

MAHOPAC CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION ANNUAL REORGANIZATIONAL MEETING
July 11, 2006
Lakeview Elementary School, 7:30 PM

MINUTES

A. CALL OF THE ROLL

PRESENT: Ralph Ankier, Sandra-Calvi-Muscente (arrived at 7:10 p.m.), Giulio Cefaloni, Rose Fabiano, Patricia Greenwood-O'Keefe, William Hines, Elaine Simone, Penny Swift, Vinnie Trinchitella

STAFF: Robert J. Reidy, Jr., Superintendent of Schools and Dorothy Gilroy, District Clerk

CONVENE: At 7:00 p.m., the board convened in Room 17 of the Lakeview Elementary School and moved immediately to executive session to discuss confidential personnel matters.

Moved by Mrs. Swift, seconded by Mr. Cefaloni, carried unanimously.

At 7:40 p.m., the board moved to public session in the auditorium to conduct the Regular Monthly Board Meeting

Moved by Mrs. Trinchitella, seconded by Mr. Cefaloni, carried unanimously.

B. ADMINISTRATION OF OATHS

1. Newly elected board members:

District Clerk Gilroy, administered the oath of office to Ralph Ankier, Sandra Calvi-Muscente and Vinnie Trinchitella.

2. Superintendent & District Clerk:

Past-President Trinchitella administered the oath of office to Dr. Reidy and Mrs. Gilroy.

B. CALL TO ORDER - Immediate Past-President presiding

C. ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

1:1 President of the Board of Education.

Mrs. Fabiano nominated Giulio Cefaloni for Office of President of the Board of Education, seconded by Mr. Hines. Mrs. Fabiano gave educational, community and board trustee background information of Mr. Cefaloni.

There being no other nominations from the floor, **Mr. Cefaloni was elected President** of the Board of Education for the 2006/07 school year.

Moved by Mrs. Fabiano, seconded by Mr. Hines, carried unanimously.

1. ELECTION OF OFFICERS - continued

1:2 Vice-President of the Board of Education

Mrs. Simone nominated Penny Swift for Office of Vice-President of the Board of Education, seconded by Mrs. Greenwood-O'Keefe. Mrs. Simone gave educational, community and board trustee background information of Mrs. Swift.

There being no further nominations from the floor, **Mrs. Swift was elected Vice-President** of the Board of Education for the 2006/07 school year.

Mr. Cefaloni and Mrs. Swift both thanked their colleagues for their confidence and support. Mr. Cefaloni thanked Mrs. Trinchitella for her immeasurable work, sound judgement, help, patience and expertise throughout her terms as President.

2. ADMINISTRATION OF OATH OF OFFICE – by District Clerk Gilroy

2:1 President

2:2 Vice-President

3. APPOINTMENT OF OFFICERS - Newly-elected President presiding

3:1 District Clerk - Dorothy A. Gilroy

3:2 *Deputy* District Clerk - JoAnn Kramer

3:3 District Treasurer - Denise Palmiotto

3:4 *Deputy* District Treasurer - Candace LaVigne

3:5 Tax Collector - Mary Kristensen, Town of Carmel

3:6 Tax Collector - Robert Rizzo, Town of Putnam Valley

This appointment covers the Putnam Valley portion of the school district. The Tax Collector is individually bonded, faithful performance.

3:7 Compliance Section 504 Officer - Candace LaVigne

3:8 Title IX Compliance Officer – Vincent Quartararo

3:9 Title IX Alternate Compliance Officer – Candace LaVigne

Items #3.1 through 3:9, were moved by Mrs. Trinchitella, seconded by Mrs. Simone, carried unanimously.

4. OTHER APPOINTMENTS

4:1 School Attorney – *Ingerman Smith, L.L.P.*

4:2 External Auditor: 6/30/06 through 6/30/2010 - Bennett Kielson Storch DeSantis Division, O'Connor Davies Munns & Dobbs, L.L.P.

Internal Auditor: 7/1/2006 through 6/30/2007 – Nugent & Haeussler, P.C.

4:3 Internal Claims Auditor - Barbara Russell

4:4 School Physicians - Dr. Bennett Pallant, et al.

4:5 Central Treasurer for Extra-Classroom Activities Accounts - Senior and Middle School Principals. Blanket bond for faithful performance.

4:6 District Purchasing Agent - Scott Hartwell

Assistant Purchasing Agent - Cheryl Udice

4:7 Records Access Officer - Vincent Quartararo

4:8 Records Management Officer - Dorothy Gilroy

4:8 Designee re determining student residency - David Chapman

4:9 Designee re determining transportation routes - Edward Harkins/David Chapman

4:9 Asbestos Designee - ECG, 22 Lawrence Ave., Smithtown, NY 11787

Items #4:1 through 4:9, moved by Mrs. Swift, seconded by Mrs. Fabiano, carried unanimously.

5. DESIGNATIONS

- 5:1 Official Bank Depository, System of Accounting and Authorized Signatures for Checks and Vouchers

RESOLVED, that the Uniform System of Accounts, Double-Entry basis be used by the district and the approved form of one-signature check for payment of bills, for salaries from a payroll account, the use of the approved system of Treasurer's receipts and monthly Treasurer's Reports; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that all moneys of the Board of Education be deposited in the **J. P. MORGAN Bank**, Jefferson Valley, NY; and hereby said banks are authorized to be the depositories of this District, and the funds of the District coming into their custody save as may be otherwise directed by the Board, said funds to be withdrawn only by check, voucher or wire transfer, signed by the Treasurer, or Deputy Treasurer as an authorized alternate signature in the absence of the Treasurer, of the aforementioned Board of Education.

- 5:2 Time, date and place for regular monthly board meetings. At the Board's pleasure: second Tuesday of the month at Lakeview School, 8:00 p.m. unless changed by the board of education with ample notice.
- 5:3 Official Newspapers – *The Journal New (Bids)* and the *Putnam County Courier (no Bids)*

Items #5:1 through 5:3, moved by Mrs. O'Keefe, seconded by Mrs. Simone, carried unanimously.

6. AUTHORIZATIONS

- 6:1 Person to certify payrolls - superintendent and/or his assistant superintendent for business/finance.
- 6:2 Authorization for superintendent to approve staff conference attendance within budgetary provisions.
- 6:3 Authorization for president of board of education to approve conference expenses for superintendent and board members
- 6:4 Authorized signature for school checks - Cheryl Udice/Dorothy Gilroy/Denise Palmiotto

- 6:5 Authorization to use facsimile imprint of treasurer's signature

6:6 Establishment of petty cash funds, as follows:

District Central Office - Superintendent, custodian	\$200.00
High School - Principal, custodian	100.00
Middle School - Principal, custodian	100.00
Austin Road School - Principal, custodian	100.00
Fulmar Road School - Principal, custodian	100.00
Mahopac Falls – Principal, as custodian	100.00
Lakeview School - Principal, custodian	100.00
Bus Garage - Transportation supervisor, custodian	100.00

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6. AUTHORIZATIONS - continued

- 6:7 Authorization for superintendent to approve budget transfers and to make final fund transfers necessary to balance all accounts as of June 30 each year
- 6:8 Authorization for superintendent to reimburse mileage for necessary authorized travel within and outside of district
- 6:9 Authorization for board president and administrative committee to negotiate salaries and other factors relating to managerial/confidential personnel, subject to prior board of education consultation, including the establishment of guidelines.
- 6:10 Authorization for board of education membership in National School Boards Direct Affiliate Program; New York State School Boards Association; Westchester Putnam School Boards Association; Northern Westchester Putnam Board of Cooperative Educational Services; and the Legislative Research Service of the Westchester Putnam School Boards Association

Items #6:1 through 6:10, moved by Mrs. Muscente, seconded by Mr. Ankier, carried unanimously.

7. OTHER ITEMS

- 7:1 Establishment of date and time of next annual meeting. (If Budget Hearing is held not less than 7 days prior/no more than 14 days prior to Vote: Hearing replaces annual meeting). Date to be established consistent with state guidelines: **May 15, 2007.**
- 7:2 RESOLUTION re Board of Registry, 2006-07 school year, as follows:

WHEREAS, it is now desired to provide for the designation of a Board of Registry to serve for the next annual meeting and election; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, the following named qualified voters of said school district are hereby appointed to serve on the Board of Registry: Dorothy Papazian, Chairperson; Clerks: Mil Bauerlein; Sadie Belfair; Carol Best; Donald Best; Mary Birney; Beth Blazek; Linda Campanella; Joe Campanella; Mary Cappiello; Barbara Cardillo, Kimberly Colavito, Pat Cennamo; Dolores DiRuzzo; Lillian Eberhardt; Linda Fassacesia, Ann Gagliardi; David Gagliardi; Barbara Gallicchio; Joanne GoldsteinJoseph Greenfield; Ruth Greenfield; Joan Harmon; June Hillery; Herb Hillery; Claire Johnson; Walter Lada; Irma Lada; Wolfgana Lawton, Carole LaPorte; Dorothy Lapsley; Dorothy Leishman; Wanda Litsky, Rina Merlini; Ed Miller; Eleanor Mitisser; George Mitisser; Helen Mucciacone; Nicholas Mucciacone; Lillian Nicolaidis; Lillian Picciano; Marge Pramaggiore; Julie Rotta; James Sideris; Gloria Sobieski; Diane Spagnoli; Walter Swack, Betsey Tobias; Mary Vicario, **Reno Veschi**, Mildred Yetter; Theresa Wissell; Maria (Mitzi) Zach.

RESOLVED, that the rate of compensation for the members of the Board of Registry shall be as follows: Chairperson: \$12.00 per hour; Clerks: \$9.00 per hour.

7.3 RESOLUTION re: Notice of Propositions

BE IT RESOLVED that:

The qualified voters of the Mahopac Central School District may present to the Board of Education a written petition requesting the submission of a proposition or question to a vote at the annual or special meeting of the District. Any such petition must state the question or proposition to be submitted and there shall only be one proposition presented on each petition. Each petition must be signed by not less than five percent (5%) of the number of voters who voted in the previous annual election of the members of the board of education, who shall write opposite their names, their respective places of residence. Petitions shall be filed in the Office of the District Clerk no later than sixty (60) days preceding the annual or special meeting.

7:4 Appointment of board member to Westchester Putnam School Boards Association: delegate and alternate delegate legislative contact:

Mrs. Trinchitella nominated *Mrs. Swift as delegate* and *Mrs. Fabiano as alternate delegate* legislative contact for the 2006/2007 school year.

Moved by Mrs. Trinchitella, seconded by Mr. Cefaloni, carried unanimously.

Items #7:1 through 7:4, moved by Mrs. Trinchitella, seconded by Mrs. Swift, carried unanimously.

7:5 Establishment of board sub-committees to be in operation during the school year

Motion to table #7.5 until the August 8th Board Meeting was made by Mrs. Muscente, seconded by Mrs. O'Keefe, carried unanimously.

7:6 RESOLUTION Re Audit Committee Executive Session

BE IT RESOLVED that

Any board member, who does not serve on the Board of Education Audit Committee, be permitted to attend executive sessions of the committee.

7:7 Re-adoption of all Policies and Code of Ethics in effect during previous year: Implied in Education Law §1709, 2503.

D. ADJOURNMENT

At 7:40 p.m., the board adjourned the Re-organizational Meeting and moved to the Regular Business Meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Dorothy A. Gilroy,
District Clerk

MAHOPAC CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
 BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING, **July 11, 2006**
 Lakeview Elementary School, 8:00 PM

AGENDA

1. CALL OF THE ROLL
2. CONVENE
3. RESIDENT COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS ONLY
4. COMMUNICATIONS -
 - correspondence from Mrs. Jeanne Earle

5. ACCEPTANCE OF WARRANTS

GENERAL 'A' FUND WARRANTS:

67, CHECKS # 107723 TO 107813, 06/07/06, \$ 261,962.78
 # 68, CHECKS # 107814 TO 108271, 06/14/06, \$ 884,559.42
 # 70, CHECKS # 107936 TO 108173, 06/09/06, \$ 54,372.10
 # 71, CHECKS # 108272 TO 108386, 06/21/06, \$ 732,670.91
 # 74, CHECKS # 108387 TO 108542, 06/30/06, \$ 897,697.73

CAPITAL PROJECT 'H' FUND WARRANTS:

17, CHECKS # 2003, 06/07/06, \$ 14,327.25

TRUST & AGENCY 'T' FUND WARRANTS:

34, CHECKS # 101, 7337 TO 7356, 7370105, 06/14/06, \$ 38,674.03
 # 35, CHECKS # 7357 TO 7377, 06/21/06, \$ 26,945.57
 # 36, CHECKS # 610, 7378 TO 7384, 7370106, 06/30/06, \$ 33,136.74

5a. Internal Claims Audit Report

Date	Warrant #	Fund #	Remarks
6/7	17 67	H – Capital Projects A – General Fund	Nothing to report
6/14	34	T – Payroll A – Medicare Reimb. A – General Fund	Nothing to report “
6/21	35 71	T – Payroll A – General	Nothing to report
6/30	74 36	A – General T – T & A	Nothing to report

6. TREASURER'S REPORT - Received for Filing, **May, 2006**
7. APPROVAL OF MINUTES
 - 6/13/06 - Regular Monthly Meeting
 - 6/20/06 - Special Board Meeting
 - 6/22/06 - Special Board Meeting
 - 6/28/06 - Special Board Meeting
 - 6/29/06 - Special Board Meeting
8. STUDENT REPORTS - None
9. COMMITTEE REPORTS – Board Chairpersons

10. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

CONSENT AGENDA BEGINS

- Items removed for further discussion

11. APPOINTMENTS - Recommendation of the superintendent of schools:

A. Instructional

Chairperson Appointments for the 2006/07 School Year:

English	-	Adam Lewis
Foreign Language	-	Yvonne Viebrock
Health	-	Valarie Nierman
Mathematics	-	Joseph DiCioccio
Physical Education	-	Theodore Georgalas
Science	-	James Gardineer
Special Education	-	Nicholas Ruotolo
Unified Arts -High School	-	Vincent Alexander
Unified Arts -Middle School	-	Helen Horvitz

Stipends in accordance with agreement between the District and MTA

12. RECOMMENDATIONS

A. **SPECIAL STUDENT PLACEMENTS/HOMEBOUND INSTRUCTION**

Recommendation of the Committee for Special Education for approval of the special student placements, as attached.

C. **BID AWARD**

Recommendation of the superintendent of schools for approval of the following resolution:

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Mahopac Central School District accept the following bids, from the lowest responsible bidders meeting bid specifications for **Lakeview Kitchen Equipment**. The bids being as follows.

6/14/06 11:07 AM

LV Kitchen Equipment

	CONTRACTOR	TYPE	X	BID		NON	INSUR.	N.Y.	CERT.	EQUITIES	CORP.
				AMOUNT		FORM	FORM	SURETY BOND	CK		FORM
1	H. WEISS	GEN	X	39,250.00	4,250.38	X					X
2	GENUINE SALES	GEN		42,185.00	4,155.00	X					X
3		GEN									
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B. **ACCEPTANCE OF GIFT**

Recommendation of the superintendent of schools for approval of a donation of a 20"TV/DVS/VDR for the Bridge Classroom at the Mahopac Falls School, donated from Mr.& Mrs. Ronald Kennedy, parents of a student graduate from the Bridge Program. The approximate value of this donation is \$249.00.

13. RECOMMENDATIONS – continued

C. **APPOINTMENT OF HEARING OFFICER**

Recommendation of the superintendent of schools, as forwarded by the District Clerk, to appoint **Mr. John Naun** as Impartial Hearing Officer for the Mahopac Central School District, according to the New York State Impartial Hearing Officer Rotational List.

D. **STUDENT WELLNESS POLICY**

Recommendation of the superintendent of schools for approval of the **Student Wellness Policy**, as per the attached, which is required by the State Education Commissioner's Regulations. This represents the required **second** notification of new policy being recommended for adoption.

CONSENT AGENDA CONCLUDES

14. RESIDENT COMMENTS
Scheduled & Unscheduled

15. NEXT MEETING - August 8, 2006, Lakeview School

16. ADJOURNMENT

Note:

*Attachments to Agenda Items that are **not** available on the District's Website, may be obtained and/or viewed at the Administration Office by calling 628-3415, ext. 350 or by e-mailing Dorothy Gilroy @ Gilroyd@mahopac.k12.ny.us*

MAHOPAC CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING, **August 8, 2006**
Lakeview Elementary School, 8:00 p.m.

MINUTES

1. CALL OF THE ROLL

PRESENT: Ralph Anker, Sandra Calvi-Muscente, Giulio Cefaloni, Rose Fabiano,
William Hines, Penny Swift, Vinnie Trinchitella

ABSENT: Patricia Greenwood-O'Keefe, Elaine Simone

STAFF: Robert J. Reidy, Superintendent; Assistant Superintendents: David Chapman,
Vincent Quartararo; Assistants to the Superintendent: Barbara Walkley, Donald
Beverly and Dorothy Gilroy, District Clerk.

CONVENE: At 7:07 p.m., President Cefaloni called the meeting to order in Room 17 of the
Lakeview Elementary School and moved immediately to executive session for the
purpose of discussing a particular contract negotiations issue and a personnel issue.

Moved by Mrs. Fabiano, seconded by Mrs. Swift, carried unanimously.

2. PUBLIC At 8:10 p.m. the board returned to public session in the Auditorium of the Lakeview
SESSION: Elementary School with the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

OTHERS: Approximately 50 people were in attendance.

3. RESIDENT COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS ONLY - None

4. COMMUNICATIONS - None

5. ACCEPTANCE OF WARRANTS

GENERAL 'A' FUND WARRANTS:

# 76,	CHECKS # 108543 TO 108750,	06/30/06,	\$ 551,442.77
# 02,	CHECKS # 108631 TO 108636,	07/12/06,	\$ 565,536.50
# 03,	CHECKS # 108683 TO 108706,	07/18/06,	\$ 713,036.04
# 05,	CHECKS # 108550 TO 108874,	07/31/06,	\$ 313,524.10

CAPITAL PROJECT 'H' FUND WARRANTS:

# 18,	CHECKS # 2004,	06/30/06,	\$ 6,861.75
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TRUST & AGENCY 'T' FUND WARRANTS:

# 01,	CHECKS # 616, 7351 TO 7397,	07/12/06,	\$ 7,798.47
# 02,	CHECKS # 985, 7398 TO 7406, 7370107,	07/31/06,	\$ 36,648.83

6. TREASURER'S REPORT - Received for Filing, **June, 2006**

Acceptance of the above-mentioned Warrants and Treasurer's Report was moved by Mrs. Swift, seconded by Mr. Anker, carried unanimously.

7. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

7/11/06 - Re-organizational Board Meeting

Moved by Mrs. Trinchitella, seconded by Mrs. Fabiano, carried unanimously.

7/11/06 - Regular Monthly Board Meeting

Moved by Mrs. Fabiano, seconded by Mrs. Trinchitella, carried unanimously.

7/19/06 - Special Board of Education Meeting

Moved by Mrs. Calvi-Muscente, seconded by Mr. Ankier, carried 5 ayes, 2 abstentions (Mr. Hines & Mrs. Swift).

8. STUDENT REPORTS - None

9. COMMITTEE REPORTS - Board of Education Chairpersons

Activities Coalition - Mr. Ankier reported that approximately 20 to 25 students are registering everyday with the Coalition, in the hopes that they will meet the first payment date in mid August. He reported that the Coalition has received a \$100,000 donation from Mr. Paul Camarda, which has jumpstarted the program and took this opportunity to publicly thank him. Mr. Ankier reported on the organization of fundraiser events such as a road race, golf outing on Columbus Day, alumni mailing, New Year's Eve Gala or a Casino Night. He reported that programs are moving along and urged anyone to contact the Coalition by e-mailing them at MSASPORTS.ORG. The Coalition meets the last Monday of every month at the MSA Room at the Mahopac Falls School at 7:00 p.m., for anyone interested in volunteering.

Mrs. Fabiano piggybacked on the Coalition Report, reporting that Jim Tompkins Garbage & Recycling Disposal (Mahopac graduate) has offered to contribute \$5.00 to the Coalition for every new customer. President Cefaloni stated that the district is not advertising for this company but announcing the company's contribution.

Transportation - Mrs. Fabiano reported that the Annual School Bus Drivers Meeting will be held on August 30th at 9:00 a.m. at Austin Road School and the Transportation Department is working on their two-hour training meeting.

Mrs. Fabiano reported that she attended a Town Board Work Session where they talked about the fact that the Town is landlocked, with little commercial land available. The Town is being proactive to see what kind of available land is left in the community and will try to attract businesses to the area. They discussed a sports complex, which may bring in \$100,000 to \$180,000 a year to help with the tax burden and to offset residents' taxes.

Legislative – Mrs. Swift reported that she is working on a document for community residents to send to legislative officials pleading to reduce property taxes in our district. A printout of the sample letter is available this evening for the public. The board is asking the community to conduct a massive letter writing campaign for school tax reform and to help reduce the tax burden. Sample letters are also available on the district's website and at the district office.

Special Education – Mrs. Swift reported on a follow-up from last meeting announcing that the Eastern PTA meets the first Saturday of each month. She has the President's name and e-mail for anyone interested and these meetings are open to all parents. The Special Education Committee met this evening and Items #18. A through #18.F. & 18.S. are recommended for approval.

COMMITTEE REPORTS – continued

Special Education - continued

Mrs. Swift reported that there are a number of new NYS performance policies that tie into Special Education under new Federal Regulations. There are 14 policies that we must adhere to. Our district currently has 11 policies in effect. Mrs. Swift reported that Dr. LaVigne is developing the other three policies according to federal regulations.

Technology – Mr. Cefaloni reported that one of our servers overheated at Austin Road School. Fortunately, during the network rebuild last year, the network was designed to have a backup domain at the MS and no data was lost. The staff is currently looking into an automated shutdown of the servers based on temperature. Although there was elimination of our summer help, which affected our Technology Department, Mr. Cefaloni believes that we will be ready for opening day, none the less.

Audit - Mr. Hines reported that the State has finished their audit and we have received a verbal report. They will set up an interview with our Board Audit Committee and speak about their findings. Mr. Chapman reported that the process has gone pretty smoothly. Now the district is working with external auditors who started this week. There are three audit processes going on now, looking at our district as well as every school district with the commitment to keep house in order and receiving recommendations to make things better.

Community Communications - Mr. Hines reported on real good news. This committee is putting on a major effort this year to get information back and forth to the community. The committee's goals are to ensure that all groups in the community are receiving timely and accurate district-related information; to establish a vehicle for exchange of information between the district and the community and to ensure that the community has an avenue for communication and feedback. Mr. Hines discussed the make-up of the Community Communications Advisory Committee and a number of school and community contacts. He discussed the communication set-up, the types of information with set agendas; and types of communication. Mr. Hines reported that during the first year, the Advisory Committee will be gathering information for the committee. He asked volunteers to step up to volunteer their time, with the first meeting to be held at the end of the month.

President Cefaloni reported that Mr. Hines has put a lot of work into this major effort for this district. The committee will be preparing an execution plan to present to the full board and the administration.

10. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Reidy reported that he has been attending meetings of the Activities Coalition and wanted to publicly thank them for their efforts on behalf of our children and community, being very proud to be a part of them.

CONSENT AGENDA BEGINS

- Items removed for further discussion:
[#18.K](#), [#18.Q](#), [#18.W](#), [#18.S](#).

#18.K - Mr. Chapman clarified that Harbor Lane, at the Lakeview School road must be closed for a 24 hours period to maintain the private road status.

#18.Q.- Mr. Hines questioned the one bidder response on this project and asked for clarification on the amount. Mr. Hines requested that we re-open the bid to see if we can do better on this amount. Mr. Hines was not comfortable with this bid.

Mr. Chapman responded that last year there were only two bids on the same but we will go out for another bid.

- Items removed for further discussion, continued

#18.W. - Mr. Hines questioned Section 5 of the Attendance Policy which should address chronic late problems. Mr. Beverly will go back to the committee to review this Section. Mr. Hines checked with other districts and two have addressed this issue with 2 late absences equaling one absence.

Mr. Beverly reported that review of this policy took almost one year with a committee. Dr. Reidy thanked Don Beverly and his committee for all their work and that this policy went through much iteration.

Mrs. Swift reported that this Attendance Policy mirrors the State requirements of this policy.

Mrs. Fabiano questioned our incentives for perfect attendance. Mr. Beverly stated that each our schools have attendance awards. Mrs. Fabiano would like to see more weight put to this. Mr. Beverly stated that we have looked at other districts and will investigate further.

#18.S. - Mrs. Swift explained that this item cannot be discussed in public due to confidentiality of a student. Mrs. Calvi-Muscente stated that this was briefly discussed already in executive session and had no objection to the board moving on this recommendation this evening, but without her approval.

11. RETIREMENTS/RESIGNATIONS - Recommendation of the superintendent of schools:

A. Administrative

John Carlough, Principal, Fulmar Road Elementary School, effective 7/20/07.

B. Non-Instructional

William Normile, monitor, Mahopac High School, effective 6/23/06.

12. RESIGNATIONS - Recommendation of the superintendent of schools:

A. Instructional

1. **Andrea Wheeland**, English as a Second Language teacher, Mahopac Middle School/Austin Road Elementary Schools, effective 7/31/06.
2. **Stephen Bell**, technology teacher, Mahopac Middle School, effective 8/31/06.
3. **Arlene Fischetti**, music teacher, Austin/Fulmar/Lakeview Elementary Schools, effective 8/31/06.

B. Non-Instructional

1. **Providenza Sottile**, school bus aide, Mahopac Bus Garage, effective 1/3/06.
2. **Maria Bernhardt**, teacher aide, Lakeview Elementary School, effective 6/30/06.
3. **Eugene Macchia**, per diem bus driver, Mahopac Bus Garage, effective 9/5/06.
4. **Kathleen Sweet**, per diem bus driver, Mahopac Bus Garage, effective 9/5/06.
5. **Susan Arnold**, per diem bus driver, Mahopac Bus Garage, effective 9/5/06.
6. **Laura Zamparelli**, per diem bus driver, Mahopac Bus Garage, effective 9/5/06.
7. **William Owsiany**, per diem bus driver, Mahopac Bus Garage, effective 9/5/06.

13. TERMINATIONS - None

14. LEAVES OF ABSENCE – Recommendation of the superintendent of schools:

A. Instructional

1. **Diane D'Alessandro**, elementary teacher, Lakeview Elementary School, unpaid leave of absence, effective 9/1/06-6/30/07.
2. **Karen Kellogg**, elementary teacher, Lakeview Elementary School, unpaid leave, effective 9/1/06-6/30/07.
3. **Aneta Lacerte**, teaching assistant, Lakeview Elementary School, unpaid leave, effective 9/1/06-6/30/07.
4. **Kris Edwards**, teaching assistant, Mahopac Middle School, unpaid leave, effective 9/1/06-6/30/07.
5. **Jeanette Coniglio**, English teacher, Mahopac High School, unpaid childcare leave, effective 9/16/06-11/28/06.
6. **Alice Shaughnessy**, special education teacher, Austin Road Elementary School, unpaid childcare leave, effective 10/11/06-11/28/06.
7. **Jessica Gustin**, special education teacher, Fulmar Road Elementary School, unpaid childcare leave, effective 11/25/06-2/23/07.
8. **Kristina Suozzo**, special education teacher, Mahopac High School, unpaid childcare leave, effective 10/5/06-10/10/06.
9. **Lisa Morrison**, teaching assistant, Mahopac Middle school, unpaid leave, effective 9/1/06-6/30/07.
10. **Lisa Robinson**, teaching assistant, Mahopac Middle School, unpaid leave, effective 9/1/06-1/1/07.
11. **REVISION: Eileen Geller**, unpaid childcare leave revised *from* 11/1/06-1/31/07 *to* 11/11/06-1/31/07.

B. Non-Instructional

1. **Melanie Partelow**, teacher aide, Mahopac Falls School, unpaid childcare leave, 9/01/06 through 9/21/06.
2. **Carrie Reyes**, teacher aide, Lakeview Elementary School, unpaid leave, 9/1/06 through 6/30/07.

15. ABOLISHMENT OF POSITIONS - None

16. CREATION OF POSITIONS - Recommendation of the superintendent of schools:

A. Instructional

One (1) – Teaching Assistant

17. APPOINTMENTS - Recommendation of the superintendent of schools:

A. Instructional

1. Candidate: ConnieMarie Rao
Tenure Area: Music
Probationary Period: 9/1/06-6/30/07
Certification Area: Provisional
Salary: Step 4, BA+24

17. APPOINTMENTS – continued

A. Instructional

2. Candidate: Robert Molfetta
Tenure Area: Technology
Probationary Period: 9/1/06-6/30/09
Certification Area: Initial
Salary: Step 4, BA+37+MA
3. Candidate: Jaclyn Antonucci
Tenure Area: Foreign Language
Probationary Period: 9/1/06-11/30/08
Certification Area: Supplementary
Salary: Step 2, BA+39+MA
4. **Maureen DiMaiolo**, part-time physical education teacher (60%), effective 9/1/06. Step 7, BA+21 (pro-rata) of the contract between the Mahopac Teachers' Association and the District. Ms. DiMaiolo holds a New York State Provisional Renewal Certificate in physical education.

Term Appointments:

5. **Joyce Intervallo**, *term substitute* elementary teacher for Dona Martirano, Fulmar Road Elementary School, effective 9/1/06-1/31/07 or until Ms. Martirano returns, whichever comes first. Salary: Step 4 BA+27 (pro-rata)
6. **Michelle Faella**, *term substitute* elementary teacher for Elizabeth Merriam, Fulmar Road Elementary School, effective 9/1/06-6/30/07 or until Ms. Merriam returns, whichever comes first. Salary: Step 2, BA+36+MA
7. **Christina D'Amore**, *term substitute* special education teacher for Jessica Gustin, Fulmar Road Elementary School, effective 10/2/06-2/23/07 or until Ms. Gustin returns, whichever comes first. Salary: Step 2, BA+45+MA (pro-rata)
8. **Stephen Salese**, *term substitute* social studies teacher for Christine Honohan Zeolla, Mahopac High School, effective 9/1/06-6/30/07 or until Ms. Honohan Zeolla returns, whichever comes first. Salary: Step 3, BA+30+MA
9. **Aneta Lacerte**, *term substitute* special education teacher for Ms. Sharon Baranowski, Mahopac Middle School, effective 9/1/06-6/30/07 or until Ms. Baranowski returns, whichever comes first. Salary: Step 3, BA+45+MA
10. **Kris Edwards**, *term substitute* elementary teacher for Ms. Karen Farris, Mahopac Middle School, effective 9/1/06-6/30/07 or until Ms. Farris returns, whichever comes first. Salary: Step 2, BA+43+MA
11. **Matthew Horvitz**, *term substitute* teaching assistant for Ms. Teresa Curtin, Mahopac Middle School, effective 9/1/06-6/30/07 or until Ms. Curtin returns, whichever comes first. Salary: Step 2 of the Teaching Assistants' Contract.

17. APPOINTMENTS – continued

A. Instructional

12. **Sarah Stefanak**, *term substitute* elementary teacher for Ms. Karen Kellogg, Lakeview Elementary School, effective 9/1/06-6/30/07 or until Ms. Kellogg returns, whichever comes first. Salary: Step 3, BA+45+MA
13. **Maryanne Courtney**, *term substitute* elementary teacher for Ms. Diane D’Alessandro, Lakeview Elementary School, effective 9/1/06-6/30/07 or until Ms. D’Alessandro returns, whichever comes first. Salary: Step 6, BA+36+MA
14. **Alicia Battista**, *term substitute* special education teacher for Ms. Alice Shaughnessy, Austin Road Elementary School, effective 9/1/06-11/28/06 or until Ms. Shaughnessy returns, whichever comes first. Salary: Step 5, BA+36+MA
15. **Julie P. Panzer**, *term substitute* foreign language teacher for Ms. April Ljumic, Mahopac High School, effective 9/1/06-6/30/07 or until Ms. Ljumic returns, whichever comes first. Salary: Step 2, BA+30+MA

16. Chairperson Appointments for the 2006/07 School Year:
Social Studies - Catherine O’Connell

Stipends in accordance with agreement between the District and MTA

17. 2006/07 Substitute Teacher/Teaching Assistant/Nurse List:
See Attached.

B. Non-Instructional

1. **Matthew Addato**, per diem bus driver, Mahopac Bus Garage, effective 9/6/06. Salary as per USWOM Contract.
 2. **Robert Mayo**, per diem bus driver, Mahopac Bus Garage, effective 9/6/06. Salary as per USWOM Contract.
 3. **Eugene Macchia**, part-time bus driver, Mahopac Bus Garage, effective 9/6/06. Salary as per USWOM Contract.
 4. **Kathleen Sweet**, part-time bus driver, Mahopac Bus Garage, effective 9/6/06. Salary as per USWOM Contract.
 5. **Susan Arnold**, part-time bus driver, Mahopac Bus Garage, effective 9/6/06. Salary as per USWOM Contract.
 6. **Laura Zamparelli**, part-time bus driver, Mahopac Bus Garage, effective 9/6/06. Salary as per USWOM Contract.
 7. **William Owsiany**, part-time bus driver, Mahopac Bus Garage, effective 9/6/06. Salary as per USWOM Contract.
 8. **Jacqueline Azadian**, *term substitute* teacher aide for Ms. Carrie Reyes, Lakeview Elementary School, effective 9/1/06 through 6/30/07, or until Ms. Reyes returns, whichever comes first. Salary as per CSEA contract.
- Summer Helpers:**
9. **Noelle Lofaro**, student summer helper, Mahopac Falls School, \$10/hour, effective 7/5/06-8/15/06.
 10. **Stephanie Righetti**, student summer helper, Mahopac Falls School, \$10/hour, effective 7/5/06-8/15/06.
 11. **Gabrielle Morales**, student summer helper, Lakeview Elementary School, \$10/hour, effective 7/5/06 – 8/15/06.
 12. **Angela Ruggiero**, student summer helper, Lakeview Elementary School, \$10/hour, effective 7/5/06 – 8/15/06.

17. **APPOINTMENTS – continued**

B. Non-Instructional

13. **Dustin Horvath**, student summer helper, Lakeview Elementary School, \$10/hour, effective 7/5/06-8/15/06.
14. **Danielle Oliveri**, student summer helper, Mahopac Falls School, \$10/hour, effective 7/5/06 – 8/15/06.
15. **Monique Morales**, student summer helper, Lakeview Elementary School, \$10/hour, effective 7/5/06 – 8/15/06.
16. **Regina Sangalli**, student summer helper, Lakeview Elementary School, \$10/hour, effective 7/5/06-8/15/06.
16. **Kevin D’Angelo**, student summer helper, Mahopac High School, \$10/hour, effective 7/5/06 – 8/15/06.
17. **Kristen Reyes**, student summer helper, Mahopac High School, \$10/hour, effective 7/5/06 – 8/15/06.
18. **Nicole Righetti**, student summer helper, Mahopac Falls School, \$10/hour, effective 7/5/06-8/15/06.

20. **2006/07 substitute clerical/ monitor/teacher aide/library aide list:**
See Attached.

21. **2006/07 substitute cleaner/maintenance list:**
See Attached.

18. **RECOMMENDATIONS**

- A. **SPECIAL STUDENT PLACEMENTS/HOMEBOUND INSTRUCTION**
Recommendation of the Committee for Special Education for approval of the special student placements, **as attached.**

- B. **2006-2007 COMMITTEE ON SPECIAL EDUCATION**
Recommendation of the superintendent of schools, as forwarded by Education Support Services, for approval of the Committee on Special Education for the 2005-06 school year, **as attached.**

- C. **2006-07 COMMITTEE ON PRESCHOOL SPECIAL EDUCATION**
Recommendation of the superintendent of schools, as forwarded by Education Support Services for approval of the list of members to the Committee on Preschool Special Education, **as per the attached.**

- D. **2005-06 ANNUAL REVIEWS**
Recommendation of the superintendent of schools, as forwarded by the Committee on Special Education and Sub-Committee on Special Education to classify, place and provide related services as a result of the Annual Review and as described in the Individual Education Plan (IEP) for previously placed students in the district.

- E. **2006-07 COMMITTEE ON SPECIAL EDUCATION CALENDAR OF MEETINGS**
Recommendation of the superintendent of schools, as forwarded by Student Services, for adoption of CSE Meetings. The Committee meets regularly to assess, review and evaluate students with special needs. Additional meetings for annual reviews will be added as needed.

18. RECOMMENDATIONS - continued

F. **IMPARTIAL HEARING REPORTING SYSTEM (IHRS)**

RESOLVED, that the Mahopac Central School District will use the district specific list as maintained by the IHRS (Impartial Hearing Reporting System) provided by the NYS Education Department as required in Section 200.5 of the Regulations of the Commissioner of Education. This change became effective July 9, 2004.

G. **APPOINTMENT OF HEARING OFFICER**

Recommendation of the superintendent of schools, as forwarded by the District Clerk, to appoint Mr. Eric Nachman, as Impartial Hearing Officer for the Mahopac Central School District, according to the New York State Impartial Hearing Officer Rotational List.

H. **AUTHORIZATION TO APPOINT NEW STAFF**

Recommendation of the superintendent of schools for authorization to commit new staff for the new school year, prior to the *September 12, 2006* Regular Board Meeting.

I. **2006/2007 SUB-COMMITTEES OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION**

Recommendation of the superintendent of schools, as forwarded by the Administrative Board Committee, for approval of the 2006/2007 Board of Education Sub-Committees, as per the attached.

J. **INCOME ELIGIBILITY GUIDELINES, FREE/REDUCED PRICE MEALS**

Recommendation of the superintendent of schools for approval of the income eligibility guidelines for free and reduced price school meals, recommended by the State Education Department, effective 7/1/2006 – 6/30/2007, **as per the attached.**

K. **RESOLUTION RE ROAD CLOSING**

Recommendation of the superintendent of schools for approval of the following resolution:

WHEREAS, in order to maintain the franchise of the district's private road on the north side of Lakeview School, known as Harbor Lane, connecting McAlpin Avenue and See Avenue, and the district's lot on the west side of Route 6 and Croton Falls Road, opposite the Mahopac Volunteer Fire Department; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Mahopac Central School District authorizes the closing, for 24 hours, on the fourth Tuesday of August, namely, **August 22, 2006**, the above-named property; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the District Clerk be authorized to publish legal notice of these closings.

L. **HEALTH SERVICE CONTRACT**

Recommendation of the superintendent of schools for approval of the following health service contract for the 2005/06 school year; with authorization for the president and district clerk to sign same:

Yonkers Public School District, 1 student @ \$489.68

M. **INCREASE IN LUNCH PRICES**

Recommendation of the superintendent of schools for approval of lunch prices as follows, which represents an increase of \$0.10 per school.

High School/Middle School - \$1.90

Elementary Schools - \$1.80

18. RECOMMENDATIONS - continued

N. **PROPERTY LOSS AND LIABILITY RESERVE**

Recommendation of the superintendent of schools for approval of the following resolution

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education establish a Property Loss and Liability Reserve in the amount of \$ 1,000,000 for the 2006-07 school year.

O. **2006/2007 TAX LEVY**

Recommendation of the superintendent of schools for approval of the adoption of the **2006-07** tax levy in the amount of **\$ 69,171,852** based on the revenue estimates and consistent with changes in the tax levying process as a result of Section 1307 of the Real Property Tax Law; and to authorize the superintendent of schools to issue a certificate to the Chief Fiscal Officer of each town stating the amount due; and further, to execute tax warrants to Robert Rizzo, Tax Collector for the Town of Putnam Valley and Mary Kristensen, Tax Collector for the Town of Carmel, in the following amounts:

Carmel -	\$ 34.074694 per \$1,000 assessed valuation
Putnam Valley -	\$ 16.270603 per \$1,000 assessed valuation

P. **2005/06 FINAL CONTRACT OF SERVICES WITH PNW BOCES**

Recommendation of the superintendent of schools for approval of the 2005/2006 Final Contract of Services with Putnam Northern Westchester BOCES with authorization for District and Board President to sign same, **as per the attached**.

Q. **BID AWARDS**

Recommendation of the superintendent of schools for approval of the bid awards for the following bid awards to the lowest responsible bidder, meeting the specifications, AS PER THE ATTACHED.

1. **WATER TREATMENT**

2. **CURTIS & STEVE WALKER**

#18.Q.2. - bid rejected

Item #18.Q.1. was moved by Mr. Hines, seconded by Mr. Ankier, carried unanimously.

Item #18.Q.2. was rejected by Mr. Hines, seconded by Mr. Ankier, carried unanimously.

R. **SALE OF SURPLUS VEHICLES**

Recommendation of the superintendent of schools for approval of the sale of surplus vehicles, no longer of use to the district, to the highest bidder, as per the attached.

S. **STIPULATION OF SETTLEMENT**

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby approves and authorizes the Superintendent of Schools to sign on behalf of the District a certain Stipulation of Settlement in the matter of the due process impartial hearing involving student ID number 9474139, a copy of which Stipulation has been reviewed previously by the members of the Board of Education.

Item #18.S. was moved by Mrs. Trinchitella, seconded by Mr. Ankier, carried 6 ayes, 1 nay, (Mrs. Calvi-Muscente).

18. RECOMMENDATIONS – continued

T. ACCEPTANCE OF GRANT

Recommendation of the superintendent of schools for approval of a \$200 mini-grant obtained for art work in the Mahopac High School regarding multi-cultural issues from Ulster County BOCES, New Paltz, NY.

U. BUS PROPOSITION

Recommendation of the superintendent of schools for approval of the following proposition for placement on the ballot at the Bus Proposition Vote to be held on Wednesday, September 20, 2006.

PROPOSITION - Bus & Van Purchases

"Shall the Board of Education of the Mahopac Central School District be authorized to finance the cost of the acquisition of school buses and/or school bus vans at a cost not to exceed **\$ 800,000** and to authorize and issue serial bonds in the principal amount of **\$ 800,000** and to levy the necessary real estate taxes for such purpose. **This borrowing will have no added impact to the budget.** The principal and interest on borrowings are already included within the budget number.

V. RELIGIOUS HOLIDAYS

Recommendation of the superintendent of schools for the Board of Education to adopt the following list of approved Religious Holidays for the 2006-2007 school year.

2006-2007

9/24/2006	Ramadan Begins
10/7-8/2006	Sukkott
10/14/2006	Shemini Atzeret
11/1/2006	All Saints Day
	Feast of the Immaculate
12/8/2006	Conception
12/15/2006	First Day of Hanukkah
12/25/2006	Christmas
12/31/2006	Eid-ul-Adha
1/6/2007	Armenian Christmas
2/20/2007	Strove Tuesday
2/21/2007	Ash Wednesday
3/4/2007	Purim-Feast of Lots
3/3-4/2007	First two days of Passover
4/6/2007	GoodFriday
4/9-10/2007	Last two days of Passover
4/21/2007	First Day of Ridvan
5/25/2007	Ascension Day

W. POLICY REVISION - ATTENDANCE POLICY #5100

Recommendation of the superintendent of schools for approval of the revision of Board of Education STUDENT ATTENDANCE POLICY - #5100, as per the attached.

Recommendation is made to waive the second reading of policy being adopted by the board of education.

18. RECOMMENDATIONS – continued

X. **CERTIORARI RESERVE**

Recommendation of the superintendent of schools for approval of the following resolution:

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education increase the Certiorari reserve to maintain the current reserve levels at (75%) for the 2006-07 school year.

CONSENT AGENDA CONCLUDES

The Consent Agenda was moved by Mrs. Trinchitella, seconded by Mr. Ankier, carried unanimously with the exception of Items # 18.Q. and #18.S. (see page 10).

19. RESIDENT COMMENTS
Scheduled & Unscheduled

Harvey Teplitsky questioned Administrative matters in the Mahopac Central School District and suggested better communication between the district and the community, imperative to get school budgets passed. He stated that many of his concerns have already been answered this evening.

Dr. Reidy explained that, given the situation that the district was in at the end of the year, we could not afford to hire people. Under normal circumstances, we would certainly have conducted a search for a middle school administrator. Having qualified people on our staff, he explained that the district could save ½ million dollars by moving staff into administrative positions. President Cefaloni stated that these people are extremely qualified people and the board has every confidence in their appointments.

Diane Belkevich questioned the music teacher resignation and what will happen to MESCO and who will take her place. Dr. Reidy explained that Connie Rao will replace the teacher and that the program has been reinstated.

Margaret Rogers questioned how she could contact the Communications Committee.

Mr. Hines suggested that anyone see Mrs. Gilroy after the meeting and leave their e-mail address.

Luisa Winogradoff, LS PTO President, asked for clarification of the new Lakeview Principal and asked questions of the fee schedule.

Dr. Reidy responded that Mrs. Pontillo is the Principal and that the fee schedule includes all costs involved in building use.

Jane Corace asked how the community will be informed of the next meeting of the Communications Committee.

Mr. Hines explained that this committee meeting, as well as all others, is advertised on the District's Website, Channel 22; all Building postings; sent to the press and message to the Key Communicators.

19. RESIDENTS COMMENTS - continued

Suzie McDonough reiterated that the district needs a good public relations person and would like to know what the board is doing to get the budget passed next year. She's hearing very disturbing comments from young parents who are not supporting the budget until their children are in the secondary level. She suggested that we bring the campaign letters to all back-to-school nights.

Mr. Ankier stated that next year there will be no Coalition and young parents should be reminded that the High School students are the role models for our young people.

Mrs. Swift attended some coffee cloche meetings and responded to them that we live in a community and everything we do is for all our children. The cycle being that someone before her raised money and now her children are reaping the benefits and we must remind all that this is part of our community.

Dr. Reidy stated that the district did tremendous work last year, holding eleven public budget forums, and this year we will do more with long range planning. Youth development is absolutely critical for our students and we can't afford to lose this balance in our schools. In response to young parents, it would be helpful to remind them that if the next generation takes the same attitude when their children are in this position, their children will suffer.

President Cefaloni stated that the community needs to help; to speak to people to help the school board; next year the Coalition will not be in place and we need to enlist your help to speak to the young people to come here and get facts.

Mrs. Trinchitella added that it is a very dangerous mindset for parents to not want to vote for the school budget.

Elsa Petix stated that if one half of the parents in our schools voted for the budget, we would not have this Coalition in existence this year and that the parents should save us.

Sandra Calvi-Muscente stated that we are in a very precarious situation and the board is very grateful for the Coalition; we will do what's best for our children and that this is a community effort. She felt that this is just a band aid for one year and we must worry about the children.

20. NEXT MEETING - September 12, 2006, Lakeview School

21. ADJOURNMENT

At 9:35 p.m., the board moved to executive session for the purpose of discussing a particular MTA negotiation matter and personnel issues.

Moved by Mrs. Calvi-Muscente, seconded by Mr. Ankier, carried unanimously.

At 11:10 p.m., the board returned to public session at which time the meeting was adjourned.

Moved by Mrs. Trinchitella, seconded by Mrs. Fabiano, carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Dorothy A. Gilroy, District Clerk

Note: Attachments to Agenda Items that are **not** available on the District's Website, may be obtained and/or viewed at the Administration Office by calling 628-3415, ext. 350 or by e-mailing Dorothy Gilroy @ Gilroyd@mahopac.k12.ny.us

MAHOPAC CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING, September 12, 2006
Lakeview Elementary School, 8:00 p.m.

MINUTES

1. CALL OF THE ROLL

PRESENT: Ralph Ankier, Sandra Calvi-Muscente, Giulio Cefaloni, Rose Fabiano,
Patricia Greenwood-O'Keefe, William Hines, Penny Swift, Vinnie Trinchitella

ABSENT: Elaine Simone

STAFF: Robert J. Reidy, Superintendent; Assistant Superintendents: David Chapman,
Candace LaVigne, Vincent Quartararo and Dorothy Gilroy, District Clerk.

CONVENE: At 6:45 p.m., President Cefaloni called the meeting to order in Room 17 of the
Lakeview Elementary School and moved immediately to executive session for the
purpose of discussing MTA contract negotiations issue and a personnel issue.

Moved by Mrs. Trinchitella, seconded by Mrs. Swift, carried unanimously.

2. PUBLIC At 8:05 p.m. the board returned to public session in the Auditorium of the Lakeview
SESSION: Elementary School with the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

OTHERS: Approximately 40-45 people were in attendance.

3. RESIDENT COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

Joe Greenfield - questioned the resubmission of the board's sub-committees shown as Item #18. N.
President Cefaloni responded that some adjustments were made to the committees.

4. COMMUNICATIONS - None

5. ACCEPTANCE OF WARRANTS

GENERAL 'A' FUND WARRANTS:

# 07,	CHECKS # 108875 TO 109000,	08/11/06,	\$ 380,269.19
# 08,	CHECKS # 109001 TO 109262,	08/31/06,	\$ 1,262,431.45

CAPITAL PROJECT 'H' FUND WARRANTS: NONE

TRUST & AGENCY 'T' FUND WARRANTS:

# 03,	CHECKS # 897, 7407 TO 7419,	08/11/06,	\$ 5,152.96
# 04,	CHECKS # 217, 7420 TO 7428, 730108,	08/31/06,	\$ 23,518.36

- 5.a. Internal Claims Audit Report - attached.

6. TREASURER'S REPORT - Received for Filing, July, 2006

Items #5. and #6., moved by Mrs. Fabiano, seconded by Mrs. Calvi-Muscente, carried unanimously.

7. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

8/8/06 - Regular Monthly Board Meeting with revisions as noted, which will be corrected prior to filing and posting.

Moved by Mrs. Fabiano, seconded by Mr. Ankier, carried 7 ayes, one abstention (Mrs. Greenwood-O'Keefe).

8. STUDENT REPORTS - President Cefaloni welcomed *Julia LaVelle*, M.O.S.T. Student Council President for the new school year, hoping that she will bring a lot of good news from the high school, as in the past. Julia reported that tomorrow will be the council's first meeting with all classes. They will be planning the homecoming and are trying to change the Pep Rally for this year. The council will be continuing the Symposium with Carmel High School and hopes to extend the invitation to other schools in Putnam and Westchester. They hope to improve the relationship between Carmel and themselves and will hold the Carmel Exchange again.

9. COMMITTEE REPORTS – Board of Education *Chairpersons*

Administrative - President Cefaloni made note of a new informational Board of Education Leaflet thanks to the efforts of the Community Relations Committee.

Audit - Mr. Hines reported that the State concluded their audit of the district and we received a verbal report that they will be submitting their report in the next month. At this time, the external auditor is working on his preliminary report. Next week there will be a meeting with the internal auditor which is the audit of the day-to-day operations. The next 30 days will be busy for this committee and Mr. Hines will be reporting back next month.

Community Communication - Mr. Hines reported that there have been a lot of great things happening in this area. At the August 22nd meeting, 50 people from the community attended kicking off this season and the next meeting will be held on October 3rd. The common goal is to strengthen links between the district and the community. Mr. Hines reported on a few initiatives such as: evaluation of the district's website to evaluate its efficiency and the evaluation of the TV Cable Channel 22. At the October meeting, Mr. Hines will have the first draft of our Community Communications Webpage, which will enable the public to get information on certain topics. It will also be set up to ask questions. Mr. Hines reported that we have started Community information messages and we will try to get information out to all groups in the community including information on meetings. Contacts have been generated from each school to make sure that they have input into this committee and there will also be an exchange there. Mr. Hines stated that all are welcome to attend these meetings; the committee is very excited and that this will be a very interactive venue.

Policy - Mrs. Swift noted that in the packets there are policies regarding school board members' roles and responsibilities. She reported that we are required by law to have an annual resolution which is shown as #18 S. on agenda for approval as well. Last month Mrs. Swift reported on her attendance at a meeting in Albany where she learned that there are 14 Special Education regulations set forth stating that we are required to have 14 policies in place. We have 11 policies in place right now and we are in the process of formulating the other 3. A Policy Committee is being scheduled for the first week in October.

Special Education - Mrs. Swift reported that the committee met this month and the resolution appears as #18.A. for board's approval this evening.

9. COMMITTEE REPORTS - continued

Buildings & Grounds - President Cefaloni reported that the Board of Education conducted their walk through of all buildings, which was very impressive. He thanked the facility team for their great work. He reported on normal ongoing maintenance at all buildings along with Lakeview receiving a new kitchen and a new classroom created at the middle school. At the high school, a new concession stand is being finalized, which is not costing the school district a penny. Mr. Chapman believes that it might be ready for the spring if we get a temporary Certificate of Occupancy. Students from BOCES and volunteers from the community have worked and the board is very proud of their community. Mr. Chapman reported that the biggest component was Mr. Furfaro who secured materials and provided a lot of labor and volunteers. Mr. Cefaloni publicly thanked and recognized Mr. Furfaro. President Cefaloni reported that a committee meeting will be scheduled at the beginning of October.

Technology - President Cefaloni reported on the New Teacher Orientation on August 24th. The new staff was trained on the use of on-line student management system, all hardware being used in the district, how to generate class rosters and grades, etc. There is also a Mahopac Survival Guide, posted on the web. At the Middle School there is an ELA teacher pilot program going on and teachers have attended a 2-day workshop with the focus on how to transform instruction with the use of technology. Sessions will continue throughout the year and hopefully we will get great results that we can use in other schools. There was much upgrading of PC's during the summer and Mr. Cefaloni gave thanks to Don Beverly and his team.

Finance - Mrs. Greenwood-O'Keefe reported that work has begun on the budget in the Central Office. Meetings will commence in October and move through the season. There is a lot of work to be done to produce a budget that is acceptable to the community and yet meets the needs of the children. She will be reporting as the school year progresses.

Legislative - Mrs. Fabiano proposed Item # 18.I on the agenda for board's approval, declaring September, 2006 as the "Act for Education Month". This resolution will be sent to Elliott Spitzer and John Fasso indicating that we need some educational reform and pointed out some interesting statistics. Mrs. Fabiano brought attention to three letters with copies available this evening for the public to send to our local legislators. All PTO's have received them and they will be available at back to school nights and she asked all to send letters to urge our legislators to become more active to construct a different way of funding education.

Transportation - Mrs. Fabiano reminded all that September 20th is the Transportation Vote, asking for \$800,000 for new buses. She reported that we have severely deteriorated buses that have been taken out of our fleet due to mostly rust and we need new buses. If this proposition fails, than we will have to lease buses, which will be much more costly. There will be a consequence if this fails and next year we will have to purchase additional buses as well. Mrs. Fabiano reported that on August 30th there was a meeting with all transportation staff and thanked them for their efforts and looked forward to a great school year.

Activities Coalition - Ralph Anker went back to Friday night at the HS field when the children marched onto the field and presented Dr. Reidy and the Board with a check for \$347,667.00. As a result, you will see Item #18.C. on the agenda, reporting that all sports and clubs are back in the program in the school district, thanking the Coalition. He thanked the parents, stating that it was a great sacrifice on their part. There was a good possibility that fund raising would raise monies, however all children would not be able to play sports. It is a testament to parents that they supported their children and paid the pay-to-play fee. Mr. Anker reported that some programs had so many children that some cuts had to be made, which shows the dedication of our parents.

Activities Coalition – continued

Mr. Ankier thanked Athletic Director, Frank Miele. Due to his hard work, the coaches were made aware of what was needed to be done, got the people in there and everything went without a hitch. He thanked teachers and coaches that stood by the community and showed their dedication to our kids. He reported that this took us through the fall and that September 15 registration will open for winter sports and asked parents for their support. Mr. Ankier stated that within the last few months, the support from the community has been incredible. He mentioned a few things fundraisers such as: on Monday nights John Malloy will prepare a Will for \$200 and proceeds will go to the Coalition; the September 30th event at South Side Grille on Saturday where 50% of profits will go to the Coalition; the Golf Outing for October 9th is sold out however there is still dinner and dancing; a 5-K Race on October 29th with forms available tonight. Fred Reger is coordinating the K-5 event and is looking for people to sponsor people to run in the race. Mr. Ankier reported that we are a third of the way there and appreciates everything that has been done and stated that this is why Mahopac is a great place to live.

Mr. Cefaloni reported that Friday night at the high school was a magic moment and the energy was so positive in the stands. This district is whole and the community is coming together and we look forward to a very successful school year.

10. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

- *Review of Code of Ethics Policy* - Dr. Reidy reminded the board to review this policy, which is required annually.
- *Start of School Report* - Dr. Reidy reported that we had wonderful opening day which was very upbeat and very positive. He conveyed a portion of the message that he conveyed to the staff on opening day: "When the budget was defeated twice it was certainly disappointing to all of us in this organization. However, Character is determined on how one handles adverse situations. We will continue to provide the highest level of service to our child because I believe that this organization has a high level of character and the people who propose it are of high character. We are going do our best to provide the best possible experience for our children. It will be a celebratory year, particularly when we look at all support we have received especially through the Coalition. This community supports our district quite strongly and the effort that this community puts forth is an extraordinary effort to ensure that our children have the resources. Our community deserves an extraordinary effort from us."
- *Communities that Care* is a project that we are involved with the County, Youth Bureau and Mental Health Agency in collaboration with the Carmel School district to combat under-age drinking. Some successes to date: one of our towns accepted a proposal that we make legislation for underage drinking to be a misdemeanor. This resolution is pending with two of our other towns. We have also developed collaboration with the police department. We had notified the department that we had heard rumor that there was an underage party at a home. Police visited homes prior to and prevented these activities from happening. We are planning a Youth Summit for February and we are asking students to join us, working on pro-social behaviors. We are taking a very proactive approach to recognize that our children are doing things right and will continue to promote positive social behavior to protect our young people.

Dr. Reidy stated that in his 29th year as School Superintendent, Friday night was a night he will never forget, being a highlight of his career. He stated to everyone involved and working so hard for our children, that he thanks them so very much.

CONSENT AGENDA BEGINS

- Items removed for further discussion:

17. B.1. - President Cefaloni congratulated Dawn Campbell, receiving tenure this evening and asked for board's approval.

Moved by Mrs. Trinchitella, seconded by Mr. Hines, carried unanimously.

#18.G. - There is a conflict of interest with Mr. Ankier in this regard.

Moved by Mrs. Calvi-Muscente, seconded by Mrs. Swift, carried 7 ayes, one abstention (Mr. Ankier).

11. RETIREMENTS/RESIGNATIONS - None

12. RESIGNATIONS - Recommendation of the superintendent of schools:

A. Instructional

1. **Jeanette Manfredonia**, science teacher, Mahopac High School, effective 8/25/06.
2. **Denise Gale Donnelly**, music teacher, Lakeview Elementary School, effective 8/31/06.
3. **Ascension Williams**, teaching assistant, Mahopac Middle School, effective 8/31/06.
4. **Steven M. Zombo**, teaching assistant, Mahopac Middle School, effective 8/31/06.

B. Non-Instructional

1. **Donna Milian**, behavior specialist, Lakeview Elementary School, effective 6/30/06.
2. **Amanda Hanaburgh**, account clerk, Mahopac High School/Mahopac Bus Garage, effective 9/5/06.
3. **Amanda Grundman**, term substitute monitor, Mahopac Falls School, effective 8/23/06.
4. **Mary Fowler**, monitor, Lakeview Elementary School, effective 8/25/06.

13. TERMINATIONS - Recommendation of the superintendent of schools:

14. LEAVES OF ABSENCE - Recommendation of the superintendent of schools:

A. Instructional

1. **Elizabeth Dore**, elementary teacher, Austin Road Elementary School, unpaid leave, effective 9/1/06-6/30/07.
2. **Marie Considine**, special education teacher, Lakeview Elementary School, unpaid childcare leave, effective 11/22/06-2/12/07.
3. **Lisa Kristoferson**, elementary teacher, Austin Road Elementary School, unpaid childcare leave, effective 12/6/06-1/23/07.
4. **Suzanne Coluccio**, elementary teacher, Mahopac Falls Elementary School, unpaid childcare leave, effective 9/1/06-9/29/06.
5. **Christina Proscia**, teaching assistant, Mahopac Middle School, unpaid leave, effective 9/1/06-6/30/07.
6. **REVISED:** **Alice Shaughnessy**, special education teacher, Austin Road Elementary School, unpaid childcare leave revised **from** 10/11/06-11/28/06 **to** 10/7/06-11/28/06.
7. **RESCIND:** **Kristina Suozzo**, special education teacher, Mahopac High School, unpaid childcare leave, effective 10/5/06-10/10/06.

15. ABOLISHMENT OF POSITIONS - None

16. CREATION OF POSITIONS - Recommendation of the superintendent of schools:

- A. Instructional
Four (4) Teaching Assistants
One (1) .6 Speech Teacher to 1.0 FTE
- B. Non-Instructional
One (1) monitor

17. APPOINTMENTS - Recommendation of the superintendent of schools:

- A. Administrative
 - 1. **Carol DeAlleaume**, Acting Interim Principal, Mahopac Falls Elementary School, effective 7/1/06-6/30/07.
 - 2. **Jean Papandrea**, Acting Interim Assistant Principal, Mahopac Middle School, effective 7/1/06-6/30/07.
- B. Instructional
 - 1. **Tenure Appointment:**
Recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools for approval for tenure for **Dawn Campbell** in the academic tenure area of Mathematics, effective 10/12/06.

Instructional Appointments:

- 2. Candidate: **Cheryl Starace**
Tenure Area: English as a Second Language
Probationary Period: 9/1/06-6/30/08
Certification Area: Permanent
Salary: Step 9, BA+48+MA
- 3. Candidate: **Maryanne Courtney**
Tenure Area: Elementary NK-6
Probationary Period: 9/1/06-6/30/07
Certification Area: Provisional
Salary: Step 6 BA+36+MA
- 4. Candidate: **Bradford Smith**
Tenure Area: Teaching Assistant
Probationary Period: 9/1/06-6/30/09
Certification Area: Level One
Salary: Step 1 of the Teaching Assistants' Contract
- 5. Candidate: **Gregory Locker**
Tenure Area: Teaching Assistant
Probationary Period: 9/1/06-6/30/09
Certification Area: Level One
Salary: Step 1 of the Teaching Assistants' Contract
- 6. Candidate: **Mary Fowler**
Tenure Area: Teaching Assistant
Probationary Period: 9/1/06-6/30/09
Certification Area: Level One
Salary: Step 1 of the Teaching Assistants' Contract

17. APPOINTMENTS – continued

B. Instructional - continued

7. Candidate: **Marie A Sottolano**
Tenure Area: Teaching Assistant
Probationary Period: 9/1/06-6/30/09
Certification Area: Level One
Salary: Step 1 of the Teaching Assistants' Contract
8. Candidate: **Jacqueline Gallagher**
Tenure Area: Teaching Assistant
Probationary Period: 9/1/06-6/30/09
Certification Area: Level One
Salary: Step 1 of the Teaching Assistants' Contract
9. Candidate: **Keri Cammarano**
Tenure Area: Teaching Assistant
Probationary Period: 9/1/06-6/30/09
Certification Area: Level One
Salary: Step 1 of the Teaching Assistants' Contract
10. Candidate: **Michael Simmons**
Tenure Area: Secondary Science
Probationary Period: 9/1/06-6/30/09
Certification Area: Initial
Salary: Step 3, BA+36+MA
11. Candidate: **John D. Skelton**
Tenure Area: Music
Probationary Period: 9/1/06-6/30/09
Certification Area: Initial
Salary: Step 3, BA+64+MA
12. Candidate: **Kristy Bishop**
Tenure Area: Teaching Students with Speech and Language
Disabilities (TSSLD)
Probationary Period: 9/1/06-6/30/09
Certification Area: Initial
Salary: Step 2, BA+65+MA

Term Substitutes:

13. **Alicia Battista**, *term substitute* elementary teacher for Elizabeth Dore, Austin Road Elementary School, effective 9/1/06-6/30/07 or until Ms. Dore returns, whichever comes first. Salary: Step 5, BA+36+MA
14. **Julie Ann DeCintio**, *term substitute* elementary teacher for Diane D'Alessandro, Lakeview Elementary School, effective 9/1/06-6/30/07 or until Ms. D'Alessandro returns, whichever comes first. Salary: Step 4, BA+33+MA

17. APPOINTMENTS – continued

B. **Instructional** - continued

15. **Hollie J. Wund**, *term substitute* English teacher for Amy Mahoney, Mahopac High School, effective 9/1/06-2/9/07 or until Ms. Mahoney returns, whichever comes first. Salary: Step 3, BA+3 (pro-rata)
16. **Linda Hobbs**, *term substitute* special education teacher for Beth Raynor, Mahopac Falls Elementary School, effective 9/1/06-2/23/07 or until Ms. Raynor returns, whichever comes first. Salary: Step 2, BA+58+MA (pro-rata)
17. **Alison Ramsay**, *term substitute* special education teacher for Alice Shaughnessy, Austin Road Elementary School, effective 9/1/06-11/28/06 or until Ms. Shaughnessy returns, whichever comes first. Salary: Step 1, BA+36+MA (pro-rata)
18. **Kimberly Kay Ross**, *term substitute* special education teacher for Noelle Semenza, Fulmar Road Elementary School, 9/1/06-2/2/07 or until Ms. Semenza returns, whichever comes first. Salary: Step 2, BA+33+MA (pro-rata)
19. **Kristen E. Lindsay**, *term substitute* elementary teacher for Dona Martirano, Fulmar Road Elementary School, effective 9/1/06-2/2/07 or until Ms. Martirano returns, whichever comes first. Salary: Step 1, BA (pro-rata)
20. **Amanda Grundman**, *term substitute* teaching assistant for Aneta Lacerte, Lakeview Elementary School, effective 9/1/06-6/30/07 or until Ms. Lacerte returns, whichever comes first. Salary: Step 1 of the Teaching Assistants' Contract
21. **Dawn Marie Oddo**, *term substitute* teaching assistant for Lisa Morrison, Mahopac Middle School, effective 9/1/06-6/30/07 or until Ms. Morrison returns, whichever comes first. Salary: Step 1 of the Teaching Assistants' Contract
22. **Nicole Molle**, *term substitute* teaching assistant for Victoria Genovese, Mahopac High School, effective 9/1/06-11/28/06 or until Ms. Genovese returns, whichever comes first. Salary: Step 1 of the Teaching Assistants' Contract (pro-rata)
23. **Kathryn L. Cuomo**, *term substitute* teaching assistant for Lisa Robinson, Mahopac Middle School, effective 9/1/06-1/1/07 or until Ms. Robinson returns, whichever comes first. Salary: Step 1 of the Teaching Assistants' Contract (pro-rata)
24. **Jessica L. Bertolini**, *term substitute* teaching assistant for Christina Proscia, Mahopac Middle School, effective 9/1/06-6/30/07 or until Ms. Proscia returns, whichever comes first. Salary: Step 1 of the Teaching Assistants' Contract
25. **Victoria Genovese**, *term substitute* English teacher for Jeanette Coniglio, Mahopac High School, effective 9/1/06-11/28/06 or until Ms. Coniglio returns, whichever comes first. Salary: Step 2, BA

Declinations of Appointments:

26. **Maryanne Courtney**, *term substitute* for Diane D'Alessandro, Lakeview Elementary School, effective 8/10/06.
27. **Alicia Battista**, *term substitute* for Alice Shaughnessy, Austin Road Elementary School, effective 8/18/06.
28. **Joyce Intervallo**, *term substitute* for Dona Martirano, Fulmar Road Elementary School, effective 8/31/06.

29. **Fall Coaching Appointments for the 2006-07 School Year:**

As per attached.

17. *APPOINTMENTS – continued*

30. **Substitute Teacher/Teaching Assistant/Nurse List - 2006-07 School Year:**

Ron Kauffman	- Business -Certified
Jeanne Earle	- English 7-12/Library Science-Certified
AnnMarie Valerioti	- Childhood Education (1-6)- Pending
Richard Desiderio	- Physical Education/Special Education -Certified
Emily Bergman	- Childhood Education (1-6) & Literacy (B-6) Certified
Hollis Willis	- Special Education-Certified
Pamela Dyson	- Elementary NK-6 – Certified
Catherine Marchionni	- Teaching Assistant
Ashley Nelson	- Teaching Assistant

31. **Elementary Coordinators for the 2006-2007 School Year:**

Austin Road	-	Marilyn Daul
Mahopac Falls Elementary School	-	Jennifer Borst

Stipends in accordance with agreement between the District and MTA

32. **TENURE APPOINTMENTS**

Recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools for approval for tenure for **Simone Lind**, in the special subject tenure area of General Special Education, effective 9/28/06.

Recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools for approval for tenure for **Kristen Miele** in the special subject tenure area of Education of Children with Handicapping Conditions - Education of Speech and Hearing Handicapped Children, effective 10/8/06.

C. **Non-Instructional**

1. **Charles McGrath**, monitor, Mahopac High School, effective 9/6/06. Salary as per Monitor's Contract.
2. **Susan Fitzgerald**, monitor, Mahopac Middle School, effective 9/6/06. Salary as per Monitor's Contract.
3. **Laura Scarfone**, from contingent permanent account clerk to permanent account clerk, effective 9/5/06. Salary as per CSEA Contract.
4. **Susan Laga**, *term substitute* teacher aide for Ms. Allyson Levy, Lakeview Elementary School, effective 9/5/06 – 6/30/07, or until Ms. Levy returns, whichever comes first. Salary as per CSEA Contract.
5. **Eileen Joyce**, *6 month stenographer leave replacement* for Ms. Veronica Wilson, Lakeview Elementary School, effective 9/1/06 through 3/1/07, or until Ms. Wilson returns, whichever comes first. Salary as per CSEA Contract.

Reclassification:

6. **Angelyn Antonellis**, from part-time bus driver to school bus aide, effective 9/1/06. Salary as per USWOM Contract.

7. **Additions to the substitute clerical/ monitor/teacher aide/library aide list:**

Diane Zefi
Rita Stallone
Catherine Marchionni
Geraldine Jezarian
Debra Grandinetti
Lucille Angiuli

18. RECOMMENDATIONS

A. **SPECIAL STUDENT PLACEMENTS/HOMEBOUND INSTRUCTION**

Recommendation of the Committee for Special Education for approval of the special student placements, as attached.

B. **AUTHORIZATION FOR SIGNATURE RE SPECIAL EDUCATION AGREEMENTS**

Recommendation of the superintendent of schools, as forwarded from the Student Services Department, to give authorization to the Superintendent of Schools to sign private provider contracts, tuition contracts, vendor agreements, purchase authorizations for Special Education Students.

C. **ACCEPTANCE OF DONATIONS**

Recommendation of the superintendent of schools for approval of donations for the 2006/2007 school year, with thanks and appreciation, *as per the attached*.

Note: The Town of Carmel contracts, in the amount of \$110,000, have been received.

D. **UNANTICIPATED REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES - Revision**

Recommendation of the superintendent of schools for approval to increase the current year's revenue and expenditure budgets, (\$286,167), to reflect the receipt of donations for Sports and Clubs. Said monies are to be used to fund expenditures that will be incurred and were not budgeted. This will have no impact on District Fund Balance.

E. **ACCEPTANCE OF GIFT**

Recommendation of the superintendent of schools for approval of a donation from Mary Jane Marchut of Mahopac, New York of a sewing machine to the Mahopac Middle School. The estimated value of the donation is \$25.00.

F. **SURPLUS VEHICLES DECLARATION**

Recommendation of the superintendent of schools for approval of the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Mahopac Board of Education has determined that the following vehicles are no longer suitable for transportation purposes and are therefore declared surplus:

1. Bus 226 Vin# 1GKEV16K2JF536294 1988 GMC Suburban
2. Bus 242 Vin# 1T7B4H89XL1297231 1990 Thomas International Bus
3. Bus 252 Vin# 2GDGG35K4M4516081 1991 GMC Van

G. **AGREEMENT WITH THE DISTRICT AND AN EMPLOYEE**

"BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education herewith authorizes the Board President to execute a Settlement Agreement between the District and a certain civil service employee discussed in Executive Session. Said Agreement has been previously reviewed by the Board in Executive Session."

Moved by Mrs. Calvi-Muscente, seconded by Mrs. Swift, carried 7 ayes, 1 abstention (Mr. Ankier).

18. RECOMMENDATIONS – continued

H. **REVISED 2006/2007 TAX LEVY**

Recommendation of the superintendent of schools for approval of the adoption of the **2006-2007** tax levy in the amount of **\$ 68,376,989** based on the revenue estimates and consistent with changes in the tax levying process as a result of Section 1307 of the Real Property Tax Law; and to authorize the superintendent of schools to issue a certificate to the Chief Fiscal Officer of each town stating the amount due; and further, to execute tax warrants to Robert Rizzo, Tax Collector for the Town of Putnam Valley and Mary Kristensen, Tax Collector for the Town of Carmel, in the following amounts:

Carmel -	\$ 33.670399	per \$1,000 assessed valuation
Putnam Valley -	\$ 16.075743	per \$1,000 assessed valuation

I. **RESOLUTION DECLARING SEPTEMBER, 2006 AS ACT FOR EDUCATION MONTH.**

Whereas one in three students across New York State does not graduate on time;

Whereas New York State's contribution to funding public education is lower than the national average, leading to dramatically increased local property taxes;

Whereas New York State has the largest funding gap between high and low income school districts and one of the highest student achievement gaps;

Whereas the New York State Court of Appeals has ruled that the state is failing in its constitutional obligation to provide all of New York's public school students with access to a sound basic education;

Whereas the Court of Appeals specified that significant increases in school funding are necessary to provide a sound basic education to students;

Whereas increased education funding, invested in proven educational strategies with clear accountability provisions is a sound strategy to improve educational results;

Whereas the proportion of total school funding provided by state government is at a fifty year low and local property taxes in the state are at an all time and national high;

Whereas we wish to show support for reform of the state's school aid formula and significant increases in state aid, recognizing local need and costs, combined with accountability to ensure educational results;

Be it Resolved, that the Mahopac Board of Education declares September 2006 to be Act for Education Month in the Mahopac Central School District.

18. RECOMMENDATIONS – continued

J. **BID AWARD - CURBS AND SIDEWALKS**

Recommendation of the superintendent of schools for approval of the following bid award to the lowest bidder, meeting specifications:

9/5/06 12:40 PM		MAHOPAC CAPITAL PROJECTS			
CURBS & SIDEWALKS				NON	
		BID		COLL.	CORP.
CONTRACTOR	TYPE	AMOUNT		FORM	FORM
MARQUISE DEVELOPMENT	CURBS & SIDEWALKS	\$FT DEMO	15.00	X	X
		\$FT INSTALL CURB	27.00		
		\$ FT INSTALL SIDEWALK	37.00		
MAPLE LEAF		\$FT DEMO	18.00	X	X
		\$FT INSTALL CURB	19.00		
		\$ FT INSTALL SIDEWALK	40.00		

K. **BID AWARD - BUS PARTS BID**

Recommendation of the superintendent of schools for approval of the bid awards to the lowest bidders, meeting specifications, as *per the attached*:

L. **BOCES CLASSROOM USE & MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT**

Recommendation of the superintendent of schools for approval of the Classroom Use & Maintenance Agreement with the Putnam/Northern Westchester BOCES for the 2006/2007 School Year for one (1) classroom at the Lakeview Elementary School and five (5) classrooms + Office at the Mahopac Falls Elementary School; and authorization for the president of the board to sign same.

M. **NOMINATION OF AREA 10 DIRECTOR**

Recommendation of the superintendent of schools, as forwarded from the Legislative Committee of the Board of Education, for approval of the nomination of Thomas Knight, P/NW BOCES, for New York State School Boards Association Area 10 Director, with authorization for District Clerk to return ballot to NYSSBA.

N. **“REVISED” SUB-COMMITTEES OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION**

Recommendation of the superintendent of schools, as forwarded by the Administrative Board Committee, for approval of the REVISED 2006/2007 Board of Education Sub-Committees, as *per the attached*.

18. RECOMMENDATIONS - continued

O. **CONTRACT EXTENSION - ARAMARK**

Recommendation of the superintendent of schools for approval of the 2006-2007 Contract Extension for the 2006-2007 school year between Mahopac Central School District and ARAMARK, School Food Service, *as per the attached.*

P. **AUTHORIZATION FOR MEMBERSHIP**

Recommendation of the superintendent of schools for authorization for Board of Education/Superintendent of Schools membership with the Lower Hudson Education Coalition; with participation as a member in 2006/2007 in the amount of \$850.00.

Q. **RESOLUTION RE CHAIRMAN, INSPECTORS & CLERKS FOR BUS VOTE**

Recommendation of the superintendent of schools, as forwarded by the District Clerk, for approval of the resolution appointing the Chairman, the Inspectors and the Clerks of the BUS VOTE, to be held Wednesday, **September 20, 2006**, as per the attached.

R. **ADULT EDUCATION FALL SEMESTER COURSE SELECTION**

Recommendation of the superintendent of schools for approval of the course selections for the 2006/2007 Fall Adult Education Program, as **per the attached.**

S. **ANNUAL REVIEW OF BOARD OF EDUCATION POLICIES**

Recommendation of the superintendent of schools for approval of the following Board of Education Policies, required by State Law to be reviewed annually:

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| 1. | Student Code of Conduct | #5300.01-5300.70 |
| 2. | Investments/Regulation | #6240/6240-R |
| 3. | Bidding Requirements | #6720 |
| 4. | Purchasing | #6700/6700-E.1-2/6700-R |

T. **REVISION OF POLICY #6640 - INVENTORIES**

Recommendation of the superintendent of schools, as forwarded from the Assistant Superintendent of the Business Department, for approval of the revision of Board of Education **Policy #6640 – INVENTORIES**, as per the attached.

U. **RESOLUTION RE EMPLOYEE**

NOW, THEREFORE, pursuant to Education Law §913,

IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, that Employee #3723 is directed to report for a psychiatric examination in order to determine the mental/physical capacity of such person to perform his/her duties as an employee of the Mahopac Central School District, the said medical examination to be before Alan Reichman, M.D., at his office located at 190 Willis Avenue, Room 114, Mineola, New York, on Monday, September 18, 2006 at 11:30 a.m. and/or any subsequent day that may be required by Dr. Reichman or that may be required in the event said examination is rescheduled for any reason; and

IT IS HEREBY FUTHER RESOLVED, that said staff member is directed to produce at said medical examination any and all medical records related to the present state of his/her health for the past three (3) years.

18. RECOMMENDATIONS - continued

V. **ATHLETIC TRAINER AGREEMENT**

Recommendation of the superintendent of schools for approval of the Athletic Trainer Agreement between the Mahopac Central School District and Kelly Buscarino, effective 8/21/06 through 6/21/07, in the amount of \$21,331 during the term of this Agreement, as **per the attached**.

W. **ACCEPTANCE OF BOARD TRUSTEE RESIGNATION**

Recommendation of the Board of Education Administrative Committee for approval to accept the resignation of Board of Education Trustee, Elaine Simone, due to illness.

Moved by Mrs. Calvi-Muscente, seconded by Mrs. Trinchitella, carried unanimously.

President Cefaloni reported that the board regretfully accepts Mrs. Simone's resignation and will announce at the October 10th board meeting, their decision as to fulfilling the vacant board seat. President Cefaloni publicly thanked Mrs. Simone for many years of contributions and hard work.

CONSENT AGENDA CONCLUDES

The Consent Agenda was moved by Mrs. Greenwood-O'Keefe, seconded by Mr. Ankier, carried unanimously.

19. RESIDENT COMMENTS - Scheduled & Unscheduled

- *Krista Donahoe* - approached the board questioning why the Alternative Program was moved to the high school; asked if Mr. Trummer was in charge of the Alternative Program; and questioned why there is no gifted & talented program in place in the academic plan. Dr. Reidy responded that through differentiated instruction the district believes they can provide for the gifted and talented. He also stated that he believes that all children are gifted in some way and that the district's goal is to meet the needs of all children.
- *Anthony DiCarlo* - stated that there is no better time than now to meet with the politicians that are elected this evening. He stated three major concerns: where we are academically; communication between the board of education and the public and feels that the board should develop a committee to work with the Board's Finance Committee.
- *Lynne Brady* - approached the board stating the community does not understand where the 6.75% tax increase comes from and would be interested in working with a committee that would work with the Board Finance Committee.

President Cefaloni reminded all that the district held eleven public budget forums last year to explain all the programs and the budget. He stated that the board is listening to the community and welcomes all suggestions and appreciates everyone's comments.

20. **NEXT MEETINGS**

September 20, 2006 - Bus Proposition Vote, 6am - 9pm, Lakeview School
October 10, 2006 - Regular Monthly Board Meeting

21. **ADJOURNMENT**

At 9:04 p.m., there being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Moved by Mrs. Calvi-Muscente, seconded by Mr. Ankier, carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Dorothy A. Gilroy, District Clerk

MAHOPAC CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING, October 10, 2006
Lakeview Elementary School, 8:00 PM

MINUTES

1. CALL OF THE ROLL

PRESENT: Sandra Calvi-Muscente, Giulio Cefaloni, Rose Fabiano,
Patricia Greenwood-O'Keefe, William Hines, Penny Swift, Vinnie Trinchitella

ABSENT: Ralph Ankier

STAFF: Robert J. Reidy, Superintendent; Assistant Superintendents: David Chapman,
Candace LaVigne, Vincent Quartararo and Dorothy Gilroy, District Clerk.

CONVENE: At 6:45 p.m., President Cefaloni called the meeting to order in Room 17 of the Lakeview Elementary School. Pictures were taken for the HS Yearbook. At 7:05 p.m. the board moved immediately to executive session for the purpose of discussing a litigation issue.

Moved by Mrs. Trinchitella, seconded by Mrs. Swift, carried unanimously.

2. PUBLIC SESSION: At 8:07 p.m. the board returned to public session in the Auditorium of the Lakeview Elementary School with the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

President Cefaloni requested a moment of silence for Joseph Girven and Ralph Ankier's father, who both passed away last week expressing the board's condolences to their families.

OTHERS: Approximately 25 people were in attendance.

3. RESIDENT COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS ONLY- Michael Hunt, President of the Mahopac Teachers Association, publicly thanked the M.O.S.T. Council for their hard work on Homecoming.

4. COMMUNICATIONS - Mr. Cefaloni thanked the public for their support of the School District's Bus Vote on September 20th.

5. ACCEPTANCE OF WARRANTS

GENERAL 'A' FUND WARRANTS:

# 11,	CHECKS # 109263 TO 109802,	09/12/06,	\$ 293,005.56
# 13,	CHECKS # 109432 TO 109671,	09/08/06,	\$ 54,293.85
# 14,	CHECKS # 109803 TO 110037,	09/20/06,	\$ 301,552.14
# 16,	CHECKS # 110038 TO 110455,	09/29/06,	\$ 425,878.21

CAPITAL PROJECT 'H' FUND WARRANTS:

# 01,	CHECKS # 2005,	09/12/06,	\$ 2,910.50
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5. ACCEPTANCE OF WARRANTS - continued

TRUST & AGENCY 'T' FUND WARRANTS:

# 06,	CHECKS # 106, 7429 TO 7438,	09/12/06,	\$ 7,189.61
# 07,	CHECKS # 7439 TO 7442,	09/14/06,	\$ 2,937.20
# 08,	CHECKS # 110, 7443 TO 7457,	09/20/06,	\$ 10,324.22
# 09,	CHECKS # 7458 TO 7485, 7370109,	09/29/06,	\$ 57,007.25

Moved by Mrs. Greenwood-O'Keefe, seconded by Mrs. Fabiano, carried unanimously.

6. TREASURER'S REPORT - Received for Filing, August, 2006

Moved by Mrs. Greenwood-O'Keefe, seconded by Mrs. Calvi-Muscente, carried unanimously.

7. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- 9/12/06 - Regular Monthly Meeting

Moved by Mrs. Fabiano, seconded by Mrs. Trinchitella, carried unanimously (with corrections as noted).

- 10/5/06 - Special Board Meeting

Moved by Mrs. Trinchitella, seconded by Mrs. Swift, carried unanimously.

8. STUDENT REPORTS - Julia LaVelle, President of M.O.S.T. Student Council reported on activities at the high school such as: changes made in regard to the Pep Rally; school spirit; Homecoming; planning fundraisers and getting ready for the next season. Ms. LaVelle thanked Mr. Hunt for his congratulations to the students for their hard work. President Cefaloni asked Ms. LaVelle to convey the board's thanks to the students for their hard work on the floats at Homecoming and the selling of candy in the stands.

9. COMMITTEE REPORTS - Board of Education Chairpersons

Audit - Mr. Hines reported that the committee met with Christopher Melley, of Nugent & Hausessler, Internal Auditor, on September 21st to review his preliminary report. They outlined areas of concern and their audit approach for the district. Mr. Hines outlined some areas of concern and some areas that the board would like to have evaluated. Minutes of this meeting can be reviewed on the district's website. Mr. Hines reported that the state has completed their audit and when finalized, it will be reviewed by the committee. The external auditor has gathered all his information and his report is due in Albany at the end of this month.

Community Communications (CCC) - Mr. Hines reported that they had their first successful meeting on October 3rd, which was attended by a good number of our residents. They finalized groups and contact lists in the community, organized the Advisory Committee and gathered e-mails and lists. There were three topics of discussion: revision of the district's web page on how to get information out to public; presented a first draft which was very favorable and very constructive; input from the audience; captured ideas and went back to Don Beverly to incorporate in our homepage. Mr. Hines will bring back to the board and then move ahead. Mr. Hines thanked the public for suggestions on software. The second topic was Channel 22 with suggestions such as a master schedule page of videos; and making the updating process more efficient. He thanked the public and appreciated their input. The third topic for discussion was our letter writing campaign to legislators. Mr. Hines gave kudos to Assistant Principal, Troy Bilyeu for the HS Newsletter called the Advocate, which is a great bulletin and he has done a great job. Mr. Hines stated that with all of these projects this will bring us up to the next level of communication and announced that the next CCC meeting is on Nov. 2nd, Thurs., 7:30 p.m. at Lakeview Auditorium and urged all to attend.

9. COMMITTEE REPORTS - continued

Special Education - Mrs. Swift reported that the committee met this evening and recommended board's approval of Item 18.A. on the agenda.

Policy - Mrs. Swift reported that when she attended a seminar in Albany in regard to Special Education and the new IDEA regulations, she learned that the district is required to have 13 policies in regard to IDEA. We have 9 of the 13 policies in place. The committee met this month to review the 4 policies that we don't have in place. In regard to the selection and appointment of Impartial Hearing Officers, she recommended approval of Item 18.E. on the agenda this evening. The other three are: a plan that insures district's use of instructional materials that meet the National Instructional Materials Accessibility Standard; guidelines for provision of appropriate accommodations necessary to measure academic achievement and performance of student achievement in district-wide assessments; as well as universal design principles to develop and administer district assessment programs. Mrs. Swift reported that we are ahead of the curve because we are waiting for guidelines from New York State School Board's Association and our attorney for necessary guidelines to develop these policies. Another policy committee meeting will be scheduled when this information becomes available.

Technology - Mr. Cefaloni reported that this year saw an extremely positive beginning of the school year due to a number of assessments and tests made by Mr. Beverly during the summer. He reported on the new procedures for emergency response forms; upgrades during the summer on Mandarin library system; SASI and Parent Connect. Updates were done on the web page by the middle and high schools and there has been a review of suggestions by residents for implementation on the web page.

Activities Coalition – Mr. Cefaloni reported, in Mr. Ankier's absence, on the following activities: last Saturday's Dinner Dance which culminated a day of golf where the energy was fabulous raising over \$75,000; gave note of thanks to Senator Leibell for the contribution from the state of \$150,000 to the Coalition. He reported that registration for winter sports is now open and urged parents to register on the website. There is also a link on the school's website to the Activities Coalition. Mr. Cefaloni stated that the board appreciates all the activities that the Coalition has organized and he will disseminate that information for the public and we will also post the activities on the district's TV educational Channel 22.

Finance – Mrs. Greenwood-O'Keefe reported that the committee did not meet, although the budget process has begun in the Central Office where they have been putting together preliminary figures and looking at enrollment figures for next year. She announced that the next meeting of the Finance Committee will be in November and welcomed all members of the community to hear about what we are doing to take part in the process of the budget.

Legislative – Mrs. Fabiano thanked Senator Leibell for securing additional funding for us from the State. She attended a roundtable discussion on Sept. 21st which was co-sponsored by the Assemblies Real Property Tax Commission and the Assembly Ways & Means Committee. Discussion focused on the problems with educational funding. Many states are experiencing the same problems and topics were discussed on re-evaluation of how they are going to fund programs. She explained that schools had to make up for unfunded mandates and discussed various means of getting away from real property tax assessments and reviewed some ideas made by the groups. On Sept 28th Mrs. Fabiano attended Westchester/Putnam School Board's Association's Legislative Action Committee where various topics were discussed such as: raising fund balances; receiving a timely budget from the State; NCLB mandates; revising Wicks Law and reported that they will be very active to fight for these issues.

9. COMMITTEE REPORTS - continued

Legislative - continued

On October 4th, a Board Legislative Committee Meeting was held to discuss our role and questions were developed to bring forward for Meet the Candidates Night on October 17th at the Mahopac Library, which is sponsored by the Concerned Residents of Carmel/Mahopac. Mrs. Fabiano urged the public to get out and learn about our candidates for local legislators. Earle Bellows, President of the MS PTO, announced the Meeting on Oct. 23 to meet our local state legislative candidates. She also urged all to get on-line and send out letters to our local legislators continuing our letter writing campaign for tax relief.

Transportation - Mrs. Fabiano reported that the committee met on October 4th to re-evaluate two appeals. They did some cost analyses and reviewed the numbers of children on all buses. She explained that our costs are higher because we are in a rural area and can't share some bus runs, but we do share whenever possible.

10. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Reidy congratulated students and staff for a wonderful Homecoming. He stated that we have had a lot of great days in Mahopac due to the work of our Coalition and Senator Leibell.

He reported that this evening the focus is on curriculum instruction. Dr. Walkley will present K through 12 assessment results and ways for continuous improvement in the Mahopac School District.

The purpose of Dr. Walkley's presentation was to talk about student achievement and state and federal accountability. She stated that we must understand the process of results that we are getting and how we are getting those results. She claimed that looking at the system, we have extremely good teachers and good kids. We must look at the whole educational system along with student achievement data. If we are not satisfied, we need to change the system and discussed various steps for our district. Along with computer overheads, Dr. Walkley reported on NYS accountability measures and assessment construction which is very complex; new language; statistics; construction for validity and reliability; measuring performance accountability standards; making adequate progress; district level accountability and determining state and federal status and accountability.

Dr. Reidy added that we are in the parallel track with our administrators and that we all need to support one another. He reported that they just finished a four hour seminar with administrators to talk the same common language. Saturday, Dr. Reidy attended Dr. Walkley's training session with 22 teachers to work on the continuing process in education to get on the same page. Our goal is to improve the systems so that we improve our results for our young people. Our folks were enthusiastic. He stated that everyone is working hard and everyone wants to improve and was delighted to be able to make this report.

CONSENT AGENDA BEGINS

- Items removed for further discussion - #18.C.- Addendum with revision of figures.

Item #18.C., moved by Mrs. Fabiano, seconded by Mrs. Swift, carried unanimously.

11. RETIREMENTS/RESIGNATIONS - Recommendation of the superintendent of schools:

A. Instructional

1. **RESCIND: Nancy Bruno**, music teacher, Mahopac High School, effective 6/30/08.
2. **Nancy Bruno**, music teacher, Mahopac High School, effective 6/30/07.
3. **RESCIND: Joan Levine**, science teacher, Mahopac Middle School, effective 6/30/08.
4. **Joan Levine**, science teacher, Mahopac Middle School, effective 6/30/07.
5. **RESCIND: Joseph Petrone**, science teacher, Mahopac Middle School, effective 6/30/08.
6. **Joseph Petrone**, science teacher, Mahopac Middle School, effective 10/22/07.
7. **RESCIND: Joseph DiCioccio**, mathematics teacher, Mahopac High School, effective 6/30/08.
8. **Joseph DiCioccio**, mathematics teacher, Mahopac High School, effective 6/30/07.
9. **RESCIND: Peter Lapis**, special education teacher, Mahopac High School, effective 6/30/08.
10. **Peter Lapis**, special education teacher, Mahopac High School, effective 6/30/07.
11. **RESCIND: Kathleen Holland**, special education teacher, Mahopac High School, effective 6/30/08.
12. **Kathleen Holland**, special education teacher, Mahopac High School, effective 6/30/07.
13. **RESCIND: Richard Meyer**, physical education teacher, Mahopac Middle School, effective 6/30/08.
14. **Richard Meyer**, physical education teacher, Mahopac Middle School, effective 6/30/07.
15. **RESCIND: Marilyn Daul**, elementary teacher, Austin Road Elementary School, effective 6/30/08.
16. **Marilyn Daul**, elementary teacher, Austin Road Elementary School, effective 6/30/07.
17. **RESCIND: Fern Ricci**, reading teacher, Mahopac Middle School, effective 6/30/08.
18. **David Stockburger**, music teacher, Mahopac High School, effective 6/30/07.

B. Non-Instructional

1. **Patricia Hosmer**, library aide, Austin Road School, effective 11/30/06.

12. RESIGNATIONS - Recommendation of the superintendent of schools:

A. Instructional

1. **Nicole Molle**, term substitute teaching assistant for Victoria Genovese, Mahopac High School, effective 10/13/06.

B. Non-Instructional

1. **Susan Spruill**, monitor, Mahopac High School, effective 9/6/06.
2. **Robert Mayo**, per diem bus driver, Mahopac Bus Garage, effective 9/11/06.
3. **Angelyn Antonellis**, school bus aide, Mahopac Bus Garage, effective 9/18/06.
4. **Barbara Lagatella**, monitor, Mahopac High School, effective 9/20/06.
5. **Roseanne Scolpini**, part-time bus driver, Mahopac Bus Garage, effective 9/30/06.
6. **Laura Pifer**, part-time bus driver, Mahopac Bus Garage, effective 9/30/06.
7. **Colleen Morelli**, part-time bus driver, Mahopac Bus Garage, effective 9/30/06.
8. **Jo-Ann Hiney**, per diem bus attendant, Mahopac Bus Garage, effective 9/18/06.

13. TERMINATIONS - None

14. LEAVES OF ABSENCE - Recommendation of the superintendent of schools:

A. Instructional

1. **Beth Ferrigno**, elementary teacher, Lakeview Elementary School, unpaid childcare leave, effective 11/22/06-12/13/06.
2. **REVISION: Jessica Gustin**, special education teacher, Fulmar Road Elementary School, unpaid childcare leave revised **from** 11/25/06-2/23/07 **to** 11/16/06-2/23/07.
3. **REVISION: Colleen Krebs**, special education teacher, Mahopac Middle School, unpaid childcare leave revised **from** 9/6/06-2/15/07 **to** 9/6/06-11/28/06.
4. **REVISION: Kerry Bilyeu**, elementary teacher, Austin Road Elementary School, unpaid childcare leave revised **from** 10/14/06-2/2/07 **to** 9/30/06-2/2/07.
5. **REVISION: Marie Considine**, special education teacher, Lakeview Elementary School, unpaid childcare leave revised **from** 11/22/06-2/12/07 **to** 11/17/06-2/9/07.
6. **REVISION: Eileen Geller**, elementary teacher, Austin Road Elementary School, unpaid childcare leave revised **from** 11/1/06-1/31/07 **to** 12/23/06-2/27/07.

B. Non-Instructional

Allyson Litvin, teacher aide, Mahopac Falls School, unpaid childcare leave, effective 10/05/06-6/30/07.

15. ABOLISHMENT OF POSITIONS - None

16. CREATION OF POSITIONS - None

17. APPOINTMENTS - Recommendation of the superintendent of schools:

A. Administrative

Mahopac Night School for the 2006-07 School Year:

Aaron Trummer	-	Night School Administrator (2 nights)
Adam Pease	-	Night School Administrator (2 nights)
Troy Bilyeu	-	Substitute Night School Administrator

Salary as per Administrators' Contract

B. Instructional

1. Candidate: Robert Sweeney
Tenure Area: Teaching Assistant
Probationary Period: 9/1/06-6/30/09
Certification Area: Level One - Pending
Salary: Step 1 of the Teaching Assistants' Contract

17. APPOINTMENTS – continued

B. Instructional

2. Candidate: **Elizabeth Sweeney**
Tenure Area: Teaching Assistant
Probationary Period: 9/8/06-9/7/09
Certification Area: Initial
Salary: Step 1 of the Teaching Assistants' Contract

3. **Part-time Appointment:**

Lisa DeAllaume McCabe, part-time special education teacher (60%) effective 9/1/06. Salary: Step 1, BA+6, BA (pro-rata) of the contract between the Mahopac Teachers' Association and the District. Ms. DeAllaume-McCabe holds a New York State Initial Certificate in Students with Disabilities (Grades 1-6).

4. **REVISION: Rosemary Black**, Mahopac Middle School, revised *from* part-time (60%) art teacher *to* part-time (70%) art teacher, effective 9/1/06.

Term Appointments:

5. **Emily Bergman**, *term substitute* elementary teacher for Beth Ferrigno, Lakeview Elementary School, effective 9/20/06-12/13/06 or until Ms. Ferrigno returns, whichever comes first. Salary: Step 1, BA+36+MA (pro-rata)
6. **Pamela Dyson**, *term substitute* special education teacher for Marie Considine, Lakeview Elementary School, effective 9/25/06-2/9/07 or until Ms. Considine returns, whichever comes first. Salary: Step 2, BA+36+MA (pro-rata)
7. **Alison Ramsay**, *term substitute* elementary teacher for Lisa Kristoferson, effective 11/29/06-1/23/07 or until Ms. Kristoferson returns, whichever comes first. Salary: Step 1, BA+36+MA (pro-rata)
8. **AnnMarie Valerioti**, *term substitute* elementary teacher for Lisa Kristoferson, effective 10/17/06-11/28/06 or until Ms. Kristoferson returns, whichever comes first. Salary: Step 1, BA+36+MA (pro-rata)
9. **AnnMarie Valerioti**, *term substitute* elementary teacher for Lisa Coen, effective 11/29/06-6/30/07 or until Ms. Coen returns, whichever comes first. Salary: Step 1, BA+36+MA (pro-rata)
10. **Ryan Towers**, *term substitute* teaching assistant for Kris Edwards, Mahopac Middle School, effective 9/19/06-6/30/07 or until Ms. Edwards returns, whichever comes first. Salary: Step 1 of the Teaching Assistants' Contract
11. **REVISION: Christina D'Amore**, *term substitute* special education teacher for Jessica Gustin, Fulmar Road Elementary School revised *from* 10/2/06-2/23/07 *to* 9/29/06-2/23/07 or until Ms. Gustin returns, whichever comes first. Salary: Step 2, BA+45+MA (pro-rata)
12. **REVISION: Beth Hicks**, *term substitute* special education teacher for Colleen Krebs, Mahopac Middle School, revised *from* 9/1/06-2/15/07 *to* 9/1/06-11/28/06 or until Ms. Krebs returns, whichever comes first. Salary: Step 4, BA+33+MA (pro-rata)

17. APPOINTMENTS – continued

13. **REVISION: Ilyssa Sherman**, term substitute elementary teacher for Eileen Geller, Austin Road Elementary School, revised **from** 9/18/06-1/31/07 **to** 10/23/06-2/27/07 or until Ms. Geller returns, whichever comes first. Salary: Step 5, BA+30+MA (pro-rata)

14. **Elementary Coordinators for the 2006-2007 School Year:**

Fulmar Road Elementary School	-	Edward Thompson
Lakeview Elementary School	-	Kathleen Brown

Stipends in accordance with agreement between the District and MTA

15. **Mahopac Night School for the 2006-07 School Year:**

Physical Education/Health	-	Jeanne Miller
Social Sciences	-	Edward Gillespie Daniel Ricci
Earth Science	-	Robert D'Alessandro Stephen Zonarini
Biology	-	Jean Isecke
English	-	Lisa Penta
Mathematics	-	Bernard Small

Salary as per MTA contract

16. **Substitute Teacher/Teaching Assistant/Nurse List - 2006-07 School Year:**

Christine Semptimphelter - Physical Education - Certified

APPOINTMENTS - continued

B. **Non-Instructional**

1. **Roseanne Scolpini**, full-time bus driver, Mahopac Bus Garage, effective 10/1/06. Salary as per USWOM Contract.
2. **Colleen Morelli**, full-time bus driver, Mahopac Bus Garage, effective 10/1/06. Salary as per USWOM Contract.
3. **Laura Pifer**, full-time bus driver, Mahopac Bus Garage, effective 10/1/06. Salary as per USWOM Contract.
4. **Gerard McGrath**, monitor, Mahopac High School, effective 9/29/06. Salary as per Monitor's Contract.
5. **Diane Zefi**, term substitute teacher aide for Ms. Rosemary Evard, Lakeview Elementary School, effective 9/25/06 – 10/31/06, or until Ms. Evard returns, whichever comes first. Salary as per CSEA Contract.
6. **Additions to the substitute clerical/ monitor/teacher aide/library aide list:**
Luisa Tortora
7. **Additions to the substitute cleaner list:**
Luisa Tortora

18. RECOMMENDATIONS

A. **SPECIAL STUDENT PLACEMENTS/HOMEBOUND INSTRUCTION**

Recommendation of the Committee for Special Education for approval of the special student placements, as attached.

B. **APPOINTMENT OF HEARING OFFICER**

Recommendation of the superintendent of schools, as forwarded by the District Clerk, to appoint Mr. Ralph Pennington, Jr., as Impartial Hearing Officer for the Mahopac Central School District, according to the New York State Impartial Hearing Officer Rotational List.

C. **ACCEPTANCE OF BID**

Recommendation of the superintendent of schools for approval of the following resolution:

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Mahopac Central School District accept the following bids, from the lowest responsible bidders meeting bid specifications for **HS Concession Stand Equipment**. The bids awarded as follows per the attached analysis.

6/14/06 11:07 AM

HS Concession Stand Equipment

	CONTRACTOR	TYPE	BID AMOUNT	NON		N.Y.		CERT. CK	EQUITIES	CORP. FORM
				COLL. FORM	INSUR. FORM	SURETY BOND				
1	H. WEISS	GEN	X	8,215.44	X					X
2	GENUINE SALES	GEN	X	19,614.54	X					X
3		GEN								
4										

Moved by Mrs. Fabiano, seconded by Mrs. Swift, carried unanimously.

D. **DEFIBRILLATOR INSPECTOR AGREEMENT**

Recommendation of the superintendent of schools for approval of the *Automated External Defibrillator Inspector Agreement* between the Board of Education and Michael Revenson, effective September 1, 2006 through August 30, 2007, as per the attached, with authorization for board president to sign same.

E. **NEW BOARD OF EDUCATION POLICY**

Recommendation of the superintendent of schools, as forwarded by the Board of Education Policy Committee, for approval of the Impartial Hearing Officer Appointment & Compensation Policy #4321.4, as per the attached, to replace the current Board of Education Impartial Hearing Policy

This represents the required *first notification* of policy being recommended for adoption.

President Cefaloni made an announcement in regard to the vacated board seat by Elaine Simone. He explained that by the time the district would go through the process which would take three to four months; it would take us into February of next year. The board would like to put the decision in the hands of the people in May when the other three seats are up for re-election. Therefore, we will not be filling the position at this time, so in May there will be four slots for the board seats. The fourth position will fill the remaining term of Mrs. Simone and the top three vote getters will fill the three seats up for election.

18. RECOMMENDATIONS – continued

F. **VACANT BOARD OF EDUCATION TRUSTEE SEAT**

Recommendation of the superintendent of schools, as forwarded by the Administrative Committee of the Board of Education to have the residents of Mahopac elect the community member to fill the vacant trustee seat at the May, 2007 Election as a result of Mrs. Simone's resignation. There will be a fourth seat available this year on the voting ballot with the fourth highest vote getter, filling Mrs. Simone's seat for the remainder of that term.

Moved by Mrs. Calvi-Muscente, seconded by Mrs. Swift, carried unanimously.

CONSENT AGENDA CONCLUDES

The Consent Agenda was moved by Mrs. Greenwood-O'Keefe, seconded by Mrs. Calvi-Muscente, carried unanimously.

19. RESIDENT COMMENTS

Scheduled & Unscheduled

1. *Neil Belloff* – requested a more in-depth session on curriculum; questioned academic achievement of students; questioned the timeline of the curriculum plan; discussed state standards meeting federal regulations; discussed the burden on the taxpayers; suggestion to pressure the politicians; requested update on the auditor report and asked for an answer to his request for clarification of receiving board of education minutes.

Dr. Reidy stated that he agreed it would be valuable to have a Curriculum Session for the community.

Mrs. Calvi-Muscente responded to Mr. Belloff discussing the dissemination of assessment results data from NY State which is an arduous process; standards of *No Child Left Behind*; meeting challenges on a daily basis and thinks our teachers are meeting them well. She stated that there are many components to be aware of when understanding results, the results encompass all sub-groups in the numbers and reminded all that this is the first year of this kind of testing. Mrs. Muscente stated that she looks forward to a Curriculum Night and would welcome to be a part of it.

2. *Marge Rogers* - questioned early release days for teacher training and when will coaches attend staff development meetings. She informed the board of the track at the high school in need of repair. Dr. Reidy explained that coaches will attend training on other days and stated that the administration is aware of the repairs needed on the track and that the board committee will be looking into these repairs, which they believe, will be costly.
3. *Sue Groth* - questioned early release days with notification by e-mail.

Mr. Beverly reported that we subscribe to CT Weather where parents can get messages on their cell phones. He reported that parents will be notified on Friday, October 13th through the emergency notification system stating that this a practice drill for future emergency situations.

19. RESIDENT COMMENTS - continued
Scheduled & Unscheduled

4. *Krista Donahoe* - questioned the following: data of eighth grade students; cost of the Alternative Program; conduct and behavioral issues of students in the Alternative Program.

Dr. Reidy explained that the criteria has been changed for this program and that he would be happy to ask Mr. Trummer or Mr. Pease to contact Mrs. Donahoe with data of students.

20. NEXT MEETING - November 14, 2006 @ **High School**

President Cefaloni announced the following key upcoming meetings:

Buildings & Grounds Committee Mtg. - Oct. 11th re an energy savings program.

Meet the Local Legislators Night at the Mahopac Public Library on 10/17 at 7:30 p.m.

Middle School PTO Meeting on 10/23 to meet the local legislators.

21. ADJOURNMENT

At 10:08 p.m., the board moved to executive session for the purpose of discussing confidential personnel matters and a particular litigation issue.

Moved by Mrs. Calvi-Muscente, seconded by Mrs. Swift, carried unanimously.

At 11:40 p.m., the board returned to public session, at which time the meeting was adjourned.

Moved by Mrs. Fabiano, seconded by Mr. Hines, carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Dorothy A. Gilroy,
District Clerk

Note:

Attachments to Agenda Items that are **not** available on the District's Website, may be obtained and/or viewed at the Administration Office by calling 628-3415, ext. 350 or by e-mailing Dorothy Gilroy @ Gilroyd@mahopac.k12.ny.us

MAHOPAC CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING, **November 14, 2006**
HIGH SCHOOL, 8:00 PM

MINUTES

1. CALL OF THE ROLL

PRESENT: Ralph Anker, Sandra Calvi-Muscente, Giulio Cefaloni, Rose Fabiano,
Patricia Greenwood-O'Keefe, William Hines, Vinnie Trinchitella

ABSENT: Penny Swift

STAFF: Robert J. Reidy, Superintendent; Assistant Superintendents: David Chapman, Candace
LaVigne, Vincent Quartararo and Dorothy Gilroy, District Clerk.

CONVENE: At 7:00 p.m., President Cefaloni called the meeting to order in Room 106 of the
Mahopac High School. At 7:13 p.m. the board moved immediately to executive
session for the purpose of discussing particular personnel items.

Moved by Mrs. Fabiano, seconded by Mrs. Greenwood-O'Keefe, carried unanimously.

2. PUBLIC SESSION: At 8:07 p.m. the board returned to public session in the Auditorium of the Mahopac
H.S. with the pledge of allegiance to the flag. President Cefaloni thanked the High
School for hosting the meeting this evening and reminded the public that the meetings
will be held at each school during the year, which is posted in the school calendar.

OTHERS: Approximately 35-40 people were in attendance.

3. RESIDENT COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS ONLY - None

4. COMMUNICATIONS - None

5. ACCEPTANCE OF WARRANTS

GENERAL 'A' FUND WARRANTS:

18, CHECKS # 110456 TO 110633, 10/11/06, \$ 1,002,857.51
20, CHECKS # 110634 TO 110873, 10/18/06, \$ 640,679.27
21, CHECKS # 110874 TO 111041, 10/25/06, \$ 299,003.57
22, CHECKS # 111042 TO 111224, 10/31/06, \$ 1,596,468.51

CAPITAL PROJECT 'H' FUND WARRANTS: NONE

TRUST & AGENCY 'T' FUND WARRANTS:

10, CHECKS # 7486 TO 7503, 10/11/06, \$ 12,132.86
11, CHECKS # 66, 109, 712, 7179 to 7523, 102006, 10/31/06, \$ 51,994.15

Moved by Mrs. Fabiano, seconded by Mr. Anker, carried unanimously.

- 5.a. INTERNAL CLAIMS AUDIT REPORT – attached

Moved by Mr. Hines, seconded by Mrs. Fabiano, carried unanimously.

6. TREASURER'S REPORT - Received for Filing, **September, 2006**
Moved by Mrs. Greenwood-O'Keefe, seconded by Mrs. Fabiano, carried unanimously.

7. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

10/10/06 - Regular Monthly Meeting

Moved by Mrs. Trinchitella, seconded by Mrs. Fabiano, carried unanimously.

10/26/06 - Special Board Meeting

Moved by Mrs. Trinchitella, seconded by Mrs. Fabiano, carried unanimously.

11/ 8/06 - Special Board Meeting

Moved by Mrs. Greenwood-O'Keefe, seconded by Mr. Hines, carried unanimously.

8. STUDENT REPORTS - Julia LaVelle, President of M.O.S.T. Student Council reported on activities at the high school in the last month such as: council hosting Back-to-School Night; Halloween costume contest; visit to Blythedale Hospital bringing gifts to the children; planning their visit to Carmel HS to spend the day with the students there; hosting Carmel students to Mahopac in the future to better their relationship; students' attendance at HS Site-based team meetings; fundraiser; classes in planning stages for proms and clean-up day on Stillwater Road in Mahopac.

President Cefaloni announced that the Senior Citizen Prom is being held this Sunday, hosted by the Athletic Council, which has been a huge success in the past and Dr. Reidy announced that there will be a number of students reporting on this event on the next broadcast of *Upfront with Dr. Reidy*.

President Cefaloni took executive privilege of changing the order of the agenda due to the number of staff members in attendance this evening.

9. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

- **High School Goals** - Aaron Trummer, HS Principal, reported on the data and goals of the high school, stating that everyday their goal is to strive to make them the best high school in the region. "A Great American School" video showed how every student and staff member contributes to making them a great school. Mr. Trummer gave thanks to staff, students, the Recording Club and Teacher Stas Przymyski for their outstanding and hard work. Mr. Trummer, along with House Principals Andy Hatt, Adam Pease, Troy Bilyeu and April Ljumic, covered specific data as it relates to safety, state exams, guidance, success/failure rates, AP exams, SAT-ACT scores, rigor at every level, scheduling, 9th grade Humanities Team, Alternative and Mastery Learning, internships, Science and foreign language sequencing, high level expectations, independent study, quality instruction, flexibility, support of every child's success and overall student achievement.

A Mahopac High School hand-out was available that gave statistical overall of the high school for 2005/06. Anyone interested in obtaining a copy of the report may contact the District Clerk.

A question and answer period followed in regard to the Learning Center

- **Long Range Planning Annual Update** - Ass't. Superintendent Vincent Quartararo, gave an update with computer overheads covering topics such as: finance/budget; facilities/renovations; community and educational needs; transportation; communication; human resources; planning drivers; building capacity; enrollment trends; demographics; staffing needs; recurring cost summary; non-recurring cost summary; options and preliminary recommendation.

Dr. Reidy reported that there has been a major committee developing this long range study. This has been a presentation of what they have done, where they are and what work needs to continue. They have some work to do and made it clear that this report is not a recommendation.

On behalf of the board, President Cefaloni thanked Mr. Quartararo and his committee for all their work which is very comprehensive. He stated that now the work begins, getting the information out to the community and asks for everyone's help and cooperation as we move forward to come to a decision in the best interest for the whole community.

The Long Range Planning presentation can be viewed on the district's webpage at www.mahopac.k12.ny.us or can be obtained at the District Clerk's Office.

10. COMMITTEE REPORTS - Board of Education Chairpersons

Buildings & Grounds - President Cefaloni gave background of the ECG Engineering proposal (long-term energy and cost savings through improvements and energy conservation and introduced Kendra McQuilton and Greg Royer of ECG Engineering. After the October 11th committee meeting, he recommended board's approval to move ahead with the project and that ECG will report back to the board early next year with specifics of our district. He reported that this would have no cost impact on the district; there would be state aid of 44% and there would be guaranteed savings. Mr. Cefaloni reported that the board would like to involve a science class from the HS on this project and Kendra commented that she would include this in the proposal.

President Cefaloni reported on normal on-going maintenance at all of the buildings. He gave a food service update reporting that the computerized system has been successful and that Mr. Rob Campisi, Food Service Director, attended the last PTO Presidents Council meeting where changes in lunch items were discussed to eliminate some foods and add more nutritional ones.

President Cefaloni gave updated reports on the HS Concession Stand (kitchen equipment has been awarded; electrical service to be installed and in the next 4-5 weeks the septic tank will be delivered) and the Middle School elevator project (completion projected in January).

Technology - President Cefaloni reported that the new emergency calling system was successfully utilized during our emergency drill on October 13th. He reported on ParentCONNECT and web page updates and requested that Mr. Beverly schedule a committee meeting in the next couple of months.

Community Communications - Mr. Hines reported that the November 2nd meeting had to be postponed due to personal reasons. The next meeting will be December 5th although the committee has been very active working on the district's web page. Assistant Superintendent Quartararo is scheduled to present on the *Long Range Planning Study* at the December 5th meeting and invites the community to get involved in the process. He gave kudos to the high school in regard to the list of AP students and thanked Assistant Principal Mr. Bilyeu for the Advocate Newsletter (which can be seen on the website). He thanked Mrs. Daley and Mr. Fusco for their donations to the school district.

Audit Advisory - Mr. Hines reported that the external audit has been completed and was sent to the State. The committee received a preliminary report and they will present the report to the public and for board's approval at the December 12th meeting. Mr. Hines was happy to report that our district is operating at 98.5% on the efficiency scale.

Human Resource - Mrs. Trinchitella reported that this new committee is planning their initial meeting on November 21st.

10. COMMITTEE REPORTS - Board of Education Chairpersons

Finance – Mrs. Greenwood-O’Keefe met today with Dr. Reidy to go over the plan for the Finance Committee for the coming year and hopes to have a meeting scheduled for the first week in December with the meeting being announced and publicized. She invited the public to attend these Finance meetings which would help the community become well aware of the budget process.

Legislative - Mrs. Fabiano thanked Acting Principal Ira Gurkin and Earle Bellows, PTO President, for sponsoring the Meet the Candidates at their PTO Meeting last month to help the community become aware of political candidates. She thanked the *Residents of Mahopac & Carmel* for sponsoring the Meet the Candidates Night at the Mahopac Public Library. She noted that the board has received the booklet of passed resolutions from the NYSSBA Convention last month and reported on some resolutions which would help with educational funding reform.

Mrs. Fabiano reported on the Westchester/Putnam Superintendents Property Tax Relief Forum to be held on November 30th with Assemblywoman Sandra Galef, Chairman of Real Property Taxation. Anyone interested in additional information may e-mail Mrs. Fabiano.

Transportation - Mrs. Fabiano reported on the committee meeting held on November 8th where many items were covered including a request for a policy change and posting policy on our website. Mrs. Fabiano recommended board’s approval of Item #18.I. on the Agenda, which is a result of voter approval of the purchase of buses and vans and recommended approval of Item #18.H. which is the sale of surplus vehicles to the highest bidder. She reported that the emergency drill which was held on October 13th was very successful and that our drivers have been very busy with trips, sports and competitions.

Special Education - Mrs. Calvi-Muscente reported, in Mrs. Swift’s absence, that the special education placements were reviewed for the month and recommended approval of Item #18.A. on the agenda without reservation.

Curriculum Committee - Mrs. Calvi-Muscente reported that this new committee will be scheduling their first meeting prior to the next regular monthly board meeting, December 12th.

Activities Coalition - Mr. Ankier thanked everyone for the Coalition reaching its goal, registering 200 children and reporting that the schools have their teams. He congratulated all the coaches and the teams for their support. Mr. Ankier reported on two major fundraisers thanking Fred Reger for the 5K run and thanking the Molfettas & Nancy Karma for the Brewster Ice Arena Event.

Mr. Ankier reminded the community that the MSA will not establish a Coalition next year and urged the community to attend the Finance Committee Meetings to learn about the budget process and to never have to hear the term Coalition again.

Administrative - President Cefaloni reported on the following:

- Resource Officer Adam McKechnie’s meeting with 6, 7, and 8th graders;
- Clear Choices Program;
- Val Nierman’s Health Advisory Council (recruiting members=call 621-1330, x 475);
- Wellness Policy now in effect;
- His attendance at the **Joint Board Workshop on Fiscal Oversight** in Crotonville last Friday to advocate for the district’s needs;

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Administrative Committee – continued

- President Cefaloni thanked Dr. Reidy, Mr. Quartararo and Mr. Chapman and MTA President Michael Hunt along with other staff involved, in regard to the recently settled MTA contract. He commented that the big winner is our children.
- President Cefaloni congratulated the AP Scholars, reading the students' names who received national, honors and scholar distinctions.
- President Cefaloni asked for a motion to discuss a proposal in regard to the dispersing of board of education draft minutes. Motion was **moved by Mrs. Trinchitella, seconded by Mr. Hines carried unanimously.** After discussion, the board approved **Resolution # 18. N.**

CONSENT AGENDA BEGINS

- Items removed for further discussion
 - Item # 18.C. - will be presented for approval at the December 12, 2006 Meeting.
11. RETIREMENTS/RESIGNATIONS - Recommendation of the superintendent of schools:
- A. Non-Instructional
Christina Capizola, cleaner, Mahopac Middle School, effective 11/25/06.
12. RESIGNATIONS - Recommendation of the superintendent of schools:
- A. Instructional
Cheryl Starace, ESOL teacher, Mahopac High/Middle School, effective 11/22/06.
- B. Non-Instructional
1. **Mildred Sceppaquercia**, monitor, Mahopac High School, effective 10/10/06.
 2. **Linda Rasulo**, special education student aide plus, Austin Road School, effective 11/12/06.
 3. **Ryan Murtagh**, healthcare worker, Mahopac High School, effective 11/12/06.
 4. **Marie Lopilato**, term monitor, Mahopac High School, effective 10/22/06.
13. TERMINATIONS - None
14. LEAVES OF ABSENCE - Recommendation of the superintendent of schools:
- A. Instructional
1. **Pamela Smith**, teaching assistant, Mahopac High School, unpaid childcare leave, effective 12/20/06-3/8/07.
 2. **Patrice Butala**, elementary teacher, Fulmar Road Elementary School, unpaid childcare leave, effective 1/26/07-6/30/07.
 3. **Janice Maxwell**, guidance counselor, Mahopac Middle School, unpaid childcare leave, effective 12/15/06-2/27/07.
 4. **Nicole Liebowitz**, special education teacher, Mahopac Middle School, unpaid childcare leave, effective 1/31/07-3/27/07.
 5. **Kathleen McTernan**, School Psychologist, unpaid leave, effective 11/14/06-6/30/07.
15. ABOLISHMENT OF POSITIONS - None
16. CREATION OF POSITIONS - None

17. APPOINTMENTS - Recommendation of the superintendent of schools:

A. Instructional

1. Tenure:

Recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools for approval for tenure for **Kathleen McTernan** as a School Psychologist, effective 11/14/06.

2. Administrative Appointment

Kathleen McTernan, Acting Interim Administrator for Special Education Services, effective 11/15/06-6/30/07. Salary: \$105,000 per annum (per AMA Contract –pro-rata)

17. APPOINTMENTS - Recommendation of the superintendent of schools:

A. Instructional

Term Substitutes:

1. **Matthew S. Peters**, *term substitute* physical education teacher for Lauren Kittredge, Austin Road Elementary School, effective 11/6/06-2/28/07 or until Ms. Kittredge returns, whichever comes first. Salary: Step 1, BA (pro-rata)
2. **Laura Birchman**, *term substitute* elementary teacher for Ms. Patrice Butala, Fulmar Road Elementary School, effective 11/9/06-6/30/07 or until Ms. Butala returns, whichever comes first. Salary: Step 1, BA+9 (pro-rata)
3. **Kristen Murphy**, *term substitute* elementary teacher for Ms. Eileen Geller, Austin Road Elementary School, effective 10/18/06-2/27/07 or until Ms. Geller returns, whichever comes first. Salary: Step 1, BA (pro-rata)
4. **Nicole Juliano**, *term substitute* guidance counselor for Janice Maxwell, Mahopac Middle School, effective 10/23/06-2/27/07 or until Ms. Maxwell returns, whichever comes first. Salary: Step 1, BA+45+MA (pro-rata)
5. **Hollie Willis**, *term substitute* teaching assistant for Ms. Victoria Genovese, Mahopac High School, effective 10/16/06-11/28/06 or until Ms. Genovese returns, whichever comes first. Salary: Step 1 of the Teaching Assistants' Contract (pro-rata)
6. **Hollie Willis**, *term substitute* teaching assistant for Ms. Pamela Smith, Mahopac High School, effective 11/29/06-3/8/07 or until Ms. Smith returns, whichever comes first. Salary: Step 1 of the Teaching Assistants' Contract (pro-rata)
7. **Beth Hicks**, *term substitute* special education teacher for Ms. Nicole Liebowitz, Mahopac Middle School, effective 11/29/06-3/27/07 or until Ms. Liebowitz returns, whichever comes first. Salary: Step 4, BA+33+MA (pro-rata)
8. **Amanda Nulman**, part-time science teacher (50%) effective 10/30/06. Salary: Step 6, BA+30 (pro-rata) of the contract between the Mahopac Teachers' Association and the District. Ms. Nulman will hold a New York State Initial Certificate in physics.
9. **Amanda Nulman**, part-time teaching assistant (50%), Mahopac High School, effective 10/30/06. Salary: Step 1 of the Teaching Assistants' Contract (pro-rata)

Declination of Appointment:

10. **Ilyssa Sherman**, term substitute elementary teacher for Eileen Geller, effective 10/6/06.
11. **REVISION: Beth Hicks**, *term substitute* special education teacher for Ms. Colleen Krebs, Mahopac Middle School, revised **from** 9/1/06-2/15/07 **to** 9/1/06-11/28/06.
12. **Mahopac Night School for the 2006-07 School Year:**
Social Studies - **Frank Moloney**
Salary as per MTA Contract

17. APPOINTMENTS – continued

13. **Fall Coaching Appointments for the 2006-07 School Year:**
REVISED *As per attached.*

14. **Substitute Teacher/Teaching Assistant/Nurse List - 2006-07 School Year:**
Beth Pinello – Teacher Assistant

15. **Advisements: Student Teachers:**

Jason Clark, State University of New York College at Cortland, will be doing his student teaching in physical education with Mr. Donn Tobin, Lakeview Elementary School, from 1/22/07-3/16/07.

Alberto Bocus, Manhattanville College, will be doing his student teaching in physical education with Ms. Donna DiMaggio, Mahopac Middle School, from 1/16/07-3/9/07.

Dena Errico, SUNY New Paltz, will be doing her student teaching in elementary education (grade 2) with Ms. Bernadette Krohomer, Fulmar Road Elementary School, from 1/22/07-3/16/07.

James Gencarelli, State University of New York College at Cortland, will be doing his Field Experience Seminar in physical education with Ms. Jeanne Miller, Mahopac High School, from 1/2/07-1/5/07 and with Mr. Robert Cohowicz, Mahopac Middle School, from 1/8/07-1/12/07.

Elizabeth Giusti, College of New Rochelle, will be doing her student teaching in art with Ms. Helen Horvitz, Mahopac Middle School, from 10/30/06-12/19/06.

Michael Daniels, SUNY Oswego, will be doing his student teaching in Technology with Mr. Gary Luciano, Mahopac Middle School, from 3/28/07-5/17/07.

Elizabeth Bauerlein, Mercy College, will be doing her student teaching in elementary education (grade 2) with Marilyn Daul, Austin Road Elementary School, from 3/4/07-4/13/07 and with Jill Fragoso in special education (grade 2), Austin Road Elementary School, from 4/16/07-5/15/07.

B. **Non-Instructional**

1. **Nancy Libertino**, monitor, Mahopac Falls School, effective 10/16/06. Salary as per Monitor's Contract.
2. **Linda Rasulo**, 6.5 hour teacher aide, Austin Road School, effective 11/13/06. Salary as per CSEA Contract.
3. **Ryan Murtagh**, 7.5 hour teacher aide, Mahopac High School, effective 11/13/06. Salary as per CSEA Contract.
4. **Esther Teligades**, monitor, Mahopac High School, effective 10/23/06. Salary as per Monitor's Contract.
5. **Luisa Gonzalez**, per diem bus driver, Mahopac Bus Garage, effective 10/23/06. Salary as per USWOM Contract.
6. **Marie Lopilato**, monitor, Mahopac High School, effective 10/23/06. Salary as per Monitor's Contract.
7. **Jane Garbo**, senior typist, Mahopac Falls School, effective 11/14/06. Salary as per CSEA Contract.

17. APPOINTMENTS – continued

B. Non-Instructional

8. Change in Building/Hours:

9. **Rosemary Finch**, teacher aide, Lakeview Elementary School.

Increase in hours from 6.5 to 7.5 daily, effective 10/16/06 through 6/30/07.

10. **Marie Micol**, 10 month account clerk, Technology/Lakeview Elementary School. Increase in hours from 17.5 to 20 weekly, effective 11/13/06.

11. **Diane Zefi**, term substitute teacher aide for Ms. Rosemary Evard, Lakeview Elementary School, revised *from* 9/25/06-10/31/06 to 9/25/06-2/23/07 or until Ms. Evard returns, whichever comes first. Salary as per CSEA Contract.

12. Additions to the substitute clerical/ monitor/teacher aide/library aide list:

Deborah Lombardi
Donna Brandon
Beth Pinello
Debbie Norton
Anmarie Maher

18. RECOMMENDATIONS

A. SPECIAL STUDENT PLACEMENTS/HOMEBOUND INSTRUCTION

Recommendation of the Committee for Special Education for approval of the special student placements, as attached.

B. APPOINTMENT OF HEARING OFFICER

Recommendation of the superintendent of schools, as forwarded by the District Clerk, to appoint **Jane Owens**, as Impartial Hearing Officer for the Mahopac Central School District, according to the New York State Impartial Hearing Officer Rotational List.

C. RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT THE ANNUAL AUDITOR'S REPORT

Recommendation of the superintendent of schools as forwarded by the Audit Committee, Chairperson, Mr. William Hines, for approval of the following resolution accepting the 2005/2006 Annual Audit Report:

WHEREAS, the Board of Education of the Mahopac Central School District directed Bennett Kielson Storch DeSantis DiStasio and Connor Davies Manning & Dobbins, LLP, to audit the records of the district for the 2005/2006 school year and

WHEREAS, Bennett Kielson has completed the audit and has submitted the report to the board of education on November 14, 2006, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the board of education accepts the audit report of all funds of the district for the school year ending **June 30, 2006** and directs that a copy of this resolution, along with a copy of the audit report, be filed with the Commissioner of Education.

**Remove
Postponed to 12/12/06**

18. RECOMMENDATIONS - continued

I. **ADOPTION OF REVISED BOARD OF EDUCATION POLICY - #4321.4**

Recommendation of the superintendent of schools, as forwarded from the Policy Committee Chairperson, Penny Swift, for approval of Board of Education Policy **Impartial Hearing Officer Appointment & Compensation #4321.4** . This represents the required second notification of revised policy recommended for board adoption.

J. **BOND RESOLUTION**

Recommendation of the superintendent of schools for approval of the Bond Resolution authorizing the issuance of up to \$800,000 aggregate principal amount serial bonds to finance the costs of the acquisition of school buses and/or school bus vans for the Mahopac Central School District, as per the attached.

K. **BOARD OF EDUCATION SUB-COMMITTEE ADDITIONS**

Recommendation of the superintendent of schools for approval of the addition of a Human Resource Committee and a Curriculum Committee, as per the attached.

L. **NYSSBA MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING - SURVEY SERVICES**

Recommendation of the superintendent of schools for approval of the Memorandum of Understanding between the Mahopac Central School District and the New York State School Boards Association to provide automated survey services in the amount of \$4,500, as per the attached.

M. **ECG ENGINEERING SERVICES PARTICIPATION**

Recommendation of the superintendent of schools for approval to participate in an Energy Performance Contract between the Mahopac Central School District and ECG Engineering, LLC., to save energy and improve facilities at NO out of pocket cost to the district.

N. **RESOLUTION REGARDING BOARD OF EDUCATION Draft MINUTES**

RESOLVED, that the board of education minutes will be available upon request to the public, in draft form, two weeks following a board meeting. Electronic requests for draft minutes will be honored. Only board of education approved minutes will be posed on the district's website. Minutes will be marked draft and will be sent in a read-only file.

Moved by Mrs. Trinchitella, seconded by Mr. Hines, carried unanimously.

CONSENT AGENDA CONCLUDES

The Consent Agenda was moved by Mrs. Greenwood-O'Keefe, seconded by Mr. Ankier, carried unanimously.

19. RESIDENT COMMENTS - Scheduled & Unscheduled

Krista Donahoe - requested that the board review materials on Johns Hopkins Universities Center for Talented Youth; she would like to see acceleration in English in the middle school; would like to see the English program similar to our Math and Science Program and would like research done on the North Colonie School District's accelerated English Program.

President Cefaloni responded that he would look at material and Mrs. Calvi-Muscente responded that the Curriculum Committee would review and get back to Mrs. Donahoe.

19. RESIDENT COMMENTS - continued

Joe Ledo - Item #18.D. Mr. Chapman explained that this payment is for services provided for out-of-district students.

Joseph Greenfield - expressed his opinion that the board is making a terrible mistake to send draft minutes to any resident before the board of education approval and that they might want to reconsider their decision.

Kenneth Schmitt - questioned where the revenue goes to that is collected at the high school gate for Section I games on our field. Dr. Reidy responded that once we rent out the facility, the organization gets the revenue and we get the rental fee and revenue from the concession stand.

20. NEXT MEETING

- 12/12/06 – Regular Monthly Meeting at the Middle School

21. ADJOURNMENT

At 11:25 p.m., there being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Moved by Mrs. Trinchitella, seconded by Mr. Ankier, carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Dorothy Gilroy,
District Clerk

Note:

*Attachments to Agenda Items that are **not** available on the District's Website, may be obtained and/or viewed at the Administration Office by calling 628-3415, ext. 350 or by e-mailing Dorothy Gilroy @ Gilroyd@mahopac.k12.ny.us*

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MAHOPAC CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING, *December 12, 2006*
MAHOPAC MIDDLE SCHOOL, 8:00 PM

MINUTES

1. CALL OF THE ROLL

PRESENT: Ralph Ankier, Sandra Calvi-Muscente, Giulio Cefaloni, Rose Fabiano,
Patricia Greenwood-O'Keefe, Penny Swift, Vinnie Trinchitella

ABSENT: William Hines

STAFF: Robert J. Reidy, Superintendent; Assistant Superintendents: David Chapman,
Candace LaVigne, Vincent Quartararo and Dorothy Gilroy, District Clerk.

OTHERS: Gus Mountanos, Esq.

CONVENE: At 7:00 p.m., President Cefaloni called the meeting to order in the Main Office
Conference Room of the Middle School. At 7:05 p.m. the board moved immediately
to executive session for the purpose of discussing particular personnel matters.

Moved by Mrs. Calvi-Muscente, seconded by Mrs. Fabiano, carried unanimously.

2. PUBLIC SESSION: At 8:22 p.m. the board returned to public session in the cafetorium of the Mahopac
Middle School with the pledge of allegiance to the flag and a moment of silence for
our soldiers serving in Afghanistan and Iraq. President Cefaloni thanked the Middle
School for hosting the meeting this evening and apologized for the late start of this
meeting due to prior meeting with school district attorneys.

OTHERS: Approximately 40 people were in attendance, including staff.

3. RESIDENT COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS ONLY - None

4. COMMUNICATIONS - Tenure recognitions

President Cefaloni congratulated Diana DiBullo and Scott Hocutt, receiving tenure this evening.
President Cefaloni wished Scott god speed on being deployed to Iraq.

Michael Hunt, President of the Mahopac Teachers Association publicly thanked the Board of
Education, on behalf of the Association, for recognizing Mr. Hocutt's efforts this evening.

1. Recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools for approval for tenure for **Diana
DiBullo**, Teaching Assistant, effective 12/19/06.

Moved by Mrs. Calvi-Muscente, seconded by Mr. Ankier, carried unanimously.

2. Recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools for approval for tenure for **Scott Hocutt**
in the academic tenure area of Science, effective 6/30/07.

Moved by Mrs. Trinchitella, seconded by Mrs. Swift, carried unanimously.

5. ACCEPTANCE OF WARRANTS

GENERAL 'A' FUND WARRANTS:

# 24,	CHECKS # 111225 TO 111378,	\$200,884.81,	11/08/06
# 25,	CHECKS # 28, 111379 TO 111517,	\$661,169.44,	11/15/06
# 27,	CHECKS # 111484 TO 111760,	\$824,615.46,	11/30/06

CAPITAL PROJECT 'H' FUND WARRANTS:

# 2,	CHECKS # 2006,	\$19,157.25,	11/08/06
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TRUST & AGENCY 'T' FUND WARRANTS:

#12,	CHECKS # 26, 7524 TO 7541,	\$13,060.39,	11/15/06
#13,	CHECKS # 7542 TO 7561, 112006,	\$43,409.00,	11/30/06

Moved by Mrs. Fabiano, seconded by Mr. Ankier, carried unanimously.

5.a. INTERNAL CLAIMS REPORT – attached

Moved by Mrs. Calvi-Muscente, seconded by Mrs. Fabiano, carried unanimously.

6. TREASURER'S REPORT - Received for Filing, **October, 2006**

Moved by Mrs. Swift, seconded by Mr. Ankier, carried unanimously.

7. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- 11/14/06 - Regular Monthly Meeting

Moved by Mrs. Trinchitella, seconded by Mrs. Fabiano, carried 6 ayes, 1 abstention (Mrs. Greenwood-O'Keefe), with corrections noted under 11/4/06 Legislative Committee Report.

8. STUDENT REPORTS - Julia LaVelle, President of M.O.S.T. Student Council reported on activities at the high school during the month such as: annual clean-up effort of Stillwater Road; holiday visit to Blythedale Children's Hospital and fundraisers for class trips and proms.

Dr. Reidy reported that earlier this evening he had the privilege of attending the Women's Center Christmas Party where the student body brought gifts and commented that the students have done great work in this area.

President Cefaloni took executive privilege of changing the order of the Agenda this evening, due to the number of guests and staff in attendance.

9. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Annual Audit Presentation - Mr. Dominic Consolo of Bennett Kielson Storch DeSantis Division of O'Connor Davies Munns & Dobbins, LLP, was introduced by David Chapman. Mr. Consolo reported that he has already met with the Mahopac Board of Education Audit Committee where they received an extensive report of the audit. He briefly reported on the financial statement and the general fund portion of the operational plan which is very positive. Mr. Consolo concluded that the district is in a great financial position. The Audit Report is available to the public in the District Clerk's Office. Dr. Reidy gave thanks to Mr. Chapman and asked him to please send thanks to his staff.

Mrs. Swift, in Mr. Hines' absence, recommended approval of **Item #18.C.** on the agenda, **moved by Mrs. Trinchitella, seconded by Mr. Cefaloni, carried unanimously.**

9. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT - continued

Middle School Goals - Ira Gurkin, Acting Interim Principal reported on the Middle School's achievements and goals, thanking the board and administration for their continued support through the year. He gave a very thorough power point presentation covering areas such as ELA results Math assessments; Instructional Support goals; measuring student improvement; challenging curriculum; utilizing time by platooning; looping to control curriculum and time; strategies; utilizing early release days; staff development and how they track and measure success. Assistant Principal, Anna O'Connor reported on curriculum based assessments and some of the systems that they have in place and basic elements of the Instructional Support System. President Cefaloni thanked Mr. Gurkin and Ms. O'Connor for their presentation and for their energy.

Thanks to the Mahopac Activities Coalition - Dr. Reidy reported that last Friday he accepted \$345,667.00 from MAC. He stated how very grateful the district is to the Coalition and thanked them for working so hard for the district.

Change in monthly board meetings - Dr. Reidy requested board's approval to change the following board of education meeting dates:

1. Move February 13 Meeting up to **February 6, 2007**
2. Move April 10 Meeting back to **April 17, 2007**

Refer to **Item #18. G.** on the agenda, for board's approval.

10. COMMITTEE REPORTS - Board of Education Chairpersons

Human Resource - Mrs. Trinchitella reported that this newly formed committee met on November 21st to review the recommendations made by the Long Term Planning Committee and assess the impact that these would have on the community. They also reviewed the Terms and Conditions of New Hires of the Managerial/Confidential Employees which were established by the Board of Education in July 2006. The conditions were revised to include current employees of the District who move into a new position, to preserve their years of service with district. Mrs. Trinchitella recommended approval of Item #18.F. on the agenda this evening to include these modifications.

Finance - Mrs. Greenwood-O'Keefe reported on the committee's 12/6/06 initial meeting with the administration to discuss the 2007/08 budget process and preliminary budget assumptions for the vision and direction that is expected for our students and community. The committee has scheduled two meetings for the last two Tuesdays in January. By that time the district will have more facts and figures for planning the 2007/08 budget in regard to enrollment projections, state aid projections and health insurance projections.

Audit - Mrs. Swift reported, in Mr. Hines' absence, on the following three meetings that have taken place: 1. meeting with the external independent auditor, Bennett Kielson; 2. meeting with the State Auditor for a preliminary report, and 3. meeting with the independent audit firm of Nugent & Heussler (day to day operations). All meetings went very well and Mrs. Swift congratulated Mr. Chapman and his team for all that they do. All audit information, when finalized, will be available to the public.

10. COMMITTEE REPORTS - continued

Community Communications - Mrs. Swift reported for Mr. Hines on the December 5th CCC Meeting, which was attended by a very large audience. Mr. Quartararo conducted a presentation on the Long-Range Plan, which was the 2nd of several of these presentations, following an 18 month comprehensive study. Mrs. Swift reported that community input is essential as the process moves forward; all information must be evaluated and findings studied. This should take several months before the board makes any decision in order to move in a fiscally responsible way.

Mr. Cefaloni reported that this CCC Meeting was very positive and clarified that no decisions have been made in regard to all-day kindergarten and will not be made until the board evaluates all the findings. Mrs. Swift invited all to check for the next CCC Meeting date on the district's website and on Channel 22.

Special Education - Mrs. Swift recommended approval of Item #18.A. on the agenda this evening and at their committee meeting this evening, she asked for some finance information for the upcoming budget discussions.

Policy - Mrs. Swift reported that the committee did not meet in the past month since they are waiting for more information from the New York State School Boards Association in regard to the policies that they have been working on.

Transportation - Mrs. Fabiano reported that the committee did not meet this month but that the good news is that we have received approval from the state for the aid for our buses that we have purchased as a result of our September Bus Vote. Mrs. Fabiano reported that all our plows are ready to go for the winter.

Legislative - Mrs. Fabiano reported that the committee did not meet this month, however, reported on several meetings. At the 11/30/06 Westchester/Putnam Superintendents Meeting, Sandy Galef, Chair of the Assembly Committee on Real Property Taxation, discussed the need for an aggressive campaign for reform of educational funding. She discussed a public letter writing campaign and a Blue Ribbon Commission Bill which supports this research. Mrs. Fabiano would like to hold a committee meeting next month to put forth a resolution to support this bill. At a meeting with Judy Wiener, lobbyist for us, 2007 priorities were identified and venues to facilitate communication. Also discussed were ways to protect taxpayers from mandates and regional costs from state formulas. Mrs. Fabiano also reported that the board has received a position paper from the Lower Hudson Council of School Superintendents in regard to ESL students having to be doubly tested. She would like to review this again once the Curriculum Committee has reviewed same.

Curriculum - Mrs. Calvi-Muscente reported that their initial meeting was held on December 6th for the primary purpose of setting their mission and goals. She reported that this committee would like to serve as a liaison with the professional staff and to assure that we are providing an environment and tools suitable for all children regardless of student abilities. Mrs. Muscente reported that secondly they would like to look at programs that we already have and thirdly, they would like to have a Curriculum Day with a tentative date being set for March to showcase what we do. Mrs. Muscente lastly stated that they will be looking at venues to communicate with the community.

Activities Coalition - Mr. Anker was happy to report that the Coalition has given the district \$345,667 last Friday to fund the activities through March of next year. Once they open up registration for the spring season, they will meet to establish their final goal in March, and the Coalition will then close their doors. He urged everyone to please support the children and added that we have one more season to go and then we can go forward as a community and put this behind us.

10. COMMITTEE REPORTS – continued

President Cefaloni thanked the Coalition for their indispensable help and on behalf of the board stated how much they appreciate their enormous work. He also thanked Senator Leibell for his help in obtaining additional aid in the amount of \$150,000.

Technology - President Cefaloni reported that they will hold a committee meeting early next year and gave the following highlights: ParentCONNECT can now show senior service hours; webpage updates showing district events; internet properties software; correction of spam problems and Fulmar Road PTO recycling fundraiser.

Buildings and Grounds - President Cefaloni reported that there is much work being done on the district's grounds and reported on general maintenance at all buildings including the HS concession stand and sidewalk safety project. He reported that Mr. Costable's crew is always kept extremely busy and feels we are ahead of the game by keeping up with all maintenance at all sites.

Administrative - President Cefaloni reported that the board will be fielding a community survey because they want to know what the community is thinking. They want to gather the community's input before making important decisions affecting the district. He encouraged all to participate in the survey. A letter will be sent home to all residents on January 2nd informing them of the survey. He reported that on January 16th the Board will be holding a retreat where they will be working on professional development to work more effectively and more efficiently with the assistance of NYSSBA. The board's homework of an assessment survey is due back to Mrs. Gilroy on December 20th, which will be forwarded to NYSSBA, which will serve as a basis for their meeting.

CONSENT AGENDA BEGINS

- Items removed for further discussion
 1. Item #18.D. was removed from the Consent Agenda to publicly thank the Mahopac Activities Coalition for all of their hard work and support of the Mahopac School District's students.

Moved by Mrs. Swift, seconded by Mrs. Calvi-Muscente, carried unanimously.

2. Mrs. Fabiano asked for clarification of Items #17. A. 10. through 17.A.16. These are appointments for class coverage and #16 is coverage for one additional lab period.

11. RETIREMENTS/RESIGNATIONS - Recommendation of the superintendent of schools:

A. Instructional

1. **Ronald McDermott**, science teacher, Mahopac High School, effective 6/30/07.
2. **RESCIND: Richard Meyer**, physical education, Mahopac Middle School, effective 6/30/07.
3. **Richard Meyer**, physical education, Mahopac Middle School, effective 6/30/08.
4. **RESCIND: Peter Lapis**, special education teacher, Mahopac High School, effective 6/30/07.
5. **Peter Lapis**, special education teacher, Mahopac High School, effective 6/30/08.
6. **RESCIND: Kathleen Ohsann** special education teacher, Mahopac High School, effective 6/30/07.
7. **Kathleen Ohsann**, special education teacher, Mahopac High School, effective 6/30/08.

12. RESIGNATIONS - None

13. TERMINATIONS - None

14. LEAVES OF ABSENCE - Recommendation of the superintendent of schools:

A. Instructional

1. **Jennifer Degl**, science teacher, Mahopac High School, unpaid childcare leave, effective 2/22/07-6/30/07.
2. **Jill Fragoso**, special education teacher, Austin Road Elementary School, unpaid childcare leave, effective 1/6/07-3/21/07.
3. **Lisa Hiltley Coen**, elementary teacher, Austin Road Elementary School, unpaid childcare leave, effective 2/3/07-6/30/07.
4. **Kathleen Short Barrett**, teaching assistant, Mahopac Falls Elementary School, unpaid leave, effective 1/16/07-5/7/07.
5. **REVISION Noelle Semenza**, special education teacher, Fulmar Road Elementary School, unpaid childcare leave revised *from* 9/1/06-2/2/07 *to* 9/1/06-2/8/08.
6. **REVISION: Eileen Geller**, elementary teacher, Austin Road Elementary School, revised unpaid childcare leave *from* 12/23/06-2/27/07 *to* 12/23/06-2/15/07.
7. **REVISION: Beth Ferrigno**, elementary teacher, Lakeview Elementary School, revised unpaid childcare leave *from* 11/22/06-12/13/06 *to* 11/25/06-2/9/07.

15. ABOLISHMENT OF POSITIONS - None

16. CREATION OF POSITIONS - Recommendation of the superintendent of schools:

A. Instructional

One (1) – teaching assistant

17. APPOINTMENTS - Recommendation of the superintendent of schools:

A. Instructional

Tenure:

1. Recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools for approval for tenure for **Diana DiBullo**, Teaching Assistant, effective 12/19/06.
2. Recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools for approval for tenure for **Scott Hocutt** in the academic tenure area of Science, effective 6/30/07.

Appointment:

3. Candidate: Tracy Kelly
Tenure Area: Teaching Assistant
Probationary Period: 11/27/06-11/26/09
Certification Area: Level One – Pending
Salary: Step 1 of the Teaching Assistants' Contract (pro-rata)

Term Substitutes:

4. **Helen Sherman**, *term substitute* special education teacher for Jill Fragoso, Austin Road Elementary School, effective 11/29/06-3/21/07 or until Ms. Fragoso returns, whichever comes first. Salary: Step 3, BA+36+MA (pro-rata)
5. **Elizabeth K. Stephens**, *term substitute* science teacher for Jennifer Degl, Mahopac High School, effective 12/4/06-6/30/07 or until Ms. Degl returns, whichever comes first. Salary: Step 2, BA+30+MA (pro-rata)

17. APPOINTMENTS- continued:

A. Instructional

6. **Barbara Martone**, term substitute school psychologist for Kathleen McTernan, Mahopac High School, effective 12/4/06-6/30/07 or until Ms. McTernan returns, whichever comes first. Salary: Step 5, BA+60+MA (pro-rata)
7. **REVISION: Emily Bergman**, term substitute elementary teacher for Beth Ferrigno, Lakeview Elementary School, revised **from** 9/20/06-12/13/06 **to** 9/20/06-2/9/07.
8. **REVISION: Kristen Murphy**, term substitute elementary teacher for Eileen Geller, Austin Road Elementary School, revised **from** 10/18/06-2/27/07 **to** 10/18/06-2/15/07.
9. **REVISION: Hollie Wund**, term substitute English teacher for Amy Mahoney, Mahopac High School, revised **from** 9/1/06-2/9/07 **to** 9/1/06-6/30/07.

One-Sixth Assignments

10. **Laura Martinez-Bianco**, art teacher, Mahopac High School, effective 9/1/06-6/30/07.
Stipend in accordance with agreement between the District and MTA
11. **Paul Clements**, English teacher, Mahopac High School, effective 10/30/06-12/22/06.
Stipend in accordance with agreement between the District and MTA
12. **Christopher DelCampo**, English teacher, Mahopac High School, effective 10/30/06-12/22/06. ***Stipend in accordance with agreement between the District and MTA***
13. **Vincent Alexander**, English teacher, Mahopac High School, effective 10/30/06-12/22/06.
Stipend in accordance with agreement between the District and MTA
14. **Adam Lewis**, English teacher, Mahopac High School, effective 10/30/06-12/22/06.
Stipend in accordance with agreement between the District and MTA
15. **Elizabeth McKeon**, English teacher, Mahopac High School, effective 10/30/06-12/22/06.
Stipend in accordance with agreement between the District and MTA

One-Eight Assignments:

16. **Mark Langella**, science teacher, Mahopac High School, effective 9/1/06-6/30/07.
Stipend in accordance with agreement between the District and MTA
17. **National Teacher Recognition (Duration of 10 years)**
Keri Abbondanza
Kathleen McAvoy
David Hicks
Stipends in accordance with agreement between the District and MTA

18. **Co-Curricular Appointments for the 2006-07 School Year:**

As per attached.

19. **Winter Coaching Appointments for the 2006-07 School Year:**

As per attached.

17. APPOINTMENTS -continued:

A. Instructional

20. **Substitute Teacher/Teaching Assistant/Nurse List - 2006-07 School Year:**

- | | | |
|---------------------------|---|------------------------------------|
| Rosemary Facendo | - | Pre K, K and Grades 1-6- Certified |
| Richard Fiederlein | - | Social Studies 7-12- Certified |
| Leah Brignolo | - | Teaching Assistant |
| Elise D'Ammora | - | Teaching Assistant |

B. Non-Instructional

1. **Donna Righetti**, senior typist to managerial/confidential senior typist, District Office, effective 1/2/07.
2. **Fitzroy McCarthy**, computer support specialist, effective 12/01/06. Mr. McCarthy has qualified for permanent appointment from the Putnam County Civil Service Computer Support Specialist List of Eligibles dated 11/30/06. Salary as per CSEA Contract.
3. **Barbara Russell**, Internal Claims Auditor. Salary: \$3,194 Annually
4. Additions to the substitute cleaner list:
Leah Brignolo

18. RECOMMENDATIONS

A. **SPECIAL STUDENT PLACEMENTS/HOMEBOUND INSTRUCTION**

Recommendation of the Committee for Special Education for approval of the special student placements, as attached.

B. **APPOINTMENT OF IMPARTIAL HEARING OFFICER**

Recommendation of the superintendent of schools, as forwarded by the District Clerk, to appoint Ms. Susan Richmond, as Impartial Hearing Officer for the Mahopac Central School District, according to the New York State Impartial Hearing Officer Rotational List.

C. **RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT THE ANNUAL AUDITOR'S REPORT**

Recommendation of the superintendent of schools as forwarded by the Audit Committee, Chairperson, Mr. William Hines, for approval of the following resolution accepting the 2005/2006 Annual Audit Report:

WHEREAS, the Board of Education of the Mahopac Central School District directed Bennett Kielson Storch DeSantis Division of O'Connor Davies Munns & Dobbins, LLP, to audit the records of the district for the 2005/2006 school year; and

WHEREAS, Bennett Kielson has completed the audit and has submitted the report to the board of education on November 14, 2006, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the board of education accepts the audit report of all funds of the district for the school year ending **June 30, 2006** and directs that a copy of this resolution, along with a copy of the audit report, be filed with the Commissioner of Education.

18. RECOMMENDATIONS- continued

D. **ACCEPTANCE OF DONATIONS**

Recommendation of the superintendent of schools for approval of the following donations with thanks and appreciation:

1. Mahopac Activities Coalition - Winter Activities - \$195,667.00
2. Senator Leibell - State Aid Grant - \$150,000.00

E. **MINIMUM WAGE INCREASE AS PER THE EMPIRE STATE WAGE ACT**

Recommendation of the superintendent of schools to approve a wage increase for *substitute monitors* employed by the Mahopac Central School District, according to the Empire State Wage Act of 2004. Thus the statutory minimum wage will increase to **\$7.15**. The new minimum wage rate goes into effect on January 1, 2007.

F. **MANAGERIAL/CONFIDENTIAL TERMS & CONDITIONS OF EMPLOYMENT**

Recommendation of the superintendent of schools for approval of the Terms & Conditions of Employment for **NEW HIREES** for the Managerial/Confidential Personnel.

G. **CHANGE IN FEBRUARY AND APRIL, 2007 BOARD MEETING DATES**

Recommendation of the superintendent of schools for approval of the following new dates for two upcoming monthly board meetings:

New dates

- February 6, 2007
- April 17, 2007

Moved by Mrs. Trinchitella, seconded by Mrs. Fabiano, carried unanimously.

CONSENT AGENDA CONCLUDES

The Consent Agenda was moved by Mrs. Swift, seconded by Mrs. Calvi-Muscente, carried unanimously.

19. RESIDENT COMMENTS - Scheduled & Unscheduled

Trustee Fabiano reported on some great events that have gone on through the district such as: the Fashion Show where students did a fabulous job; Scrooge production which was fantastic; the Blue & Gold Dinner which was great for our athletes and there have a number of concerts throughout the district. Mrs. Fabiano took this opportunity to thank all of the students and the staff for all of the positive activities going on throughout the district.

20. NEXT MEETING - January 9, 2007 @ Austin Road School

21. ADJOURNMENT

At 10:26 p.m., there being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Moved by Mrs. Fabiano, seconded by Mrs. Trinchitella, carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Dorothy A. Gilroy
District Clerk

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Note:

Attachments to Agenda Items that are **not** available on the District's Website, may be obtained and/or viewed at the Administration Office by calling 628-3415, ext. 350 or by e-mailing Dorothy Gilroy @ Gilroyd@mahopac.k12.ny.us

A video of the Board of Education Monthly Business Meeting may be viewed on Channel 22 at 8:30 AM and 9:00 PM daily.

MAHOPAC CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING, **January 9, 2007**
Austin Road School, 8:00 PM

MINUTES

1. CALL OF THE ROLL

PRESENT: Ralph Ankier, Sandra Calvi, Giulio Cefaloni,
Rose Fabiano, Penny Swift, Vinnie Trinchitella

ABSENT: Patricia Greenwood-O'Keefe, William Hines

STAFF: Robert J. Reidy, Superintendent; Assistant Superintendents: David Chapman,
Candace LaVigne, Vincent Quartararo; Assistant to the Superintendent, Barbara
Walkley and Dorothy Gilroy, District Clerk.

OTHERS: Ralph DeMarco, Esq. Gus Mountanos, Esq.

CONVENE: At 6:30 p.m., President Cefaloni called the meeting to order in the Library
Conference Room of the Austin Road Elementary School. At 6:38 p.m. the board
moved to executive session for the purpose of discussing particular MTA personnel
matters and particular contractual matters and litigation matter.

Moved by Mrs. Fabiano, seconded by Mrs. Trinchitella, carried unanimously.

2. PUBLIC SESSION: At 8:10 p.m. the board returned to public session in the cafetorium of the Austin Rd.
Elementary School with the pledge of allegiance to the flag. President Cefaloni
thanked Mr. Meyer for hosting the meeting this evening and enjoys being in his home
school where his children attended.

OTHERS: Approximately 45 people were in attendance, including staff.

3. RESIDENT COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

Mr. Anthony Fusco requested an explanation of Item #5. - Capital "H" Fund Warrants and how
they are funded and Item #16.A. - Creation of Instructional positions. Mr. Chapman explained that
this encompasses all of our capital (bonding) projects. Mr. Quartararo explained that in AP Physics
and Regents Physics, the classes were too large, and given the nature of the courses, we needed to
bring the class sizes down. In addition, after a review of 9th and 10th grade Mathematics, the
classes were also overloaded. Adjustments had to be made to make sure instruction was delivered
in the appropriate manner, with funding coming from the district's reserve.

4. COMMUNICATIONS - None

5. ACCEPTANCE OF WARRANTS

GENERAL 'A' FUND WARRANTS:

29, CHECKS # 111761 TO 111884, \$ 177,515.49, 12/06/06
31, CHECKS # 112117 TO 112229, \$ 706,700.25, 12/13/06
32, CHECKS # 111885 TO 112116, \$ 52,018.33, 12/07/06
33, CHECKS # 112052 TO 112388, \$ 202,345.36, 12/21/06

5. ACCEPTANCE OF WARRANTS - continued

CAPITAL PROJECT 'H' FUND WARRANTS:

# 03,	CHECKS # 2007,	\$ 4,250.05,	12/06/06
# 04,	CHECKS # 2008,	\$ 4,960.00,	12/13/06

TRUST & AGENCY 'T' FUND WARRANTS:

# 14,	CHECKS # 428, 7562 TO 7578,	\$ 9,201.76,	12/06/06
# 15,	CHECKS # 456, 7579 TO 7599,	\$ 27,5508.92 ,	12/21/06

Moved by Mrs. Trinchitella, seconded by Mrs. Swift, carried unanimously.

5.a. INTERNAL CLAIMS AUDIT REPORT – attached

Moved by Mrs. Fabiano, seconded by Mrs. Swift, carried unanimously.

6. TREASURER'S REPORT - November, 2006 Report, received for filing

Moved by Mrs. Swift, seconded by Mrs. Fabiano, carried unanimously.

7. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- 12/12/06 Regular Board Meeting

Moved by Mrs. Fabiano, seconded by Mrs. Swift, carried unanimously.

8. STUDENT REPORTS - Tyler Alterman, Treasurer of M.O.S.T. Student Council, reported on activities at the high school being planned for February such as the Valentine Day Ball and the visit to Carmel High School and Carmel coming to Mahopac to improve relationships, exchange ideas and general interaction. He reported on the students' visit to Blythdale Children's Hospital last month bringing toys; the junior class fundraisers and fellow classmates working on Career Day at the high school aiming for a Spring date.

President Cefaloni took executive privilege of changing the order of the agenda.

10. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT - Austin Road Goals, Principal Robert Meyer

Principal Robert Meyer thanked the board for this opportunity and reported on last year's ELA test results, NYS Math results and Science results, pointing out some concerns with power point presentations. He also presented his plan and goals to improve student performance. Mr. Meyer discussed item analysis, stated that curriculum work is ongoing and staff development is ongoing with the help of Dr. Walkley. A copy of Mr. Meyer's report is available upon request. To give some of the specifics in regard to program and curriculum, second grade teacher, Mary Ellen Locker and fourth grade teacher Meg McArdle gave presentations of "A Written Response to Literature". A video of their students in class was shown, linking reading and writing as part of the goals of Language Arts.

Mr. Meyer thanked the entire faculty for the job they do on a daily basis stating that they are wonderful people to work with. Dr. Reidy thanked Mr. Meyer and his staff for the very realistic view that they are taking.

9. COMMITTEE REPORTS - Board of Education Chairpersons

Human Resource - Mrs. Trinchitella reported that this committee did not meet last month but anticipates that in the Spring Mr. Quartararo will have more for them to do in this area for the next school year.

Policy - Mrs. Swift reported that this committee did not meet last month.

Special Education - Mrs. Swift reported that the committee met this evening and recommended approval of Item 18.A. on the agenda and reported that annual reviews in this department will begin in February.

Activities Coalition - Mr. Ankier reported that the Coalition had not met last month due to the holidays but a discussion was held last evening at the MSA Meeting. He reminded all that if students did not register for Spring Sports yet to please do so, on the MSA website. Registration begins February 1st, the next payment is due on March 1st and that on March 2nd no one will hear the word Coalition ever again.

Curriculum - Ms. Calvi reported that the committee met this evening to discuss a number of items such as: draft of their Mission Statement; planning a Curriculum Night (tentative date for May 12th); the Principals meeting with Dr. Walkley, of December 14th focusing on grades 3 through 8; students working on authentic research; 5th grade mentoring program which is in a preliminary stage; update on college boards audit and the process of looking at North Colonie Program in regard to the Hopkins Program (waiting for legal counsel). Ms. Calvi reported that the committee would be meeting again probably in February.

Transportation – Mrs. Fabiano reported that Mr. Harkins and the Transportation Department has been working very hard on the elementary late bus runs on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays, which will begin **January 23rd**, and reported that flip-flop day for kindergartners will begin on January 29th.

Legislative - Mrs. Fabiano reported that the committee meeting scheduled for 1/23 has been cancelled. She was happy to report that Governor Spitzer has called for certain proposals for funding reform and various educational reforms. He wants to propose a pre-kindergarten for every four year old within the next four years, lower class sizes, making access for children to state of the art libraries throughout the state, raising charter school caps, reforming Wicks Law and Workers Compensation and the State legislative process. Another Senate proposal that Mrs. Fabiano reported on was the hopeful addition of Star Program rebates to property taxpayers for tax relief. Senate Majority is proposing to establish a Blue Ribbon panel, which would enhance accountability, providing alternative financing methods and a property assessment plan. The Senate is also interested in presenting a cap on school spending. These are just some of the things coming out from the state, for the new year, which are strictly proposed. The state has audited 83 districts in 2006, has 180 districts that they are working on for this year and their ultimate goal is to audit 832 schools by 2010.

CCC - Mr. Cefaloni, reported in Mr. Hines' absence, on the January 4th meeting, which entailed a very lively discussion on the Long-Range Planning Update presented by Mr. Quartararo, budget assumptions for 2007/08, and the community phone survey. In regard to the survey, he stated that the board wants to know what's important to the community as we move forward as a district and encourage all to participate. He reported that we have had a very large response so far. The data will be collected, presented to the board and then presented to the public. (Mrs. Gilroy has been contacting all post offices to locate the Carmel residents' bulk mailing in regard to the survey.)

9. COMMITTEE REPORTS – continued

Technology - Mr. Cefaloni reported on the following highlights: updated version of Finance Manager data system; free analysis of elementary library database; the VADIR state reporting guidelines and Horizon cafeteria software problems with redesign of the installation and corrections made. He reported that the committee will meet again, probably in March.

Finance - Mr. Cefaloni reported, in Mrs. O’Keefe’s absence. He reported that the committee will meet on January 23rd and January 30th at Lakeview School in Room 17 at 7p.m. and invited the public to attend. They will be covering budget assumptions and budget process on the 23rd and more substantial information will be discussed on the 30th. Mr. Cefaloni reminded the public that these Finance Committee meetings are open to the public and there will be time for the public to ask questions.

Administrative - Mr. Cefaloni announced that the locations of the March and April meetings will be moved. See Item 18.G. on the Agenda.

CONSENT AGENDA BEGINS

- Items removed for further discussion

1. #18.F. - Mrs. Fabiano asked for clarification of this item. Dr. Reidy explained that these bulletin boards have been in storage and the Drama group has offered to utilize them and exclusive use means that they will take care of them.
2. Add #18.G. – Resolution added to move March 13th Board Meeting location to Lakeview School and April 17th location to the Falls School.

11. RETIREMENTS/RESIGNATIONS - Recommendation of the superintendent of schools:

- A. Instructional
Fern Ricci, reading teacher, Mahopac Middle School, effective 6/30/08.

12. RESIGNATIONS - Recommendation of the superintendent of schools:

- A. Instructional
1. **Jill Muller**, guidance counselor, Mahopac High School, effective 6/30/07.
 2. **Lisa Robinson**, teaching assistant, Mahopac Middle School, effective 12/15/06.
- B. Non-Instructional
Teresa Mrsich, food service carrier, Lakeview Elementary School, effective 1/9/07.

13. TERMINATIONS - None

14. LEAVES OF ABSENCE – Recommendation of the superintendent of schools:

- A. Instructional
1. **William J. Doyle, IV**, part-time (60%) mathematics teacher, Mahopac High School, unpaid leave, effective 1/4/07-3/31/07.

11. LEAVES OF ABSENCE – continued

2. **William J. Doyle, IV**, part-time (40%) teaching assistant, Mahopac High School, unpaid leave, effective 1/4/07-3/31/07.
3. **Marie Trillas**, teaching assistant, Lakeview Elementary School, unpaid leave, effective 1/2/07-3/2/07.
4. **Sarah Stefanak**, term substitute elementary teacher for Karen Kellogg, Lakeview Elementary School, unpaid childcare leave, effective 1/17/07-3/2/07.
5. **Elena Padron**, teaching assistant, Mahopac Middle School, unpaid leave, effective 12/13/06-12/12/07.
6. **REVISION: Nicole Liebowitz**, special education teacher, Mahopac Middle School, unpaid childcare leave, revised *from* 1/31/07-3/23/07 *to* 2/1/07-3/14/07.
7. **REVISION: Marie Considine**, special education teacher, Lakeview Elementary School, unpaid childcare leave, revised *from* 11/17/06-2/9/07 *to* 11/17/06-6/30/07.
8. **REVISION: Jill Fragoso**, special education teacher, Austin Road Elementary School, unpaid childcare leave, revised *from* 1/6/07-3/21/07 *to* 1/3/07-3/21/07

15. ABOLISHMENT OF POSITIONS - None

16. CREATION OF POSITIONS - Recommendation of the superintendent of schools:

- A. Instructional
One (1) .5 Science Teacher
One (1) .5 Teaching Assistant
One (1) .6 Mathematics Teacher
One (1) .4 Teaching Assistant

17. APPOINTMENTS - Recommendation of the superintendent of schools:

A. Instructional

1. Candidate: **Elena Padron**
Tenure Area: English as a Second Language
Probationary Period: 12/13/06-12/12/09
Certification Area: Professional
Salary: Step 4, BA+39+MA (pro-rata)
2. Candidate: **Kathryn Cuomo**
Tenure Area: Teaching Assistant
Probationary Period: 1/3/07-6/30/09
Certification Area: Level One-Pending
Salary: Step 1 of the Teaching Assistants' Contract

Term Appointments:

3. **William J. Doyle, IV**, *term substitute* mathematics teacher for Kathleen McAvoy, Mahopac High School, effective 1/4/07-3/31/07 or until Ms. McAvoy returns, whichever comes first.
Salary: Step 2, BA+27 (pro-rata)
4. **James E. Hornby**, term substitute part-time (60%) mathematics teacher for William J. Doyle, IV, effective 1/4/07-3/31/07 or until Mr. Doyle returns, whichever comes first.
Salary: Step 1, BA (pro-rata)

17. APPOINTMENTS – continued

A. Instructional

5. **James E. Hornby**, term substitute part-time (40%) teaching assistant for William J. Doyle, IV, effective 1/4/07-3/31/07 or until Mr. Doyle returns, whichever comes first. Salary: Step 1 of the Teaching Assistants' Contract (pro-rata).
6. **Christina D'Amore**, term substitute special education teacher for Ms. Noelle Semenza, Fulmar Road Elementary School, effective 2/26/07-6/30/07 or until Ms. Semenza returns, whichever comes first. Salary: Step 2 BA+45+MA (pro-rata)
7. **REVISION: Beth Hicks**, term substitute special education teacher for Nicole Liebowitz, Mahopac Middle School, revised *from* 11/29/06-3/27/07 *to* 11/29/06-3/14/07.
8. **REVISION: Pamela Dyson**, term substitute special education teacher for Marie Considine, Lakeview Elementary School, revised *from* 9/25/06-2/9/07 *to* 9/25/06-6/30/07.
9. **REVISION: Kristen Lindsay** term substitute elementary teacher for Dona Martirano, Fulmar Road Elementary School, revised *from* 9/1/06-2/2/07 *to* 9/1/06-6/30/07.

Part-Time:

10. **William J. Doyle, IV**, part-time mathematics teacher (60%) effective 12/18/06. Salary Step 2, BA+27 (pro-rata) of the contract between the Mahopac Teachers' Association and the District. Mr. Doyle holds a New York State Initial Certificate in mathematics.
11. **William J. Doyle, IV**, part-time teaching assistant (40%) effective 12/18/06. Salary Step 1 of the Teaching Assistants Contract (pro-rata).
12. **Alyson Schaefer**, part-time English teacher (20%) effective 1/2/07 through 1/26/07. Salary Step 1, BA+32+MA (pro-rata) of the contract between the Mahopac Teachers' Association and the District. Ms. Schaefer will hold a New York State Initial Certificate in English.
REVISION: One-Sixth Assignments
13. **Paul Clements**, English teacher, Mahopac High School revised *from* 10/30/06-12/22/06 *to* 10/30/06-1/26/07
Stipend in accordance with agreement between the District and MTA
14. **Vincent Alexander**, English teacher, Mahopac High School revised *from* 10/30/06-12/22/06 *to* 10/30/06-1/26/07.
Stipend in accordance with agreement between the District and MTA
15. **Adam Lewis**, English teacher, Mahopac High School revised *from* 10/30/06-12/22/06 *to* 10/30/06-1/26/07.
Stipend in accordance with agreement between the District and MTA
16. **Elizabeth McKeon**, English teacher, Mahopac High School revised *from* 10/30/06-12/22/06 *to* 10/30/06-1/26/07.
Stipend in accordance with agreement between the District and MTA
17. National Teacher Recognition (Duration of 10 years)
Thomas Jordan
Stipends in accordance with agreement between the District and MTA

18. **Substitute Teacher/Teaching Assistant/Nurse List - 2006-07 School Year:**

Jennifer Egan	- Physical Education – Certified
Alyson Schaefer	- English – Initial Pending
Greg Turrone	- Childhood Education Grades 1-6 –Initial Pending

17. APPOINTMENTS – continued

19. **Advisement - Student Teachers:**

Stefania Graziano, Mercy College, will be doing her 150 hour internship in guidance at the Mahopac High School, with Joseph Morda, Guidance Counselor, effective 1/2/07.

Margaret Furman, Mercy College, will be doing her student teaching in elementary education at Lakeview Elementary School with Mary Christos (grade 3) from 1/22/07-3/16/07 and Helen Leibell (grade 5) from 3/19/07-5/15/07.

Michael Yoder, Endicott College, will be doing a 30 hour/week internship in physical education at Mahopac Middle School with Sean Lyons, effective 1/2/07.

B. **Non-Instructional**

1. **Teresa Mrsich**, 1st shift cleaner, Mahopac Middle School, effective 1/10/07. Salary as per USWOM Contract.
2. **Joanne Sullivan**, senior clerk, District Office, effective 1/10/07. Ms. Sullivan has qualified for permanent appointment from the Putnam County Civil Service Senior Clerk List of Eligibles dated 11/21/06. Salary as per CSEA Contract.
3. **Lynn Nole**, senior typist, District Office, effective 1/18/07. Salary as per CSEA Contract.

Change in Title:

4. **Marguerite Morales**, senior stenographer (managerial/confidential), district office, effective 11/16/06.

18. RECOMMENDATIONS

A. **SPECIAL STUDENT PLACEMENTS/HOMEBOUND INSTRUCTION**

Recommendation of the Committee for Special Education for approval of the special student placements, as attached.

B. **CALENDAR OF EVENTS – ANNUAL DISTRICT ELECTION**

Recommendation of the superintendent of schools, as forwarded by the district clerk, for approval of the calendar of events leading to the Annual District Budget Vote/Election, May 15, 2007, as per the attached.

C. **HEALTH SERVICE CONTRACT**

Recommendation of the superintendent of schools for approval of the health service contract for the 2006/07 school year as per the attached, for:

Carmel CSD (St. James) - 4 students @ \$685.63 = \$2,742.52

18. RECOMMENDATIONS – continued

D. **BOARD OF EDUCATION SUB COMMITTEE – Addition**

Recommendation of the superintendent of schools, as forwarded by the Board Administrative Committee, for the addition of Vinnie Trinchitella to the Board of Education Curriculum Committee, as per the attached.

E. **BID AWARD - SURPLUS VEHICLES**

Recommendation of the superintendent of schools for approval of the Surplus Vehicle Bid Award, to the highest responsible bidder meeting specifications, of December 20, 2006, to Brookfield Auto, as per the attached.

F. **PERMISSION FOR USE OF DISTRICT'S BULLETIN BOARDS**

Recommendation of the superintendent of schools for approval to allow the Mahopac Drama Company exclusive use of the Board of Education's Bulletin Boards at the Mahopac High School.

G. **LOCATION MOVES FOR TWO BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETINGS**

Recommendation of the superintendent of schools for approval to move the locations of the March and April Board of Education Meetings as follows:

March 13 Meeting location - Lakeview Elementary School

April 17 Meeting location & date - 3rd Tuesday and Falls Elementary School

CONSENT AGENDA CONCLUDES

Consent Agenda was moved by Mrs. Trinchitella, seconded by Mr. Cefaloni, carried unanimously.

19. RESIDENT COMMENTS

Scheduled & Unscheduled

Krista Donahoe – commented, as a middle school parent, that Ira Gurkin's transition to Acting Principal has been seamless and he is very well respected by students and parents. She questioned the Science curriculum for next year and asked if a decision has been made. Dr. Reidy responded that the committee, headed by Troy Bilyeu and Ira Gurkin is currently working on this and will forward a recommendation and that a decision will be made in the next few weeks.

Neil Belloff - Mt. Vernon results in the paper were quite impressive and perhaps we could contact them. He questioned the curriculum organizational structure; asked when an update on the curriculum changes at the high school will be made and when can the analysis of ELA scores be expected. Mr. Belloff also asked if there is any way to expand the information available from board of education meetings on the Website.

Dr. Reidy responded that Dr. Barbara Walkley, Assistant to the Superintendent for Curriculum & Staff Development, reports directly to the Superintendent with recommendations on curriculum changes. Dr. Reidy gave a lengthy explanation of activities, curriculum committees, team meetings, exciting work going on, several visitations to other districts on curriculum, review of data, focuses on literacy, site-based teams, item analysis of data, changes in science curriculum at the high school, looking at 9th grade science failure percentage, focus on relationships (PDIS), and goals in regard to curriculum.

19. RESIDENT COMMENTS - continued
Scheduled & Unscheduled

Dr. Walkley thanked the teachers for their presentation this evening which reminds us that test scores represent only one day and are not reflective of the kind of work that's being done. In regard to test scores, she explained that the State has been so far behind in getting data to us in regard to ELA and Math scores. Test results just arrived before the recess break, so due to the lateness, the analysis is late. The teachers are doing an analysis first because they have a better insight and then Dr. Walkley will be doing the analysis.

Parent - questioned if full day kindergarten was mandated.

Mrs. Fabiano reported that we are not mandated at this time for full day kindergarten, that there was only a recommendation made by the Board of Regents. The State has not implemented this proposal as of yet.

Sue Kalameyer, President of the Drama Company - thanked the school board for giving them permission for use of the community bulletin boards at the high school.

Anthony Fusco - questioned if there was a schedule of sub-committee meetings and asked for information on air quality at the middle school.

Dr. Reidy responded that a letter was sent out to all parents in regard to the continuous air quality testing and that we have brought in an industrial hygienist to help us with the situation. A report will be given at the February meeting and he will be reporting on this issue on the next *Upfront with Dr. Reidy* TV broadcast.

Parent - approached the board in support of the Walk-About Program and hopes to see it reinstated in the budget.

Nick Trainer - questioned why the students are getting released on hour early on days rather than one whole day.

Dr. Walkley explained that this enables the district to utilize the ninth period which was received very positively by the staff. The staff is really doing some nice work and we get 16 hours of staff development time.

Parent - questioned the difference between ELA scores at Austin Road as compared to Lakeview School.

Dr. Walkley reported that between the three schools, there was no significant difference in ELA scores.

20. NEXT MEETINGS

- January 23, 2007 - Finance Committee Meeting @ LS, Room 17
- January 30, 2007 - Finance Committee Meeting @ LS, Room 17
- February 6, 2007 (1st Tuesday of the month) @ **Fulmar Road School**

21. ADJOURNMENT

At 9:50 p.m., the board moved to executive session, for the purpose of discussing a particular confidential personnel and litigation matter.

Moved by Mrs. Trinchitella, seconded by Ms. Calvi, carried unanimously.

At 11:00 p.m., the board returned to public session at which time the meeting was adjourned.

Moved by Mrs. Swift, seconded by Mrs. Fabiano, carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Dorothy A. Gilroy,
District Clerk

Note:

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MAHOPAC CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING, **February 6, 2007**
FULMAR ROAD SCHOOL

MINUTES

1. CALL OF THE ROLL

PRESENT: Ralph Ankier, Sandra Calvi, Giulio Cefaloni, Rose Fabiano, Patricia Greenwood-O'Keefe, William Hines, Penny Swift, Vinnie Trinchitella

ABSENT: None

STAFF: Robert J. Reidy, Superintendent; Assistant Superintendents: David Chapman, Candace LaVigne, Vincent Quartararo; Assistant to the Superintendent, Barbara Walkley and Dorothy Gilroy, District Clerk.

CONVENE: At 7:05 p.m., President Cefaloni called the meeting to order in the Conference Room of the Fulmar Road Elementary School. At 7:06 p.m. the board moved to executive session for the purpose of discussing a particular litigation and personnel matter.

Moved by Mrs. Fabiano, seconded by Mrs. Trinchitella, carried unanimously.

2. PUBLIC At 8:10 p.m. the board returned to public session in the cafetorium of the Fulmar Rd. Elementary School and convened the public meeting with the pledge of allegiance to the flag. President Cefaloni thanked Dr. Carlough for hosting the meeting this evening, and asked for a moment of silence for the passing of Dr. Reidy's Uncle and Mr. Anthony DiCarlo's father.

OTHERS: Approximately 60-70 people were in attendance.

3. RESIDENT COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS ONLY - Mr. Richard LaFredo asked for additional information on Item #18.H. Chairperson, Mrs. Fabiano, explained that the district is supporting this Commission to explore alternatives and to look at different options for a better method to fund education. She reported that Governor Spitzer is getting more involved in this Commission and the districts are also getting more vocal in discussing these ideas that are being put forward.

4. COMMUNICATIONS - None

5. ACCEPTANCE OF WARRANTS

GENERAL 'A' FUND WARRANTS:

36, CHECKS # 112389 TO 112643, \$ 785,817.08, 01/09/07

39, CHECKS # 112644 TO 112876, \$ 514,023.62, 01/24/07

CAPITAL PROJECT 'H' FUND WARRANTS:

5, CHECKS # 2009, \$ 2,860.00, 01/24/07

TRUST & AGENCY 'T' FUND WARRANTS:

16, CHECKS # 7600 TO 7617, 7370112 \$ 23,284.11 01/09/07

17, CHECKS # 1180, 7618 TO 8100, 12007, \$54,707.20, 01/24/07

- 5.a. INTERNAL CLAIMS AUDIT REPORT - attached

6. TREASURER'S REPORT - December, 2006

Warrants, Internal Claims Audit Report and Treasurer's Report were moved by Mrs. Fabiano, seconded by Mr. Anker, carried unanimously.

7. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- 1/9/07 - Regular Monthly Meeting

Moved by Mrs. Swift, seconded by Mrs. Trinchitella, carried 6 ayes, 2 abstentions (Mrs. Greenwood-O'Keefe and Mr. Hines) with corrections as noted.

8. STUDENT REPORTS - Julia LaVelle, President of M.O.S.T. Student Council, reported on activities at the High School such as: the Leadership Conference with Brewster and Carmel Student Government; the Carmel Exchange where 22 Carmel students come to Mahopac for the day shadowing a Mahopac student; Leadership Conference in Yorktown; fund raisers; Freshman Dance postponed due to snow; Junior Prom; Senior Prom scheduled for June 14th; Senior Shirt Sales; Sophomore raffle; their meeting with the Site-based Team this week and reported that students are getting more involved.

9. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

- Principal John Carlough gave an overview of how Fulmar Road School is operating to achieve their objectives and how their students are achieving. Dr. Carlough provided hand-outs covering areas of identified goals; strategies and specific descriptions; resources needed; tools and strategies to measure success and the steps in the process. He enlisted three staff members to report this evening: Elaine Fonseca reported on their goal on English Language Arts; Kathleen Lowell reported on goals of Mathematics and Ed Thompson reported on goals relating to school environment. Dr. Carlough thanked his staff and takes pride in their professional specialization and dedication to become learners themselves, open to change and never losing sight that they are here for the children. Dr. Reidy thanked Dr. Carlough for his leadership and his staff for doing a great job.

Director of School Facilities, Lenny Costable introduced the following speakers and provided summary hand-outs.

- Kenneth Eck, Director of Safety of Environmental Services and President Vincent Landers, of QUEST Laboratories, reported on the Indoor Air Quality Investigation Final Project Report for the Mahopac Middle School and Austin Road Elementary School. Both reports are available for the public at the Administration Office.
- ECG Co. Industrial Hygienist, George Lawrence reported on findings of their investigation since December to try to determine what it is to solve the problem and improve air conditions of both schools. Questions and answers followed and Mr. Lawrence reported that additional interviews and inspections are to follow since recommendations were made.

A question and answer period followed. The board had many questions and President Cefaloni invited questions from the public.

Michael Hunt, President of the Mahopac Teachers Association thanked and applauded the efforts of the board, the administration, Mr. Costable and his crew in regard to doing everything that they possibly could do in regard to the air quality concerns.

Public Comments - continued

Carol Albano questioned if the students were polled in regard to having any symptoms from the air quality.

Dr. Reidy reported that the schools have been keeping track of the students who go the nurse and parents are contacted.

Vickie Consilio, MS parents, reported that her daughter has had two bronchial pneumonia illnesses which, she feels happened in the science classroom.

Lynne Carney, MTA representative, questioned the CO² levels in some classrooms and asked if there was anything that the teachers could do to help. Common sense approaches were suggested.

President Cefaloni thanked Mr. Hunt for working with the district and stated that the district is fully committed in identifying all of these areas.

Dr. Reidy requested that Mrs. Consilio contact Mr. Lawrence so he could contact her child's physician which would be very helpful with our investigation. He stated that the district will keep everyone informed as we continue to be vigilant with this project.

- Dr. Barbarba Walkley, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum & Staff Development, reported on her analysis of the recent ELA testing results that were reported. A copy of her report may be obtained at the Administration Office.

10. COMMITTEE REPORTS - Due to the lateness of the hour, committee reports were suspended until next month except for the following:

Finance - Mrs. Greenwood-O'Keefe gave highlights from the January 23rd and January 30th Finance Committee Meetings. At the 1/23 meeting, the phone survey results were reviewed and discussed how budget information is going to get out to the community to make sure that everyone gets the correct information. Mrs. Greenwood-O'Keefe reported that state aid numbers have not been confirmed yet, but hoped that there would be some welcome tax relief. There was also a roundtable discussion with the board and residents who brought their concerns and questions forward. At the January 30th meeting, Mr. Chapman gave an excellent presentation on reserve and fund balance. The next Finance Committee meeting is scheduled for February 27th and Mrs. Greenwood-O'Keefe encouraged all to come and bring their questions.

President Cefaloni reported on the next very important meetings:

February 13th – CCC Mtg., Lakeview Auditoriu, 7:30 p.m.

February 27th – Finance Committee Meeting, Lakeview, Room 17, 7p.m.

CONSENT AGENDA BEGINS

- Items removed for further discussion

1. Item #18.C was tabled until the March Board Meeting following review and recommendation to the board by the Board of Education Audit Committee.

2. Addition of Item #18.L. – resolution to approve March 29, 2007 as full day of classes for students in grades 1 through 8 only.

11. RETIREMENTS/RESIGNATIONS - None

12. RESIGNATIONS - Recommendation of the superintendent of schools:

A. Instructional

1. **Jacqueline Gallagher**, teaching assistant, Mahopac Middle School, effective 1/26/07.
2. **Alyson Schaefer**, part-time 20% English teacher, Mahopac High School, effective 1/26/07.
3. **Alicia Battista**, term substitute elementary teacher for Elizabeth Dore, Austin Road Elementary School, effective 2/16/07.

B. Non-Instructional

1. **Catherine Patierno**, per diem bus driver, Mahopac Bus Garage, effective 1/28/07.
2. **Kimberly Colavito**, per diem bus driver, Mahopac Bus Garage, effective 1/28/07.
3. **Matthew Addato**, per diem bus driver, Mahopac Bus Garage, effective 1/28/07.
4. **Luisa Gonzalez**, per diem bus driver, Mahopac Bus Garage, effective 1/28/07.

13. TERMINATIONS - None

14. LEAVES OF ABSENCE - Recommendation of the superintendent of schools:

A. Administrative

Jennifer Pontillo, Principal, Lakeview Elementary School, unpaid childcare leave, effective 6/1/07-6/22/07.

B. Instructional

1. **Amy Mahoney**, English teacher, Mahopac High School, unpaid childcare leave, effective 2/10/07-6/30/08.
2. **Joyce Sidlosky**, English teacher, Mahopac High School, unpaid childcare leave, effective 9/1/06-6/30/07.
3. **Elaine Fonseca**, elementary teacher, Fulmar Road Elementary School, unpaid leave effective 3/5/07-7/31/07.
4. **REVISION: Kerri Bilyeu**, Austin Road Elementary School, unpaid childcare leave revised *from* 9/30/06-2/2/07 *to* 9/30/06-1/23/07.
5. **Dona Martirano**, elementary teacher, Fulmar Road Elementary School, unpaid childcare leave, effective 2/7/07-2/28/08.

15. ABOLISHMENT OF POSITIONS - None

16. CREATION OF POSITIONS – Recommendation of the superintendent of schools:

A. Instructional

One (1) teaching assistant

17. APPOINTMENTS - Recommendation of the superintendent of schools:

A. Administrative

Elaine Fonseca, Acting Interim Principal, Lakeview School, effective 3/5/07-7/31/07.

B. Instructional

1. Candidate: **Iraida G. Whitter**
Tenure Area: Teaching Assistant
Probationary Period: 1/30/07-1/29/10
Certification Area: Level Three
Salary: Step 1 of the Teaching Assistants' Contract (pro-rata)

17. APPOINTMENTS - Recommendation of the superintendent of schools:

B. Instructional

2. Candidate: **Phyllis Cecere**
Tenure Area: Teaching Assistant
Probationary Period: 2/5/07-2/4/10
Certification Area: Level One
Salary: Step 1 of the Teaching Assistants' Contract (pro-rata)

REVISION:

3. Candidate: Elena Padron
Tenure Area: English as a Second Language
Probationary Period: **Revised from** 12/13/06-12/12/08 **to** 12/13/06-12/12/09
Certification Area: Professional
Salary: Step 4, BA+39+MA (pro-rata)

Term Substitutes:

4. **Valerie Nardo**, *term substitute* teaching assistant for Elena Padron, Mahopac Middle School, effective 1/29/07-6/30/07 or until Ms. Padron returns, whichever comes first. Salary: Step 1 of the Teaching Assistants' Contract (pro-rata)
5. **Melissa Hagan**, *term substitute* teaching assistant for Kathleen Short Barrett, Mahopac Falls Elementary School, effective 2/5/07-5/7/07 or until Ms. Short Barrett returns, whichever comes first. Salary: Step 1 of the Teaching Assistants' Contract (pro-rata)
6. **Michael LoMedico**, *term substitute* elementary teacher for Ms. Judith Levy, Austin Road Elementary School, effective 2/12/07-4/13/07 or until Ms. Levy returns, whichever comes first. Salary: Step 1, BA+3 (pro-rata)
7. **Marie Trillas**, *term substitute* elementary teacher for Ms. Sarah Stefanak, Lakeview Elementary School, effective 1/2/07-3/2/07 or until Ms. Stefanak returns, whichever comes first. Salary: Step 1, BA+30+MA (pro-rata)
8. **REVISION: Allison Bily**, *term substitute* elementary teacher for Kerri Bilyeu revised **from** 9/1/06-2/2/07 **to** 9/1/06-1/23/07
9. **Allison Bily**, *term substitute* elementary teacher for Ms. Judith Levy, Austin Road Elementary School, effective 1/24/07-2/23/07 or until Ms. Levy returns, whichever comes first. Salary: Step 2, BA+39+MA (pro-rata)
10. **Allison Bily**, *term substitute* elementary teacher for Ms. Elaine Fonseca, Fulmar Road Elementary School, effective 2/26/07-6/30/07 or until Ms. Fonseca returns, whichever comes first. Salary: Step 2, BA+39+MA (pro-rata)
11. **Alyson Schaefer**, *term substitute* English teacher for Mr. Eric Height, Mahopac High School, effective 1/29/07-6/30/07 or until Mr. Height returns, whichever comes first. Salary: Step 1, BA+41+MA (pro-rata)
12. **Kristen Murphy**, *term substitute* elementary teacher for Ms. Elizabeth Dore, Austin Road Elementary School, effective 2/26/07-6/30/07 or until Ms. Dore returns, whichever comes first. Salary: Step 1, BA (pro-rata)

17. APPOINTMENTS – continued

B. Instructional

13. **Co-Curricular Appointments for the 2006-07 School Year:**

REVISED - As per attached.

14. **Substitute Teacher/Teaching Assistant/Nurse List - 2006-07 School Year:**

Margaret Wronker - Elementary-Connecticut Certification
Valerie Nardo - Teaching Assistant

15. **Kimberly Smith**, *term substitute* science teacher for Mr. Scott Hocutt, Mahopac Middle School, effective 2/5/07-6/30/07 or until Mr. Hocutt returns, whichever comes first. Salary: Step 3, BA+33 (pro-rata)

16. **Spring Coaching Appointments for the 2006-07 School Year** – *attached*

17. APPOINTMENTS

C. Non-Instructional

1. **Marsha LaBarbera**, part-time account clerk, Mahopac Bus Garage, effective 1/22/07. Salary as per CSEA Contract.

2. **Catherine Patierno**, part-time bus driver, Mahopac Bus Garage, effective 1/29/07. Salary as per USWOM Contract.

3. **Kimberly Colavito**, part-time bus driver, Mahopac Bus Garage, effective 1/29/07. Salary as per USWOM Contract.

4. **Matthew Addato**, part-time bus driver, Mahopac Bus Garage, effective 1/29/07. Salary as per USWOM Contract.

5. **Luisa Gonzalez**, part-time bus driver, Mahopac Bus Garage, effective 1/29/07. Salary as per USWOM Contract.

6. Declination of Appointment:

Lynn Nole, senior typist, District Office, effective 1/11/07.

7. Additions to the substitute cleaner list:

Luke Napolitano
Edward Blake

18. RECOMMENDATIONS

A. **SPECIAL STUDENT PLACEMENTS/HOMEBOUND INSTRUCTION**

Recommendation of the Committee for Special Education for approval of the special student placements, as attached.

B. **2007-2008 SCHOOL CALENDAR**

Recommendation of the superintendent of schools for approval of the school calendar for the 2007/08 school year, as per the attached.

18. RECOMMENDATIONS - continued

C. STATE AUDIT – CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN

Recommendation of the Superintendent of schools for approval of the following Corrective Action Plan:

WHEREAS, the Mahopac Board of Education has approved the recommendation of the Superintendent to approve and submit the State Audit Corrective Action Plan. This plan was developed in response to the recommendations of the audit staff of the NYS Comptrollers Office. Document attached.

Tabled until March 13th Board Meeting

D. INDUSTRIAL HYGIENIST EMERGENCY RESOLUTION

Recommendation of the Superintendent of schools for approval of the following EMERGENCY resolution:

WHEREAS, the Mahopac Board of Education has approved the recommendation of the Superintendent to immediately bring in an industrial hygienist to conduct interviews with the affected staff at both the Mahopac Middle School and the Austin Road Elementary to ascertain if there are any health and safety issues. This is being done in light of the recent series of complaints received from staff members at both schools.

E. DUCT WORK AT AUSTIN ROAD - EMERGENCY RESOLUTION

Recommendation of the Superintendent of schools for approval of the following EMERGENCY resolution:

WHEREAS, the Mahopac Board of Education has approved the recommendation of the Superintendent to immediately have the duct work at the Austin Road Elementary School be cleaned to eliminate any possible contaminants that might result in possible comfort issues for staff members at the school.

F. AIR MONITORING @ AUSTIN & MS - EMERGENCY RESOLUTION

Recommendation of the Superintendent of schools for approval of the following EMERGENCY resolution:

WHEREAS, the Mahopac Board of Education has approved the recommendation of the Superintendent to immediately conduct Air Monitoring at both the **Mahopac Middle** School and the **Austin Road Elementary** School to determine if there are any health and safety issues. This is being done in light of the recent series of complaints received from staff members at both schools

G. HEALTH SERVICE CONTRACTS

Recommendation of the superintendent of schools for approval of the following health service contracts during the 2006/07 school year:

Tarrytown UFSD, 1 student @ \$675.00

18. RECOMMENDATIONS – continued

H. **BLUE RIBBON COMMISSION RESOLUTION**

Recommendation of the superintendent of schools, as forwarded by the Board of Education Legislative Committee, for approval of the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the median property tax bill in Putnam County has been ranked the 9th highest in the United States, and

WHEREAS, the property tax burden in New York State has been ranked 4th highest in the country, and

WHEREAS, the Hamlet of Mahopac in the Town of Carmel has a minimal commercial tax base that places a significant tax burden on the residential homeowner, and

WHEREAS, there is little or no relationship between a homeowner's income-based ability to pay their property tax and their actual property tax, particularly if that owner is a retiree on a fixed income,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education for the Mahopac Central School District supports an act by the state legislature that would establish a Blue Ribbon Commission on Property Tax Reform to examine the local education financing system and the current real property tax system in New York State.

I. **HVAC AND DUCT WORK AT THE MAHOPAC MIDDLE SCHOOL**

Recommendation of the Superintendent of schools for approval of the following EMERGENCY resolution:

WHEREAS, the Mahopac Board of Education has approved the recommendation of the Superintendent to immediately have HVAC & duct work fixed in the SPED room at the Mahopac Middle School. The lack of proper air flow and temperature control was causing discomfort issues.

J. **GEORGE F AGOR TRUST GRANT**

Recommendation of the superintendent of schools for approval to accept **\$2,765.00** to be used by the newly formed **High School History Club** for the study of the 20th century history of Carmel, New York.

K. **CONTINUING ADULT EDUCATION COURSE SELECTION**

Recommendation of the superintendent of schools for approval of the Mahopac Continuing Adult Education Course Selections for the Spring, 2007, as per the attached.

L. **MARCH 29, 2007 - FULL DAY OFF FOR STUDENTS, GRADES 1 THROUGH 8**

Recommendation of the superintendent of schools, due to test scoring deadlines from the NYS Education Department, for approval to make March 29, 2007 a full day off from classes for students in **grades 1 through 8 only**, for the purpose of test scoring. March 29, 2007 was originally an early dismissal day for these students. High School students and Falls School students will attend school in regular sessions.

CONSENT AGENDA CONCLUDES

The Consent Agenda was moved by Mrs. Trinchitella, seconded by Mr. Ankier, carried unanimously.

19. RESIDENT COMMENTS - Scheduled & Unscheduled

The following residents approached the board asking them to consider the re-instatement of the Walk-About Program, reporting on the successes of the students and how strong a community this program is:

Renee Psihountas, Andrew Psihountas, Lisa Laquidara, Susan Prevost, Althea Daley

President Cefaloni stated that the board would take all comments under advisement as they deliberate on the finances of the district.

20. NEXT MEETING - **March 13, 2007 @ Lakeview Elementary School** - Change in location

21. ADJOURNMENT

At 11:05 p.m., there being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Moved by Mrs. Greenwood-O'Keefe, seconded by Mr. Ankier, carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Dorothy A. Gilroy, District Clerk

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MAHOPAC CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING, March 13, 2007
Lakeview Elementary School, 8:00 PM

MINUTES

1. CALL OF THE ROLL

PRESENT: Ralph Anker, Sandra Calvi, Giulio Cefaloni, Rose Fabiano, William Hines,
Penny Swift (arrived at 9:00 p.m.), Vinnie Trinchitella

ABSENT: Patricia Greenwood-O'Keefe

STAFF: Robert J. Reidy, Superintendent; Assistant Superintendents: David Chapman, Business
Office; Vincent Quartararo, Human Resources, Curriculum/Instruction; and Dorothy
Gilroy, District Clerk.

OTHERS: Gus Mountanous, Esq.

CONVENE: At 6:30 p.m., President Cefaloni called the meeting to order in the Library Conference
Room of Lakeview School and moved immediately into executive session for the
purpose of discussing contract negotiations, personnel issues and administrative
appointments.

Moved by Mrs. Trinchitella, seconded by Mr. Anker, carried unanimously.

2. PUBLIC At 8:05 p.m., the board returned to public session in the cafeteria of the Lakeview Elem.
SESSION: School with the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Moved by Mrs. Trinchitella, seconded by Mr. Hines, carried unanimously.

President Cefaloni thanked the custodial staff along with Don Beverly and Stas
Przymylski for their efforts in setting up the cafeteria this evening due to the Lakeview
PTO Book Fair taking place in the auditorium.

OTHERS: Approximately 40-50 people were in attendance

3. RESIDENT COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS ONLY - None

4. COMMUNICATIONS - Mrs. Gilroy announced that petitions were available this evening for anyone
interested in running for a seat on the board of education. There are four seats available: three 3-year
terms and one 1-year term.

5. ACCEPTANCE OF WARRANTS

GENERAL 'A' FUND WARRANTS:

# 41,	CHECKS # 112877 TO 112967,	\$ 137,213.41,	01/31/07
# 42,	CHECKS # 100, 112968 TO 113050,	\$ 741,335.78,	02/07/07
# 44,	CHECKS # 113051 TO 113177,	\$ 178,666.20	02/13/07
# 45,	CHECKS # 113078 TO 113281,	\$ 272,658.63,	02/28/07

CAPITAL PROJECT 'H' FUND WARRANTS:

# 06,	CHECKS # 9425,	\$ 34,141.75,	02/07/07
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TRUST & AGENCY 'T' FUND WARRANTS:

# 18,	CHECKS # 7639 TO 7656,	\$ 9,215.45,	01/31/07
# 19,	CHECKS # 1335, 1720, 7657 TO 7676,	\$ 20,401.50,	02/13/07
# 20,	CHECKS # 148, 7677, 22007	\$ 27,595.28,	02/28/07

5.a. INTERNAL CLAIMS AUDIT REPORT - attached

6. TREASURER'S REPORT

- January 2007, received for filing

Warrants & Treasurer's Report were moved by Mrs. Trinchitella, seconded by Mrs. Fabiano, carried unanimously.

7. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- 2/6/07 - Regular Monthly Meeting

Moved by Mrs. Trinchitella, seconded by Mrs. Fabiano, carried unanimously (with corrections as noted). Approved minutes will be posted on the district's website.

8. STUDENT REPORTS - M.O.S.T. Student Council President, Lulia LaVelle, reported on the following activities at the high school including: the Freshman Dance which was a large success; the Junior Prom at Villa Barone last weekend; Carmel School students' visit to Mahopac will be rescheduled for March 22nd; fundraisers; Freshman Class planning a trip to Six Flags; the Council's regularly scheduled meeting with Mr. Trummer on how the school is running; the leadership conference and Heart Walk. Julia reported that Mr. Ralph Ankier asked if they could give thanks to the Coalition. Student Jim Garner produced and presented a video that showed students performing in all extra-curricular activities. On behalf of the students, Julia gave thanks to the Coalition and wanted the community to know how important these activities are. Julia has decided to attend Stony Brook University and stated that having extra-curricular activities during her senior year had been very instrumental in her college choice.

President Cefaloni added that the board is very grateful to the Mahopac Activities Coalition and to all of our teachers and parents for their support. He reported that all extra-curricular activities are included in the 2007-08 proposed budget with a very respectful tax rate of 3.98%.

President Cefaloni took executive privilege of changing the order of the agenda this evening, extracting Items #17.A. and #17.B.1. from the Agenda as follows:

Dr. Reidy stated that it is a pleasure and honor to recommend **Ira Gurkin** as Principal of the Middle School who stepped in this year and has done a wonderful job.

Dr. Reidy announced that ***Carol DeAlleaume*** has accepted the position of Principal of the Falls School while still maintaining her role as Elementary Supervisor of Special Education. She has performed admirably with great prospective and many years of experience. He stated that she is a true professional and is a pleasure to work with.

Dr. Reidy stated that ***April Ljumic*** has been Interim Assistant Principal of the Silver House this year and has done a fantastic job as a school leader and looks forward to working with April for many years. With congratulations, he also stated that she is also a graduate of Mahopac.

Dr. Reidy announced that it is his pleasure to recommend ***Kathy McTernan*** as Administrator for Secondary Special Education/Committee on Special Education. She has done a marvelous job under a difficult situation and has been spending many late hours as has the others.

Dr. Reidy announced that it is his pleasure to recommend Sean Lyons for tenure this evening.

Item #17.A. was moved by Mr. Hines, seconded by Mr. Ankier, carried unanimously.

Item #17.B.1., was moved by Mrs. Trinchitella, seconded by Mr. Hines, carried unanimously.

9. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

- Lakeview Elementary School Goals - Dr. Reidy introduced Mrs. Jennifer Pontillo stating that she has done an exceptional job in her first year at Lakeview School, is very competent and a pleasure to work with. Mrs. Pontillo created an Entry Plan, which consisted of various activities prior to establishing her goals for the school requesting input from the entire staff for improvement as well as overall atmosphere. She created a power point report with the staff's input and reported on changes that have been made such as order in the cafeteria to cut waiting lines and noise level. She reported on Language Arts initiative, balanced literacy, grade level goals and commitments from her. Test scores and mathematics goals were included in her report as well as looking at gaps between grade levels.

Trustee Fabiano, as a parent of Lakeview School, stated that Mrs. Pontillo has been a tremendous addition to the school and has seen many improvements.

- Community Survey Presentation - Heather Adams of NYS School Boards Association assisted the District in doing the phone survey and reported on the results of the survey with a power point presentation with recommendations of what the board should consider as a result of the report. She made available an abbreviated report on statistics and results and reported that the full report is available at the District Office. She reported that 1,933 residents responded, which was the largest response that NYSSBA has ever seen. She also reported on recurring themes, the importance of the school newsletter as an unfiltered source of information and items to consider when gathering input on a regular basis to trace community attitudes over time.

Trustee Hines commented on the voice message time allotted, which he felt was not long enough. Many responses were cut off and he hoped that in the future more time is allotted for resident comments. Heather reported that only a small percentage of 21% left voice comments.

Trustee Ankier questioned if the results were similar between other school districts. Heather reported that high taxes were similar responses.

Trustee Trinchitella commented on much misinformation from the residents' comments. She questioned if it is typical from other districts that communities don't understand things like state mandates, which are totally out of the board's control.

President Cefaloni opened the floor for questions from the community.

Mr. DiCarlo questioned how often a survey should be conducted. Heather recommended conducting a survey every two years.

Wendy Erickson suggested that we put the misinformation on the District's Webpage.

President Cefaloni stated that there are a lot of ways people can get information from the school district to get informed, namely the district's website and the blue ribbon newsletters.

President Cefaloni thanked Heather Adams for her assistance with the phone survey results, which informed the board of many things.

10. COMMITTEE REPORTS - Board of Education Chairpersons

Mahopac Activities Coalition – Mr. Ankier reported that the video shown this evening was his report but added that the Coalition is now closed and will not reopen. He stated that every activity has been put back in the proposed budget for 2007/08 and we should never have to go through this again. He gave congratulations to the teachers and district for staying behind the Coalition and gave thanks to the parents for supporting their kids.

Special Education – Ms. Calvi, in Mrs. Swift's absence, reported that the committee met this evening and recommended without reservation, Item #18.A. for board's approval this evening.

Transportation – Mrs. Fabiano reported that this committee has not met this month, but we have been very lucky with a fairly mild winter.

Legislative - Mrs. Fabiano reported that on March 2nd she attended a breakfast meeting of legislators throughout Westchester and Putnam Counties and reported the following: Legislators asked what the districts wanted them to fight for: pass the budget on time or to fight for more aid. The consensus was to fight for additional state aid, because after this year, we're slated to receive very little. There are 78 lower Hudson school districts, with only five districts slated to receive more than 3% of aid. This is not acceptable. Mahopac is clustered with the lower Hudson area and Westchester Putnam School Boards Association has asked us to start a grass roots campaign to legislators. There are two different sets of letters available for the public to send out. One is time restrictive to tell legislators that this aid cutback is not acceptable. Both letters are posted on the district's website and Mrs. Fabiano urged everyone to send these letters out. She also stated that the State Lottery monies allotted for education is now down to 33% so we must become involved. She added that all meetings are posted on the District's website.

Mrs. Fabiano reminded everyone that board petitions for trustee seats are due by April 16th, and absentee ballot applications are available.

Human Resource – Mrs. Trinchitella reported that the committee met last evening to review some human resource recommendations for next year. They decided to review terms and conditions for individuals who are not part of bargaining units so that there is something in writing, which appears under #18.F. this evening and urged the board to approve those agreements.

Audit – Mr. Hines reported that the committee met this month and reviewed the NYS Corrective Action Plan, which was completed in October. The Audit Committee is required to review the Action Plan and submit it back to the State. He reported that there were just a few areas of concern and recommended board's approval of Item #18.B. on the agenda. President Cefaloni reminded the public that the district has gone through three audits: the internal, external and state audit. These audits showed a very efficient organization and complimented Dr. Reidy and his staff.

(CCC) Community Communications Committee- Mr. Hines reported that now people can access information and get correct information from a new Knowledge Based Link on the District's webpage. Don Beverly and Vince Quartararo set up this informational web page after a lot of feedback from the CCC Committee. The District purchased software to make this possible. There is a frequently asked question section and an area to ask the district any questions that are not found. He stated that we will be putting this information in the next newsletter and advertise on Channel 22. This is an open door for the public. By Friday or Monday this site should be up and running. If you have any questions, contact Dorothy Gilroy at the District Office.

President Cefaloni stated that this has been a real effort on the part of the district to inform the community and an opportunity for the district to hear from the community.

CCC Committee, continued - Mr. Hines reported that at the last committee meeting there also was a very informative Science Curriculum Presentation by Barbara Walkley and the Science Committee, which was an evaluation of our science curriculum. He explained that the district wants better results and that the presentation is also available on the District's website.

Mrs. Swift apologized for being late this evening due to her job and thanked Sandra Calvi for picking up her Special Education report this evening.

Technology – Mr. Cefaloni reported that the committee is planning to meet before the end of the year. He reported on highlights such as: creating a learning academy for the teachers, which will be housed at the Secor Building; the 7th grade technology program and Success Maker software being reviewed for ELA.

Buildings & Grounds - Mr. Cefaloni reported that the committee had a meeting on March 1st and will have another meeting on March 22 where they will be interviewing two architectural firms because the district is changing firms. There were a number of things discussed such as: concession stand at the HS (great achievement by the community) ; easement on tonight's agenda; air monitoring effort with the hygienist making final reports and coming up with a plan of action. He gave kudos to Mr. Chapman with his engineering skills because he has come up with a filtering system to reduce the smog down at the bus garage; the difference is amazing. Mr. Cefaloni gave a report on the Middle School elevator reporting that installation should be complete in two weeks.

Mrs. Trinchitella added that she is really impressed with the kind of efforts of Dave Chapman, which have been extremely beneficial. In the past he recommended insurance on the oil tanks which was needed a year later and it was his idea to attach the architect's home to the District's litigation, which we won. She commented that his ideas have not gone unappreciated and feels that he deserves recognition for his efforts above and beyond his responsibilities.

CONSENT AGENDA BEGINS

- Items removed for further discussion

1. #18.B. - correction:

Recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, **after review by the Board of Education Audit Committee**, for approval to submit the State Audit Corrective Action Plan.

Moved by Mr. Hines, seconded by Mrs. Swift, carried unanimously with correction.

#18.M.- Settlement Agreement

Moved by Mr. Hines, seconded by Mrs. Trinchitella, carried six ayes, one abstention (Mr. Anker).

#18.J. - was removed (waiting for legal opinion)

#18.D. –Dave Chapman explained that this exemption is in addition to the basic star and enhanced star which is another exemption for the senior citizens. Mr. Chapman informed the public to inquire at the tax assessor's office.

11. RETIREMENTS/RESIGNATIONS - None

12. RESIGNATIONS - Recommendation of the superintendent of schools:

A. Instructional

1. **Elizabeth Raynor**, special education teacher, Mahopac Falls Elementary School, effective 2/26/07.
2. **Elizabeth Merriam**, elementary teacher, Fulmar Road Elementary School, effective 6/30/07.
3. **Ira Gurkin**, Assistant Principal, Mahopac Middle School, effective 6/30/07.
4. **April Ljunic**, foreign language teacher, Mahopac High School, effective 6/30/07.
5. **Kathleen McTernan**, school psychologist, Mahopac High School, effective 6/30/07.

B. Non-Instructional

1. **Thomas Beatty**, 3rd shift custodian, Mahopac High School, effective 2/11/07.
2. **Darlene Ford**, part-time bus driver, Mahopac Bus Garage, effective 4/1/07.

13. TERMINATIONS - None

14. LEAVES OF ABSENCE – Recommendation of the superintendent of schools:

A. Instructional

1. **Jodi Kozera**, elementary teacher, Lakeview Elementary School, unpaid childcare leave, effective 3/21/07-5/31/07.
2. **Jill Carolan**, social worker, Austin/Lakeview Elementary Schools, unpaid childcare leave, effective 4/12/07-4/27/07.
3. **Valarie Nierman**, health teacher, Mahopac Middle School, unpaid childcare leave, effective 4/26/07-6/30/07.
4. **Virginia Gertling**, home and careers teacher, Mahopac High School, unpaid childcare leave, effective 4/25/07-6/30/07.
5. **Christine McNeill**, reading teacher, Mahopac Middle School, unpaid childcare leave, effective 5/19/07-2/1/08.
6. **Stacey Biagini**, special education teacher, Lakeview Elementary School, unpaid childcare leave, effective 6/5/07-6/30/07.
7. **REVISION: Jill Fragoso**, special education teacher, Austin Road Elementary School, unpaid childcare leave revised *from* 1/3/07-3/21/07 *to* 1/3/07-6/30/07.
8. **REVISION: Pamela Smith**, teaching assistant, Mahopac High School, unpaid childcare leave revised *from* 12/20/06-3/8/07 *to* 12/20/06-6/30/07.

B. Non-Instructional

Sherri Miniotis, monitor, Mahopac High School, unpaid personal leave, 1/28/07-1/28/08.

15. ABOLISHMENT OF POSITIONS - None

16. CREATION OF POSITIONS – Recommendation of the superintendent of schools:

A. Non-Instructional

(1) Temporary Typist

17. APPOINTMENTS - Recommendation of the superintendent of schools:

A. Administrative

Candidate: **Ira Gurkin**
Tenure Area: Principal
Probationary Period: 7/1/07-6/30/09
Salary: Step 6 - as per AMA Contract

Candidate: **April Ljumic**
Tenure Area: Assistant Principal
Probationary Period: 7/1/07-6/30/09
Salary: Step 2 - as per AMA Contract

Candidate: **Carol DeAlleaume**
Tenure Area: Principal
Probationary Period: 7/1/07-6/30/09
Salary: Step 4 - as per AMA Contract

Candidate: **Kathleen McTernan**
Tenure Area: Administrator for Secondary Special Education/CSE
Probationary Period: 7/1/07-11/15/09
Salary: Step 2 - as per AMA Contract

B. Instructional

1. Tenure Appointment

Recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools for approval for tenure for **Sean Lyons** in the special subject tenure area of Physical Education, effective 2/10/07.

2. Term Appointments:

REVISION: Emily Bergman, term substitute elementary teacher for Ms. Beth Ferrigno, Lakeview Elementary School, revised **from** 9/20/06-2/9/07 **to** 9/20/06-2/16/07.

REVISION: Linda Hobbs, term substitute special education teacher for Ms. Elizabeth Raynor, Mahopac Falls Elementary School, revised **from** 9/1/06-2/23/07 **to** 9/1/06-6/30/07.

REVISION: Helen Sherman, term substitute special education teacher for Ms. Jill Fragoso, Austin Road Elementary School, revised **from** 11/29/06-3/21/07 **to** 11/29/06-6/30/07.

REVISION: Hollie Willis, term substitute teaching assistant for Pamela Smith, Mahopac High School, revised **from** 11/29/06-3/8/07 **to** 11/29/06-6/30/07.

REVISION: Matthew Peters, term substitute physical education teacher for Ms. Lauren Kittredge, Austin Road Elementary School, revised **from** 11/6/06-2/28/07 **to** 11/6/06-6/30/07.

REVISION: Michael LoMedico, term substitute elementary teacher for Ms. Judith Levy, Austin Road Elementary School, revised **from** 2/12/07-4/13/07 **to** 2/12/07-3/16/07.

Beth Hicks, term substitute special education teacher for Ms. Christine McNeill, Mahopac Middle School, effective 3/15/07-6/30/07 or until Ms. McNeill returns, whichever comes first. Salary: Step 4, BA+33+MA (pro-rata)

Emily Bergman, term substitute elementary teacher for Ms. Jodi Kozera, Lakeview Elementary School, effective 2/26/07-5/31/07 or until Ms. Kozera returns, whichever comes first. Salary: Step 1, BA+36+MA (pro-rata)

Jennifer Egan, term substitute physical education teacher for Ms. Kelly Buscarino, Mahopac High School, effective 3/12/07-6/30/07 or until Ms. Buscarino returns from her special assignment, whichever comes first. Salary: Step 1, BA (pro-rata)

Noelle LoFaro, term substitute special education teacher for Ms. Stacey Biagini, Lakeview Elementary School, effective 3/19/07-6/30/07 or until Ms. Biagini returns, whichever comes first. Salary: Step 1, BA+18 (pro-rata)

17. *APPOINTMENTS - continued*

B. Instructional

3. **Substitute Teacher/Teaching Assistant/Nurse List - 2006-07 School Year:**
Bonnie Flotzko - Common Branches-Certified
4. **Co-Curricular Appointments for the 2006-07 School Year:**
As per attached.
5. **Student Teacher:**
Sandra Vaughan, Long Island University, will be doing a 200 hour internship in guidance at Mahopac High School with Terry Lauchman/Ofri Felder, effective 2/9/07-6/15/07.
6. **Nicole Righetti**, term substitute teaching assistant on special assignment, Lakeview Elementary School, effective 3/19/07-6/30/07. Salary: Step 1 of the Teaching Assistants' Contract (pro-rata)
7. **Michael LoMedico** term substitute teaching assistant on special assignment, Austin Road Elementary School, effective 3/19/07-6/30/07. Salary: Step 1 of the Teaching Assistants' Contract (pro-rata)

C. Non-Instructional

1. **Diane Zefi**, term substitute teacher aide for Ms. Rosemary Evard, Lakeview Elementary School, revised *from* 9/25/06-2/23/07 *to* 9/25/06-6/30/07 or until Ms. Evard returns, whichever comes first. Salary as per CSEA Contract.
2. **Marilee Tompkins**, library aide, Austin Road Elementary School, effective 2/16/07. Salary as per CSEA Contract.
3. **Sherri Miniotis**, permanent temporary typist, Mahopac High School, effective 1/29/07. Salary as per CSEA Contract.
4. **Gustave M. Rubel**, per diem bus driver, Mahopac Bus Garage, effective 3/8/07. Salary as per USWOM Contract.
5. **Darlene Ford**, food service carrier, Lakeview Elementary School, effective 4/2/07. Salary as per USWOM Contract.
6. **Thomas Fallon**, *term substitute monitor* for Ms. Sherri Miniotis, Mahopac High School, effective 2/12/07 – 6/22/07, or until Ms. Miniotis returns, whichever comes first. Salary as per Monitor's Contract.
7. **Additions to the substitute clerical/ monitor/teacher aide/library aide list:**
Thomas Fallon
Avery Whitesell
8. **Additions to the substitute cleaner list:**
Carl LaDuca

18. RECOMMENDATIONS

- A. **SPECIAL STUDENT PLACEMENTS/HOMEBOUND INSTRUCTION**
Recommendation of the Committee for Special Education for approval of the special student placements, as attached.

18. RECOMMENDATIONS - continued

B. **STATE AUDIT - CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN**

Recommendation of the Superintendent of schools for approval to submit the State Audit - Corrective Action Plan:

WHEREAS, the Mahopac Board of Education has approved the recommendation of the Superintendent to approve and submit the State Audit Corrective Action Plan. This plan was developed in response to the recommendations of the audit staff of the NYS Comptrollers Office.

C. **CONTRACT RE - ACTUARIAL SERVICES**

Recommendation of the superintendent of schools for approval to sign the contractual agreement between the **Mahopac Central School District** and **AON** Actuaries for the performance of mandated actuarial services under GASB 45.

D. **TAX EXEMPTION FOR SENIOR CITIZENS FOR 2007/2008**

Recommendation of the superintendent of schools for approval of the following resolution regarding the income qualifications for exemption from school taxes for senior citizens:

Whereas, the state has authorized the following schedule of income qualifications for exemption from school taxes; it is therefore

Resolved, that the Board of Education of the Mahopac Central School District hereby adopts the following resolution to provide for the following exemptions for senior citizens. **This resolution shall remain in effect until such time as the Board of Education adopts a new resolution terminating or amending this resolution.**

	Income Range		Exemption
\$ 0	To	\$ 26,000.00	50 %
\$ 26,000.01	To	\$ 26,999.99	45 %
\$ 27,000.00	To	\$ 27,999.99	40 %
\$ 28,000.00	To	\$ 28,999.99	35 %
\$ 29,000.00	To	\$ 29,899.99	30 %
\$ 29,900.00	To	\$ 30,799.99	25 %
\$ 30,800.00	To	\$ 31,699.99	20 %
\$ 31,700.00	To	\$ 32,599.99	15 %
\$ 32,600.00	To	\$ 33,499.99	10 %
\$ 33,500.00	To	\$ 34,399.99	5 %

Total income must be under \$ 34,399.99 to be eligible. Adoption retroactive to March 1st.

E. **ACCEPTANCE OF GIFTS**

Recommendation of the superintendent of schools for approval of the acceptance of the following gifts:

1. Six (12) Dell Monitors, valued at approximately \$100 each, from Michelle Molloy to the Mahopac Central School District.
2. One clarinet, valued at \$200, to the Instrumental Band Program at the Fulmar Road Elementary School, from Mrs. Lisa Barletta.

18. RECOMMENDATIONS - continued

F. **NON-BARGAINING UNITS AGREEMENT**

Recommendation of the superintendent of schools, as forwarded by the Board of Education Human Resource Committee, to approve the matter of Employment Agreements for non-bargaining unit staff, to be employed July 1, 2007 through June 30, 2008.

G. **APPOINTMENT OF IMPARTIAL HEARING OFFICER**

Recommendation of the superintendent of schools, as forwarded by the District Clerk, to appoint **Mr. George Roberts**, as Impartial Hearing Officer for the Mahopac Central School District, according to the New York State Impartial Hearing Officer Rotational List.

H. **STIPULATION OF SETTLEMENT**

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby approves and authorizes the Superintendent of Schools to sign on behalf of the District a certain Stipulation of Settlement in the matter of the due process impartial hearing involving student ID number 9474139, a copy of which Stipulation has been reviewed previously by the members of the Board of Education.

I. **EASEMENT GRANT TO NYSEG**

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Mahopac Central School District grants an easement to NYSEG and authorizes the Superintendent of Schools to sign the easement allowing the fore-mentioned company to come onto school property to install a utility pole and concrete pad at the high school complex. These are needed to provide electrical service to the Mahopac Concession stand and bathrooms.

J. REMOVED

K. **HEALTH SERVICES CONTRACTS**

Recommendation of the superintendent of schools for approval of the following health service contracts during the 2006/2007 school year, with authorization for the board president and the clerk to sign same:

1. Greenburgh CSD,	2 students	@ \$ 750.99 each	=	\$ 1,501.98
2. North Salem CSD,	22 students	@ \$ 762.50 each	=	\$16,775.00
3. Somers CSD,	64 students	@ \$ 608.47 each	=	\$38,942.08
4. White Plains SD,	4 students	@ \$ 734.26 each	=	\$ 2,937.04
5. Yorktown CSD,	12 students	@ \$ 728.24 each	=	\$ 8,738.88

L. **SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Mahopac Central School District herewith authorizes the Board President to execute a certain Settlement Agreement between the Board and Employee Number 1006. Said Agreement has been reviewed by the Board in executive session; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Education herewith accepts the irrevocable resignation of the above-referenced civil service employee in accordance with a certain letter attached as Exhibit "A" to the above-referenced Agreement.

18. RECOMMENDATIONS - continued

M. SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Mahopac Central School District herewith authorizes the Board President to execute a certain Settlement Agreement between the Board and Employee Number 3834. Said Agreement has been reviewed by the Board in executive session; and.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Education herewith accepts the irrevocable resignation of the above-referenced civil service employee in accordance with a certain letter attached as Exhibit "A" to the above-referenced Agreement.

N. NOTICE OF CHARGES

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Mahopac Central School District hereby accepts the Notice of Charges dated March 13, 2007 brought against Employee Number 3370 pursuant to the applicable provisions of the Collective Bargaining Agreement between the Board and the United School Workers of Mahopac.

CONSENT AGENDA CONCLUDES

The Consent Agenda was moved by Mrs. Swift, seconded by Mrs. Trinchitella, carried unanimously.

19. RESIDENT COMMENTS
Scheduled & Unscheduled

Trustee Hines requested that the board consider using April 10th as the first snow day give back to the district this year and requested for the board to consider same for next year's school calendar.

20. NEXT MEETINGS:
April 17, 2007 @ Falls Elementary School
March 20, 2007 - Finance Committee Meeting @ Lakeview School

21. ADJOURNMENT

At 10:05 p.m., there being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Moved by Mrs. Trinchitella, seconded by Mrs. Fabiano, carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Dorothy A. Gilroy, District Clerk

MAHOPAC CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING, **April 17, 2007**
FALLS Elementary School, 8:00 PM

MINUTES

1. CALL OF THE ROLL

PRESENT: Ralph Ankier, Sandra Calvi, Giulio Cefaloni, Rose Fabiano, Patricia Greenwood-O'Keefe, William Hines, Penny Swift, Vinnie Trinchitella

ABSENT: None

STAFF: Robert J. Reidy, Jr., Superintendent of Schools; Assistant Superintendents David Chapman, Business; Candace LaVigne, Student Services; Vincent Quartararo, Human Resources, Curriculum/Instruction; Assistants to the Superintendent: Barbara Walkley, Curriculum & Staff Development; Donald Beverly, Information Technologies and Dorothy Gilroy, District Clerk

2. CONVENE: At 6:30 p.m., President Cefaloni called the meeting to order in the Falls Conference Room and turned the meeting over the Finance Chairperson Greenwood-O'Keefe.

Moved by Mrs. Trinchitella, seconded by Mrs. Swift carried unanimously.

FINANCE COMMITTEE WORK SESSION: Chairperson Greenwood-O'Keefe convened the Finance Committee Meeting. Following a lengthy discussion on the budget proposal, the fund balance projection, tax certiorari fund balance, tax assessable numbers, tax rate, MTA payback, contingency budget and the total budget number projections, the board voted on how much of the reserve to use to reduce the tax rate. The majority of the board voted to reduce the tax rate to 1.99%.

OTHERS: Gus Mountanos, Esq. and four residents were in attendance.

BREAKFAST SURVEY HEARING: At 7:30 p.m. results of the Breakfast Survey were available.

PUBLIC SESSION: At 8:15 p.m., the board moved to the regular monthly business meeting in the auditorium of Falls Elementary School with the pledge of allegiance to the flag. President Cefaloni asked for a moment of silence for the lives lost at Virginia Tech and for their grieving parents and grieving nation.

Moved by Mrs. Swift, seconded by Mrs. Fabiano, carried unanimously.

3. RESIDENT COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

4. COMMUNICATIONS - On a positive note, President Cefaloni congratulated the Middle School for the production of Oklahoma with over 70 kids in the cast; extending congratulations to Mrs. Palkewick and the entire staff. He thanked Mr. Miele and the community involved in March Madness at the High School which was great, with funds also being raised.

President Cefaloni had some great news from the board. He announced that Sandra Calvi has received her Ph.D. from Fordham University and Patricia Greenwood-O'Keefe is now Director of Education & Training at Putnam Hospital. Mrs. Trinchitella who is the grandmother of the board is also a grandmother in real life. We had five students from our High School who won the Putnam County Youth Award which was a remarkable presentation.

4. COMMUNICATIONS - continued
Putnam County Retired Teachers Awards Presentation
Retired Teacher, Carmela Lotrecciano presented the Retired Teachers Vocational Award to twelfth grade student Jillian Maffei for her outstanding work in her Introduction to Teaching Class.
5. ACCEPTANCE OF WARRANTS
GENERAL 'A' FUND WARRANTS:
47, CHECKS # 113282 TO 113444, \$ 831,599.65, 03/07/07
49, CHECKS # 113445 TO 113794, \$ 280,957.75, 03/14/07
50, CHECKS # 113517 TO 113756, \$ 57,176.03, 03/13/07
51, CHECKS # 113795 TO 113878, \$ 617,879.75, 03/21/07
53, CHECKS # 113879 TO 114006, \$ 751,361.30, 03/29/07
CAPITAL PROJECT 'H' FUND WARRANTS:
07, CHECKS # 9425, \$ 9,107.13, 03/07/07
TRUST & AGENCY 'T' FUND WARRANTS:
21, CHECKS # 7678 TO 7695, \$12,143.94, 03/07/07
22, CHECKS # 419, 1220, 1920, 7696 TO 7714, \$ 20,195.54, 03/21/07
23, CHECKS # 3700, 7715 TO 7731, 3312007, \$ 47,385.10, 03/29/07
Moved by Mr. Anker, seconded by Mrs. Swift, carried unanimously.
- 5.a. **INTERNAL CLAIMS AUDIT REPORT - attached**
Moved by Mr. Anker, seconded by Mrs. Fabiano, carried unanimously.
6. TREASURER'S REPORT - February, 2006, received for filing
Moved by Mrs. Fabiano, seconded by Dr. Calvi, carried unanimously.
7. APPROVAL OF MINUTES
 - March 13, 2007 - Regular Monthly Meeting
Moved by Mrs. Fabiano, seconded by Mr. Anker, carried 7 ayes, 1 abstention (Mrs. Greenwood-O'Keefe).
8. STUDENT REPORTS - M.O.S.T. Student Council President Julia LaVelle reported on activities at the High School such as: the 20 Carmel students spending a day in Mahopac which has been their fourth meeting; M.O.S.T. Officers' elections for next year; class elections; senior prom (June 14th) tickets going on sale; cleaning event of Stillwater Road and their upcoming breakfast meeting with Mr. Trummer to discuss issues in the high school. Dr. Reidy thanked Julia for her leadership and for all the wonderful things that she and her colleagues do. Julia will be attending Stony Brook next year.
10. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT
 - **HS Building with Books Club** - Dr. Reidy introduced High School Advisor *Karen Ruscica-Aman* to speak about the socially conscious national program. The club has been conducting fundraising efforts such as a recycling Program and trips to Putnam Nursing Home to help the third world countries. For our commitment, Building With Books sponsors us so there is no charge to the district. Students Rebecca Dell, Cody Scarder and Ben Zazlow traveled to Nicaragua last summer and Lisa Jennings, Cynthia Stewart and Ms. Ruscica went to Mali this February. The students spoke about their experiences through this program living in different cultures and helping to build schoolhouses. Ms. Ruscica-Aman explained that this program empowers American youth through intensive community service and helps people in developing countries increase their self-reliance through education.

10. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT - continued

- **Communities That Care** - Dr. Reidy had the pleasure to work with Joe DeMarzo to help eliminate underage drinking and they have been able to achieve something unusual in terms of legislation. Mr. DeMarzo introduced Khris Cafiero, Executive Director of the National Council of Alcoholism and Nora Slivinsky, Associate Director of Community Relations at Arms Acres, a local Rehabilitation Center. In partnership with the Town, Dr. Reidy, the Sports Association and a host of other community organizations, the CTC asked local legislation for the Host Liabilities Law, which has been passed in our Town. This ordinance makes hosting an underage drinking party a Class A Misdemeanor, punishable up to one year in jail, a fine of \$3,000 and potentially probation. Flyers were passed out called Putnam Help 211 Hot Line giving information and a website called Putnam Help.com which gives local licensed providers and frequently asked questions and tips for parents. Mr. DeMarzo also showed a public service announcement poster which the CTC produced, which is very provocative. They are encouraging all to pass out this poster and post in public areas in the community. Mr. DeMarzo stated that he is excited about the coalition that has been developed and happy that the school has been a full partner which is a tribute to Dr. Reidy's leadership. He invited anyone who is interested to please contact them to join the coalition.

Trustee Fabiano, as a mother of two children, thanked Mr. DeMarzo for all that he does and Trustee Greenwood-O'Keefe gave thanks also due to experiences her staff has encountered in the emergency room at the Putnam Hospital.

- **Mahopac Falls Elementary School Goals** - *Principal Carol DeAlleaume* discussed her goals and objectives for the Falls School with a computer presentation. The following goals were discussed: relationships with the staff: collaborative style of educational leadership; mentoring new teachers; chairing faculty and grade level meetings and creating collegial committees. Relationships with students, parents and community include: committee memberships and attendance at special events; overseeing alignment of Kindergarten curriculum with NYS Standards and Performance outcomes; intervention services; engage staff in exploring improvement and enhancements to existing systems, programs and processes. Mrs. DeAlleaume also discussed: bringing *Handwriting without Tears* to the entire staff; creating a collaborative community between kindergarten and preschools and the district's elementary schools to implement effective transition processes and exploring improvement and enhancements of regular and special education programs of preschool through grade six. Mrs. DeAlleaume discussed her goal which is to increase communications with the community by forming a public relations committee and discussed many activities that have gone on.

9. COMMITTEE REPORTS - Board of Education Chairpersons

Audit Committee - Mr. Hines reported that the committee is gearing up to meet with the Internal Auditors in a few weeks and will report at the next meeting.

CCC/Community Communications Committee - Mr. Hines reported that the committee met on April 12th where he tried to capture some budget questions for the Town Meeting on May 1st where information will be given and the opportunity given for the public to ask questions and get information. He urged the community to come out to move ahead together on the budget process. On May 8th we will have a required Public Budget Hearing at Lakeview at 7 PM. Mr. Hines will compile the questions captured and submit them to Dr. Reidy and his staff so they will have pre-submitted questions for the Town Meeting. Mr. Hines reported that there is an e-mail link on the district's website: budgetquestions.com at www.mahopac.k12.ny.us. He urged the residents to submit their questions so the district can get the information out. The other subject that was covered was the new information website called MCS D Interactive Information website on the district's homepage.

9. COMMITTEE REPORTS - continued

Finance - Mrs. Greenwood-O'Keefe reported that the committee met many times over the past several months. She thanked Dr. Reidy and Dave Chapman for their tireless efforts in working to make this budget one that will be accepted by this community. The proposal from the Finance committee appears as item #18.H. with the Budget Vote on May 15th. She reported that there will be and have been multiple presentations to the community. It is very important that this budget gets passed for our educational system which is a responsible budget to provide the best possible education for the students of this community.

Special Education - Mrs. Swift reported that the committee met this evening and the recommendation appears as #18.A. for board's approval this evening

Policy - Mrs. Swift reported that this committee has not met but asked Dr. Reidy and Dorothy Gilroy to inform her when any meetings are needed and she will inform the board as we go along.

MAC, Mahopac Athletic Coalition - Mr. Ankier stated that the Coalition no longer exists and they had their last meeting last week. The excess monies will be dispersed back to the community due to the generous donations and parents' funding. The monies will be dispersed to the benefit of the community. He reminded all to vote on May 15 and get everyone else out.

Curriculum - Dr. Calvi reported that the committee did not meet this past month but gave an update on curriculum issues in the district such as: chemistry teachers' cross curriculum effort and team effort with regards to progressing with the new science sequence and the Teachers Teaching Teachers Workshops. These workshops are formulated by teachers to teach classes to their peers. Dr. Calvi was very excited to read about this and thinks this is a phenomenal staff development effort. On the elementary level, a team of teachers and administrators are working on revising the Mahopac Balanced Literacy Framework Manual for all new teachers coming into the district and those that have been on leave. State calendars for the state assessments should be available at end of April. Dr. Calvi looks forward to having a meeting prior to the next board meeting. She thanked Dr. Walkley for keeping us up to date on the curriculum happening throughout the district.

Transportation - Mrs. Fabiano reported that we have revised the late elementary buses by reducing buses by one per school. The runs are on the website. She referenced Item #18.B. on the addendum which is the Proposition for bus and van purchases on May 15th. Mrs. Fabiano gave thanks to the MTA for their contribution of \$220,000 toward the Bus and Van purchase.

Legislation - Mrs. Fabiano reported that the State did pass an on-time budget and our district received \$1.1 M in additional state aid, which we originally did not anticipate. She reported on the following election information: the candidates for the election are: Earle Bellows, John Malara, Robert Taps and incumbents Giulio Cefaloni Patricia Greenwood-O'Keefe and Penny Swift; three 3-year terms and one 1-year term; applications are available for absentee voting on the district's website and ballots are available at the District Office; a Public Budget Hearing is scheduled for May 8th; Voter Registration is April 30 through May 4th and Saturday, May 5th. Mrs. Fabiano also reminded all that underage drinking will not be permitted in Carmel due to the Host Liabilities Law.

Buildings & Grounds Committee - Mr. Cefaloni reported that the committee met on March 22nd to interview two finalist architects: KG&D Architects and Fuller & D'Angelo, who both came highly recommended. He reported that they have done due diligence with exhaustive interviews, many references and will be going on some site visits, feeling that we would be in good hands with either one. The timeline to appoint an Architect would most likely be at the May Board Meeting.

9. COMMITTEE REPORTS - continued

Buildings & Grounds Committee - continued

Mr. Cefaloni drew attention to Item #18.H., explaining that back in October the district entered into a contract with ECG Engineering to conduct an energy performance review, doing an audit of all energy consumption throughout the district. We now have chosen a contractor, Consolidated Edison Solutions and recommends board's approval this evening. They will do an extensive energy audit of the district and the board will report back to the public in due time.

Technology - Mr. Cefaloni reported that the committee met on April 12th, which was a very long but organized meeting, covering a number of items on the agenda. The board policy on Technology Use was updated to make sure that it reflects the changes in technology. This policy will need to be brought before the Policy Committee when it is finished. Also discussed was: the Middle School pilot on ELA; staff development which is very exciting; the Learning Academy coming to Secor Building; infrastructure changing to allow for additional applications and growth; long range planning; SASI replacement in 2008; looking at other systems; future meetings; more focus meetings to look at programs and looking at required courses in technology

CONSENT AGENDA BEGINS

- Items removed for further discussion - None

11. RETIREMENTS/RESIGNATIONS - None

12. RESIGNATIONS - Recommendation of the superintendent of schools:

A. Instructional

1. **Michael LoMedico**, term substitute teaching assistant on special assignment, Austin Road Elementary School, effective 3/25/07.
2. **Michael Simmons**, science teacher, Mahopac High School, effective 6/30/07.
3. **Jacyln Antonucci**, foreign language teacher, Mahopac High School, effective 6/30/07.

B. Non-Instructional

- Charles McGrath**, part-time third shift custodian, District Office, effective 4/17/07.

13. TERMINATIONS - None

14. LEAVES OF ABSENCE - Recommendation of the superintendent of schools:

A. Instructional

1. **Marie Sottolano**, teaching assistant, Mahopac Middle School, unpaid leave, effective 2/2/07-3/23/07.
2. **REVISION: William J. Doyle IV**, part-time (60%) mathematics teacher, Mahopac High School, unpaid leave revised *from* 1/4/07-3/31/07 *to* 1/4/07-3/23/07.
3. **REVISION: William J. Doyle IV**, part-time (40%) teaching assistant, Mahopac High School, unpaid leave revised *from* 1/4/07-3/31/07 *to* 1/4/07-3/23/07.

B. Non-Instructional

1. **Nancy Libertino**, monitor, Mahopac Falls School, unpaid personal leave, 3/27/07 through 6/22/07.
2. **Debra Grandinetti**, term monitor, Mahopac Falls School, unpaid personal leave, 4/10/07 through 6/30/07.
3. **Lisa Montalto**, monitor, Mahopac Falls School, unpaid personal leave, 4/10/07 through 6/30/07.
4. **Charles McGrath**, monitor, Mahopac High School, unpaid personal leave, 4/11/07 through 4/11/08.

15. ABOLISHMENT OF POSITIONS - None

16. CREATION OF POSITIONS - None

17. APPOINTMENTS - Recommendation of the superintendent of schools:

A. Instructional

1. **Jennifer Egan**, *term substitute* physical education teacher for Ms. Kelly Buscarino, while on special assignment, Mahopac High School, effective 3/12/07-6/30/07 or until Ms. Buscarino returns, whichever comes first. Salary: Step 1, BA (pro-rata).
2. **Michael LoMedico**, *term substitute* elementary teacher for Ms. Eileen Geller, Austin Road Elementary School, effective 3/26/07-6/30/07 or until Ms. Geller returns, whichever comes first. Salary: Step 1, BA+3 (pro-rata).
3. **Nancy Libertino**, *term substitute* teaching assistant on special assignment, Austin Road Elementary School. effective 3/27/07-6/30/07. Salary: Step 1 of the Teaching Assistants' Contract (pro-rata).
4. **Christine Semptimphelter**, *part-time (40%) term substitute* health teacher for Ms. Valarie Nierman, Mahopac Middle School, effective 3/12/07-6/30/07 or until Ms. Nierman returns, whichever comes first. Salary: Step 1, BA (pro-rata).
5. **REVISION: William J. Doyle IV**, term substitute mathematics teacher for Ms. Kathleen McAvoy, revised *from* 1/4/07-3/31/07 *to* 1/4/07-3/23/07.
6. **REVISION: James Hornby**, term substitute part-time (60%) mathematics teacher for William J. Doyle, IV, Mahopac High School, revised *from* 1/4/07-3/31/07 *to* 1/4/07-3/23/07.
7. **REVISION: James Hornby**, term substitute part-time (40%) teaching assistant for William J. Doyle, IV, Mahopac High School, revised *from* 1/4/07-3/31/07 *to* 1/4/07-3/23/07.

Increase in time:

8. **Anne Tuite**, part-time health teacher, Mahopac Middle School, revised from .6 to .8, effective 3/12/07-6/30/07.

9. **Evening School Teachers: (4/10/07-6/15/07)**

**Heidi Wynne
Eileen Cohen
Michael Mahoney
Elaine Courtney**

Stipends in accordance with agreement between the District and MTA

10. **Evening School Administrators: (4/10/07-6/15/07)**

**April Ljumic
Vickie Olsen
Andy Hatt**

Stipends in accordance with agreement between the District and AMA

11. **Co-Curricular Appointments for the 2006-07 School Year:**

REVISED - As per attached.

17. APPOINTMENTS - continued

A. Instructional

12. Substitute Teacher/Teaching Assistant/Nurse List - 2006-07 School Year:

James Hornby	-	Math 7-12 - Certified
Joanne Tumolo	-	Elementary & Sp Ed - Certified
Michael Coffey	-	Music –Certification Pending
Janet Gardon	-	Guidance Counselor
Carol Conti	-	Chem/Bio/Physics-Certification Pending
Theresa Theall	-	NK-1-6 – Certified
Denise Polchinski	-	Teaching Assistant
Carolyn DeAlleaume	-	Teaching Assistant
Avery Whitesell	-	Teaching Assistant

B. Non-Instructional

1. **Elsa Petix**, Director of Adult Education

2. **Barbara Herroder**, Secretary to the Director of Adult Education

Term Appointments:

3. **Debra Grandinetti**, *term substitute monitor* for Ms. Nancy Libertino, Mahopac Falls School, effective 3/27/07 – 6/22/07, or until Ms. Libertino returns, whichever comes first. Salary as per Monitor’s Contract.

4. **Pauline Marston**, *term substitute senior typist* for Ms. Veronica Wilson, Lakeview Elementary School, effective 4/10/07 – 10/10/07, or until Ms. Wilson returns, whichever comes first. Salary as per CSEA Contract.

5. **Lisa Montalto**, *term teacher aide* on special assignment, Mahopac Falls School, effective 4/10/07 – 6/30/07. Salary as per CSEA Contract.

6. **Debra Grandinetti**, *term teacher aide* on special assignment, Mahopac Falls School, effective 4/10/07 – 6/30/07. Salary as per CSEA Contract.

7. **Helen Judy Victor**, *term teacher aide*, on special assignment, Mahopac Falls School, effective 3/12/07 – 6/30/07. Salary as per CSEA Contract.

8. **AnnMarie Maher**, *term teacher aide*, on special assignment, Mahopac Falls School, effective 4/10/07 – 6/30/07. Salary as per CSEA Contract.

9. **Martha Rizzo**, *term monitor* on special assignment, Mahopac Falls School, effective 4/13/07 – 6/30/07. Salary as per Monitors Contract.

10. Additions to the substitute clerical/ monitor/teacher aide/library aide list:

Virginia Talbert
Carol Brady
Debbie Franklin
Kristin Wegel
Joanne Ruppert
Denise Polchinski

11. **Charles McGrath**, third shift custodian, Mahopac Middle School, effective 4/18/07. Salary as per USWOM contract.

18. RECOMMENDATIONS

A. SCHOOL BREAKFAST PROGRAM SURVEY RESULTS

Recommendation of the superintendent of schools for approval of the results of the School Breakfast Survey results with a public hearing held on 4/17/07 at 7:30 p.m. on said results. It is the intention of the Mahopac School District to request an exemption from the mandate to provide a school breakfast program in the 2007/08 school year, based on the lack of need and lack of parent support for such a program.

18. RECOMMENDATIONS - continued

B. **HEALTH SERVICES CONTRACT**

Recommendation of the superintendent of schools for approval of the following health service contract for the 2006/07 school year between the Mahopac Central School District and the following school, as per the attached:

UFSD of the Tarrytown 1 student @ \$675.00

C. **INITIAL CONTRACT OF SERVICES - P/NW BOCES**

Recommendation of the superintendent of schools for approval of the Contract of Services between the Mahopac Central School District and Putnam/Northern Westchester BOCES for the 2007-2008 school year in the amount of \$2,881,635.00 and authorization for the president of the board and district clerk to sign same.

D. **JOINT BIDDING RESOLUTION WITH SOUTHERN WESTCHESTER BOCES**

Recommendation of the superintendent of schools for approval of the attached resolution to bid jointly with participating school districts of the Southern Westchester Board of Cooperative Educational Services for supplies, commodities, materials and equipment as stated in the resolution attached, with authorization for District Clerk to sign same.

E. **BID AWARD**

Recommendation of the superintendent of schools for approval of the following resolution:

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Mahopac Central School District accept the following uniform bid award for the 07-08 school year. The district will not award the rental portion of the bid since the contract has not yet expired.

4/12/07 2:49 PM MAHOPAC CSD

		UNIFORMS	CUSTODIAL		TRANSPORT									
	CONTRACTOR	TYPE	AWARD	SALE BID AMOUNT	AWARD	RENTAL BID AMOUNT	NON. COLL. FORM	INSUR. FORM	N.Y. SURETY BOND	CERT CK	EQUITIES	CORP FORM		
1	CINTAS	UNIFORMS												
2	AMERIPRIDE	UNIFORMS	X	4,680.00		90.00 per wk	X	X						X
3	CAPITAL UNIFORM	UNIFORMS												
4	ARAMARK	UNIFORMS												
5														
6														

G. **RESOLUTION RE CHAIRMAN OF ANNUAL MEETING, INSPECTORS & CLERKS**

Recommendation of the superintendent of schools, as forwarded by the District Clerk, for approval of the resolution appointing the Chairman, the Inspectors and the Clerks of the Annual District Election , to be held Tuesday, May 15, 2007, as per the attached.

18. RECOMMENDATIONS - continued

H. **ENERGY PERFORMANCE CONTRACT - Consolidated Edison Solutions**

Recommendation of the superintendent of schools for approval of the following:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mahopac Central School District Board of Education approves the award of the district wide Energy Performance Contract to Consolidated Edison Solutions. This will allow CES to proceed with the detailed Comprehensive Energy Audit.

Be it further resolved that the Mahopac Central School District Board of Education authorizes the Superintendent of Schools to sign said agreement.

I. **2007-2008 BUDGET & PROPOSITIONS FOR BALLOT**

Recommendation of the superintendent of schools for approval of the budget for the **2007-2008** school year in the amount of **\$ 100,900,681** and the following proposition(s) for placement on the ballot at the Annual Budget Vote to be held on Tuesday, **May 15, 2007**.

PROPOSITION A - 2007-2008 Budget

"Shall the Board of Education of the Mahopac Central School District be authorized to expend the sum of **\$ 100,900,681** for the **2007-2008** school year for school purposes and levy the necessary tax therefore?"

PROPOSITION B - Bus & Van Purchases

"Shall the Board of Education of the Mahopac Central School District be authorized to finance the costs of the acquisition of school buses and/or school bus vans at a cost not to exceed **\$ 800,000** and to authorize and issue serial bonds in the principal amount of **\$ 580,000** and to utilize **\$ 220,000** of **2006-2007** unexpended General Fund moneys for such purpose. **This borrowing will have no added impact to the 07-08 budget.**

CONSENT AGENDA CONCLUDES

The Consent Agenda was moved by Mrs. Trinchitella, seconded by Mrs. Greenwood-O'Keefe, carried unanimously.

19. RESIDENT COMMENTS - Scheduled & Unscheduled
Scheduled - None

Ruth Greenfield - announced that the Parent Teacher Organizations of the District are sponsoring a Meet the School Boards Candidates Forum on April 30th at the Mahopac Public Library at 7 p.m.

Tony Fusco - asked if there were any misalignments in the science and math curriculum in the advanced classes. He questioned if there has been RFP's done for other candidates other than Consolidated Edison Solutions. Dr. Reidy responded that the district did an extensive RFP and narrowed down to four major firms that were very reliable. Mr. Fusco questioned if alternative energy has been explored. Dr. Reidy responded that we're right now looking at the infrastructure of our school system and that when we get into Excel Aid we can look at alternative energy.

19. RESIDENT COMMENTS - continued

Mr. Fusco stated that he has had the opportunity to work with a number of administrators this year and has found this process to be the most transparent of all the past 3 years. He has found the administration to be very accommodating and that he had been received very professionally. The budget number is a sound number and he is thrilled at the board's reduction in expenses. The board's decision to utilize less of their reserve fund is a very wise decision and he supports the board's decision 100%.

President Cefaloni thanked Mr. Fusco and looks forward to some good publicity from him.

Anthony DiCarlo – stated some important protocols in regard to Project SAVE. He stated that lock down drills need to be done every year; they are imperative; done for a reason; not done to scare anyone; parents shouldn't get upset that the district does it and the district needs to be proactive. He stated that the community should work together and drills should be evaluated just like curriculum.

Dr Reidy responded that the district conducts a debriefing session after a drill and they talk about what we can improve on. We have one of the most comprehensive plans in the region. He stated that it is amazing how well it works. Dr. Reidy thanked Mr. DiCarlo for the reminder and that we appreciate it.

Michael Hunt, MTA President - announced that the MTA is pleased to sponsor an evening for the senior citizens, on May 2nd, of *Jesus Christ Super Star* along with a dinner and invited anyone else to join them.

20. NEXT MEETINGS

4/24/07 - Special Board Meeting re BOCES Vote, District Office, 7:00 p.m.

5/1/07 - Town Meeting re Proposed School Budget, Lakeview Auditorium, 7:00 p.m.

5/8/07 - Budget Hearing - Lakeview School, Lakeview Auditorium, 7:30 p.m.

5/15/07 - Annual District Election & Budget Vote, Lakeview Auditorium, 6 AM - 9 PM.

21. ADJOURNMENT

At 9:9:50 p.m., there being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Moved by Mrs. Fabiano, seconded by Mr. Ankier, carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Dorothy A. Gilroy,
District Clerk

Note:

*Attachments to Agenda Items that are **not** available on the District's Website, may be obtained and/or viewed at the Administration Office by calling 628-3415, ext. 350 or by e-mailing Dorothy Gilroy @ Gilroyd@mahopac.k12.ny.u.s*

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MAHOPAC CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING, MAY 8, 2007
Lakeview Elementary School, 8:00 PM
Public Budget Hearing, 7:00 PM

MINUTES

1. CALL OF THE ROLL

PRESENT: Ralph Ankier, Sandra Calvi, Giulio Cefaloni, Rose Fabiano, Patricia Greenwood-O'Keefe, William Hines, Penny Swift, Vinnie Trinchitella

ABSENT: None

STAFF: Robert J. Reidy, Jr., Superintendent of Schools; Assistant Superintendents David Chapman, Business; Candace LaVigne, Student Services; Vincent Quartararo, Human Resources, Curriculum/Instruction and Dorothy Gilroy, District Clerk

2. CONVENE: At 6:00 p.m., President Cefaloni called the meeting to order in the Lakeview School Library Conference Room and moved immediately to executive session.

OTHERS: Gus Mountanos, Esq.

Moved by Mrs. Fabiano, seconded by Mrs. Swift carried unanimously.

BUDGET HEARING: At 7:00 p.m., the Public Budget Hearing was conducted with Dr. Reidy, Mr. Chapman and Dorothy Gilroy present. The presentation of the proposed budget is available on the District's website and at the Administration Office.

OTHERS: Twelve people were present in the audience.

PUBLIC SESSION: At 8:05 p.m., the board convened to the regular monthly business meeting in the auditorium of the Lakeview Elementary School with the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Moved by Mrs. Greenwood-O'Keefe, seconded by Mrs. Fabiano, carried unanimously.

3. RESIDENT COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS ONLY - None

4. COMMUNICATIONS

President Cefaloni announced all the recipients in connection with the following **Recognitions:**

- ❖ Award from The Tobacco Control Partners of the Lower Hudson Valley to the Mahopac Central School District for reducing tobacco use in our community.
- ❖ High School cast of *Jesus Christ Superstar*
- ❖ Putnam County Youth Award Recipients for service to the community
- ❖ P/NW BOCES Masonry & Plumbing Students - HS Field House volunteers
- ❖ Erik Cantamessa & Jim Ucci, P/NW BOCES Teachers - HS Field House volunteers
- ❖ Resident volunteers and donors - High School Field House
- ❖ Michael Hunt, President of the Mahopac Teachers Association for the MTA donation to the proposed 2007/2008 school budget.
- ❖ Robert Connick, Mahopac High School Science Teacher (Project Genesis)
- ❖ Chip Kennard, Mahopac High School Social Worker (HS Gardens)
- ❖ Mahopac Athletic Coalition (MAC) - raised \$1.37 million for student extra-curricular activities during the school year.
- ❖ Key donations from Developer Paul Camarda, Town of Carmel, Dr. Reidy, Antonio Olivero, Roger Garcia, Brennan Construction, and NY Urban Real Estate.

4. COMMUNICATIONS - continued

- ❖ APPOINTMENT of Mr. Gary Chadwick, Jr., Elementary Principal of Fulmar Road Elementary School.

Dr. Reidy thanked the Fulmar Road Search Committee and introduced Gary Chadwick as the Principal of the Fulmar Road Elementary School. Mrs. Swift reported that the process went very well and it was a pleasure to work with the committee.

Item # 17.A. was moved by Dr. Calvi, seconded by Mrs. Trinchitella, carried unanimously.

5. ACCEPTANCE OF WARRANTS

GENERAL 'A' FUND WARRANTS:

# 56, CHECKS # 114007 THRU 114281, 311448,	\$ 719,752.03,	04/18/07
# 58, CHECKS # 114282 THRU 114443,	\$ 405,156.77,	04/25/07
# 59, CHECKS # 114444 THRU 114500,	\$ 114,024.75,	04/30/07

CAPITAL PROJECT 'H' FUND WARRANTS:

# 8, CHECKS # 2012,	\$ 3,498.25,	04/18/07
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TRUST & AGENCY 'T' FUND WARRANTS:

# 24, CHECKS # 4200, 7732 THRU 7747,	\$ 10,311.16,	04/18/07
# 25, CHECKS # 3030, 7748 THRU 7765, 42007,	\$ 44,117.68,	04/30/07

Moved by Dr. Calvi , seconded by Mrs. Fabiano, carried unanimously.

5.a. INTERNAL CLAIMS AUDIT REPORT - as per attached

Moved by Mrs. Greenwood-O'Keefe, seconded by Mrs. Fabiano, carried unanimously.

6. TREASURER'S REPORT - March, 2007, received for filing

Moved by Mrs. Swift, seconded by Mrs. Greenwood-O'Keefe, carried unanimously.

7. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- 4/17/07 - Regular Monthly Meeting

Moved by Mrs. Trinchitella, seconded by Mrs. Greenwood-O'Keefe, carried unanimously.

- 4/24/07 - Special Board Meeting

Moved by Fabiano, seconded by Mrs. Greenwood-O'Keefe, carried five ayes, three abstentions (Mr. Hines, Mrs. Trinchitella, Mrs. Swift)

8. COMMITTEE REPORTS - Board of Education Chairpersons

MAC - Mr. Anker reported that the Mahopac Activities Coalition has been resolved

Curriculum Committee - Dr. Calvi gave updates on the following: the Learning Academy, Train The Trainer Program, the K-5 assessment Portfolio Project in concert with the Balanced Literacy Program, leadership projects, K-12 dyslexia Reading curriculum on the recommendations of CSE's and foreign language consensus curriculum maps. Dr. Calvi stated that we're a district that never sleeps and wanted to make everyone aware that our teachers will be working this summer on these areas in concert with Dr. Walkley and many other staff members so that we can facilitate training within our district and use internal resources.

8. COMMITTEE REPORTS - continued

Transportation - Mrs. Fabiano reported on the condition of many of our buses in conjunction with the Bus Proposition being presented to the community on May 15th. She gave thanks to the MTA for their donation and reminded all that 44% is state funded. She discussed that the cost to lease buses is much higher as compared to purchasing.

Legislative - Mrs. Fabiano reported on details of the upcoming Tuesday, May 15th District Budget Vote/Election, announcing candidates and details for absentee voting. On the state level she discussed two bills coming forward: the Healthy Food Act and change to the Wicks Law which involves construction issues. On the County level, she reminded all that our Town has the *Host Liability Law* in which is if anyone hosts an underage drinking party they will be charged with a Class A Misdemeanor, one year in jail and a fine of \$3,000.

Human Resource – Mrs. Trinchitella reported that a meeting is imminent and Mr. Quartararo will be scheduling one in the next few weeks.

Audit - Mr. Hines reported that we will be having a meeting on May 21st to meet with our internal and external auditors for end of year reports.

CCC - Mr. Hines reported that the committee had a collaborative effort with the Finance Committee conducting the May 1st Town Meeting which was very informative and successful. There was a question and answer period which gave the community the opportunity to receive accurate information. Budget questions are still welcomed from the community.

Finance-Mrs. Greenwood-O'Keefe reported that the committee worked very hard this year being responsive to the community. They constructed a budget along with the administration that is responsive to both the needs of the students and community, with programs and education being the most important and balancing that with a tax levy. The Budget Bulletin has gone out along with a Q & A Bulletin, which will answer many questions and many opportunities were made for delivering the message to the community. Mrs. O'Keefe invited additional questions so that all understand the construction of the budget. She reminded all to please exercise their right to vote.

Special Education – Mrs. Swift reported that the committee met this evening, recommending approval of Recommendation 18. A. C. and F. She reminded all that the committee meets each month prior to the regular meeting, so any questions may be addressed at that time. Mrs. Swift reported that the annual review process is on its way and almost finished.

Policy - Mrs. Swift reported that Mr. Beverly requested a meeting be held by the end of June and asked all to bring their calendars to the next meeting.

Technology - Mr. Cefaloni reported on the following: ParentCONNECT upgrade, upgrade on United Streaming (on-demand multi media), and training from Teacher Doug Peterson. He thanked Don Beverly and his department for their help during this budget period providing much data.

Building & Grounds - Mr. Cefaloni reported that we have embarked on finding a new architect, KG&D Architects, recommending approval of Item #18.D. on the agenda. The committee was extremely impressed with their work done in the past on schools, following site visits and they come highly recommended. He reported on work going on across the district such as: concession stand at the HS, getting all the fields ready, new sink unit in classrooms at Austin Road, repainting of the MS planetarium, HS copper roadways for underground electricity and normal work and maintenance at the other buildings. A meeting will be scheduled in the next couple of weeks.

President Cefaloni invited all to attend committee meetings where all the work is done prior to the Regular Business Monthly Meeting.

9. STUDENT REPORTS - None
10. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT
 - Public Budget Hearing at 7:00 p.m.

CONSENT AGENDA BEGINS

- Items removed for further discussion
11. RETIREMENTS/RESIGNATIONS - None
 12. RESIGNATIONS - Recommendation of the superintendent of schools:
 - A. Instructional
 1. **Karen Farris**, elementary teacher, Lakeview Elementary School, effective 6/30/07.
 2. **Karen Kellogg**, elementary teacher, Lakeview Elementary School, effective 6/30/07.
 - B. Non-Instructional
 1. **Evie Riehl**, *monitor*, Mahopac Falls School, effective 12/12/06.
 2. **Renee Cariddo**, *per diem bus aide*, Mahopac Bus Garage, effective 5/7/07.
 3. **Christine Zerillo**, *per diem bus aide*, Mahopac Bus Garage, effective 5/7/07.
 13. TERMINATIONS – Recommendation of the superintendent of schools:

- A. Instructional
 1. **Jennifer del Rosario**, term substitute guidance counselor for Jill Muller, Mahopac High School, effective 6/30/07.
 2. **Elizabeth McKeon**, term substitute English teacher for Joyce Sidlosky, Mahopac High School, effective 6/30/07.
 3. **Mary DiNardi**, term substitute elementary teacher for Christine Jensen, Austin Road Elementary School, effective 6/30/07.
 4. **Maureen Tighe**, term substitute elementary teacher for Susan Downey, Austin Road Elementary School, effective 6/30/07.
 5. **Michelle Faella**, term substitute elementary teacher for Elizabeth Merriam, Fulmar Road Elementary School, effective 6/30/07.
 6. **Stephen Salese**, term substitute social studies teacher for Christine Honohan-Zeolla, Mahopac High School, effective 6/30/07.
 7. **Aneta Lacerte**, term substitute special education teacher for Sharon Baranowski, Mahopac Middle School, effective 6/30/07.
 8. **Kris Edwards**, term substitute elementary teacher for Karen Farris, Mahopac Middle School, effective 6/30/07.
 9. **Matthew Horvitz**, term substitute teaching assistant for Teresa Curtin, Mahopac Middle School, effective 6/30/07.
 10. **Sarah Stefanak**, term substitute elementary teacher for Karen Kellogg, Lakeview Elementary School, effective 6/30/07.
 11. **Julie Panzer**, term substitute foreign language teacher for April Ljumic, Mahopac High School, effective 6/30/07.
 12. **Julie DeCintio**, term substitute elementary teacher for Diane D'Alessandro, Lakeview Elementary School, effective 6/30/07.
 13. **Hollie Wund**, term substitute English teacher for Amy Mahoney, Mahopac High School, effective 6/30/07.
 14. **Linda Hobbs**, term substitute special education teacher for Beth Raynor, Mahopac Falls Elementary, effective 6/30/07.

13. TERMINATIONS - continued

15. **Kristen Lindsay**, term substitute elementary teacher for Dona Martirano, Fulmar Road Elementary School, effective 6/30/07.
16. **Amanda Grundman**, term substitute teaching assistant for Aneta Lacerte, Lakeview Elementary School, effective 6/30/07.
17. **Dawn Marie Oddo**, term substitute teaching assistant for Lisa Morrison, Mahopac Middle School, effective 6/30/07.
18. **Pamela, Dyson**, term substitute special education teacher for Marie Considine, Lakeview Elementary School, effective 6/30/07.
19. **AnnMarie Valerioti**, term substitute elementary teacher for Lisa Coen, Austin Road Elementary School, effective 6/30/07.
20. **Ryan Towers**, term substitute teaching assistant for Kris Edwards, Mahopac Middle School, effective 6/30/07.
21. **Matthew Peters**, term substitute physical education teacher for Lauren Kittredge, Austin Road Elementary School, effective 6/30/07.
22. **Laura Birchman**, term substitute elementary teacher for Patrice Butala, Fulmar Road Elementary School, effective 6/30/07.
23. **Hollie Willis**, term substitute teaching assistant for Pamela Smith, Mahopac High School, effective 6/30/07.
24. **Helen Sherman**, term substitute special education teacher for Jill Fragoso, Austin Road Elementary School, effective 6/30/07.
25. **Elizabeth Stephens**, term substitute science teacher for Jennifer Degl, Mahopac High School, effective 6/30/07.
26. **Barbara Martone**, term substitute school psychologist for Kathleen McTernan, Mahopac High School, effective 6/30/07.
27. **Alyson Schaefer**, term substitute English teacher for Eric Height, Mahopac High School, effective 6/30/07.
28. **Christina D'Amore**, term substitute special education teacher for Noelle Semenza, Fulmar Road Elementary School, effective 6/30/07.
29. **Valerie Nardo**, term substitute teaching assistant for Elena Padron, Mahopac Middle School, effective 6/30/07.
30. **Allison Bily**, term substitute elementary teacher for Elaine Fonseca, Fulmar Road Elementary School, effective 6/30/07.
31. **Kristen Murphy**, term substitute elementary teacher for Elizabeth Dore, Austin Road Elementary School, effective 6/30/07.
32. **Beth Hicks**, term substitute special education teacher for Christine McNeill, Mahopac Middle School, effective 6/30/07.
33. **Jennifer Egan**, term substitute physical education teacher for Kelly Buscarino, Mahopac High School, effective 6/30/07.
34. **Noelle Lo Faro**, term substitute special education teacher for Tammy Card, Mahopac Falls Elementary School, effective 6/30/07.
35. **Nicole Righetti**, term substitute teaching assistant on special assignment, Lakeview Elementary School, effective 6/30/07.
36. **Michael LoMedico**, term substitute elementary teacher for Eileen Geller, Austin Road Elementary School, effective 6/30/07.
37. **Kimberly Smith**, term substitute science teacher for Scott Hocutt, Mahopac Middle School, effective 6/30/07.
38. **Nancy Libertino**, term teaching assistant on special assignment, Austin Road Elementary School, effective 6/30/07.
39. **Christine Semptimphelter**, term substitute health teacher (40%) for Valarie Nierman, Mahopac Middle School, effective 6/30/07.

14. LEAVES OF ABSENCE - Recommendation of the superintendent of schools:

A. Administrative

Jennifer Pontillo, Principal, Lakeview Elementary School, unpaid childcare leave, effective 6/5/07-6/22/07.

B. Instructional

1. **Christina DiMase**, special education teacher, Mahopac Middle school, unpaid childcare leave, effective 5/23/07-2/10/08.
2. **Lisa Coen**, elementary teacher, Austin Road Elementary School, unpaid childcare leave, effective 9/1/07-2/11/08.
3. **Christine Jensen**, elementary teacher, Austin Road Elementary School, unpaid childcare leave, effective 9/1/07-6/30/08.
4. **Joyce Sidlosky**, English teacher, Mahopac High School, unpaid childcare leave, effective 9/1/07-6/30/08.
5. **Patrice Butala**, elementary teacher, Fulmar Road Elementary School, unpaid childcare leave, effective 9/1/07-6/30/08.
6. **Lisa Chesser**, special education teacher, Mahopac Middle School, unpaid childcare leave, effective 9/1/07-2/10/08.
7. **Eileen Geller**, elementary teacher, Austin Road Elementary School, unpaid leave, effective 5/9/07-6/30/07.
8. **Valerie Lynch**, art teacher, Mahopac High School, unpaid leave, effective 9/1/07-6/30/08.
9. **REVISION: Christine McNeill**, reading teacher, Mahopac Middle School, revised unpaid childcare leave *from* 5/19/07-2/1/08 *to* 5/19/07-6/30/07.

C. Non-Instructional

Pauline Marston, *term substitute senior typist* for Ms. Veronica Wilson, Lakeview Elementary School, unpaid leave of absence effective 3/15/07 through 4/9/07.

15. ABOLISHMENT OF POSITIONS - None

16. CREATION OF POSITIONS - None

17. APPOINTMENTS - Recommendation of the superintendent of schools:

A. Administrative

Candidate:	Gary Chadwick, Jr.
Tenure Area:	Elementary Principal
Probationary Period:	7/1/07-6/30/10
Certification Area:	Permanent SAS - Pending
Salary:	\$129,680 per annum

B. Instructional

1. Candidate: Brian Kearney
Tenure Area: Physical Education
Probationary Period: 9/1/07-6/30/10
Certification Area: Initial
Salary: Step 3, BA+27

17. APPOINTMENTS - continued

B. Instructional

2. Candidate: Amanda Nulman
Tenure Area: Secondary Science
Probationary Period: 9/1/07-6/30/10
Certification Area: Initial
Salary: Step 7, BA+36+MA
3. Candidate: Kimberly Smith
Tenure Area: Secondary Science
Probationary Period: 9/1/07-2/4/10
Certification Area: Initial
Salary: Step 4, BA+36+MA
4. Candidate: Jennifer del Rosario
Tenure Area: School Counseling and Guidance
Probationary Period: 9/1/07-6/30/09
Certification Area: Provisional
Salary: Step 3, BA+63+MA
5. Candidate: Jack N. Popper
Tenure Area: Health
Probationary Period: 9/1/07-6/30/10
Certification Area: Initial
Salary: Step 2, BA+34+MA
6. Candidate: Lisa DeAllaume-McCabe (*increased from .6 to 1 FTE*)
Tenure Area: Education of Children with Handicapping
Conditions – General Special Education
Probationary Period: 5/10/07-5/9/10
Certification Area: Initial
Salary: Step 2, BA+21
7. Candidate: Mary DiNardi
Tenure Area: Elementary NK-6
Probationary Period: 9/1/07-6/30/08
Certification Area: Provisional
Salary: Step 5, BA+45+MA
8. Candidate: Maureen Tighe
Tenure Area: Elementary NK-6
Probationary Period: 9/1/07-6/30/08
Certification Area: Permanent
Salary: Step 6, BA+30+MA

17. APPOINTMENTS - continued

B. Instructional

9. Candidate: Sarah Stefanak
Tenure Area: Elementary
Probationary Period: 9/1/07-6/30/09
Certification Area: Initial
Salary: Step 4, BA+45+MA

10. Candidate: Michelle Faella
Tenure Area: Elementary
Probationary Period: 9/1/07-6/30/08
Certification Area: Initial
Salary: Step 3, BA+36+MA

11. Term Substitutes:

REVISION: **Jessica Bertolini**, term substitute teaching assistant for Christina Proscia, revised *from* 9/1/06-6/30/07 *to* 9/1/06-4/24/07

12. **Jessica Bertolini**, *term substitute* special education teacher for Christina DiMase, Mahopac Middle School, effective 4/25/07-6/30/07 or until Ms. DiMase returns, whichever comes first. Salary: Step 1, BA (pro-rata)

13. **Avery Whitesell**, *term substitute* teaching assistant on special assignment, Lakeview Elementary School, effective 3/20/07-6/30/07. Salary: Step 1 of the Teaching Assistants' Contract (pro-rata)

14. **Alison Ramsay**, *term substitute* special education teacher for Stacey Biagini Lakeview Elementary School, effective 3/22/07-6/30/07 or until Ms. Biagini returns, whichever comes first. Salary: Step 1, BA+36+MA (pro-rata)

15. **Melissa Hagan**, *term substitute* teaching assistant on special assignment, Mahopac Falls Elementary School effective 5/8/07-6/30/07. Salary: Step 1 of the Teaching Assistants Contract (pro-rata)

16. **REVISION:** **Noelle LoFaro**, revised *from term substitute* special education teacher for Stacey Biagini, Lakeview Elementary School *to term substitute special education teacher* for Tammy Card, Mahopac Falls Elementary School, effective 3/19/07-6/30/07 or until Ms. Card returns, whichever comes first. Salary Step 1, BA+18 (pro-rata)

17. Substitute Teacher/Teaching Assistant/Nurse List - 2006-07 School Year:

Carol Conti - Chemistry 7-12 -Certified
Elizabeth Bauerlein - Non-Certified

17. APPOINTMENTS - continued

B. Instructional

19. Candidate: Elizabeth Stephens
Tenure Area: Secondary Science
Probationary Period: 9/1/07-12/3/09
Certification Area: Initial
Salary: Step 3, BA+70+MA

C. Non-Instructional

1. **Nancianne Coppola**, *per diem bus aide*, Mahopac Bus Garage, effective 4/19/07.
2. Salary as per USWOM contract.
3. **Richard Thomas**, *per diem bus driver*, Mahopac Bus Garage, effective 4/23/07. Salary as per USWOM contract.
4. **Renee Cariddo**, *part-time bus aide*, Mahopac Bus Garage, effective 5/8/07. Salary as per USWOM contract.
5. **Christine Zerillo**, *part-time bus aide*, Mahopac Bus Garage, effective 5/8/07. Salary as per USWOM contract.
6. **Lucy Clementi**, senior typist, Mahopac District Office, effective 5/9/07. Salary as per CSEA contract.

Term Appointments:

7. **Laura Dimas**, *term substitute teacher aide*, on special assignment, Mahopac Falls School, effective 4/26/07 – 6/30/07. Salary as per CSEA Contract.
Katie Martin, *term substitute teacher aide*, on special assignment, Mahopac Falls School, effective 4/27/07 – 6/30/07. Salary as per CSEA Contract.
8. **Lindsay Cepeda**, *term substitute teacher aide*, on special assignment, Mahopac Falls School, effective 4/30/07 – 6/30/07. Salary as per CSEA Contract.
9. **Danielle Rossi**, *term substitute teacher aide*, on special assignment, Mahopac Falls School, effective 4/30/07 through 6/30/07. Salary as per CSEA Contract.
10. **Catherine Marchionni**, *term substitute teacher aide*, on special assignment, Mahopac Falls School, effective 5/3/07 – 6/30/07. Salary as per CSEA Contract.
11. **REVISION: Helen Judy Victor**, term teacher aide on special assignment, Mahopac Falls School, revised *from* 3/12/07-6/30/07 *to* 3/26/07-6/30/07.
12. **REVISION: Pauline Marston**, term substitute senior typist for Ms. Veronica Wilson, Lakeview Elementary School, revised *from* 4/10/07-10/10/07 *to* 3/15/07-10/10/07.

13. Additions to the substitute clerical/ monitor/teacher aide/library aide list:

Doreen Cazzari
Lucy Clementi
Deborah Wright

14. Addition to the substitute cleaner list:

Jeanne Hinchey

18. RECOMMENDATIONS

A. SPECIAL STUDENT PLACEMENTS/HOMEBOUND INSTRUCTION

Recommendation of the Committee for Special Education for approval of the special student placements, as attached.

18. RECOMMENDATIONS - continued

B. SURPLUS TEXT BOOKS

Recommendation of the superintendent of schools for approval of the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Mahopac Board of Education has determined that the following books are no longer usable and are therefore declared surplus.

FES Book ID	ISBN	Pub.	Title	C.	Cond.	Inv. Qty.
2043764	053440653X	BROO	ASKING ABOUT LIFE	2005	Used	1
1644019	0078664276	GLEN	BSCS BIOLOGY A MOLECULAR APPROACH	2006	Used	1
717479	0030315719	HOLT	ENVIRONMENT	2001	Used	12
273304	0675064295	MERR	LABORATORY CHEMISTRY (P)	1990	Used	17
218749	0675064074	MERR	LABORATORY CHEMISTRY (P)	1987	Used	32
1683333	0534492762	BROO	BIOLOGY	2005	Used	1

C. HEALTH SERVICES CONTRACTS

Recommendation of the superintendent of schools for approval of the following health services contracts during the 2006/2007 school year:

Bedford Central School District	2 students	@ \$828.95	=	\$ 1,657.90
Lakeland Central School District	55 students	@ \$786.78	=	\$ 43,272.90

D. APPOINTMENT OF ARCHITECT

Recommendation of the superintendent of schools for approval to appoint **KG&D Architects**, 285 Main Street, Mount Kisco, NY as the Architectural Firm for the Mahopac Central School District, effective May 8, 2007.

E. CONTRACT RE - ACTUARIAL SERVICES - RESCINDED

Recommendation of the superintendent of schools to rescind the appointment of **AON Actuaries** for the performance of mandated actuarial services under GASB 45. This service will be provided by the AETNA Health Insurance Consortium to member districts.

F. STIPULATION OF SETTLEMENT

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby approves and authorizes the Superintendent of Schools to sign on behalf of the District a certain Stipulation of Settlement in the matter of the due process impartial hearing involving student ID number 623085, a copy of which Stipulation has been reviewed previously by the members of the Board of Education.

G. LOCAL 445 - SUPERVISORY ASSOCIATION GRIEVANCE DENIED

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education herewith denies the grievance dated August 9, 2006 filed by the Local 456, International Brotherhood of Teamsters-Supervisory Association of Mahopac against the District.

H. REQUEST FOR DEFENSE & INDEMNIFICATION DENIED

BE IT RESOLVED that the requests of Employee # 2544 and employee # 2255 for defense and indemnification pursuant to Education Law §§ sections 3811, 3023 and 3023 and 3028 for certain criminal charges are hereby denied.

CONSENT AGENDA CONCLUDES

The Consent Agenda was moved by Mrs. Trinchitella, seconded by Mr. Ankier, carried unanimously.

19. RESIDENT COMMENTS - None
Scheduled & Unscheduled
20. NEXT MEETING
5/15/07 - Annual District Meeting - Budget/Election
6/12/07 - Regular Monthly Board Meeting
21. ADJOURNMENT

At 8:50 p.m., the board moved to executive session for the purpose of discussing particular confidential personnel matters.

Moved by Dr. Calvi, seconded by Mrs. Trinchitella, carried unanimously.

At 9:40 p.m., the board returned to public session, at which time the meeting was adjourned.

Moved by Mrs. O'Keefe, seconded by Mr. Hines, carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Dorothy A. Gilroy,
District Clerk

*Note: Attachments to Agenda Items that are **not** available on the District's Website, may be obtained and/or viewed at the Administration Office by calling 628-3415, ext. 350 or by e-mailing Dorothy Gilroy @ Gilroyd@mahopac.k12.ny.us*

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MAHOPAC CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION
ANNUAL DISTRICT ELECTION, MAY 15, 2007
Lakeview Elementary School, 6 a.m. - 9 p.m.

MINUTES

1. PRESENT: Gregory Amato, Chairman; Dorothy Gilroy, District Clerk; Dorothy Papazian, Registry Chairperson; Elsa Petix, Chief Election Inspector; Anthony Scannapieco, Commissioner of the Board of Elections.

At 5:40 a.m., Clerk Gilroy, Board of Elections Commissioner Mr. Scannapieco, Inspector Petix and Chairman Amato inspected the six voting machines, recorded public counters and inspected that all machine counters and public counters were set at zero.

CONVENE: Chairman Amato officially opened the polls at 6:00 a.m. in the auditorium of the Lakeview Elementary School with three voters present.

Nominating petitions have been filed with the Clerk for three 3-year seats and one 1-year seat on the Board of Education by the following prospective candidates:

Earle A. Bellows
Giulio Cefaloni
Patricia Greenwood-O'Keefe
John Malara
Penny Swift
Robert Taps

2. The following propositions were presented to the residents on five voting machines:

PROPOSITION A - 2007-2008 Budget

"Shall the Board of Education of the Mahopac Central School District be authorized to expend the sum of **\$ 100,900,681** for the **2007-2008** school year for school purposes and levy the necessary tax therefore?"

PROPOSITION B - Bus & Van Purchases

"Shall the Board of Education of the Mahopac Central School District be authorized to finance the costs of the acquisition of school buses and/or school bus vans at a cost not to exceed **\$ 800,000** and to authorize and issue serial bonds in the principal amount of **\$ 580,000** and to utilize **\$ 220,000** of **2006-2007** unexpended General Fund moneys for such purpose. **This borrowing will have no added impact to the 07-08 budget.**

3. ADJOURNMENT

At 9:00 p.m., the polls were declared closed by Chairman Amato. Everyone present in the auditorium completed their voting at which time the inspectors began recording votes of each machine. The inspectors convened in the Principal's Office to tally all votes, including all absentee votes received by the clerk prior to 5 p.m.

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4. VOTING RESULTS

At 10:05 p.m., Chairman Amato announced the results of the vote as follows:

PROPOSITION A - BUDGET	YES	2423
	NO	1561
PROPOSITION B - BUS PURCHASES	YES	2213
	NO	1431
CANDIDATES:		
	ROBERT TAPS.....	1820
	EARLE A. BELLOWS.....	1815
	PATRICIA GREENWOOD-O'KEEFE.....	2167
	PENNY SWIFT.....	2241
	GIULIO CEFALONI.....	1933
	JOHN MALARA.....	2467
ABSENTEE VOTES:		106
TOTAL NUMBER OF VOTES:		4149

Chairman Amato announced the voting results with the election of John Malara, Penny Swift, Patricia Greenwood-O'Keefe to the board of education for three-year terms, effective July 1, 2007 through June 30, 2010 and Giulio Cefaloni to the one-year term, effective July 1, 2007 through June 30, 2008.

Results of the Election were moved by Mrs. Fabiano, seconded by Mrs. Swift, carried unanimously. (Mrs. Trinchitella and Mrs. Greenwood-O'Keefe were absent).

At 10:05 p.m., the Chairman declared the Annual District Meeting and Election adjourned.

Certification of inspectors' voting results is made part of these minutes.

Respectfully submitted,

Dorothy A. Gilroy,
District Clerk

MAHOPAC CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING, **June 12, 2007**
Lakeview Elementary School, 8:00 PM

MINUTES

1. CALL OF THE ROLL

PRESENT: Ralph Ankier, Sandra Calvi, Giulio Cefaloni, Rose Fabiano, Patricia Greenwood-O'Keefe, William Hines, Penny Swift, Vinnie Trinchitella

ABSENT: None

STAFF: Robert J. Reidy, Jr., Superintendent of Schools; Ass't. Superintendents: David Chapman, Business; Candace LaVigne, Student Services; Vincent Quartararo, Human Resources, Curriculum/Instruction; Assistants to the Superintendent: Barbara Walkley, Curriculum & Staff Development; Donald Beverly, Information Technologies and Dorothy Gilroy, District Clerk

2. CONVENE: At 7:05 p.m. President Cefaloni called the meeting to order in the Lakeview Library Conference School and moved immediately to executive session for the purpose of discussing particular personnel and litigation issues.

Moved by Mr. Ankier, seconded by Mrs. Fabiano, carried unanimously.

OTHERS: Gus Mountanos, Esq. and Mr. John Malara, newly elected board trustee.

PUBLIC SESSION: At 8:05 p.m., the board returned to public session in the auditorium with the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

OTHERS: Approximately 100-150 people were in attendance.

3. RESIDENT COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS ONLY - None

4. COMMUNICATIONS

Recognitions

- ❖ 1-5 grade students performance - "*A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to 1st Grade*"
(Music and lyrics by *Glaudia Grispin*)
- ❖ M.O.S.T. Student Council Officers
- ❖ All Retiring Staff Members
- ❖ Troy Bilyeu, HS Assistant Principal, tenure appointment
- ❖ Teachers & Teaching Assistants receiving tenure
- ❖ Scott Holcott - HS teacher on leave from Iraq
- ❖ All Mahopac School District Volunteers
- ❖ Grant re Community Reading Volunteers from Allstate Insurance/Mrs. DeBellis to Austin Road
- ❖ Dorothy Gilroy, District Clerk and JoAnn Kramer, Secretary to the Superintendent

All of the above were announced, congratulated and received a token gift of appreciation from the board of education.

President Cefaloni also gave recognition and congratulated students and staff members for the following events and accomplishments: \$4 million received in scholarships, MS Scholars event, Fulmar Road Spirit Day, Lakeview's Make A Wish and Colonial Fair.

At 9:15 p.m., following all recognitions, a short reception followed.

5. ACCEPTANCE OF WARRANTS

GENERAL 'A' FUND WARRANTS:

# 61,	CHECKS # 114501 THRU 114639,	\$ 798,476.05,	05/09/07
# 63,	CHECKS # 114640 THRU 114791,	\$ 256,463.69,	05/16/07
# 64,	CHECKS # 114792 THRU 114907,	\$ 768,390.65,	05/23/07
# 65,	CHECKS # 114908 THRU 115098,	\$ 497,223.26	05/31/07

CAPITAL PROJECT 'H' FUND WARRANTS:

# 09,	CHECKS # 2013,	\$ 8,293.75,	05/16/07
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TRUST & AGENCY 'T' FUND WARRANTS:

# 26,	CHECKS # 274, 7766 THRU 7781,	\$ 22,540.83,	05/16/07
# 27,	CHECKS # 699, 7782 THRU 7798,	\$ 23,843.05,	05/23/07
# 28,	CHECKS # 461, 52007,	\$ 24,892.50,	05/31/07
# 29,	CHECKS # 7799 THRU 7817,	\$ 8,474.00,	05/31/07

6. TREASURER'S REPORT - **April, 2007**, received for Filing

Warrants and Treasurer's Report were acceptance and moved by Mrs. Fabiano, seconded by Mrs. Trinchitella, carried unanimously.

7. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

5/ 8/07 - Regular Monthly Meeting

Moved by Mrs. Fabiano, seconded by Dr. Calvi, carried unanimously.

5/15/07 - Special Board Meeting

Moved by Mrs. Swift, seconded by Dr. Calvi, carried six ayes, two abstentions (Mrs. Trinchitella and Mrs. Greenwood-O'Keefe).

5/15/07 - Annual District Election

Moved by Mrs. Fabiano, seconded by Mr. Ankie, carried six ayes, two abstentions (Mrs. Trinchitella and Mrs. Greenwood-O'Keefe).

6/ 5/07 - Special Board Meeting

Moved by Mr. Ankie, seconded by Mrs. Trinchitella, carried seven ayes, one abstention (Mr. Hines).

8. STUDENT REPORTS - M.O.S.T. Student Council President, Julia LaVelle, gave her final report to the board which included: last day of school and final meeting of the council; the Keep Putnam Beautiful Program; announcement of new officers; all students preparing for the Regents and the Senior Prom on 6/14. Julia will be attending Stony Brook majoring in Journalism and Samantha O'Keefe, M.O.S.T. Officer, will be attending Hofstra University studying Performing Arts.
9. COMMITTEE REPORTS by Board of Education Chairpersons - will be included in next month's committee reports.
10. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT - Recognitions this evening.

CONSENT AGENDA BEGINS

- Items removed for further discussion:

1. **Item # 18.G. - Amendment to Superintendent's Contract**

Moved by Mrs. Trinchitella, seconded by Mr. Swift, carried as follows:

V. Trinchitella - yea	R. Fabiano - nay
P. Swift - yea	G. Cefaloni - yea
W. Hines - yea	S. Calvi - yea
P. O'Keefe - yea	R. Ankier - yea

Mrs. Fabiano stated that she did not want her vote to be misleading and that it is no indication of Dr. Reidy's performance, who she feels did a great job leading the district during a most difficult year. On behalf of the community and the current state of affairs, she believes that the board should not commit themselves to a two-year salary commitment.

Mrs. Trinchitella stated that she believes that the district is fortunate to have a superintendent of Dr. Reidy's ability and that the board has the utmost confidence in his vision for the district. She stated that the board appreciates his perseverance under these difficult times and looks forward to working with him in the future.

President Cefaloni thanked Dr. Reidy for his leadership and wished him well during the next two years. He reminded the public that this contract is a public document and is available for anyone interested in reviewing it.

Mr. Ankier added that this approval of Dr. Reidy's contract is just a moralization of the terms and conditions as stated previously.

2. **Item # 18.I (Xerox Corporation Contract) REMOVED**

3. **Item # 18.I. replaced with Legal Defense Resolution**

11. RETIREMENTS/RESIGNATIONS - Recommendation of the superintendent of schools:

A. Instructional

1. **Robert Marino**, school psychologist, Mahopac Middle School, effective 6/30/09.
2. **Linda Ammann**, special education teacher, Fulmar Road Elementary School, effective 6/30/09.
3. **RESCIND: Glenn Sheeley**, social studies teacher, Mahopac High School, effective 6/30/08.
4. **Glenn Sheeley**, social studies teacher Mahopac High School, effective 6/30/09.
5. **RESCIND: Judy DelGrosso**, elementary teacher, Austin Road Elementary School, effective 6/30/08.
6. **Judy DelGrosso**, elementary teacher Austin Road Elementary School, effective 6/30/09
7. **RESCIND: Joseph Morda**, guidance counselor, Mahopac High School, effective 6/30/08.
8. **Joseph Morda**, guidance counselor, Mahopac High School, effective 6/30/09.
9. **RESCIND: Fern Ricci**, reading teacher, Mahopac Middle School, effective 6/30/08.
10. **Fern Ricci**, reading teacher, Mahopac Middle School, effective 6/30/09.
11. **RESCIND: Gregory Lofaro**, music teacher, Austin/Fulmar/Lakeview Elementary Schools, effective 6/30/08.

11. RETIREMENTS/RESIGNATIONS - continued

A. Instructional

12. **Gregory Lofaro**, music teacher, Austin/Fulmar/Lakeview Elementary Schools, effective 6/30/09.
13. **RESCIND: Bernadette Snook**, mathematics teacher, Mahopac High School, effective 6/30/08.
14. **Bernadette Snook**, mathematics teacher, Mahopac High School, effective 6/30/09.

B. Non-Instructional

Vera Lavena, teacher aide, Lakeview Elementary School, effective 6/30/07.

12. RESIGNATIONS – Recommendation of the superintendent of schools:

A. Instructional

Helen Horvitz, art teacher, Mahopac Middle School, effective 6/30/07.

B. Non-Instructional

Dorothy Gandolfi, per diem bus aide, Mahopac Bus Garage, effective 4/20/07.

13. TERMINATIONS - Recommendation of the superintendent of schools:

A. Instructional

1. **Kerry Dillmann**, social studies teacher, Mahopac High School, effective 6/30/05.
2. **Jennifer Egan**, term substitute physical education teacher for Kelly Buscarino, Mahopac High School, effective 6/30/07.
3. **Michael LoMedico**, term substitute teacher for Eileen Geller, Austin Road Elementary School, effective 6/30/07.
4. **Nancy Libertino**, term substitute teaching assistant on special assignment, Austin Road Elementary School, effective 6/30/07.
5. **Christine Semptimphelter**, part-time (40%) health teacher for Valarie Nierman, Mahopac Middle School, effective 6/30/07.
6. **Emily Bergman**, term substitute teacher for Lisa Chesser, Mahopac Middle School, effective 6/30/07.

B. Non-Instructional

Rosemary Evard, teacher aide, Lakeview Elementary School, effective 5/10/07, pursuant to Section 71 of Civil Service Law.

14. LEAVES OF ABSENCE - Recommendation of the superintendent of schools:

A. Instructional

1. **Valarie Nierman**, health teacher, Mahopac Middle School, unpaid childcare leave, effective 9/1/07-6/30/08.
2. **Rita Mandile**, mathematics teacher, Mahopac High School, unpaid childcare leave, effective 9/1/07-6/30/08.
3. **Denise Hembury**, elementary teacher, Lakeview Elementary School, unpaid leave, effective 9/1/07-6/30/08.

14. LEAVES OF ABSENCE - continued

A. Instructional

4. **Aneta Lacerte**, teaching assistant, Lakeview Elementary School, unpaid leave, effective 9/1/07-2/10/08.
5. **Kelly Wright**, special education teacher, Mahopac High School, unpaid childcare leave, effective 9/1/07-12/1/07.
6. **Victoria Genovese**, teaching assistant, Mahopac High School, unpaid leave, effective 9/1/07-12/1/07.
7. **Kerry Kearney**, elementary teacher, Lakeview Elementary School, unpaid childcare leave, effective 9/12/07-12/5/07.

15. ABOLISHMENT OF POSITIONS - None

16. CREATION OF POSITIONS - None

17. APPOINTMENTS - Recommendation of the superintendent of schools:

A. Administrative

1. Tenure Appointment:

Troy Bilyeu, Assistant Principal, appointment to tenure, effective 7/25/07.

Appointments:

2. Candidate: **Helen Horvitz**
Tenure Area: Assistant Principal
Probationary Period: **7/1/07-6/30/10**
Salary: Step 1 of the AMA Contract

3. **Beth Dore**, .4 administrative special assignment, Austin Road Elementary School, effective 9/1/07-6/30/08. Salary as per the AMA Contract

B. Instructional

1. Tenure Appointments:

- a. Recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools for approval for tenure for **Lisa Prior**, Elementary NK-6, effective 9/1/07.
- b. Recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools for approval for tenure for **Courtney Aponte**, Elementary NK-6, effective 9/1/07.
- c. Recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools for approval for tenure for **ConnieMarie Rao** in the special subject tenure area of Music, effective 9/1/07.
- d. Recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools for approval for tenure for **Janine Salimbene** as a School Psychologist, effective 9/1/07.
- e. Recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools for approval for tenure for **Michelle Giordano** in the special subject tenure area of General Special Education, effective 9/1/07.

1. Tenure Appointments - continued

- f. Recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools for approval for tenure for **N. Eva Conciatori** in the special subject tenure area of General Special Education, effective 9/1/07.
- g. Recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools for approval for tenure for **Maryanne Courtney**, Elementary NK-6, effective 9/1/07.
- h. Recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools for approval for tenure for **Kelly Kischak** in the academic tenure area of Science, effective 9/1/07.
- i. Recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools for approval for tenure for **Jason Schuchat** in the academic tenure area of Mathematics, effective 9/1/07.
- j. Recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools for approval for tenure for **David Silverman** in the academic tenure area of Mathematics, effective 9/1/07.
- k. Recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools for approval for tenure for **Lynda Donnelly** in the special subject tenure area of General Special Education, effective 9/1/07.
- l. Recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools for approval for tenure for **Daniel Rode** in the special subject tenure area of Health, effective 9/1/07.
- m. Recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools for approval for tenure for **Christopher Emery** in the academic tenure area of Mathematics, effective 9/1/07.
- n. Recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools for approval for tenure for **Trina Rhynehart** as a School Counselor, effective 9/1/07.
- o. Recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools for approval for tenure for **Terry Lauchman** as a School Counselor, effective 9/1/07.
- p. Recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools for approval for tenure for **Laura Ciaramella** in the special subject tenure area of General Special Education, effective 9/1/07.
- q. Recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools for approval for tenure for **Jason Zides** in the special subject tenure area of General Special Education, effective 9/1/07.
- r. Recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools for approval for tenure for **Daniel Ricci** in the academic tenure area of Social Studies, effective 9/1/07.
- s. Recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools for approval for tenure for **Linda Saracco**, Teaching Assistant, effective 9/1/07.

B. Instructional

2. Appointments:

- a. Candidate: **Jessica Bertolini**
Tenure Area: Elementary
Probationary Period: 9/1/07-6/30/10
Certification Area: Initial
Salary: Step 2, BA+12

17. APPOINTMENTS - continued

B. Instructional

- b. Candidate: **Richard A. Butler**
Tenure Area: Elementary
Probationary Period: 9/1/07-6/30/10
Certification Area: Initial
Salary: Step 7, BA+48+MA
- c. Candidate: **Joseph Pozzuto**
Tenure Area: Secondary English
Probationary Period: 9/1/07-6/30/10
Certification Area: Initial
Salary: Step 2, BA+30+MA
- d. Candidate: **Michael B. Woodrow**
Tenure Area: Secondary Social Studies
Probationary Period: 9/1/07-6/30/10
Certification Area: Initial
Salary: Step 2, BA+52+MA
- e. Candidate: **Rebecca Ment**
Tenure Area: Secondary English
Probationary Period: 9/1/07-6/30/10
Certification Area: Initial
Salary: Step 4, BA+39+MA
- f. Candidate: **Adam Dusenbury**
Tenure Area: Secondary Social Studies
Probationary Period: 9/1/07-6/30/10
Certification Area: Initial
Salary: Step 4, BA+24
- g. Candidate: **Barbara Martone**
Tenure Area: School Psychologist
Probationary Period: 9/1/07-12/3/09
Certification Area: Provisional
Salary: Step 6, BA+60+MA
- h. Candidate: **Beth Hicks**
Tenure Area: Education of Children with Handicapping
Conditions -General Special Education
Probationary Period: 9/1/07-6/30/08
Certification Area: Permanent
Salary: Step 5, BA+33+MA
- i. Candidate: **Linda Hobbs**
Tenure Area: Education of Children with Handicapping
Conditions -General Special Education
Probationary Period: 9/1/07-6/30/09
Certification Area: Provisional
Salary: Step 3, BA+58+MA

17. APPOINTMENTS - continued

B. **Instructional - cont'd.**

2. **Appointments:**

- j. Candidate: **William Doyle**
Tenure Area: Secondary Mathematics
Probationary Period: 9/1/07-6/30/10
Certification Area: Initial
Salary: Step 3, BA+30+MA
- k. Candidate: **Shari Morini**
Tenure Area: Secondary Science
Probationary Period: 9/1/07-6/30/09
Certification Area: Initial
Salary: Step 14, BA+46+MA
- l. Candidate: **Mary Jean Cerbini**
Tenure Area: Elementary NK-6
Probationary Period: 9/1/07-6/30/09
Certification Area: Permanent
Salary: Step 8, BA+39+MA
- m. Candidate: **RoseMary Black**
Tenure Area: Art
Probationary Period: 9/1/07-6/30/10
Certification Area: Permanent
Salary: Step 5, BA+45+MA
- n. Candidate: **August Vita**
Tenure Area: Foreign Language
Probationary Period: 9/1/07-6/30/10
Certification Area: Initial
Salary: Step 8, BA+39+MA
- o. Candidate: **Elizabeth McKeon**
Tenure Area: Secondary English
Probationary Period: 9/1/07-6/30/08
Certification Area: Provisional
Salary: Step 4, BA+40+MA

3. **Term Substitutes:**

- a. **Emily Bergman**, *term substitute* teacher Mahopac Middle School, effective 6/1/07-6/30/07 or until Ms. Chesser returns, whichever comes first. Salary: Step 1, BA+36+MA (pro-rata)
- b. **Noelle LoFaro**, *term substitute* elementary teacher for Ms. Christine Jensen, Austin Road Elementary School, effective 9/1/07-6/30/08 or until Ms. Jensen returns, whichever comes first. Salary: Step 2, BA+27
- c. **Ann Marie Valerioti**, *term substitute* elementary teacher for Ms. Lisa Coen, Austin Road Elementary School, effective 9/1/07-2/11/08 or until Ms. Coen returns, whichever comes first. Salary: Step 2, BA+36+MA (pro-rata)

17. APPOINTMENTS - cont'd.

3. **Term Substitute - continued**

- d. **Kristen Lindsay**, *term substitute* elementary teacher for Ms. Patrice Butala, Fulmar Road Elementary School, effective 9/1/07-6/30/08 or until Ms. Butala returns, whichever comes first. Salary: Step 2, BA+12
- e. **Christina D'Amore**, *term substitute* special education teacher for Ms. Noelle Semenza, Fulmar Road Elementary School, effective 9/1/07-2/8/08 or until Ms. Semenza returns, whichever comes first. Salary: Step 3, BA+45+MA (pro-rata)
- f. **Pamela Dyson**, *term substitute* special education teacher for Ms. Christina DiMase, Mahopac Middle School, effective 9/1/07-2/10/08 or until Ms. DiMase returns, whichever comes first. Salary: Step 3, BA+36+MA (pro-rata)
- g. **Valerie Nardo**, *term substitute* teaching assistant for Ms. Elena Padron, Mahopac Middle School, effective 9/1/07-12/12/07 or until Ms. Padron returns, whichever comes first. Salary: Step 2 of the Teaching Assistants' Contract
- h. **Laura Birchman** *term substitute* elementary teacher for Ms. Dona Martirano, Fulmar Road Elementary School, effective 9/1/07-2/28/08 or until Ms. Martirano returns, whichever comes first. Salary: Step 2, BA+18
- i. **Aneta Lacerte**, *term substitute* special education teacher for Ms. Lisa Chesser, Mahopac Middle School, effective 9/1/07-2/10/08 or until Ms. Chesser returns, whichever comes first. Salary: Step 4, BA+45+MA (pro-rata)
- j. **Christine Semptimphelter**, *term substitute* health/physical education teacher for Ms. Valarie Nierman, Mahopac High School & Middle School, effective 9/1/07-6/30/08 or until Ms. Nierman returns, whichever comes first. Salary: Step 2, BA+12 (pro-rata)
- k. **Victoria Genovese**, *term substitute* special education teacher for Kelly Wright, Mahopac High School, effective 9/1/07-12/1/07 or until Ms. Wright returns, whichever comes first. Salary: Step 2, BA+39+MA (pro-rata)
- l. **Hollie Wund**, *term substitute* English teacher for Amy Mahoney, Mahopac High School, effective 9/1/07-6/30/08 or until Ms. Mahoney returns, whichever comes first. Salary: Step 4, BA+12
- m. **Jeanmarie Jedlicka**, *term substitute* elementary teacher for Kerry Kearney, Lakeview Elementary School, effective 9/12/07-12/5/07 or until Ms. Kearney returns, whichever comes first. Salary: Step 2, BA (pro-rata)

4. **Part-time**

- a. **Michael LoMedico**, part-time (40%) elementary teacher, Austin Road Elementary School, effective 9/1/07. Mr. LoMedico holds a New York State Initial Certificate in elementary education. Salary: Step 2, BA+15
- b. **Lisa Robinson**, part-time art teacher (50%) effective 9/1/07. Salary Step 2, BA+39+ +MA (pro-rata) of the contract between the Mahopac Teachers' Association and the District. Ms. Robinson holds a New York State Initial Certificate in art.

5. **Chairperson Appointments for the 2007/08 School Year:**

English	-	Adam Lewis
Foreign Language	-	Yvonne Viebrock
Health	-	Valarie Nierman
Mathematics	-	Joseph Bellucci
Physical Education	-	Dona DiMaggio
Science	-	Michael Mahoney
Social Studies	-	Ed Gillespie
Special Education	-	Nick Ruotolo
Unified Arts - High School		Vincent Alexander

Stipends in accordance with agreement between the District and MTA

17. APPOINTMENTS - cont'd.

Instructional

6. **Substitute Teacher/Teaching Assistant/Nurse List - 2006-07 School Year:**

Cara Nemeth	- Nurse
Margaret Furman	- Childhood Ed 1-6 - -Certification Pending
Paul Giordano	- Teaching Assistant
Jaime Hoefler	- Teaching Assistant
Michael Ruggiero	- Teaching Assistant
Jessica Muenz	- Elementary Education- Certification Pending Teaching Assistant
Carol Hoover	- Elementary NK-6-Certified
Jacqueline Ruppert	- Elementary -Certification Pending

7. **Walter Gulick**, State University of New York College at Cortland, will be doing his **student teaching** in physical education with Ms. Mimi Murphy, Fulmar Road Elementary School, from 10/22/07-12/19/07.

C. Non-Instructional

1. **Cherie Rubino**, per diem bus driver, Mahopac Bus Garage, effective 6/6/07. Salary as per USWOM contract.
2. **Marie Micol**, account clerk, effective 5/18/07. Ms. Micol has qualified for permanent appointment from the Putnam County Civil Service Account Clerk List of Eligibles, dated 5/18/07. Salary as per CSEA Contract.
3. **Term Appointments:**
Stephanie Righetti, *term substitute teacher aide*, on special assignment, Mahopac Falls School, effective 5/7/07 – 6/30/07. Salary as per CSEA Contract.
4. **Additions to the substitute clerical/ monitor/teacher aide/library aide list:**
Paul Giordano
Jaime Hoefler
Michael Ruggiero
5. **Additions to the substitute cleaner list:**
Michael Ruggiero
Kenneth Calvey

18. RECOMMENDATIONS

A. **SPECIAL STUDENT PLACEMENTS/HOMEBOUND INSTRUCTION**

Recommendation of the Committee for Special Education for approval of the special student placements, as attached.

B. **ANNUAL RE-ORGANIZATION MEETING DATE**

Recommendation of the board of education to establish Wednesday, July 11, 2007 as the date for the Annual Re-Organizational Meeting, along with the Regular Monthly Board of Education Meeting.

18. RECOMMENDATIONS - continued

C. **HEALTH SERVICE CONTRACTS**

Recommendation of the superintendent of schools for approval of the following health service contracts for the 2006/2007 school year:

Brewster CSD	-	7 students	\$798.12 each	=	\$ 5,586.84
Katonah-Lewisboro	-	4 students	\$ 791.08 each	=	\$ 3,164.32

D. **ACCEPTANCE OF DONATION - \$500 Grant from Allstate Foundation**

Recommendation of the superintendent of schools for acceptance of the \$500 grant on behalf of the Allstate Foundation and Mrs. Antoinette DeBellis for participation in the Mahopac Central School District Community Reading Program at Austin Road Elementary School.

E. **STIPULATION OF SETTLEMENT**

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby approves and authorizes the Superintendent of Schools to sign on behalf of the District a certain Stipulation of Settlement in the matter of the due process impartial hearing involving student ID number 9473009, a copy of which Stipulation has been reviewed previously by the members of the Board of Education.

F. **BID AWARDS**

Recommendation of the superintendent of schools for approval of the following bid awards, to the lowest responsible bidder, meeting the specification, **as per the attachments:**

1. Gym & Stage Floor	2. HVAC - AC Service	3. Curbs & Sidewalks	4. Uniforms-Purchase
5. Plumbing	6. Commercial Heating	7. Roofing	8. Wood Strip Flooring
9. Septic	10. Public Address	11. Outdoor Pwr Equip	12. Technology Support
13. Chain Link Fence	14. Water Treatment	15. CUSTODIAL	

16. **Wood Strip Flooring:**

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Wood Strip Flooring

	CONTRACTOR	TYPE	BID AMOUNT	NON COLL. FORM	INSUR. FORM	N.Y. SURETY BOND	CERT. CK	EQUITIES	CORP. FORM
1	C&G	GEN	23,722	X					X
2	J.J. CURRAN	GEN	24,837	X					X
3	HOME & SPORT	GEN	X	20,176	X				X
4		GEN							

17. **Education Data** - as per the attached

18. RECOMMENDATIONS - continued

G. **RESOLUTION RE AMENDMENT TO SUPERINTENDENT'S CONTRACT**

Recommendation of the Administrative Committee of the Board of Education for approval of and authorization for the Board President to execute the Fourth Amendment of the Superintendent's Employment Agreement, a copy of which has been previously reviewed by the members of the Board of Education.

H. **AUTHORIZATION TO APPOINT NEW STAFF**

Recommendation of the superintendent of schools for authorization to commit new staff for the new school year, prior to the next Regular Board Meeting.

I. **APPROVAL FOR LEGAL DEFENSE FOR STAFF**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, approves the following:

WHEREAS, in accordance with Education Law §3811 and/or Public Officer's Law §18, Robert J. Reidy, Jr., Ph.D., Superintendent of Schools, Vincent Quartararo, Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources, and Carol DeAlleaume, Principal, have submitted timely written requests for a legal defense and indemnification in a lawsuit, entitled Joanne Sassone, et al., v. Vincent Quartararo, et al., Case No. 07 CIV 4142 (WP4)(United States District Court, Southern District of New York), in which they are named as individual defendants; and

WHEREAS, there are allegations in the legal action arising from the performance of the above-referenced employee's duties and responsibilities within the scope of their employment; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Board of Education hereby designates the law firm of Ingerman Smith, LLP, or such other law firm as may hereinafter be appointed by the District's insurance carrier to represent the individual defendants in addition to the District in the above-referenced lawsuit.

CONSENT AGENDA CONCLUDES

The Consent Agenda was moved by Mrs. Greenwood-O'Keefe, seconded by Mr. Ankier, carried unanimously.

19. RESIDENT COMMENTS - None

20. NEXT MEETING

7/11/07 - Reorganization Meeting, 7:30 p.m. @ LS

7/11/07 - Regular Monthly Meeting, 8:00 p.m. @ LS

21. ADJOURNMENT

At 9:45 p.m., there being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Moved by Dr. Calvi, seconded by Mrs. Fabiano, carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Dorothy A. Gilroy, District Clerk

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