

MOUNT PLEASANT CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT  
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING – SEPTEMBER 16, 2009

**BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING MINUTES  
SEPTEMBER 16, 2009**

**PRESENT:**

Francine Aloï, President  
Laurie Donato, Vice President  
Vincent D'Ambroso  
Theresa Fowler  
Carol Ann O'Connor  
Christopher Pinchiaroli

**ALSO PRESENT:**

Dr. S. Guiney, Superintendent of Schools  
M. B. Mancuso, District Clerk  
K. Dougherty, Business Administrator  
N. Schimpf, Director of Special Education  
& Student Services  
Dr. M. E. Wilson, Director of Curriculum  
& Instructional Services  
M. Cunzio, Principal CES  
J. Schulman, WMS Principal  
F. Viteritti, WHS Principal  
E. Zai-Fiorello, HES Principal  
S. Conley, WMS Asst. Principal  
B. Ferguson, WHS Asst. Principal  
D. Pirro, Director of PE/Health & Athletics  
Faculty  
Residents

**ABSENT:**

James Grieco

**I. CALL TO ORDER:** Ms. Aloï, President, convened the September 16, 2009 meeting of the Board of Education at approximately 8:07 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 backpack drive; homecoming on October 17, 2009, car wash at the Royal Coach bus depot on September 19, 2009, and the creation of a Student Council website.
- WHS PTA: Mrs. Annamarie Cerretta, Vice President, reported on the membership drive, sale of clothing, and upcoming fundraiser at Johnny's Bar and Grill on October 2, 2009 with proceeds going to the Scholarship Fund.
- WHS BLT: Mr. Bruce Ferguson, Acting Principal, reported the BLT's first meeting will be on September 22, 2009. The BLT will continue to discuss the senior initiative, which is a variety of different kinds of internships during the second semester of school.
- WMS PTA: Ms. Sheila Conley, Assistant Principal, reported for the PTA on the following: the membership is underway; sale of clothing; and the wrapping paper drive began on September 8, 2009 and will continue until October 16, 2009 with the wrapping paper pickup date of November 17, 2009.
- WMS BLT: Ms. Sheila Conley, Assistant Principal, reported the BLT has not met yet and is in the process of setting up their calendar for the year.

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- Elementary PTA: Mrs. Jenn DeFlorio, President, reported on the following activities: Boo-Hoo breakfast, movie night at Columbus Elementary School, and upcoming class parent teas.
- CES BLT: Mr. Michael Cunzio, Principal, reported the BLT's first meeting will be on September 29, 2009 and Back to School Night at Columbus Elementary was a huge success.
- HES BLT: Ms. Jennifer Antonaccio, teacher, reported on the following: members of the BLT; goals for the 09-10 school year; ASPIRE Program; state mandated physical education compliance.
- SEPTA: Ms. Sherrill Bastardi, President, reported on: teacher grants offered by SEPTA; membership drive; Meet and Greet with Ms. Nicole Schimpf, Director of Special Education on October 8, 2009; Family Photo Day on October 16, 18, 2009 ; Disco Dance on October 24, 2009; joint meeting with the Elementary PTA and Middle School PTA with a presentation on 'Organizing the Disorganized Child' on November 10, 2009.
- Westlake Athletic Club: None

### **III. REPORTS**

- President, Board of Education (Ms. Francine Aloï): Mrs. Aloï, President, began her report by welcoming everyone back to the 2009/2010 school year; introduced the new Director of Curriculum, Dr. Mary Elizabeth Wilson and the new Athletic Director, Ms. Donna Pirro. Ms. Aloï thanked Anthony Rendina, a Junior at Westlake High School, for taping the Board of Education Meeting.
- Superintendent of Schools (Dr. Susan Guiney): Dr. Guiney, Superintendent of Schools, began her remarks by advising the community the library renovation is near completion with an anticipated opening in early October. Dr. Guiney reported the new district motto is: Per aspera ad astra! which means through difficulties to the stars! Dr. Guiney reported on the Opening of School with a power point presentation. Dr. Guiney reported on the proposed plan to implement an Alternative High School and noted there is a FAQ on the website regarding the proposed Alternative High School. Dr. Guiney presented the Board of Education priorities for the 2009-2010 school year as follows:  
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 and Facilities - Evaluate district infrastructure for safety and security. New District staff members were then introduced by their respective building principals. In addition, teachers and teaching assistants that received tenure at the June Board of Education meeting were introduced. In addition, Dr. Guiney reported that Ms. Rosanna Caringi received the National Italian Teacher of the Year award. Dr. Guiney celebrated students for their academic achievements on NYS Regents and Proficiency Exams with certificates.

At this point in the meeting, residents were given the opportunity to address the Board with their questions and/or comments on the proposed alternative high school such as: organization of the alternative high school; funding; economic

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impact on the budget; enrollment requirements; modeling of the program; attendance requirements; location; staff; allocation of stimulus money; 'breaking ranks'; dissemination of information to parents; delay in parental notification; appointment of interim principal at the High School. Dr. Guiney advised that Mr. Frank Viteritti, has been appointed Principal of Research and Development and will provide a report on the establishment of an alternative high school. Information will be forthcoming during the school year.

**IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

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

BE IT RESOLVED: That the minutes of the August 26, 2009 regular Board of Education Meeting are hereby approved.

**VOTE: 6-0**

**V. OLD BUSINESS:** None

**VI. COMMENT ON NEW BUSINESS AGENDA ITEMS**

**A) ACCEPTANCE – FINANCIAL REPORT**

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

BE IT RESOLVED: That the Treasurer's Report for the period ending June 30, 2009 be approved.

**VOTE: 6-0**

**B) ACCEPTANCE - RESIGNATION**

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

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

Mary Ann Salomone, PT Treasurer, District Office  
Effective: August 26, 2009

Doug Fraser, Permanent Substitute, Hawthorne Elementary School  
Effective: September 1, 2009

**VOTE: 6-0**

**C) ACCEPTANCE – GIFT**

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

BE IT RESOLVED: That the Mount Pleasant Central School District Board of Education hereby accepts the gift in the amount of \$1,463.96 from the Mount Pleasant Teachers

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Association in honor of Dr. Alfred Lodovico to be used for the Westlake Middle/High Library.

**VOTE: 6-0**

**D) APPROVAL – STANDARD WORKDAY FOR MOUNT PLEASANT SCHOOL RELATED EMPLOYEES ASSOCIATION (SCHOOL AIDES/SCHOOL MONITORS)**

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

**WHEREAS**, the members of the Mount Pleasant School Related Employees Association (School Aides/ School Monitors) are eligible to participate in the New York State Employees Retirement System; and

**WHEREAS**, the New York State Comptroller has been delegated the authority to promulgate rules and regulations for the reporting of service and salary information for all system participants under Retirement and Social Security Law Section 34; and

**WHEREAS**, the Comptroller has adopted reporting rules in 2 NYCRR 315; and

**WHEREAS**, the District has been in communication with the Office of the Comptroller regarding the existence of the standard workday for the Mount Pleasant School Related Employees Association (School Aides/School Monitors); and

**WHEREAS**, the Office of the Comptroller has directed the District to pass a formal resolution regarding the standard workday of the above referenced Association for purposes of retirement reporting; and

**NOW, THEREFORE**, in compliance with the Comptroller's Reporting Rules and directives,

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the standard work day for members of the Mount Pleasant School Related Employees Association for the purposes of retirement reporting shall be the six and one-half (6.5) hours per day that is currently in existence in the District.

**VOTE: 6-0**

**E) APPROVAL – STANDARD WORK DAY FOR THE SUPERINTENDENT OF BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS AND INTERNAL CLAIMS AUDITOR**

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

**WHEREAS**, the Superintendent of Buildings and Grounds and the Internal Claims Auditor are eligible to participate in the New York State Employees Retirement System; and

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**WHEREAS**, the New York State Comptroller has been delegated the authority to promulgate rules and regulations for the reporting of service and salary information for all system participants under Retirement and Social Security Law Section 34; and

**WHEREAS**, the Comptroller has adopted reporting rules in 2 NYCRR 315; and

**WHEREAS**, the District has been in communication with the Office of the Comptroller regarding the existence of the standard workday for the Superintendent of Buildings and Grounds and the Internal Claims Auditor; and

**WHEREAS**, the Office of the Comptroller has directed the District to pass a formal resolution regarding the standard workday of the above referenced personnel for purposes of retirement reporting; and

**NOW, THEREFORE**, in compliance with the Comptroller's Reporting Rules and directives,

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the standard workday for the Superintendent of Buildings and Grounds and the Internal Claims Auditor for the purposes of retirement reporting shall be eight hours per day that is currently in existence in the District.

**VOTE: 6-0**

**F) APPROVAL – STANDARD WORKDAY FOR SECRETARY TO THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS**

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

**WHEREAS**, the Secretary to the Superintendent of Schools is eligible to participate in the New York State Employees Retirement System; and

**WHEREAS**, the New York State Comptroller has been delegated the authority to promulgate rules and regulations for the reporting of service and salary information for all system participants under Retirement and Social Security Law Section 34; and

**WHEREAS**, the Comptroller has adopted reporting rules in 2 NYCRR 315; and

**WHEREAS**, the District has been in communication with the Office of the Comptroller regarding the existence of the standard workday for the Secretary to the Superintendent; and

**WHEREAS**, the Office of the Comptroller has directed the District to pass a formal resolution regarding the standard workday of the above referenced position for purposes of retirement reporting; and

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**NOW, THEREFORE**, in compliance with the Comptroller's Reporting Rules and directives,

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the standard workday for the Secretary to the Superintendent for the purposes of retirement reporting shall be seven hours per day that is currently in existence in the District.

**VOTE: 6-0**

**G) APPROVAL - AMENDMENT TO PROBATIONARY APPOINTMENT**

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

BE IT RESOLVED: That the probationary appointment originally requested and approved at the July 2, 2009 Board of Education meeting for:

**THERESA DILEO**, Special Education

Assigned To: Westlake High School

Certification: Initial Certificate in Students With Disabilities (Grades 5-9), Generalist

Effective: September 1, 2009 – September 1, 2012

Salary Placement: M.A. Step 6 - \$77,038

be amended as follows:

**THERESA DILEO**, Special Education

Assigned To: Westlake High School

Certification: Initial Certificate in Students With Disabilities (Grades 5-9), Generalist

Effective: September 1, 2009 – September 1, 2012

Salary Placement: M.A.+30 Step 6 - \$83,684

**VOTE: 6-0**

**H) APPROVAL – SERVICE PROVIDER, CONTRACT & AGREEMENT 2009/2010 SCHOOL YEAR**

Motion made by Mrs. Donato, seconded by Mr. D'Ambroso 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 agreement with the outside agency and therapists as listed below to provide services to students with disabilities during the 2009/2010 school year:

Adelia (DaSilva) Eddy.

**VOTE: 6-0**

**I) APPROVAL – CONTRACT, ECHOSIGN INC.**

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

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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 contract for EchoSign, Inc. in the amount of \$2500.00 for the period of 7/1/2009 to 6/30/2010 to provide electronic distribution of District policies.

**VOTE: 6-0**

**J) APPROVAL – CHANGE ORDERS, WESTLAKE MIDDLE SCHOOL/HIGH SCHOOL LIBRARY**

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

BE IT RESOLVED: That the Board of Education hereby approves the following change orders and authorizes the Board of Education President to sign said change orders on behalf of the Mount Pleasant Central School District:

Abbott & Price, Inc. – Change Order AP01 – Add: \$125,000.15

Healy Electric Contracting, Inc. – Change Order HE01 – Add: \$671.00

**VOTE: 6-0**

**K) APPROVAL – ESTABLISHMENT OF PRINCIPAL OF SECONDARY RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT POSITION**

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

BE IT RESOLVED that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, effective September 16, 2009, the following position shall be created:

Principal of Secondary Research and Development; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Frank Viteritti shall be transferred from his current position of tenured Principal, assigned to the High School, to the position of tenured Principal of Secondary Research and Development, which assignment is deemed by the District to be within Mr. Viteritti's tenure area and he will continue to accrue seniority in said tenure area, to wit, Principal.

**VOTE: 6-0**

**L) APPROVAL-CONSENT AGENDA**

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

BE IT RESOLVED: That the attached Consent Agenda 09/10, P-4, 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

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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-3 Civil Service personnel is hereby approved. All appointments are contingent on fingerprint clearance through the New York State Education Department.

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

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

**IX. ADJOURNMENT:** There being no further comment or question, at approximately 10:50 pm, Mrs. Donato motioned, Mr. D'Ambroso seconded and unanimously adopted by the Board to enter into Executive Session for the purposes of discussing a specific personnel matter. At approximately 11:40 pm, motion made by Mr. D'Ambroso, seconded by Mr. Pinchiaroli and unanimously adopted by the Board to close Executive Session and return to the public session. At approximately 11:45 pm, motion made by Mr. D'Ambroso, seconded by Mrs. Fowler and unanimously adopted by the Board to adjourn the September 16, 2009 Board of Education Meeting.

Mary Beth Mancuso  
District Clerk

Approved: 10/21/09



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**SCHEDULE 09/10, P-4 PROFESSIONAL PERSONNEL APPOINTMENTS**

**AIS SUBSTITUTES FOR SUMMER ACADEMIC INTERVENTION SERVICES PROGRAM**

**ROSE ZEITCHICK**, Westlake Middle School  
Effective: July 7, 2009  
Salary: \$64.00/hour

**ALLISON TREACY**, Westlake Middle School  
Effective: July 6, 2009 and July 10, 2009  
Salary: \$64.00/hour

**SUMMER HOURS FOR WESTLAKE HIGH SCHOOL GUIDANCE COUNSELORS**

**DONNA GARR**, Westlake High School  
Total Days: 10  
Salary: \$64.00/hr per the agreement with the Mount Pleasant Central School District Teachers Association

**NICK DIPAOLO**, Westlake High School  
Total Days: 6  
Salary: \$64.00/hr per the agreement with the Mount Pleasant Central School District Teachers Association

**CONNIE COTRONE**, Westlake High School  
Total Days: 6  
Salary: \$64.00/hr per the agreement with the Mount Pleasant Central School District Teachers Association

**TANIA GRECO**, Westlake High School  
Total Days: 6  
Salary: \$64.00/hr per the agreement with the Mount Pleasant Central School District Teachers Association

**SUMMER HOURS FOR WESTLAKE HIGH SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGIST**

**JOHN PETRUSKA**, Westlake High School  
Total Days: 2  
Salary: 1/200<sup>TH</sup> of individual salary per the agreement with the Mount Pleasant Central School District Teachers Association

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**SCHEDULE 09/10, C-3 CIVIL SERVICE APPOINTMENTS**

**TEACHER AIDE APPOINTMENT 2009/2010**

**FRANK SANTORO**

Teacher Aide

Westlake Middle School

Effective: September 1, 2009-June 30, 2010

Salary: \$15.25/hr