

**MOUNT PLEASANT CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING – JUNE 16, 2010**

**BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING MINUTES
JUNE 16, 2010**

PRESENT:

Francine Aloï, President
Laurie Donato, Vice President
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
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. Lander, Supt. of Bldgs & Grounds
D. Pirro, Director of PE/Health & Athletics
Faculty Members
Staff Members
Residents

ABSENT

Vincent D'Ambroso

*arrived at approximately 9:00 pm.

I. CALL TO ORDER: Ms. Aloï, President, convened the June 16 2010 meeting of the Board of Education at approximately 8:09 pm and asked everyone to stand for a moment of silence and the Pledge of Allegiance

II. ANNOUNCEMENTS/INFORMATION ITEMS

- WHS Student Council: Ms. Ariana Mingione thanked the Board and administrators for their support, as this is her last time reporting for the Student Council. Ms. Mingione reported on recent events such as the Cystic Fibrosis Fundraiser and May Madness activity. Ms. Mingione announced the following sophomores would be on the Executive Board: Megan Maher as Secretary, Bridget Boccio as Treasurer, Matt Hill as Executive Communications Relations Director. Ms. Mingione wished the Executive Board the best of luck in the coming school year.
- WHS PTA: Ms. Annamarie Cerreta, Vice President, reported on the following PTA hosted events: staff appreciation luncheon, honor roll and yearbook breakfasts and pre-prom festivities. Ms. Cerreta thanked everyone for their support, especially the custodial staff at the High School. Ms. Cerreta also reported on the awarding of PTA scholarships to high school seniors, the comedy night fundraiser, and the new Executive Board committee members. Ms. Cerreta thanked Mr. Bruce Ferguson for being Principal of the high school this year. She wished everyone a great summer!

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- ❑ WHS BLT: No report.
- ❑ WMS PTA: No report
- ❑ WMS BLT: Mr. Jerry Schulman, Principal, reported the BLT's annual report will be presented to Dr. Guiney and the Board of Education. Mr. Schulman also announced the Middle School Yearbooks were presented to the Board of Education and recognized the PTA for sponsoring the teacher/staff appreciation luncheon. Mr. Schulman wished everyone a happy and healthy summer vacation.
- ❑ Elementary PTA: Ms. Jenn DeFlorio, President, reported on the successful family fun night. Ms. DeFlorio expressed her appreciation to the members of the Executive Board, Dr. Guiney, Board of Education, teachers and staff for a wonderful year.
- ❑ Columbus BLT: Mr. Cunzio, Principal, reported that the BLT's annual report will be forwarded to Dr. Guiney and the Board of Education.
- ❑ Hawthorne BLT: Ms. Ethel Zai-Fiorello, Principal, highlighted the many activities which occurred at Hawthorne Elementary School during the past year, such as the 4th Annual Science and Technology Fair, the formation of the Green Team Subcommittee, and the after-school program at Hawthorne Elementary School. Ms. Zai-Fiorello thanked the Parent Advisory Committee for their time and dedication. In addition, the BLT worked to improve playground safety for all students. Ms. Zai-Fiorello stated that the BLT has many goals for the new year including: recommending a District Level Team be put in place, building Council members to join the BLT, using the website to post agenda items and minutes, clarification of the bus pass procedure and ways to promote good character within HES.
- ❑ Westlake Athletic Club: Ms. Donna Pirro, Director of Physical Education, Health and Athletics, reported for Mr. Anthony Sardo, President, on the success of the golf outing and thanked all those who supported the fundraiser.

III. REPORTS

- ❑ President, Board of Education: Mrs. Francine Aloj, on behalf of the Board of Education thanked the Superintendent of Schools, the administrators, faculty, staff, students and all the parent volunteer committees for a great school year and the community for all their support. Mrs. Aloj highlighted the many successful recent events; such as pre-prom, the prom, concerts, art shows, etc.
- ❑ Superintendent of Schools: Dr. Susan Guiney, reported that the Mount Pleasant Central School District was accepted into the Tri-States Consortium, which is a tremendous accomplishment as it recognizes the high performance of our school district. Dr. Guiney also reported that Standard & Poor's rating of the school district has increased from A to AA-, which is another accomplishment; Westlake High School seniors have been accepted into wonderful colleges and they will be celebrated at graduation and two members of our faculty have been awarded tenure.

At this time, Dr. Guiney invited Mrs. Theresa Fowler, Board Member, to the podium, to assist in presenting a certificate of recognition from Westchester

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Putnam School Boards to Francine Aloï, Board President. This certificate recognizes the dedication, hard work and efforts of Mrs. Aloï to the staff, faculty, administrators, students and community members of Mt. Pleasant. Mrs. Aloï thanked everyone for acknowledging her commitment to Mt. Pleasant.

- Presentation of Westlake High School Yearbooks to Board of Education and Superintendent of Schools: Ms. Stephanie Hopkins, High School Senior, presented the yearbook to the Board of Education and Dr. Guiney. Ms. Hopkins thanked Mr. Bruce Ferguson, Ms. Curran and Mr. Nadell, Senior Advisors for all their hard work and assistance. Ms. Hopkins reported the yearbook was dedicated to Mr. Nadell.

At this time, there was a ten-minute break prior to the start of Dr. Guiney's presentation on Teacher Tenure and the Annual Professional Performance Review (APPR). Dr. Guiney reported on the process involved in granting teacher tenure. Dr. Mary Elizabeth Wilson addressed the audience on the APPR and the work of the APPR Committee.

IV: APPROVAL of MINUTES

Motion made by Mrs. Donato, seconded by Mrs. Fowler as follows:

BE IT RESOLVED: That the minutes of the May 18, 2010 Certification of Budget Vote, May 19, 2010 monthly Board of Education meeting and the May 25, 2010 and June 2, 2010 Board of Education meetings be approved.

VOTE: 5 - 0

V. OLD BUSINESS: None

VI. COMMENT ON NEW BUSINESS AGENDA ITEMS: None

VII. NEW BUSINESS – ACTION ITEMS

A) APPROVAL - TREASURER'S REPORT

Motion made by Mrs. Donato, seconded by Mrs. Fowler as follows:

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

April, 2010

VOTE: 5 - 0

B) APPROVAL – ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE WRITE-OFF

Motion made by Mrs. Donato, seconded by Mrs. Fowler as follows:

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BE IT RESOLVED: That the Board of Education hereby authorizes the write-off of uncollectible accounts receivable in the amount of \$88,169.91. Of that amount, \$77,443.25 has been previously reserved in the Allowance for Uncollectible Accounts, and \$10,726.66 will offset current year revenue.

VOTE: 5 - 0

C) APPROVAL – INTERFUND TRANSFER

Motion made by Mrs. Donato, seconded by Mrs. Fowler as follows:

BE IT RESOLVED: That the Board of Education hereby authorizes the interfund transfer from the Trust and Agency Fund to the General Fund in the amount of \$55,829.38. This amount represents balances remaining in inactive accounts.

VOTE: 5 – 0

D) APPROVAL – HEALTH SERVICES CONTRACT 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 contract for the 2009/2010 school year:

Katonah-Lewisboro Union Free School District: 1 student @ \$942.60 for a total of \$942.60

VOTE: 5 – 0

E) APPROVAL – CPSE 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 at their meetings listed below are hereby approved. Copies of said recommendations are on file in the office of the District Clerk:

CPSE: March 16, 24
 April 6, 8, 13, 20, 22, 23
 May 6, 13, 19
 June 1

VOTE: 5 – 0

F) APPROVAL-INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR – 2009/2010 SCHOOL YEAR

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

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BE IT RESOLVED: That in accordance with the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Mount Pleasant Board of Education hereby approves the following individual to provide Fall and Winter Swimming Scorekeeping services for the 2009/2010 school year:

Rhonda Jeffay - \$103 per swim meet

VOTE: 5 – 0

G) APPROVAL-APPOINTMENT OF SUBSTITUTE CALLERS 2010/2011

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 following Substitute Caller appointments are hereby approved effective for the 2010/2011 school year:

Debbie Udice, Hawthorne Elementary School – Stipend \$2,250
Susan Auriemma, Columbus Elementary School – Stipend \$2,250
Felicia Sgueglia, Westlake Middle School – Stipend \$2,250
Patricia Pucarelli, Westlake High School – Stipend \$2,250

VOTE: 5 – 0

H) APPROVAL - EXTENSION OF PROBATIONARY PERIOD, JUUL AGREEMENT

Motion to table resolution to the June 29, 2010 meeting made by Mrs. Aloï

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education herewith approves the letter agreement and general release dated June 16, 2010 between the Board of Education and Employee Number 2334; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the probationary period for Employee Number 2334 shall herewith be extended from June 30, 2010 to June 30, 2011 in accordance with the above-referenced letter agreement and general release.

VOTE: 5 – 0

I) APPROVAL-TENURE RECOMMENDATION, PROFESSIONAL - HAWTHORNE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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

BE IT RESOLVED: That the following teacher be granted a tenure appointment, as noted, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, provided however,

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said teacher shall have successfully completed their probationary appointment:

<u>TEACHER</u>	<u>TENURE AREA</u>	<u>EFFECTIVE DATE</u>	<u>CERTIFICATION</u>
Melissa Stallman	Elementary	9/1/10	Pre-K, Kindergarten & Gr. 1-6, Permanent

VOTE: 5 – 0

**J) APPROVAL-TENURE RECOMMENDATION, PROFESSIONAL- WESTLAKE
MIDDLE SCHOOL**

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

BE IT RESOLVED: That the following teacher be granted a tenure appointment, as noted, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, provided however, said teacher shall have successfully completed their probationary appointment:

<u>TEACHER</u>	<u>TENURE AREA</u>	<u>EFFECTIVE DATE</u>	<u>CERTIFICATION</u>
Sandra Tiberii	Special Education	9/1/10	Special Education, Permanent

VOTE: 5 – 0

K) 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-13, Professional Personnel Appointments are hereby approved. All appointments are contingent on fingerprint clearance through the New York State Education Department.

VOTE: 5 – 0

ADDENDUM

**APPROVAL – APPOINTMENT OF ORGANIZATION TO PROVIDE AFTER SCHOOL
CARE SERVICES**

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

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education herewith appoints Easter Seals of New York to provide after school care services to students residing within the Mount Pleasant Central School District for the 2010 - 2011 school year; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that said appointment is subject to the negotiation of a mutually acceptable license agreement between the Board and Easter Seals of New York.

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VIII. OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENTS TO BOARD OF EDUCATION: The President of the MPTA as well as faculty members, students and parents addressed the Board regarding the tenure process as well as the denial of tenure to Mr. Nadell, Ms. Moccia and Ms. McCray. In addition, the President of the MPTA commented on the newly created position of Director of Guidance.

Mrs. Aloï, Board President, thanked everyone for attending the meeting tonight. Mrs. Aloï said the Board respects all the opinions and comments made tonight. Mrs. Aloï advised the audience that under New York State Education Law, the decision to grant tenure is at the sole discretion of the Superintendent of Schools, not the Board of Education.

IX. ADJOURNMENT: At approximately 10:03 pm, motion made by Mrs. Fowler, seconded by Mrs. O'Connor and unanimously adopted by the Board to enter into Executive Session to discuss the evaluation of the Superintendent of Schools. At approximately 11:10 pm, motion made by Mr. Pinchiaroli, seconded by Mrs. Donato and unanimously adopted by the Board to adjourn the executive session and return to public session. At approximately 11:15 pm, motion made by Mrs. Donato, seconded by Mrs. Fowler and unanimously adopted by the Board to adjourn the June 16, 2010 Board of Education meeting.

Mary Beth Mancuso
District Clerk

Approved: 7/6/10

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SCHEDULE 09/10, P-13, Professional Personnel Appointments

**SUMMER ACADEMY PROGRAM, COLUMBUS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL:
JULY 6 – JULY 29, 2010**

KRISTEN TALUSAN, ELA
Salary: \$65/hour

JEN RUTLEDGE, ELA
Salary: \$65/hour

LOREDANA UGUCCIONI, ELA
Salary: \$65/hour

LORI CUTRONE, Math
Salary: \$65/hour

(Not to exceed 32 hours per person)

**SUBSTITUTE FOR SUMMER ACADEMY PROGRAM, COLUMBUS ELEMENTARY
SCHOOL: JULY 6 – JULY 29, 2010**

DAWN TURCO
Salary: \$65/hour

**SUMMER VOYAGE ENRICHMENT PROGRAM, COLUMBUS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL:
JUNE 28 – JULY 15, 2010**

TRACEY ARMISTO
Salary: \$64/hour (June 28 – June 30, 2010)
Salary: \$65/hour (July 1 – July 15, 2010)

LAURALEE CHAMBERS
Salary: \$64/hour (June 28 – June 30, 2010)
Salary: \$65/hour (July 1 – July 15, 2010)

CARRIE DAVIDSON
Salary: \$64/hour (June 28 – June 30, 2010)
Salary: \$65/hour (July 1 – July 15, 2010)

(Not to exceed 60 hours per person)

**SUBSTITUTE FOR SUMMER VOYAGE ENRICHMENT PROGRAM, COLUMBUS
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL: JUNE 28 – JULY 15, 2010**

DAWN TURCO
Salary: \$64/hour (June 28 – June 30, 2010)
Salary: \$65/hour (July 1 – July 15, 2010)

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**SUMMER ACADEMY PROGRAM, HAWTHORNE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL:
JULY 6 – JULY 22, 2010**

TEACHERS

CAROL GOLD

Salary: \$65/hour

COLLEEN MAHER

Salary: \$65/hour

MICHAEL PAQUETTE

Salary: \$65/hour

(Not to exceed 18 hours per person)

TEACHER AIDES

GINA BRUNO

Salary: \$22.67*

MARIA DIGIANNANTONIO

Salary: \$22.67*

GINA TOMANELLI

Salary: \$21.87

*Salary includes \$0.80/hr longevity per the agreement with the Mount Pleasant School Related Employees Association effective July 1, 2008 – June 30, 2011.

(Not to exceed 18 hours per person)

PER-DIEM SUBSTITUTE APPOINTMENT

SANTO CICCONE, \$100/Day

OVERNIGHT CHAPERONE

Barbara Schulz