

MOUNT PLEASANT CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING – OCTOBER 20, 2010

**BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING MINUTES
OCTOBER 20, 2010**

PRESENT:

Francine Aloï, President
Theresa Fowler, Vice President
Vincent D'Ambroso
Carol Ann O'Connor*

ALSO PRESENT:

Dr. S. Guiney, Superintendent of Schools
M. B. Mancuso, District Clerk
L. Sanfilippo, Business Manager
D. Lander, Supt. of Bldgs & Grounds
N. Schimpf, Director of Special Education
and Student Services
Dr. M. E. Wilson, Director of
Curriculum and Instructional Services
K. Schenker, Principal WHS
B. Ferguson, Asst. Principal WHS
J. Schulman, Principal WMS
S. Conley, Asst. Principal WMS
M. Cunzio, Principal, CES
E. Zai-Fiorello, Principal, HES
D. Pirro, Director of Physical Education, Health
and Athletics
Residents
Faculty

ABSENT:

Laurie Donato
James Grieco
Christopher Pinchiaroli

I. CALL TO ORDER: Ms. Aloï, President, convened the October 20, 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. Nicole Ederer, Executive Board President, thanked all those who supported the car wash fundraiser and homecoming activities. Ms. Ederer highlighted the many activities that occurred during Spirit Week. Ms. Ederer also reported on an upcoming event, the John Baresi Turkey Trot.
- WHS PTA: Ms. Mary Beth Ederer, Treasurer, reported the next PTA meeting on October 25, 2010 at 7:30 pm will be a joint meeting with the Middle School PTA featuring 'Rachel's Challenge'. Rachel's Challenge is a powerful movie which motivates positive change in the way we interact with others. Ms. Ederer acknowledged all those who made it possible to show this movie to the students and community members.
- WHS BLT: Mr. Keith Schenker, Principal, WHS, reported the BLT will be submitting the proposal for the Senior Internship Program to Dr. Guiney and Board of Education for their review in the upcoming weeks.

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- WMS PTA: Ms. Sheila Conley, Assistant Principal, reported for the PTA. Ms. Conley thanked the WHS PTA for including the WMS PTA for the showing of the movie, Rachel's Challenge. Ms. Conley also reported on: the successful Back to School night; upcoming parents visit on November 17th during American Education Week; fundraising activities; and the PTA meeting featuring Detective Greenberg and teen drinking.
- WMS BLT: Ms. Sheila Conley, Assistant Principal, reported the BLT discussed the various school district initiatives; coverage in the library prior to the start of the school day; strategic plan survey which will be available online and in print; the investigation of some sort of leadership program for Middle School students, how to engage more parent and community involvement in the school and the opening of a school store. The next BLT meeting will be on November 19, 2010.
- Elementary PTA: Ms. MaryKate McCabe, Vice President, reported on the many fundraising activities which either have occurred or will be occurring at the elementary schools; i.e., wrapping paper, pie sale, tag sale at Columbus; turkey bingo, and holiday craft fair on December 4th at the high school.
- Columbus BLT: Mr. Michael Cunzio, Principal, highlighted the topics covered at the first BLT meeting such as the opening of school, tri states consortium membership, Teacher's College reading and writing program, parent advisory committee, goals for the year; wellness policy. Mr. Cunzio also reported the BLT minutes can be found on the Columbus Elementary School website. The next BLT meeting will be on November 16th.
- Hawthorne BLT: Ms. Ethel Zai-Fiorello, Principal, reported at October's BLT Meeting new members as well as returning members were welcomed; the 09/10 annual report was reviewed as well as the 10/11 District goals. Ms. Zai-Fiorello reported that the Parent Advisory Committee minutes will be posted on E-Chalk. In addition, the BLT recommended the Kindergarten and First Grade students be included in the annual science and technology fair. The BLT also discussed the expansion of the character education program. The next meeting is on November 12th.
- SEPTA: Ms. Sherrill Bastardi, Vice President, encouraged attendance at the SEPTA dinner dance on November 13th at The Westchester Manor. MP-SEPTA will be honoring Nicolette Krauss, Hawthorne Elementary School psychologist well as the CPSE chairperson. Ms. Bastardi highlighted fundraising activities, i.e., Family Photo on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, Oct. 22, 23, 24, that will take place during the school year. At November 4th SEPTA Meeting, Dr. Rapoport author of ADHD and Social Skills will be present.
- Westlake Athletic Club: Ms. Donna Pirro, Athletic Director, reported on behalf of Anthony Sardo, President, on the following: Night at the Races to be held in January 2011 at The Travelers Rest; donation of various softball equipment, and proposals for purchase of golf cart. The next WAC meeting will be on November 9th.

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III. REPORTS

- President, Board of Education: Ms. Francine Aloj, President, reported the District is in the process of developing a Five Year Strategic Plan (which is a Board priority) with the assistance of Dr. Guiney, Carol Ann O'Connor, board member, administrators, staff, residents, Dr. Beni and Dr. Fowler of School Leadership. Ms. Aloj congratulated all the sports teams and coaches that competed during homecoming weekend and thanked those individuals who assisted in making the weekend a huge success. The District's independent annual audit has been completed and the District is in good standing and functioning according to the state standards. Ms. Aloj acknowledged Dr. Guiney and her staff as well as the audit committee members. The Board of Education as well as Dr. Guiney and administrators will be attending the NYSSBA Annual Convention. Ms. Aloj noted next week is School Board Recognition Week and thanked the Board members for their dedication and hard work.
- Superintendent of Schools: Dr. Susan Guiney, Superintendent of Schools, highlighted many District events such as Homecoming, Congresswoman Nita Lowey's visit to the high school, Mr. Rich Hennessey's nomination as MSG Varsity Coach of the Week, WMS community day, National Merit Scholarship semifinalists, and community partnership at the elementary level. Dr. Guiney encouraged parents and guardians to take advantage of parent teacher conferences. Dr. Guiney gave an update on the Strategic Plan process. Additional information will be forthcoming in the District newsletter. Dr. Guiney reported budget planning for the 11/12 school year has begun. Dr. Guiney acknowledged the Board of Education for School Board Recognition Week and presented them with a reusable Wildcat canvas bag.
- Celebrations – 25 years: Dr. Guiney recognized the following District employees for working 25 years in the District: teachers - Carlo Capano, Steve Pesick, Suzanne Ketchum, custodial staff - Michael Davanzo and Finbar Looby.
- Board of Education Recognition – Ms. Ellen Igo, President of the Mt. Pleasant Teachers Association, acknowledged the Board of Education for their dedication and hard work. Ms. Igo presented the Board with pictures drawn by first graders. The pictures depicted how the first graders interpreted the role of a Board of Education member. Ms. Igo presented the Board of Education members with MPTA water bottles and the MPTA will provide snacks/refreshments at a future work session.

IV. APPROVAL of MINUTES

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

BE IT RESOLVED: That the minutes of the September 8, 2010 Board of Education meeting, the September 15, 2010 Board of Education monthly meeting and the September 29, 2010 Board of Education meeting be approved.

VOTE: 4 – 0

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V. OLD BUSINESS: None

VI. COMMENT ON NEW BUSINESS AGENDA ITEMS: None

VII. NEW BUSINESS – ACTION ITEMS

A) ACCEPTANCE – GIFT

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

BE IT RESOLVED: That the Mount Pleasant Central School District Board of Education hereby accepts the donation from the Westlake Athletic Club in the amount of \$ \$16,626 towards the purchase and installation of a scoreboard on the softball field.

AND,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: the Board of Education extends sincere appreciation to the Westlake Athletic Club for their generous gift to the District.

VOTE: 4 – 0

B) APPROVAL - TREASURER'S REPORTS

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

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

July, 2010
August, 2010

VOTE: 4 – 0

C) APPROVAL – CPSE and CSE STUDENT PLACEMENT RECOMMENDATIONS

Motion made by Mr. D'Ambroso, seconded by Ms. O'Connor 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 and the Committee on 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:	September 20, 22
CSE:	August 6, 29
	September 2, 8, 14, 17, 20, 23, 24, 28, 30
	October 1, 4

VOTE: 4 – 0

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D) APPROVAL – STAC CONSULTING SERVICES CONTRACT

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

BE IT RESOLVED: That upon the recommendation of the Director of Special Education, the Board of Education hereby approves the contract for the processing of STAC forms for the 2010-11 school year:

Management Advisory Group Special Services, Inc. at the rate of \$6,600/year
(\$550 in twelve monthly installments)

AND

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That the Superintendent of Schools is authorized to execute the contract on its behalf.

VOTE: 4 – 0

E) APPROVAL – ECHOSIGN INC., CONTRACT,

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

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 7/1/2010 to 6/30/2011 for document distribution with electronic signature collection.

AND

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That the Superintendent of Schools is authorized to execute the contract on its behalf.

VOTE: 4 – 0

**F) APPROVAL – MID-WESTCHESTER SPECIAL EDUCATION CONSORTIUM
AGREEMENT 2010/11 SCHOOL YEAR**

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

BE IT RESOLVED: That the Board of Education of the Mount Pleasant Central School District has reviewed and hereby authorizes the Superintendent of Schools to approve the Mid-Westchester Special Education Consortium as submitted by the Director of Special Education and Student Services.

VOTE: 4 – 0

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G) APPROVAL – TUITION REIMBURSEMENT

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

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:

Regina Carmody, Columbus Elementary School
Course Title: Heinemann Practicum
Chapman University College, Irvine, CA
Total Cost: \$610.00 Approved: \$305.00

And further:

BE IT RESOLVED: That upon completion of the approved course, the recipient shall submit a report to the Superintendent of Schools outlining the results derived from the application of the materials learned.

VOTE: 4 – 0

H) APPROVAL - PERMANENT SUBSTITUTE APPOINTMENT RESCINDED

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

BE IT RESOLVED: That the Permanent Substitute appointment for Shawn O'Gallagher, approved by the Board of Education at its meeting held on August 18, 2010, is hereby rescinded.

VOTE: 4 – 0

I) APPROVAL - AMENDMENT TO ESY SUMMER PROGRAM: JULY 2, 2010 – AUGUST 13, 2010

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

BE IT RESOLVED: That the ESY appointments, originally requested and approved at the June 29, 2010 Board of Education meeting for:

CHRISTINE GALBO
Salary: \$65/hour
Hours: Not to exceed 45

NICOLE GIULIANO
Salary: \$65/hour
Hours: Not to exceed 27

PATRICIA SULLIVAN
Salary: \$65/hour
Hours: Not to exceed 36

JUDY PRIESTON
Salary: \$65/hour
Hours: Not to exceed 18

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BERNADETTE KUNTZ

Salary: \$65/hour
Hours: Not to exceed 42

be amended as follows:

CHRISTINE GALBO

Salary: \$65/hour
Hours: Not to exceed 54

NICOLE GIULIANO

Salary: \$65/hour
Hours: Not to exceed 36

PATRICIA SULLIVAN

Salary: \$65/hour
Hours: Not to exceed 57

BERNADETTE KUNTZ

Salary: \$65/hour
Hours: Not to exceed 43

JUDY PRIESTON

Effective: June 29, 2010 – August 12, 2010
Salary: \$64/hour (June 29, 2010 – June 30, 2010)
Salary: \$65/hour (July 1, 2010 – August 12, 2010)
Hours: Not to exceed 18

VOTE: 4 - 0

J) APPROVAL - AMENDMENT TO PROBATIONARY APPOINTMENT

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

BE IT RESOLVED: That the probationary appointment, originally requested and approved at the September 29, 2010 Board of Education meeting for:

MARY DENGLER, Special Education

Assigned To: Westlake High School
Certification: Professional Certification – Students with Disabilities (Grades 7-12)
Biology
Effective: September 1, 2010 – August 31, 2013
Salary Placement: M.A. +60, Step 4: \$85,931

be amended as follows:

MARY DENGLER, Special Education

Assigned To: Westlake High School
Certification: Professional Certification – Students with Disabilities (Grades 7-12)
Biology
Effective: September 7, 2010 – September 6, 2013
Salary Placement: M.A. +60, Step 4: \$84,212.46 (pro-rated)

VOTE: 4 - 0

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K) APPROVAL - AMENDMENT TO HOURLY APPOINTMENT- MEDIA

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

BE IT RESOLVED: That the hourly appointment, originally requested and approved at the August 18, 2010 Board of Education meeting for:

JON BONCI

Cable Television Station Program Coordinator
Assigned To: District Wide
Salary: \$25/hour, not to exceed 25 hours/month
Effective: September 1, 2010 – June 30, 2011

be amended as follows:

JON BONCI

Cable Television Station Program Coordinator
Assigned To: District Wide
Salary: \$25/hour, not to exceed 25 hours/month
Effective: July 1, 2010 – June 30, 2011

VOTE: 4 - 0

L) APPROVAL – MENTORING PROGRAM HONORARIUM, 2010-2011 SCHOOL YEAR

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

BE IT RESOLVED: That as recommended by the Director of Curriculum and Instructional Services and 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 following teachers will be paid a \$500 honorarium upon successful completion of the 2010-2011 mentoring program:

<u>Mentor</u>	<u>Teacher Mentored</u>	<u>School</u>
Karyn Palladino	Astrid Allende-Mobray	CES
Bill Schiavone	Gina Pace	WMS
Tom Hall	Robert Molfetta	WMS
Connie Cotrone	Erin Harrison	WHS
Janet Matthews	Vincent Iovane	WHS
Claudia Papazian-Moravec	Lauren Morris	WHS
Robert Pasquale	Lawrence McIntyre	WHS

VOTE: 4 – 0

**M) APPROVAL - SPECIAL EDUCATION OUT OF DISTRICT PLACEMENT
CONTRACT, 2010/2011**

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

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 2010-2011 school year:

Center for Discovery-Children's Residential Project, 2 students @ \$66,900.00 (total \$133,800.00) (estimated annual tuition based New York State rate).

VOTE: 4 - 0

**N) APPROVAL – 2010/2011 BUDGET CALENDAR FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF
THE 2011/2012 BUDGET**

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

BE IT RESOLVED: That the Mount Pleasant Central School District Board of Education hereby approves the 2010/2011 Budget Calendar for the development of the 2011/12 school year budget.

VOTE: 4 - 0

O) APPROVAL – PUBLIC RELATIONS SERVICES

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

BE IT RESOLVED: That upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby approves the agreement with Eileen Farrell for the provision of public relations services, and calendar/ newsletter design for the 2010/2011 school year;

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

VOTE: 4 - 0

**P) APPROVAL – MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE MPTA AND
MOUNT PLEASANT CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT**

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

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education herewith authorizes the Board President to execute a certain memorandum of agreement between the Mount Pleasant Teachers Association and the District concerning sick leave benefits for those targeted employees who retired under 2010 Chapter 105 Part A of the Early Retirement Incentive

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Program. Said Agreement was reviewed by the Board of Education in executive session.

VOTE: 4 – 0

Q) APPROVAL – ESTABLISHMENT OF OFFICE ASSISTANT – FINANCIAL SUPPORT POSITION

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

BE IT RESOLVED: That the Board of Education accepts the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools to increase the table of the organization by 1.0 FTE. Said position being an Office Assistant – Financial Support for the Business Office.

VOTE: 4 - 0

R) APPROVAL- CONSENT AGENDA

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

BE IT RESOLVED: That the attached Consent Agenda 10/11, 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 10/11, C-5, Civil Service personnel is hereby approved. All appointments are contingent on fingerprint clearance through the New York State Education Department.

VOTE: 4 – 0

VIII. OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC DISCUSSION AND COMMENTS: None

IX. ADJOURNMENT: At approximately 9:08 pm, motion made by Mr. D'Ambroso, seconded by Ms. O'Connor and unanimously adopted by the Board to enter into executive session to discuss a specific special education matter. At approximately 10:50 pm, motion made by Ms. Fowler, seconded by Mr. D'Ambroso and unanimously adopted by the Board to adjourn executive session and return to public session. At approximately 10:55 pm, motion made by Ms. Fowler, seconded by Mr. D'Ambroso and unanimously adopted by the Board to adjourn the October 20, 2010 Board of Education meeting.

Mary Beth Mancuso
District Clerk

Approved: 11/17/10

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SCHEDULE 10/11, P - 7 PROFESSIONAL PERSONNEL APPOINTMENTS

PERMANENT SUBSTITUTE APPOINTMENTS 2010/2011

ASHLEY KILLARNEY, Hawthorne Elementary School, \$100/Day

MODIFICATION OF APPOINTMENT FROM PER-DIEM SUBSTITUTE TO PERMANENT SUBSTITUTE

REGINA DAVIDE, Permanent Substitute

Assigned To: Hawthorne Elementary School

Effective: September 21, 2010 – June 30, 2011

Salary: \$100/Day

HOURLY APPOINTMENTS

BARRINGTON DALEY, Teaching Assistant

Assigned To: Westlake High School, After School Behavior Intervention Services

Effective: September 22, 2010

Certification: Teaching Assistant, Continuing

Hours: Not to exceed 30

Salary: \$65/Hour per the agreement with the Mount Pleasant Central School District Teachers Association.

MARY SKWAREK, Teacher Aide

Assigned To: Modified Cross Country (Fall Sports)

Effective: September 23, 2010 – October 18, 2010

Salary: \$21.87/Hour

CHAPERONE APPOINTMENTS

Suzanne Amoruso

Chris Carpenter

Christine Cerrato

Maria Chietro

Vita Friedman

Mary Haywood

Larry Hogan

Michelle Kopicki

Patricia Pucarelli

Felicia Sgueglia

Kathy Vadella

Lorrie Villalba

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SCHEDULE 10/11, C-5 CIVIL SERVICE APPOINTMENTS

STEFANIE FLYNN, Office Assistant – Financial Support

Assigned To: District Office, Business Office

Beginning of Probationary Period: October 25, 2010

Expiration of Probationary Period: October 24, 2011

Salary: Column A, Step 6 of CSEA Clerical Unit Contract: \$27,734.67 (pro-rated)

**APPOINTMENT MADE FROM ELIGIBLE LIST # 68-734 OFFICE ASSISTANT –
FINANCIAL SUPPORT**