

**MOUNT PLEASANT CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING – FEBRUARY 16, 2011**

**BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING MINUTES
FEBRUARY 16, 2011**

PRESENT:

Theresa Fowler, Acting President
Vincent D'Ambroso
Laurie Donato
James Grieco
Carol Ann O'Connor
Christopher Pinchiaroli***

ALSO PRESENT:

M. B. Mancuso, District Clerk
L. Sanfilippo, Business Manager
N. Schimpf, Director of Special Education
and Student Services
Dr. M. E. Wilson, Director of Curriculum and
Instructional Services
D. Lander, Supt. of Buildings & Grounds
K. Schenker, Principal WHS
B. Ferguson, Asst. Principal WHS
S. Conley, Asst. Principal WMS
M. Cunzio, Principal, CES**
E. Zai-Fiorello, Principal, HES*
D. Pirro, Director of PE, Health & Athletics
Community Members

*Arrived at approximately 8:05 pm

**Arrived at approximately 8:10 pm

***Arrived at approximately 8:15 pm

ABSENT:

Francine Aloï, President
Dr. S. Guiney, Superintendent of Schools
J. Schulman, Principal WMS

I. CALL TO ORDER: Ms. Fowler, Acting President, convened the February 16, 2011 meeting of the Board of Education at approximately 8:03 pm and asked everyone to stand for a moment of silence and the Pledge to the Flag.

II. ANNOUNCEMENTS/INFORMATION ITEMS

- WHS Student Council: Ms. Nicole Ederer, President of the Executive Board, reported on the High School's Valentine's Day fundraiser, candy graham fundraiser, upcoming Singled Out assembly and the upcoming Powder Puff games and May Madness. Ms. Ederer reported their next meeting will be during the first week of March, 2011.
- WHS PTA: No report.
- WHS BLT: Mr. Bruce Ferguson, Assistant Principal, reported the BLT was debriefed on the senior internship assembly. Mr. Ferguson reported the High School Administrators will be visiting the social studies classrooms to discuss the senior internship program and to answer any student questions.

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- WMS PTA: Ms. Sheila Conley, Assistant Principal, reported the PTA will be making a donation to the Northeast Summer Program which is held at Columbus Elementary during the summer, in memory of Brian Fallon-Howard, a student who passed away, and enjoyed the camp experience. Ms. Conley reported at the 1/10/11 PTA meeting members of New York's Finest presented information on the many cyberspace dangers that students may encounter while on the internet. Ms. Conley thanked Ms. Andrews for organizing the screening on the Race to Nowhere in conjunction with the Valhalla and Pleasantville PTA's. The screening was a success and the movie was informative. In addition, faculty and staff members viewed the film the next afternoon. Ms. Conley thanked all those involved who made both screenings a success. Ms. Conley also reported the Middle School PTA is forming a nominating committee for the next school year and the next fundraiser is the faculty basketball game on March 24, 2011 at 7:00p.m. The next PTA meeting will be on March 7, 2011. Please check the WMS website for more information.
- WMS BLT: Ms. Sheila Conley, Assistant Principal, reported for the BLT. Ms. Conley reported at the February 15, 2011 BLT meeting, Mr. Jerry Schulman updated the committee on the secondary school redesign committee and scheduling options. In addition, the faculty will be meeting with a consultant regarding scheduling. The BLT also discussed the budget for the 2011/2012 school year, staffing, transportation, modified sports and clubs, the leadership program for the Middle School and a fitness and nutrition initiative.
- Elementary PTA: Mrs. Jenn DeFlorio, President, reported Valentine Roses were distributed at both schools and thanked Ms. Veltri for her efforts; signup for Springo Bingo on March 4 is ongoing, the Mother/Son Event is rescheduled for March 5, and the Father/Daughter Dance was enjoyed by all the attendees and Ms. DeFlorio thanked those involved for their efforts in making the dance a success. Ms. DeFlorio reported the next PTA meeting is on March 1st and the topic is self-defense.
- Columbus BLT: Mr. Michael Cunzio, Principal, reported there were many topics discussed at the BLT meeting but the main topic was parent drop off of students in the morning at Columbus Elementary School. Mr. Cunzio requested that parents do not drop off students on Columbus Avenue, as it is a safety concern. Parents should only drop off students in front of the school at the designated times, 7:30 am – 7:45 am and after 8:00 am after the buses have finished dropping off students. Mr. Cunzio also reported a meeting occurred with Ms. Maybury, Supervisor of the Town of Mt. Pleasant, Chief Alagno, Board Member Ms. Donato, and Ms. DeFlorio, PTA President, to address this issue and to brainstorm solutions to the problem. Mr. Cunzio reported it would be a great solution if all the students rode the bus. However, Mr. Cunzio is asking the parents' cooperation not to drop the students off at the bottom of Columbus Avenue. Mr. Cunzio reported the BLT also discussed the strategic plan and budget process. The next BLT meeting will occur in April.
- Hawthorne BLT: Ms. Ethel Zai-Fiorello, Principal, reported for the BLT. Ms. Zai-Fiorello reported the BLT met on February 9th and discussed the January PTA evening meeting which addressed Bullying: Fostering Positive Behavior and Zero

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Tolerance. Ms. Zai-Fiorello reported the presentation was very well received and parents need to be aware of the signs of bullying. Ms. Zai-Fiorello suggested that teacher aides and the district bus drivers be trained to recognize bullying. Ms. Zai-Fiorello reported on the process and procedures followed at Hawthorne when bullying is reported at school or on the bus. Ms. Zai-Fiorello also reported on the Character Counts initiative which began at Hawthorne Elementary School on February 1, 2011, which promotes good citizenship and prevents bullying; and the upcoming 3rd Annual 2nd Grade Technology Fair.

- SEPTA: Ms. Liz Healy, Treasurer, reported SEPTA's last meeting on the ABC's of the New IEP's was informative and well received and Ms. Schimpf has been given grant letters for the teachers. SEPTA will be granting four, \$1,000 grants by the end of the school year and applications are available. SEPTA's next meeting will be held on March 29, 2011 with a guest speaker, Ms. Phyliss Burton, who is one of the authors of the PATH program which is utilized in the District's multi-sensory program. The meeting will be at the Elementary School at 7:30pm.
- Westlake Athletic Club: Mr. Robert Pappa reported on the following: the 2nd Annual Night at the Races held at Traveler's Rest in Ossining was a great success and raised approximately \$5,000; the sale of Westlake Wildcat spirit items at Berger Hardware and thanked Berger Hardware and the Rubeo family for their donation of the proceeds to the Westlake Athletic Club; the scoreboard has not been installed due to the snow but hopefully will be installed in the spring for softball and the last fundraiser will be the 3rd annual golf outing on June 6th at Somers Pointe Golf Club and e-vites will be sent out shortly.

III. REPORTS

- Acting President, Board of Education: Ms. Theresa Fowler, Acting President, reported Dr. Guiney, Superintendent of Schools, Francine Aloï, Board President and Ellen Igo, President of the MPTA were attending the Advancing Student Achievement through Labor Management Conference hosted by the US Department of Education. Ms. Fowler explained it was due to the District's efforts to work collaboratively that an invitation was extended to attend this conference. Ms. Fowler also reported that the Board of Education is proud of the students, staff members and community who enable the District and students to achieve its goals. The Board and Superintendent are in the process of building the 2011/12 budget. Ms. Fowler explained due to the Governor's budget and lack of state aid the District is facing many difficult decisions. The Board of Education appreciates your comments and opinions regarding the budget process. Ms. Fowler announced two Board of Education seats will be available and anyone who is interested in becoming a candidate for the Board of Education, petitions are available in the District Clerk's office. Ms. Fowler thanked the Royal Coach/Mt. Pleasant School District bus drivers for driving safely and courteously during the difficult winter months.

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IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

BE IT RESOLVED: That the minutes of the January 13, 2011 Board of Education meeting, the January 19, 2011 monthly Board of Education meeting and the February 3, 2011 Board of Education meeting be approved.

VOTE: 6 – 0

V. OLD BUSINESS: None

VI. COMMENT ON NEW BUSINESS AGENDA ITEMS: None

VII. NEW BUSINESS – ACTION ITEMS

A) APPROVAL – ACCEPTANCE GIFT

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

BE IT RESOLVED: That the Mount Pleasant Central School District Board of Education hereby accepts the donation from the Mt. Pleasant High School PTA in the amount of \$500.00 for college tour expenses, with its appreciation.

VOTE: 6 – 0

B) APPROVAL - TREASURER'S REPORTS

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

BE IT RESOLVED: That the Board of Education hereby approves the Treasurer's Report for the month of December 2010.

VOTE: 6 - 0

C) APPROVAL – STUDENT ACTIVITY FUND REPORT

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

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

October, 2010 – December, 2010

VOTE: 6 - 0

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D) APPROVAL – DATA SHARING COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT

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

BE IT RESOLVED: That the Board of Education hereby approves the data sharing cooperative agreement with the New York State Cyber Security and Critical Infrastructure Coordination, to provide computerized Geographic Information Systems (GIS) data sharing at no cost.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That the Business Manager is authorized to execute the contract on its behalf.

VOTE: 6 - 0

E) APPROVAL – SPECIAL EDUCATION OUT OF DISTRICT PLACEMENT CONTRACT, 2010/2011

Motion made by Mr. Grieco, seconded by Mrs. O'Connor 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:

Clear View School/AMIC, Inc., 2 students @ \$41,272.00 (total pro-rated amount \$70,850.27 based on estimated New York State rate).

VOTE: 6 - 0

F) APPROVAL – CPSE and CSE STUDENT PLACEMENT RECOMMENDATIONS

Motion made by Mr. Grieco, seconded by Mrs. 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 22, 2010
 January 11, 25, 2011

CSE: September 13, 2010
 October 20, 2010
 December 9, 2010
 January 6, 25, 2011

VOTE: 6 - 0

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**G) APPROVAL-TENURE RECOMMENDATION, PROFESSIONAL - HAWTHORNE
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

Motion made by Mrs. O'Connor, seconded by Mr. Pinchiaroli 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>
Jennifer Antonaccio	Elementary	3/18/11	Pre-K, Kindergarten & Gr. 1-6, Permanent

VOTE: 6 - 0

H) APPROVAL – MODIFICATION TO UNPAID CHILDCARE LEAVE

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

BE IT RESOLVED: That the unpaid childcare leave, originally requested and approved at the September 15, 2010 Board of Education meeting for:

Employee #1855

Leave to begin on November 26, 2010

Leave to conclude on April 1, 2011

be modified as follows:

Employee #1855

Leave to begin on November 26, 2010

Leave to conclude on June 30, 2011

VOTE: 6 - 0

I) APPROVAL – UNPAID CHILDCARE LEAVE

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

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 # 2072

Leave to begin on September 1, 2011

Leave to conclude on June 30, 2012

VOTE: 6 - 0

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J) APPROVAL – MODIFICATION TO LEAVE REPLACEMENT APPOINTMENT

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

BE IT RESOLVED: That the leave replacement appointment, originally requested and approved at the September 15, 2010 Board of Education meeting for:

ELIOT BLOOMBERG, Mathematics
Assigned To: Westlake Middle School
Certification: Initial Certification in Mathematics (Grades 5-9) and Mathematics 7-12
Effective: September 7, 2010 – April 1, 2011
Salary Placement: M.A. Step 1: \$40,064.28 (pro-rated)

be modified as follows:

ELIOT BLOOMBERG, Mathematics
Assigned To: Westlake Middle School
Certification: Initial Certification in Mathematics (Grades 5-9) and Mathematics 7-12
Effective: September 7, 2010 – June 30, 2011
Salary Placement: M.A. Step 1: \$57,318.24 (pro-rated)

VOTE: 6 - 0

K) APPROVAL – EXTRA CURRICULAR APPOINTMENTS 2010-2011 SCHOOL YEAR (SPRING SPORTS)

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

BE IT RESOLVED: That the Mount Pleasant Central School District Board of Education approves the Superintendent of Schools recommendation to appoint the following individuals, as attached, to the Extra Curricular Appointments for the 2010-2011 school year.

VOTE: 6 - 0

L) APPROVAL - CONSENT AGENDA

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

BE IT RESOLVED: That the attached Consent Agenda 10/11, P-11, 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-7 Civil Service

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

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ADDENDUM

Aa) APPROVAL – MODIFICATION TO REQUEST FOR FMLA

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

BE IT RESOLVED: That the request for FMLA, originally requested and approved at the January 19, 2011 Board of Education meeting for:

Employee #2075

Leave to begin on December 21, 2010

Leave to conclude on February 10, 2011

be modified as follows:

Employee #2075

Leave to begin on December 21, 2010

Leave to conclude on March 11, 2011

VOTE: 6 - 0

Bb) APPROVAL – MODIFICATION TO LONG TERM SUBSTITUTE

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

BE IT RESOLVED: That the long term substitute, originally requested and approved at the January 19, 2011 Board of Education meeting for:

ANGELA RUGGIERO, Speech & Language Teacher
Assigned To: Westlake Middle School/Westlake High School
Certification: Initial Certification in Speech and Language Disabilities
Effective: December 13, 2010 – February 10, 2011
Salary Placement: B.A. +30, Step 1: \$283.28 Daily Rate

be modified as follows:

ANGELA RUGGIERO, Speech & Language Teacher
Assigned To: Westlake Middle School/Westlake High School
Certification: Initial Certification in Speech and Language Disabilities
Effective: December 13, 2010 – March 11, 2011
Salary Placement: B.A. +30, Step 1: \$283.28 Daily Rate

VOTE: 6 - 0

**Cc) APPROVAL – AMENDMENT TO POLICY NO. 3230, PUBLIC COMPLAINTS
(FIRST READING)**

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

BE IT RESOLVED: That the Mount Pleasant Central School District Board of Education has reviewed and hereby amends Policy No. 3230, entitled Public Complaints, as

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attached. Said Policy will continue to be available for public review until the Board of Education meeting on March 16, 2011.

VOTE: 6 - 0

Dd) APPROVAL – IN THE MATTER OF MACK-CALI MID WESTCHESTER REALTY ASSOCIATES v.. THE ASSESSOR OF THE TOWN OF MOUNT PLEASANT AND THE MOUNT PLEASANT CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

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

BE IT RESOLVED: WHEREAS, the Mount Pleasant Central School District is a party respondent in certain tax certiorari proceedings commenced by the property owners of property located at 200 Saw Mill River Road, Hawthorne, Town of Mount Pleasant, New York, a/k/a Tax Map#s 111.16-2-70 for assessment years, 2003 through 2009, and,

WHEREAS, the parties to said litigation have attempted to narrow their differences, and,

WHEREAS, after a review of the relative merits of the petitioners' claims, and the various Court rulings to date, the parties have agreed to resolve the above tax certiorari claims on terms set forth on the annexed proposed Consent Order & Judgment,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT,

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby approves of and agrees to settle the claims of the petitioner (Mack-Cali Mid Westchester Realty Associates) on the terms as set forth on the annexed Consent Judgment, as in the best interests of the School District and its taxpayers, and, it is,

FURTHER RESOLVED, that counsel is authorized and directed to execute the appropriate Stipulations of Settlement, if any, and consent to the entry of the Consent Judgments implementing the aforesaid settlement, not to exceed \$220,000, and be it,

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the District administrators, if needed, are hereby authorized and directed to make the necessary arrangements, pursuant to the Local Finance Law or otherwise, for payment of the aforesaid judgments and claims, and be it,

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FURTHER RESOLVED, that the District Clerk provide the District's Legal Counsel with a copy of this resolution upon adoption.

VOTE: 6 - 0

VIII. OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC DISCUSSION AND COMMENTS: None

IX. ADJOURNMENT: . At approximately 8:55 pm, motion made by Ms. Donato, seconded by Mr. D'Ambroso and unanimously adopted by the Board to adjourn the February 16, 2011 Board of Education meeting.

Mary Beth Mancuso
District Clerk

Approved: 3/16/11

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SCHEDULE 10/11, P-11 PROFESSIONAL PERSONNEL APPOINTMENTS

LUNCH DUTY – WESTLAKE HIGH SCHOOL 2010/2011

Semester 1

Frank Chiera
Constance Cotrone
Matthew Dachik
Theresa DiLeo
Mark Mammola
Elizabeth McGovern
Janet Salciccioli
Kathy Theroux

Semester 2

Lisa Alterio
Jennifer Avella
Greg Bobro
Matthew Dachik
Theresa DiLeo
Claudia Papazian-Moravec
Janet Salciccioli
Kathy Theroux

All employees named above are authorized to work as assigned not to exceed one period per day for semester worked.

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

OVERNIGHT CHAPERONE APPOINTMENTS

Dawn Carroll
Carolyn Kaufman
Richard Hennessy
Michael Laterza
Eva Martino
John Messemer
Tina Nicodemo
Elizabeth Paganelli
Ann Reilly
Bill Schiavone

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Joseph Smaila
Bret Sowka
Allison Treacy
Charles Zeuren

**MODIFICATION OF APPOINTMENT FROM PER-DIEM SUBSTITUTE TO
PERMANENT SUBSTITUTE**

KATHLEEN LORENZEN, Permanent Substitute
Assigned To: Westlake Middle School
Effective: February 17, 2011 – June 30, 2011
Salary: \$100/Day

RYAN MATHEWS, Permanent Substitute
Assigned To: Westlake Middle School
Effective: February 17, 2011 – June 30, 2011
Salary: \$100/Day

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SCHEDULE 10/11, C-7 CIVIL SERVICE APPOINTMENT

MARIE MARIANI, Secretary to School Principal

Assigned To: Main Office, Hawthorne Elementary School

Beginning of Probationary Period: January 26, 2011

Expiration of Probationary Period: January 25, 2012

Salary: Column D2, Step 3 of CSEA Clerical Unit Contract: \$19,841.45 (pro-rated)

**APPOINTMENT MADE FROM ELIGIBLE LIST # 63-390 SECRETARY TO SCHOOL
ADMINISTRATOR**

CHAPERONE/SCOREKEEPER/ANNOUNCER APPOINTMENT

Dan Casey

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WESTLAKE HIGH SCHOOL

MT. PLEASANT CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

Athletic Department

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914-769-1074 (fax)

Committed to Excellence

**Donna M. Pirro, Director
P.E., Health & Athletics**

Spring Coaching Recommendation - 2011

SPORT	LEVEL	NAME	STIPEND
Baseball	Varsity	Michael Paquette	6,388
	JV	Daniel Turner	4,407
	Modified 1	Richard Hennessy	3,988
	Modified 2	Steve Pesick	3,988
Softball	Varsity	Nicholas DiPaolo	6,388
	JV	Carolyn Frawley	4,407
	Modified	Tina Nicodemo	3,988
Golf	Varsity	Sean Mayer	4,782
Tennis (Boys)	Varsity	TBD	4,782
	JV	Frank Chiera	4,407
Track (Girls)	Varsity	Betsy Groat	5,629
	Modified	TBD	3,988
Track (Boys)	Varsity	Schuyler Smith	5,629
	Modified	John Koval	3,988
Track (Boys & Girls)	Assistant	Devon White	4,407
Girls Lacrosse	Varsity	Daniel Smith	6,388
	JV	Loredana Ugucioni	4,407
	Modified	Chelsea Robinson	3,988
Boys Lacrosse	Varsity	Joseph Bucello	6,388
	JV	TBD	4,407
	Modified	Thomas Darby	3,988
Fitness Room		Dan Casey	1,671

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POLICY

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SUBJECT: PUBLIC COMPLAINTS

The Board of Education recognizes the right of community members to register individual or group concerns regarding instruction, District programs, materials, operations, and/or staff members. Whenever appropriate, the District will resolve such concerns with only the parties involved.

Members of the community have the right to bring complaints directly to the Board in writing and/or during the public comments portion of a public meeting. However, whenever practicable, complaints about the School District will first be directed to the proper administrative personnel for solution or referral before investigation or action by the Board.

Complaints about specific classroom practices shall be directed to the teacher concerned. If the matter is not settled satisfactory, the complainant shall then contact the Building Principal; if there is no resolution on this level, the Superintendent of Schools shall be contacted. The Superintendent shall refer the issue to the Board for final resolution, if necessary.

Complaints concerning issues governed by other specific Board policies (i.e., student discipline, employee grievances, etc.) will be handled pursuant to the specific Board policy or policies implicated by the complaint.

Amended:
Adopted: 2/27/08