

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 22<sup>nd</sup> meeting, 50 people from the community attended kicking off this season and the next meeting will be held on October 3<sup>rd</sup>. 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 24<sup>th</sup>. 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 20<sup>th</sup> 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 30<sup>th</sup> 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 30<sup>th</sup> event at South Side Grille on Saturday where 50% of profits will go to the Coalition; the Golf Outing for October 9<sup>th</sup> is sold out however there is still dinner and dancing; a 5-K Race on October 29<sup>th</sup> 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:**

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

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

Austin Road	-	<b>Marilyn Daul</b>
Mahopac Falls Elementary School	-	<b>Jennifer Borst</b>

***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 -	<b>\$ 33.670399</b>	per \$1,000 assessed valuation
Putnam Valley -	<b>\$ 16.075743</b>	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 10<sup>th</sup> 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