

MOUNT PLEASANT CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT  
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING – DECEMBER 18, 2013

**BOARD OF EDUCATION  
MEETING MINUTES  
DECEMBER 18, 2013**

**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  
C. Parrottino, WMS, Asst. Principal  
K. Schenker, WHS, Principal  
B. Ferguson, WHS, Asst. Principal  
D. Pirro, Director of PE Health & Athletics  
Students and Residents  
Faculty Members

\*Arrived at approximately 8:04 pm

**I. CALL TO ORDER:** Mr. Grieco, President, opened the December 18, 2013 Board of Education meeting at approximately 8:01 pm in the WMS/WHs Library with a moment of silence and the pledge to the flag.

**II. ANNOUNCEMENTS/INFORMATION ITEMS:**

- WHS Student Council: Ms. Jeannine Ederer, reported for the Student Council on the following fundraisers: cookie dough which will be delivered this week; online shopping website: [my.fundraising.com/WestlakeHSStudentCouncil](http://my.fundraising.com/WestlakeHSStudentCouncil); next student council meeting will occur after the holiday break; and wished everyone happy holidays.
- WHS PTA: Ms. Marybeth Ederer, President, reported on the following: at the last meeting, which occurred on December 2<sup>nd</sup>, discussion ensued on midterms and graduation; next meeting is on February 3<sup>rd</sup>; membership and scholarship fundraisers are ongoing; please support our students in all activities; wished everyone a happy holiday and happy New Year.
- WHS BLT: Mr. Bruce Ferguson, Assistant Principal, reported at the last meeting, which was on December 4<sup>th</sup>, discussion took place on the following: the gap between college level course work, AP course work and Regents level course work and interest in identifying areas for honors course work; expansion of elective course offerings in student-interest pathways; scheduling process as it relates to the block schedule; possibly increasing the number of graduation credit requirements; potential of a

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facilities bond and upgrades to the campus. Mr. Ferguson wished everyone a happy holiday season.

- WMS PTA: Ms. Jenn DeFlorio, Co-President, reported the holiday boutique has come to a close and thanked all the volunteers; membership drive is continuing and a drawing will occur for prizes at the January meeting. Ms. DeFlorio extended holiday wishes to all.
- WMS BLT: Dr. Robert Hendrickson, Principal, reported the next BLT meeting is on January 14<sup>th</sup>; congratulated the 6<sup>th</sup> grade chorus, band and meister singers, jazz band; the 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grades concert has been postponed to January 6<sup>th</sup> due to weather with a snow date of January 7<sup>th</sup>; wished everyone a happy holiday season.
- Elementary PTA: No report.
- Columbus BLT: Mr. Michael Cunzio, Principal, reported the BLT will be meeting after the holiday break and wished happy holidays and happy New Year to all.
- Hawthorne BLT: Mr. Jerry Schulman, Principal, reported the BLT did not meet in December and wished everyone a happy holiday season.
- Westlake Athletic Club: Mr. Anthony Sardo, President, reported the disco night will be on January 24<sup>th</sup> and the golf outing will be on April 28<sup>th</sup> and information on the fundraisers is available on their website, [www.westlakeathleticclub.org](http://www.westlakeathleticclub.org). Mr. Sardo closed his report by wishing everyone a happy holiday season.
- Mount Pleasant Education Foundation: Ms. Lina Gianfrancesco, board member, reported on the following: on November 23<sup>rd</sup>, the first annual turkey trot was held and thanked everyone who participated, the sponsors and the volunteers. Ms. Gianfrancesco continued that the Education Foundation looks forward to distributing the funds through the grant process from this fundraiser, the golf outing and the spring dinner dance.

### **III. REPORTS**

- Presentation of the External Audit Year Ending June 30, 2013 – PKF O'Connor Davies, LLP, Mr. Dominic Consolo, Partner.

Mr. Vincent D'Ambroso, chairperson of the Audit Committee, acknowledged Dr. Guiney, Ms. Sanfilippo, and the entire staff of the Mount Pleasant CSD for their hard work and dedication and thanked the committee members. Mr. D'Ambroso introduced Mr. Consolo, Partner, PKF O'Connor Davies, LLP. Mr. Consolo explained the audit process and the components of the budget. Mr. Consolo closed his report with the school district is in excellent financial condition as of June 30, 2013.

- Math Program:

Dr. Guiney introduced Ms. Mary Ellis, Director of Curriculum and Instructional Services. Ms. Ellis thanked Dr. Guiney and the Board for giving them the opportunity to present the elementary Math program and also thanked the parents and students, Ms. Nazaruk and Ms. Rutledge for assisting in the presentation. Ms. Ellis' presentation depicted how the District has adjusted the elementary Math curriculum to align with common core implementation and what the common core is and isn't. Following Ms. Ellis' power point presentation, Ms. Nazaruk and students as well as Ms. Rutledge and

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students solved math problems using the Rekenrek and also engaged the Board members in problem solving. At the end of the presentation, Ms. Ellis opened the floor to the audience for questions.

- Energy Education - Mr. Jerry Schulman, District energy specialist, reported on the following: the Thanksgiving shutdown was a success, explained the steps to conduct a shutdown and looks forward to the holiday break shutdown; Hawthorne, WMS and WHS are being heated with natural gas as it is more cost efficient and Columbus Elementary School at the present time does not have gas service; more efficient lighting is being investigated; will be attending the winter conference in January and thanked all involved for their cost savings efforts as these savings can be reallocated to educational programs. Mr. Schulman closed his report by wishing everyone a wonderful holiday season and happy 2014.
- Board of Education: Ms. Theresa Fowler, Board member, reported at the facilities steering committee meeting potential plans and renovations were discussed and that at the next meeting costs will be assigned to the potential projects.
- Superintendent of Schools: Dr. Susan Guiney acknowledged Ms. Ellis, Ms. Nazaruk, and Ms. Rutledge for the math presentation. Dr. Guiney reported it is fulfilling and exciting to see the students meet one of our strategic goals...creating learner-centered classrooms. Dr. Guiney thanked the teachers and staff members for doing their very best in the classrooms and to create classrooms that are engaging to children. Dr. Guiney reported that in January there will be a coffee hour with the focus on mathematics. Dr. Guiney closed her report by wishing the entire Mt. Pleasant school community a very happy holiday and healthy 2014.

**IV. APPROVAL of MINUTES**

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

BE IT RESOLVED: That the minutes of the November 20, 2013 monthly Board of Education meeting be approved.

**VOTE: 7 – 0**

**V. OLD BUSINESS:** None

**VI. COMMENT ON NEW BUSINESS AGENDA ITEMS:** None

**VII. NEW BUSINESS – ACTION ITEMS**

**Motion made by Mr. Schulze, seconded by Ms. Fowler, to adopt Resolution A through X in a single motion as printed on the agenda.**

**VOTE: 7 – 0**

**CONSENT AGENDA**

**A) ACCEPTANCE – RESIGNATION (PROFESSIONAL)**

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

Keira Godwin, Mathematics Teacher, Westlake Middle School  
Effective: December 20, 2013

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

BE IT RESOLVED: That the Board of Education hereby accepts the Student Activity Fund Report for the following quarter:

July 2013– September 2013

**C) APPROVAL – FINANCIAL REPORTS**

BE IT RESOLVED: That the Board of Education hereby approves the Treasurer's Report for the month of October 2013.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That the Board of Education accepts the report from the claims auditor on warrant # 8, # 9 and # 10.

**D) APPROVAL – RENTAL SERVICE AGREEMENT RESCINDED**

BE IT RESOLVED: That the rental service agreement with Unifirst Corporation for the 2013-2014 school year, previously approved by the Board of Education at the November 20, 2013 meeting, is hereby rescinded.

**E) APPROVAL – BUDGET ADJUSTMENT**

BE IT RESOLVED: That the Board of Education hereby authorizes the following budget adjustment in the amount of \$85,233.00 for the 2013-2014 year as specified below:

**INCREASE REVENUE:**

<u>Account title</u>	<u>Code</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Insurance Recoveries	A2680	\$85,233.00

**INCREASE APPROPRIATION:**

<u>Account title</u>	<u>Code</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Special Projects	A1621400074280	\$85,233.00

**REASON FOR ADJUSTMENT:**

Insurance claim refund due to transformer damage at Columbus Elementary School

**F) APPROVAL – HEALTH SERVICES 2012/2013**

BE IT RESOLVED: That the Board of Education hereby approves the following health and welfare services contract for the 2012-13 school year:

City School District of New Rochelle: 38 students @ \$1,012.50 for a total of \$38,475.00.

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

**G) APPROVAL – CONTRACT AWARD**

BE IT RESOLVED: That the Board of Education hereby authorizes the award of Bid #13-14-1 for Plumbing Services to Gruppuso Plumbing Corp. as the lowest responsible bidder effective December 18, 2013 to June 30, 2014.

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

**H) 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:           October 23, 2013  
                  November 6, 12, 13 - 2013

CSE:            November 5, 7, 12, 15, 18 – 2013  
                  December 5, 2013

**I) APPROVAL- SPECIAL EDUCATION PROVIDER 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 contract for the 2013-2014 school year for the provision of speech/language services:

Isa Marrs Speech Language Pathology, PC

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**J) APPROVAL - CITIZEN BUDGET ADVISORY COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS, 2013/14 SCHOOL YEAR**

BE IT RESOLVED: That the Mount Pleasant Central School District Board of Education hereby approves the following individuals listed below, as recommended, to the Citizens Budget Advisory Committee for the 2013/14 school year:

Jenn DeFlorio, Saul Salinas Izaguirre, Emile Last, Christy LaScala, John Lomurno, Stephanie McGill, John Whearty.

**K) APPROVAL – STANDARD WORK DAY AND REPORTING**

BE IT RESOLVED: That the Board of Education of the Mount Pleasant Central School District hereby establishes the following as standard workdays for appointed officials and will report the following days worked to the New York State and Local Employees' Retirement System based upon the record of activities maintained and submitted by these officials to the District Clerk:

**APPOINTED OFFICIALS**

Title	Name	SS# (last 4 digits)	Registration Number	Standard Work Day (Hrs/Day)	Term Begins/Ends	Participates in Employer's Time Keeping Record	Days/Months (Based on Record of Activities)
District Clerk	Mary Beth Mancuso	xxx-xx-xxxx	xxxxxxxxx	7	7/01/13 – 6/30/14	Yes	N/A
District Treasurer	Lisa Zareski	xxx-xx-xxxx	xxxxxxxxx	7	7/01/13 – 6/30/14	Yes	N/A

**L) APPROVAL – EXTRA CURRICULAR APPOINTMENTS, 2013/2014 SCHOOL YEAR**

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 2013/2014 school year:

<b><u>Name</u></b>	<b><u>Position</u></b>	<b><u>Stipend</u></b>
Jen Rutledge	Elementary Math Club	\$1,574
Maryann Lulgjuraj	Elementary Math Club	\$1,574
Amanda Lopez	Elementary Math Club	\$1,574

**M) APPROVAL – EXTRA CURRICULAR APPOINTMENTS, 2013/2014 SCHOOL YEAR**

BE IT RESOLVED: That the Mount Pleasant Central School District Board of Education approves the Superintendent of Schools recommendation to appoint the following individuals to the Extra Curricular appointments for the 2013/2014 school year:

<b><u>Position</u></b>	<b><u>Coach</u></b>	<b><u>Stipend</u></b>
Varsity Swimming –Boys	Anthony Pizzolla	\$5,742
Varsity Swimming Assistant (Boys)	Mike Williams	\$2,792
Varsity Diving (Boys)	Michael Darland	\$2,792
Modified Wrestling	Randy Rodriguez	\$4,068
Varsity Lacrosse (Boys)	Justin Otto	\$6,516
Fitness Room Supervisor	David Villegas	\$1,704
Modified Cheerleading	Dana Ford	\$2,822
Varsity Basketball -Boys	Sam Honig	Volunteer
	James Robbins	Volunteer
JV Basketball (Boys)	Larry Hogan	Volunteer
Varsity Wrestling	John Broderick	Volunteer

**N) APPROVAL – REQUEST FOR FMLA**

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 #2414**

Leave to begin on December 9, 2013

Leave to conclude on February 3, 2014

**O) APPROVAL – REQUEST FOR FMLA**

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 #2766**

Leave to begin on December 18, 2013

Leave to conclude on January 9, 2014

**P) APPROVAL –UNPAID CHILDCARE LEAVE**

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:

**Employee #2766**

Leave to begin on January 9, 2013

Leave to conclude on February 10, 2014

**Q) APPROVAL – TEACHER AIDE LEAVE OF ABSENCE AND LONG-TERM SUBSTITUTE APPOINTMENT**

**WHEREAS**, Gerald Banner (“Mr. Banner”) is a Teacher Aide in the District; and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Banner also possesses a New York State teaching certificate in the tenure area of Special Education (Grades 1-6); and

**WHEREAS**, the District has a need to fill an encumbered teaching position in the Special Education (Grades 1-6) tenure area for the period of November 21, 2013 through February 3, 2014; and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Banner has expressed an interest in being appointed to the aforementioned position; and

**WHEREAS**, to avoid a disruption in the educational process the District is desirous of appointing Mr. Banner to such position; and

**WHEREAS**, in order to effectuate the aforementioned appointment, Mr. Banner has requested a leave of absence from his Teacher Aide position for the period of November 21, 2013 through February 3, 2014,

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education hereby grants Mr. Banner’s request for a leave of absence from his Teacher Aide position for the period of November 21, 2013 through February 3, 2014; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that Mr. Banner shall be appointed as a long term substitute in the Special Education (Grades 1-6) tenure area, commencing on November 21, 2013 and ending on February 3, 2014; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that for the period of November 21, 2013 through February 3, 2014, Mr. Banner shall be compensated at a daily rate in accordance with MA Step 1 of the collective bargaining agreement between the Mount Pleasant Teachers Association and the Board of Education.



**R) APPROVAL - MODIFICATION TO LONG-TERM SUBSTITUTE APPOINTMENT**

BE IT RESOLVED: That the long-term substitute appointment for Tina Principe, originally requested and approved at the August 28, 2013 Board of Education meeting, be modified and extended to November 27, 2013.

**S) APPROVAL - MODIFICATION TO LONG-TERM SUBSTITUTE APPOINTMENT**

BE IT RESOLVED: That the long-term substitute appointment for Katie Forsythe, originally requested and approved at the September 18, 2013 Board of Education meeting, be modified and extended to January 6, 2014.

**T) APPROVAL - MODIFICATION TO PER-DIEM SUBSTITUTE APPOINTMENT**

BE IT RESOLVED: That the per-diem substitute appointment for Christine Spinelli, originally requested and approved at the November 20, 2013 Board of Education meeting, be modified to permanent substitute for Hawthorne Elementary School effective December 2, 2013 through June 30, 2014.

**U) APPROVAL - MODIFICATION TO HOURLY APPOINTMENTS**

BE IT RESOLVED: That the hourly school monitor appointments for Shatania Sharras and Maria Chietro, originally requested and approved at the October 16, 2013 Board of Education meeting, be modified to include WMS Extra-Curricular Activities effective November 21, 2013 through June 30, 2014.

**V) APPROVAL - MODIFICATION TO REGISTERED PROFESSIONAL NURSE APPOINTMENT**

BE IT RESOLVED: That the .4 Registered Professional Nurse appointment for Lisa Sinkin-Feldman, originally requested and approved at the November 20, 2013 Board of Education meeting, be modified to .48 effective November 18, 2013 through June 30, 2014.

**W) APPROVAL – SEQRA RESOLUTION**

Whereas, the Board of Education of the Mount Pleasant Central School District has proposed oil tank replacement projects at West Lake High School, West Lake Middle School and Columbus Elementary School (the Proposed Project); and

Whereas, the Board of Education wishes to comply with the requirements of the State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA); and

Whereas, the Board of Education has reviewed the components, phases and aspects of the Proposed Project; and

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Whereas, the Board of Education has reviewed the Proposed Project with respect to the Type II criteria set forth in the SEQRA Regulations at 6 NYCRR Part 617.5 and has determined that the Proposed Project is a Type II Action pursuant to Section 617.5(c)(1), (2) & (8) of the SEQRA Regulations;

Therefore, be it resolved, that the Board of Education of the Mount Pleasant Central School District is hereby designated lead agency under the State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA) for the Proposed Project; and

Be it further resolved, that the Board of Education hereby determines that the Proposed Project is a Type II action pursuant to Section 617.5(c) (1), (2) & (8) of the SEQRA Regulations and will not have a significant adverse impact on the environment and that no further review of the Proposed Project is required.

**X) APPROVAL- CONSENT AGENDA**

BE IT RESOLVED: That the attached Consent Agenda 13/14, P-7, 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-7, 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:** None.

**IX. ADJOURNMENT** : At approximately 9:35 pm, motion made by Mr. Pinchiaroli, seconded by Mr. Schulze, and unanimously adopted by the Board to enter into executive session in the Professional Library to discuss the personnel history of a specific individual. Following the motion, Mr. Grieco, on behalf of the Board of Education, thanked everyone for attending the Board meeting and wished a happy holiday season and New Year to all. At approximately 10:35 pm, motion made by Mr. McCabe, 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 10:40 pm, motion made by Mr. D'Ambroso, seconded by Mr. Schulze, and unanimously adopted by the Board to adjourn the December 18, 2013 Board of Education meeting.

Mary Beth Mancuso  
District Clerk

Approved: 1/15/14

**SCHEDULE 13/14, P-7 PROFESSIONAL PERSONNEL APPOINTMENTS**

**CSE CHAIRPERSON, 2013/2014 SCHOOL YEAR**

Dara Joseph  
Assigned To: Districtwide  
Certification: Initial Certification as School Building Leader  
Effective: December 6, 2013 – June 30, 2014  
Salary: \$500/Day

**LEAVE REPLACEMENT APPONTMENT**

Kathryn Flynn, Elementary Teacher  
Assigned To: Hawthorne Elementary School  
Certification: Initial Certification in Childhood Education (Gr 1-6)  
Effective: November 21, 2013 – May 16, 2014  
Salary Placement: M.A. Step 1: \$34,900.60 (pro-rated)

**LONG-TERM SUBSTITUTE**

Tina Principe, .5 Long-Term Substitute  
Assigned To: Columbus Elementary School  
Certification: Initial Certification in Students with Disabilities (Gr 1-6)  
Effective: December 9, 2013 – February 10, 2014  
Salary Placement: M.A. Step 1: \$298.30 Daily Rate (pro-rated)

Felix Nicodemo, .7 Long-Term Substitute  
Assigned To: .6 Hawthorne Elementary School/.1 Westlake High School  
Certification: Initial Certification in Physical Education  
Effective: December 3, 2013 – December 20, 2013  
Salary Placement: M.A. Step 1: \$298.30 Daily Rate (pro-rated)

**HOMEBOUND TUTORING, 2013/2014 SCHOOL YEAR**

Michelle Wynne  
Mary Cunningham  
Ann Reilly  
Elizabeth Paganelli

Hours: Not to exceed 4 hours per person

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

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

Tina Principe

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**SCHEDULE 13/14, C-7 CIVIL SERVICE APPOINTMENTS**

**CHAPERONE/SCOREKEEPER/ANNOUNCER APPOINTMENT, 2013/2014  
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Steven Gage