

MOUNT PLEASANT CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT  
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING – MAY 21, 2014

**BOARD OF EDUCATION  
MEETING MINUTES  
MAY 21, 2014**

**PRESENT:**

James Grieco, President  
Eric Schulze, Vice President\*  
Vincent D'Ambroso  
Laurie Donato  
Theresa Fowler  
Thomas McCabe  
Christopher Pinchiaroli

**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  
L. Sanfilippo, Director of Business Admin.  
J. Schulman, HES, Principal  
M. Cunzio, CES, Principal  
Dr. R. Henderson, Principal, WMS  
C. Parrottino, WMS, Asst. Principal  
B. Ferguson, WHS, Asst. Principal  
D. Pirro, Director of PE, Health & Athletics  
E. Kear, Director of Facilities  
Residents  
Faculty Members

\*Mr. Schulze arrived at approximately 9:20 pm

**ABSENT:**

K. Schenker, WHS, Principal

**I. CALL TO ORDER:** Mr. Grieco, President, opened the May 21, 2014 Board of Education meeting at approximately 8:00 pm in the WMS/WHS Library with a moment of silence and pledge to the flag.

**II. ANNOUNCEMENTS/INFORMATION ITEMS**

- WHS Student Council: Ms. Marybeth Ederer, on behalf of Jeannine Ederer, reported on the following : Westlake Day is June 16<sup>th</sup> and many activities are planned; Spirit Week will be geared toward an awareness week, i.e., support our troops day; a date for the PTA Movie Night is to be determined; the Timmy Gleason car show for the memorial scholarship is being planned; and Student Council will be meeting tomorrow and all students are invited to attend.
- WHS PTA: Ms. Marybeth Ederer, President, offered congratulations on the approval of the budget, the reelection of Eric and Laurie as well as to Mr. Barnes for his candidacy. Mr. Ederer reported there is still time to donate to the scholarship fund and, due to the lack of support, the PTA is donating monies earmarked for teacher grants for student scholarships. Ms. Ederer thanked those members of the PTA and executive board who will not be serving next year and

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closed her report with a request for everyone to support the students and their activities.

- ❑ WHS BLT: Mr. Bruce Ferguson, Assistant Principal, reported the BLT will be meeting in early June.
- ❑ WMS PTA: Ms. Jenn DeFlorio, Co-President, congratulated Laurie and Eric on their reelection to the Board; reported the plant sale was a success and thanked all who volunteered; the supply boxes are ready to be ordered and ordering closes at the end of June and thanked the chair of this committee; the Westlake PTA student vote was yesterday and outdoor recess equipment was the largest vote getter and thanked the student volunteers as well the chairperson.
- ❑ WMS BLT: Dr. Robert Hendrickson, Principal, reported the BLT had its last meeting and discussed goals for next year and the primary goal will be how to communicate and educate each other about the common core. Dr. Hendrickson continued his report by thanking the PTA for their funding of programs/events; the orientation process has begun for the 5<sup>th</sup> grade parents; the 5<sup>th</sup> graders will be visiting the Middle School and various concerts will begin in June.
- ❑ Elementary PTA: No report
- ❑ Columbus BLT: Mr. Michael Cunzio, Principal, reported the BLT will be meeting in June.
- ❑ Hawthorne BLT: Ms. Pamela Clarke, parent member, reported the BLT met on May 7<sup>th</sup> and discussed the following: the power patch garden is ready to be launched and various garden supplies have been ordered; the buddy bench will be installed in the fall of 2014; the PTA shirts came in on time for the spring/summer events but will arrive earlier next year; the Girl Scouts will create a butterfly garden and will maintain it during the summer; field day is June 6<sup>th</sup>; the new electronic report card standards are available and Mr. Schulman will be working with the teachers in creating the subsets for each standard ;the parent advisory committee (PAC) provided an update on the after school program and the program will continue for the 2014/15 school year; and the next BLT meeting will be on June 4<sup>th</sup>.
- ❑ Westlake Athletic Club: Mr. Anthony Sardo, President, reported the 6<sup>th</sup> annual golf outing was very successful and thanked everyone for their support and generosity. Mr. Sardo congratulated Laurie and Eric on their reelection.
- ❑ Mount Pleasant Education Foundation: Ms. Lina Gianfrancesco, member of the Board of Directors, reported last year was the most successful in terms of fundraising and approximately \$55,600 was awarded to the district. The grants funded represented a 37% increase from the previous year and every school benefited from the funds. Last month, the annual dinner dance raised approximately \$25,000 and the next event will be on September 16<sup>th</sup>, the annual golf outing. Ms. Gianfresco thanked the entire Mt. Pleasant school community for their support.

### **III. REPORTS**

- ❑ Energy Education: Mr. Jerry Schulman, energy specialist, reported preparation is occurring for the summer shut down in all schools as well as in the district's kitchens operated by Aramark. Mr. Schulman acknowledged that the faculty are

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diligent in classroom shut downs and acknowledged the teachers who have had the most successful shut downs this school year. Mr. Schulman closed his report by thanking the Superintendent of schools, administrators, teachers, staff, and the Board of Education for the district's culture of conservation which enables cost savings.

- Board of Education: Mr. James Grieco, President, thanked the 922 Mt. Pleasant CSD residents who exercised their right to vote, congratulated Eric Schulze and Laurie Donato on their reelection to the Board as well as acknowledged Mr. Ed Barnes for running for the Board of Education. Mr. Grieco acknowledged Mary Beth Mancuso and Marie D'Ambroso for their work leading up to the vote as well as on voting day to ensure that it runs smoothly, and Mr. Ed Kear and the custodial staff for their efforts, Dr. Guiney, the administrators and the faculty for the development of a tax compliant budget.
- Superintendent of Schools: Dr. Guiney thanked the community for supporting the budget and to the MPTA as the Board will authorize and approve the MOA between the Board and the MPTA. Dr. Guiney recognized students and coaches for their athletic awards and designations. Dr. Guiney introduced Donna Pirro to announce the award won by Hawthorne Elementary School for the "Get Moving NY" contest. Ms. Pirro acknowledged the physical education teachers, Mr. Bendlin, Mr. Thomas, Ms. Smacchia and Mr. Smith, as well as Mr. Schulman for their support in producing the video to the music, Happy. Mr. Bendlin presented the Board with the \$1,000 gift check received from the award. Dr. Guiney closed her report by thanking the PE teachers for their work.

**IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

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

BE IT RESOLVED: That the minutes of the April 22, 2014 monthly 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) APPROVAL – MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT, MOUNT PLEASANT TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION**

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

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education of the Mount Pleasant Central School District hereby authorizes and approves the memorandum of agreement between the Board and the Mount Pleasant Teachers' Association, dated May 9, 2014; and

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**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education hereby authorizes the Superintendent of Schools to incorporate said memorandum of agreement into a more formal written agreement and further authorizes the Superintendent of Schools to execute said formal written agreement

**VOTE: 6 – 0**

(Mr. James Grieco, President, thanked the District's negotiating team as well as the MPTA negotiating team for reaching an agreement which benefits all.)

***Motion made by Mr. D'Ambroso, seconded by Mr. McCabe, to adopt Resolutions B through U as printed on the agenda.***

**VOTE 6 – 0**

**B) ACCEPTANCE – RESIGNATION (RETIREMENT)**

BE IT RESOLVED: That the Mount Pleasant Central School District Board of Education hereby accepts the resignation for purposes of retirement of:  
Irene Grieger, Senior Office Assistant (Automated Systems), District Office  
Effective: June 30, 2014

The Board extends sincere appreciation to Mrs. Grieger for 8 years of service to the Mount Pleasant Central School District and wishes her a happy and healthy retirement.

**C) ACCEPTANCE – RESIGNATION**

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

Andrea Morcone, Library Assistant, Westlake Middle/High School  
Effective: June 30, 2014

**D) ACCEPTANCE – STUDENT ACTIVITY FUND REPORT**

BE IT RESOLVED: That the Board of Education hereby approves the Student Activity Fund Report for the following quarter: January 2014 – March 2014.

**E) ACCEPTANCE – DONATION**

BE IT RESOLVED: That the Mount Pleasant Central School District Board of Education hereby accepts the following donations from The Benevity Community Impact Fund:

\$ 82.24	District-wide miscellaneous purpose
\$393.30	Hawthorne Elementary miscellaneous purpose

**F) ACCEPTANCE – DONATION**

BE IT RESOLVED: That the Mount Pleasant Central School District Board of Education hereby accepts the donation of three storage containers from the Westlake Athletic Club.

The Board extends sincere appreciation to the Westlake Athletic Club for their continued support and commitment to the Mount Pleasant school community.

**G) APPROVAL – FINANCIAL REPORTS**

BE IT RESOLVED: That the Board of Education hereby approves the Treasurer's Report for the month of March 2014.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That the Board of Education accepts the report from the claims auditor on warrant # 22.

**H) APPROVAL – TAX CERTIORARI SETTLEMENT**

**WHEREAS**, the Mount Pleasant Central School District is a respondent in a tax certiorari proceeding pertaining to a property identified on the tax roll as 106.18-2-27, for tax years 2011 through 2013; and

**WHEREAS**, the parties have negotiated a tentative resolution of the proceedings, as set forth in the consent judgment attached hereto; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board has determined that it is in the best interests of the School District to resolve the proceeding in accordance with the Consent Judgment without further litigation;

**NOW, BASED UPON THE FOREGOING, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED** that the Board hereby approves the settlement of the tax proceedings as set forth in the Consent Judgment;

**AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that Ingerman Smith, LLP is authorized to execute the consent judgment attached hereto, and any other relevant settlement papers necessary to effectuate the settlement;

**AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the School Business Manager shall be authorized to issue a refund payment not to exceed \$6,101.60.

**I) APPROVAL – TAX CERTIORARI SETTLEMENT**

**WHEREAS**, the Mount Pleasant Central School District is a respondent in a tax certiorari proceeding pertaining to a property identified on the tax roll as 112.09-1-49, for tax years 2011 through 2013; and

**WHEREAS**, the parties have negotiated a tentative resolution of the proceedings, as set forth in the consent judgment attached hereto; and

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**WHEREAS**, the Board has determined that it is in the best interests of the School District to resolve the proceeding in accordance with the Consent Judgment without further litigation;

**NOW, BASED UPON THE FOREGOING, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED** that the Board hereby approves the settlement of the tax proceedings as set forth in the Consent Judgment;

**AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that Ingerman Smith, LLP is authorized to execute the consent judgment attached hereto, and any other relevant settlement papers necessary to effectuate the settlement;

**AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the School Business Manager shall be authorized to issue a refund payment not to exceed \$2,492.44.

**J) APPROVAL – CONTRACT AWARD**

BE IT RESOLVED: That the Board of Education hereby authorizes the award of Bid # 13-14-2 for Driver Education Services In-Car Instruction 2014-2015 school year to PAS Auto School, Inc. as the lowest responsible bidder at a cost of \$470.00 per student.

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

**K) APPROVAL – APPOINTMENT OF SAFETY COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

BE IT RESOLVED: That the Board of Education hereby appoints the individuals listed below as members of the Safety Committee:

Ed Kear, Chairman  
Marty Greenburgh  
Joe Carpentieri  
Hugh Andrews  
Keith Schenker  
Dr. Robert Hendrickson  
Michael Cunzio  
Jerry Schulman  
Christine Parrottino  
Donna Pirro  
Dr. Gilian Goldman  
Thomas Hall  
Dawn McCarrick  
Nellie Coffinas  
Marie Mariani  
Richard Guido  
Lucille Catalano  
Sally Marriott  
Barbara Schultz

**L) APPROVAL – CPSE AND CSE PLACEMENT RECOMMENDATIONS**

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:                    February 24, 26 - 2014  
                              March 12, 19 – 2014  
                              April 9, 23 - 2014

CSE:                    February 2, 12, 24, 27 – 2014  
                              March 4, 6, 7, 10, 12, 13, 14, 18, 19, 21, 24, 28, 31 – 2014  
                              April 4, 7, 9, 10, 11 – 2014

**M) APPROVAL – MODIFICATION TO LONG-TERM SUBSTITUTE APPOINTMENT**

BE IT RESOLVED: That the long-term substitute appointment for Stephanie Russo, originally requested and approved at the February 12, 2014 Board of Education meeting, be modified from May 16, 2014 to May 27, 2014

**N) APPROVAL – MODIFICATION TO LEAVE REPLACEMENT APPOINTMENT**

BE IT RESOLVED: That the leave replacement appointment for Kathryn Flynn, originally requested and approved at the December 18, 2013 Board of Education meeting, be modified from May 16, 2014 to June 30, 2014

**O) APPROVAL – MODIFICATION TO ATHLETIC CLEARANCE HOURS FOR SPRING SPORTS**

BE IT RESOLVED: That the athletic clearance hours for Mary Jane Au, originally requested and approved at the March 19, 2014 Board of Education meeting, be modified from 12 hours to 14 hours.

**P) APPROVAL – TUITION REIMBURSEMENT, 2013/2014 SCHOOL YEAR**

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:

Michael Laterza, Westlake Middle School  
Course Title: Identifying and Assessing Gifted & Talented Students  
School: SUNY Buffalo

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Total Cost: \$1,233 Approved: \$616.50

And further:

BE IT RESOLVED: That upon completion of the approved course, the recipient shall submit a report to the Superintendent of Schools describing how this course has advanced his pedagogical practices and how it will benefit both our students and our curriculum.

**Q) APPROVAL – CONTRACT, CPR AND FIRST AID TRAINING**

BE IT RESOLVED: That the Board of Education hereby approves the CPR and First Aid training contract with Save A Life Enterprises for the 2013-2014 school year for a total cost of \$1,000.00.

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

**R) APPROVAL – DISTRICT OFFICE ADMINISTRATOR, ESTABLISHMENT OF SALARY**

BE IT RESOLVED: That the Mount Pleasant Central School District Board of Education hereby authorizes and approves the 2013/2014 salary for Edward Kear, Director of Facilities III, according to the approval and execution of a mutually acceptable employment agreement.

**S) APPROVAL – MODIFICATION TO ESTABLISHMENT AND APPOINTMENT OF DIRECTOR OF FACILITIES III**

BE IT RESOLVED: That the establishment and appointment of Director of Facilities III, originally requested and approved at the April 9, 2014 Board of Education meeting, be modified from April 28, 2014 to April 22, 2014.

**T) APPROVAL - SPECIAL EDUCATION OUT OF DISTRICT PLACEMENT CONTRACT, 2013/2014**

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 2013-2014 school year:

Clearview School/AMIC, Inc., 1 student @ \$14,000.00 (interim rate, pro-rated).

**U) APPROVAL - CONSENT AGENDA**

BE IT RESOLVED: That the attached Consent Agenda 13/14, P-12, 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 13/14, C-12, Civil Service personnel is hereby approved. All appointments are contingent on fingerprint clearance through the New York State Education Department.

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

Thornwood resident addressed the Board on the hiring of an assistant principal at the elementary level and recommended the funding for the Assistant Principal would be better served to hire math teachers as opposed to the hiring of an administrator.

**IX. ADJOURNMENT:** At approximately 9:10 pm, motion made by Mr. Pinchiaroli, seconded by Ms. Fowler, and unanimously adopted by the Board to convene in the WHS Professional Library to enter into executive session to discuss the financial/employment history of a particular corporation and the employment history of specific individuals. At approximately 10:30 pm, motion made by Mr. Pinchiaroli, seconded by Mr. D'Ambroso, and unanimously adopted by the Board to close the executive session and return to the public session. There being no further business, at approximately 10:35 pm, motion made by Mr. Schulze, seconded by Ms. Donato, and unanimously adopted by the Board to adjourn the May 21, 2014 Board of Education meeting.

Mary Beth Mancuso  
District Clerk

**PENDING BOARD APPROVAL**

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**SCHEDULE 13/14, P-12 PROFESSIONAL PERSONNEL APPOINTMENTS**

**LONG TERM SUBSTITUTE APPOINTMENT, 2013/2014 SCHOOL YEAR**

Gina Benz, .6 ELL Teacher  
Assigned To: Columbus Elementary School  
Effective: May 14, 2014 – June 30, 2014  
Salary: M.A. Step 1: \$298.30/day (pro-rated)

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**SCHEDULE 13/14, C-12 CIVIL SERVICE APPOINTMENTS**

**TEACHER AIDE SUBSTITUTE, 2013/2014 SCHOOL YEAR**

Felix Nicodemo  
Effective: March 26, 2014 – June 30, 2014  
Salary: \$12/hour

**HOURLY APPOINTMENT**

Matthew Mariani, Teacher Aide  
Assigned To: WMS Extra Curricular Activities  
Effective: May 8, 2014 – June 30, 2014  
Hours: Not to exceed 20  
Salary: \$16.35/hour

**PER-DIEM SUBSTITUTE APPOINTMENT, 2013/2014 SCHOOL YEAR**

Stephanie Russo  
Effective: May 28, 2014-June 30, 2014  
Salary: \$100/Day