned To: Hawthorne Elementary School  
Certification: Pursuing Initial Certificate in Early Childhood Education (Birth-Grade 2)  
Effective: April 6, 2010 - June 11, 2010  
Salary Placement: M.A. Step 1: \$287.41 Daily Rate

**MODIFICATION OF ASSIGNMENT - PERMANENT SUBSTITUTE**

**IRENE CROTTY**, From Per-Diem Substitute to Permanent Substitute  
Effective: March 22, 2010 – June 30, 2010  
Assigned To: Columbus Elementary School  
Salary: \$100/day

**PER-DIEM SUBSTITUTE APPOINTMENT**

**DANIEL CASEY**, \$100/day

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**CHAPERONES**

Chris Carpenter  
Maria Chietro  
Scott Cianfaglione  
Katherine DeBiase  
Bernadette Grassi  
Mary Haywood  
Michelle Kopicki  
Trish Pucarelli  
Felicia Sgueglia  
Kathy Vadella  
Lorrie Villalba  
Larry Hogan

**OVERNIGHT CHAPERONE**

Tania Greco  
Adriana Aloia  
Janet Salciccioli  
John King

