

**BOARD OF EDUCATION
MEETING MINUTES
JANUARY 15, 2014**

PRESENT:

James Grieco, President
Vincent D'Ambroso
Laurie Donato
Theresa Fowler
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

ABSENT:

Eric Schulze, Vice President
Thomas McCabe, Board Member

I. CALL TO ORDER: Mr. Grieco, President, opened the January 15, 2014 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.

Following the opening of the meeting, Dr. Guiney announced that tonight some of the students in the District's music program have been invited to entertain the audience and show off their talents and skills. The students performing tonight are from Columbus Elementary and Westlake High School. Ms. Barbara Schulz, Columbus Elementary music teacher, introduced five students that were selected for the All Westchester County Elementary School Band and they played brief excerpts from their audition pieces.

Following the musicians from Columbus Elementary School, representatives from the WHS Blenders sang the Star Spangled Banner.

Dr. Guiney continued that a large portion of student body participates in the excellent music programs at the schools and the District is very fortunate to have the support of the Board of Education and thanked the instructors who teach music. Dr. Guiney thanked the students for coming and for their wonderful performances. Mr. Grieco, on behalf of the Board of Education, thanked the musicians for showcasing their talents tonight.

II. ANNOUNCEMENTS/INFORMATION ITEMS:

- ❑ WHS Student Council: Ms. Jeannine Ederer, reported for the Student Council, on the following: the Student Council is working on finding a public speaker that will educate the students on different issues; plans for Spring Fling have begun; the next meeting is on January 23 and all students are welcome.
- ❑ WHS PTA: Ms. Marybeth Ederer, President, began her report by wishing everyone a happy New Year. Ms. Ederer reported the next PTA meeting will be on February 3rd; membership and scholarship drives are ongoing and noted that the PTA would like to give out 15 scholarships to high school seniors and asked for support of the fundraisers and the various activities pertaining to the student body.
- ❑ WHS BLT: Mr. Schenker, Principal, reported the BLT did not meet in January and the next meeting will be on February 5th.
- ❑ WMS PTA: Ms. Jenn DeFlorio, Co-President, opened her report by wishing everyone a happy New Year. Ms. DeFlorio continued that the next PTA meeting will be on January 23 in the LGI room in the Middle School and that Mrs. Cowles will be presenting the bullying film that was made last year at WMS and Detective Valentino will be doing a follow up to the cyber bullying presentation of last spring. Also, at the PTA meeting, there will be a membership raffle for anyone who has joined the PTA prior to the meeting. Ms. DeFlorio acknowledged all those who have joined and the sponsors for participating in the membership raffle. Ms. DeFlorio thanked the members for volunteering their time on various fundraisers and reported the next fundraiser will be on March 7th and this year's theme will be a game show.
- ❑ WMS BLT: Mr. Bret Sowka, faculty member of the BLT, reported the BLT met yesterday and discussed the following: the 6th grade math position that they are currently interviewing for; ideas for the future of WMS; performing arts/language options; summer writers' academy; continuation of the Teachers College Reading and Writing Program; math program; facilities bond and how it will affect WMS; the tour of the facilities, especially the 'dungeon'; wished everyone a happy New Year.
- ❑ Elementary PTA: Ms. Jenn DeFlorio, liaison, wished everyone a happy New Year and continued that the Holiday Fair had a good turnout and thanked those involved for organizing the Fair. Ms. DeFlorio continued reporting on the following: Family Bowling is on January 26th; Father/Daughter Dance is on February 1st; the PTA Reflections Committee received 14 entries which were sent on to the statewide competition; a Constant Contact account has been set up to reduce the amount of flyers and to generate increase communication with the membership; next PTA meeting will be on March 4th pending building availability and the topic will be "Meals on the Move" – How to Eat Healthy on the Run; and the spring fundraiser will begin soon.
- ❑ Columbus BLT: Mr. Michael Cunzio, Principal, reported the next BLT meeting will be on January 28th.
- ❑ Hawthorne BLT: Mr. Jerry Schulman, Principal, reported the BLT will be meeting on January 22nd at 3:15 pm in the conference room.
- ❑ Westlake Athletic Club: Mr. Ed Barnes, WAC member, reported disco night on January 24th at The Stone Manor is sold out and thanked everyone who will be attending.

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- Mr. Barnes continued that WAC has 94 members and is actively recruiting. The golf outing will be on April 24th at the Elmwood Country Club.
- Mount Pleasant Education Foundation: No report.

III. REPORTS

- Update from the Math Consultant: Cornelis deGroot, Ph.D. math consultant, gave an update on the mathematics audit. Dr. deGroot presented his findings and vision for the District's math program.
- Energy Education - Mr. Jerry Schulman, District energy specialist, reported on the following: the holiday shutdown was successful; the cafeterias were able to shut down many appliances; the Cenergistic Conference is this weekend and he will be attending; and thanked the entire District staff for their commitment to energy savings.
- Board of Education: Mr. James Grieco, President, reported on the tour of the facilities and that it was an eye opener for the members of the Facilities Steering Committee. Mr. Grieco continued the tour allowed the members to see areas they have never seen and to witness first-hand the condition of the facilities. The next stage of the proposed bond will be to see drawings/models from the architects and then to allocate costs to the scenarios.
- Superintendent of Schools: Dr. Susan Guiney reported that the members of the Facilities Steering Committee represent all facets of the community (teachers, parents, members of the administrative team, community members who may not have children in the schools); and at the last meeting, a tour was taken of the facilities at WMS and WHS. Ms. Farrell, District public relations coordinator, took pictures of the areas to document the tour and will be posting those pictures on the website so the public can view the status of the facilities and become aware of the proposals. Dr. Guiney continued members of the staff are engaged in conversation about what they are looking for in order to assist them in the instructional program. Dr. Guiney continued that teachers at the Middle School and High School will be receiving surveys as well as students.

IV. APPROVAL of MINUTES

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

BE IT RESOLVED: That the minutes of the December 18, 2013 monthly Board of Education meeting be approved.

VOTE: 5– 0

V. OLD BUSINESS: None

VI. COMMENT ON NEW BUSINESS AGENDA ITEMS: None

VII. NEW BUSINESS – ACTION ITEMS

Motion made by Mr. D'Ambroso, seconded by Ms. Fowler, to adopt Resolution A through N in a single motion as printed on the agenda.

VOTE: 5 – 0

CONSENT AGENDA

A) ACCEPTANCE – RESIGNATION

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

Janine Corbett, Teacher Aide, Columbus Elementary School
Effective: December 12, 2013

B) APPROVAL – FINANCIAL REPORTS

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

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That the Board of Education accepts the report from the claims auditor on warrant # 11 & # 12.

C) APPROVAL – HEALTH SERVICES 2013/2014

BE IT RESOLVED: That the Board of Education hereby approves the following health and welfare services contracts for the 2013-14 school year:

Dobbs Ferry Union Free School District: 1 student @ \$1,063.59 for a total of \$1,063.59

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

D) APPROVAL – DISPOSAL OF EQUIPMENT

BE IT RESOLVED: That the Board of Education approves the disposal of obsolete equipment in such a manner that shall be advantageous to the District in accordance with Policy # 5250.

Broken Wheelchair (1)
8' Movie Screens (3)
36" Old Television (1)
54" Projection Television (1)
20" Televisions (2)
Old Laminator (1)
Broken Smart Boards (7)

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1980 Printers (5)
 1980 Macintosh Towers (4)

E) APPROVAL – TRANSFER OF FUNDS

BE IT RESOLVED: That the Board of Education hereby authorizes the following budget transfers for the 2013-2014 year as specified below:

TRANSFER TO:			TRANSFER FROM:		
ACCOUNT TITLE	CODE	AMOUNT	ACCOUNT TITLE	CODE	AMOUNT
SALARIES - CLERICAL	A1240-160-07-1500	22,076.20	SALARIES - CLERICAL	A2020-160-07-1500	22,076.20
CONTRACTUAL EXPENSE	A1620-400-07-4200	50,000.00	SALARIES - B&G SUPERVISOR	A1620-160-07-1000	50,000.00
FIRE ALARM SYSTEM	A1621-400-07-4260	7,000.00	SPECIAL PROJECTS	A1621-400-07-4280	7,000.00
SALARIES - CLERICAL	A1680-160-07-1500	33,000.00	SALARIES - CLERICAL	A2010-160-07-1500	28,435.36
			SALARIES - SUMMER	A2010-150-07-1100	4,564.64
CONFERENCES - TRAVEL DW	A2010-400-07-4700	4,500.00	CONTRACTUAL EXPENSE	A2010-400-07-4000	2,000.00
			CONFERENCES & TRAVEL - CES	A2010-400-01-4700	500.00
			CONFERENCES & TRAVEL - HES	A2010-400-02-4700	2,000.00
CONFERENCES - TRAVEL DIRECTOR	A2010-400-07-4701	4,000.00	CONTRACTUAL EXPENSE	A2010-400-07-4000	4,000.00
SALARIES - GRADE 7-12	A2110-130-00-1100	90,900.98	SALARIES - SPECIAL ED TEACHERS	A2250-150-00-1100	33,000.00
			SALARIES - K-6	A2110-120-00-1100	56,000.00
			SALARIES - LEADERSHIP	A2110-120-00-1152	1,900.98
LONGEVITY - 7-12	A2110-130-00-1110	2,436.00	SALARIES - CLERICAL	A2020-160-07-1500	2,436.00
EQUIPMENT - TEACHING CES	A2110-200-01-2000	2,171.39	EQUIPMENT - TEACHING HES	A2110-200-02-2000	2,171.39
SALARIES - LIBRARY AIDE	A2610-160-00-1400	32,083.96	SALARIES - TEACHING ASST	A2610-150-00-1200	32,083.96
CONTRACTUAL EXPENSE - PRINTERS	A2630-400-07-4000	5,000.00	MATERIALS & SUPPLIES	A2630-450-07-5000	5,000.00
SALARIES - GUIDANCE	A2810-150-00-1100	2,079.00	SALARIES - SUMMER	A2820-150-00-1120	2,079.00
SALARIES - GUIDANCE OTHER	A2810-150-00-1150	6,833.20	SALARIES - SUMMER	A2820-150-00-1120	6,131.00
			SALARIES - TEACHING ASST	A2610-150-00-1200	702.20
SALARIES - CUSTODIAL OT	A2855-160-07-1630	7,914.25	SALARIES - CUSTODIAL WHS	A1620-160-04-1600	7,914.25

F) 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: November 13, 20 – 2013
 December 6, 2013

CSE: November 21, 26 – 2013
 December 3, 20 – 2013

G) APPROVAL - SPECIAL EDUCATION OUT OF DISTRICT PLACEMENT CONTRACT, 2013/2014 - AMENDED

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BE IT RESOLVED: That in accordance with the recommendation of the Director of Special Education and Student Services, the contract with Bronxville Union Free School District, originally approved at the September 18, 2013 Board of Education meeting, shall be amended to reflect the change in tuition from \$95,000.00 to \$99,906.00 for the 2013/2014 school year.

H) APPROVAL – EXTRA CURRICULAR APPOINTMENT, 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 appointment for the 2013/2014 school year:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Stipend</u>	
Regina Sweeney	MS Choreographer	\$1,838	(eff. date 1/9/14)

I) APPROVAL – MODIFICATION TO PART-TIME APPOINTMENT

BE IT RESOLVED: That the part-time appointment for Darlene Boysa, previously requested and approved at the August 28, 2013 Board of Education meeting, be modified to .6 effective January 6, 2014 through June 30, 2014.

J) APPROVAL – MODIFICATION TO LONG-TERM SUBSTITUTE APPOINTMENT

BE IT RESOLVED: That the long-term substitute appointment for Tina Marrone, previously requested and approved at the December 18, 2013 Board of Education meeting, be modified to .6 effective January 6, 2014 through February 11, 2014.

K) APPROVAL – EXTRA CURRICULAR APPOINTMENT RESCINDED

BE IT RESOLVED: That the Modified Track (Winter Sports) appointment for Tina Nicodemo, originally requested and approved at the July 10, 2013 Board of Education meeting, is hereby rescinded.

L) APPROVAL – EXTRA CURRICULAR APPOINTMENTS, 2013/2014 SCHOOL YEAR (WINTER SPORTS)

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:

<u>Position</u>	<u>Coach</u>	<u>Stipend</u>
Modified Track	Devon White/Dan Casey (\$2,034 each)	\$4,068

M) APPROVAL – TUITION REIMBURSEMENT, 2013/2014 SCHOOL YEAR

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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:

Daniel Malone, Hawthorne Elementary School
Course Title: Practicum in Secondary School Administration
School: University of Scranton via University Alliance
Total Cost: \$1,425 Approved: \$712.50

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.

N) APPROVAL - CONSENT AGENDA

BE IT RESOLVED: That the attached Consent Agenda 13/14, P-8, 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-8, 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 9:28 pm, motion made by Mr. Pinchiaroli, seconded by Ms. Fowler, and unanimously adopted by the Board to enter into executive session in the Professional Library to discuss collective bargaining matters and pending litigation. At approximately 10:20 pm, motion made by Mr. D'Ambroso, seconded by Ms. Fowler, and unanimously adopted by the Board to close the executive session and return to the public session. There being no further business, at approximately 10:25 pm, motion made by Mr. Pinchiaroli, seconded by Mr. D'Ambroso, and unanimously adopted by the Board to adjourn the January 15, 2014 Board of Education meeting.

Mary Beth Mancuso
District Clerk

PENDING BOARD APPROVAL

SCHEDULE 13/14, P-8 PROFESSIONAL PERSONNEL APPOINTMENTS

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ADDITIONAL TEACHING ASSIGNMENT

Bernadette Kuntz, Hawthorne Elementary School
Assigned : Additional 30 minutes 5 out of 6 cycle days
Certification: Permanent Certification in Speech & Hearing Handicapped
Effective: December 16, 2013.– June 30, 2014
Salary: Paid in accordance with the Mount Pleasant Central School District Teachers Association agreement

LUNCH DUTY – WESTLAKE MIDDLE SCHOOL, 2013/2014 SCHOOL YEAR

Bret Sowka
Tom Hall
Elizabeth Paganelli
Phil Cutrone
Michelle Wynne
Kerry Dockett
Keira Godwin (Eff. 9/1/13-12/20/13)
Tina Nicodemo
Michele Caterino
Brian Conroy
Christine Silidjian
Bill Schiavone
Ann Reilly
Gina Ruggiero
Tina Woolard

All employees named above are authorized to work as assigned not to exceed one period per day for the 2013/2014 school year.

Stipend: Lunch Duty will be paid in accordance with the Mount Pleasant Central School District Teachers Association agreement.

PERMANENT SUBSTITUTE APPOINTMENT, 2013/2014 SCHOOL YEAR

Katie Forsythe, Hawthorne Elementary School
Effective: January 6, 2014 – June 30, 2014
Salary: \$100/Day

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PER-DIEM SUBSTITUTE APPOINTMENT, 2013/2014 SCHOOL YEAR

Tina Marrone
Effective: December 9, 2013 – June 30, 2014

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SCHEDULE 13/14, C-8 CIVIL SERVICE APPOINTMENTS

APPROVAL – HOURLY APPOINTMENTS

Luke Unneland, Teacher Aide
Assigned To: Varsity Track & Field
Effective: December 2, 2013 – June 15, 2014
Salary: \$16.35/hour

Pam Andriola, Teacher Aide
Assigned To: Modified Track & Field
Effective: December 2, 2013 – June 15, 2014
Salary: \$19.84/hour

Barrington Daley, Teacher Aide
Assigned To: Modified Track & Field
Effective: December 2, 2013 – June 15, 2014
Salary: \$22.20/hour

Dawn McQuade McCarrick, Registered Professional Nurse
Assigned To: Nursing Coverage for Student Athletes (Winter/Spring Seasons)
Effective: December 2, 2013 – June 15, 2014
Salary: \$38.26/hour

Lisa Feldman, Registered Professional Nurse
Assigned To: Nursing Coverage for Student Athletes (Winter/Spring Seasons)
Effective: December 2, 2013 – June 15, 2014
Salary: \$38.26/hour

CHAPERONE/SCOREKEEPER/ANNOUNCER APPOINTMENTS, 2013/2014 SCHOOL YEAR

Danielle Aniades
Jerry Banner
Mimi Lizarzaburu