

MAHOPAC CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT  
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING, **February 12, 2008**  
**Lakeview Elementary School, 8:00 PM**

**MINUTES**

1. CALL OF THE ROLL

PRESENT: Giulio Cefaloni, Rose Fabiano, Patricia Greenwood-O'Keefe, William Hines,  
John Malara, Penny Swift, Vinnie Trinchitella

ABSENT: Sandra Calvi, Ralph Ankier

STAFF: Robert J. Reidy, Jr., Superintendent of Schools; Assistant Superintendents: David  
Chapman/Business; Vincent Quartararo/Human Resources; Donald Beverly/Pupil  
Personnel Services and Informational Technologies.

OTHERS: Gus Mountanos, Esq.

2. CONVENE: At 6:40 p.m., President Swift called the meeting to order in Room 17 of the Lakeview  
Elementary School and moved immediately into executive session for the purpose of  
discussing particular personnel issues and contract negotiations issues.

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

At 8:36 p.m., the board returned to public session in Room 17 of Lakeview School  
with the pledge of allegiance to the flag with four people in attendance.

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

3. RESIDENT COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS ONLY - None

4. COMMUNICATIONS

5. ACCEPTANCE OF WARRANTS

GENERAL 'A' FUND WARRANTS:

|       |  |                |          |
|-------|--|----------------|----------|
| # 38, | CHECKS # 120229 TO 120451,             | \$ 475,785.19, | 01/09/08 |
| # 39, | CHECKS # 402, 64500, 120452 TO 120596, | \$ 499,000.36, | 01/16/08 |
| # 42, | CHECKS # 120597 TO 120616,             | \$ 19,030.11,  | 01/18/08 |
| # 43, | CHECKS # 120617 TO 120663,             | \$ 63,693.51,  | 01/23/08 |
| # 45, | CHECKS # 15700, 120664 TO 120767,      | \$ 247,953.79, | 01/30/08 |

CAPITAL PROJECT 'H' FUND WARRANTS:

|       |                |               |          |
|-------|----------------|---------------|----------|
| # 06, | CHECKS # 2021, | \$ 18,444.50, | 01/16/08 |
| # 07, | CHECKS # 2022, | \$ 950,000.00 | 01/17/08 |

TRUST & AGENCY 'T' FUND WARRANTS:

|       |                                      |               |          |
|-------|--------------------------------------|---------------|----------|
| # 18, | CHECKS # 603, 8021 TO 8035,          | \$ 10,135.36, | 01/07/08 |
| # 19, | CHECKS # 8036 TO 8058, 12008, 64422, | \$ 58,667.25, | 01/22/08 |
| # 20, | CHECKS # 8061 TO 8079,               | \$ 13,165.19, | 01/30/08 |

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

- 5.a. INTERNAL CLAIMS AUDIT REPORT - attached  
**Moved by Mr. Cefaloni, seconded by Mrs. Trinchitella, carried unanimously.**
6. TREASURER'S REPORTS - Received for Filing, 11/2007 & 12/2007  
**Moved by Mrs. Greenwood-O'Keefe, seconded by Mrs. Trinchitella, carried unanimously.**
7. APPROVAL OF MINUTES
  - 1/8/2008 - Regular Monthly Meeting  
**Moved by Mrs. Trinchitella, seconded by Mr. Malara, carried five ayes, 2 abstentions (Mrs. Greenwood-O'Keefe and Mr. Cefaloni).**
8. STUDENT REPORTS - M.O.S.T. President - None
9. COMMITTEE REPORTS - Board of Education Chairpersons - None
10. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT
  - Lakeview Elementary School Goals - *Principal Jennifer Pontillo*- None

*Reports, as stated above, were not conducted due to the present snow storm in effect and the District EXCEL Vote that was being conducted until 9:00 PM this evening.*

**CONSENT AGENDA BEGINS**

- Items removed for further discussion

After further clarification, Item #18.D and Item #18.G. were **moved by Mr. Malara, seconded by Mrs. Trinchitella, carried unanimously.**

11. RETIREMENTS/RESIGNATIONS - None
12. RESIGNATIONS – Recommendation of the superintendent of schools:
  - A. Administrative
    1. **RESCIND RESIGNATION**  
**David Chapman**, Assistant Superintendent, effective 2/11/08
  - B. Instructional
    1. **Matthew Schober**, teaching assistant, Mahopac High School, effective 1/4/08.
    2. **Barbara Firester**, foreign language teacher, Mahopac High School, effective 2/29/08.
  - C. Non-Instructional
    1. **Giuseppina Agovino**, per diem bus driver, Mahopac Bus Garage, effective January 21, 2008.
    2. **Thomas Argo**, per diem bus driver, Mahopac Bus Garage, effective January 21, 2008.
    3. **Mark Pozzuto**, per diem bus driver, Mahopac Bus Garage, effective January 21, 2008.
    4. **Robert Reed**, per diem bus driver, Mahopac Bus Garage, effective January 21, 2008.
    5. **Cherie Rubino**, per diem bus driver, Mahopac Bus Garage, effective January 21, 2008.
    6. **Diane Stella**, per diem bus driver, Mahopac Bus Garage, effective January 21, 2008.

13. TERMINATIONS - None

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

A. Instructional

1. **Mary Wheeler**, special education teacher, Mahopac Middle School, unpaid childcare leave, effective 3/20/08-6/30/08.
2. **REVISION: Jennifer Borst**, elementary teacher, Mahopac Falls Elementary School, unpaid childcare leave revised *from* 2/16/08-4/4/08 *to* 3/12/08-4/4/08.
3. **REVISION: Jennifer del Rosario**, guidance counselor, Mahopac High School, unpaid childcare leave revised *from* 12/11/07-3/11/08 *to* 12/11/07-2/12/08.

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 2007-08 School Year (Spring):

**Aaron Trummer**

**Troy Bilyeu**

*Salary as per Administrators' Contract*

B. Instructional

1. **Tenure Appointments:**

Recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools for approval for tenure for **Victoria Barbalato**, Teaching Assistant, effective 1/3/08.

Recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools for approval for tenure for **Angela Proscia**, Teaching Assistant, effective 2/13/08.

**Instructional Appointments:**

2. Candidate: **Danielle N. Bovelle**  
Tenure Area: Foreign Language  
Probationary Period: 2/11/08-2/10/11  
Certification Area: Initial  
Salary: Step 2, BA+53+MA (pro-rata)

3. **Term Substitutes:**

- a. **Linda Z. Mazzeo** *term substitute* special education teacher for Mary Wheeler, Mahopac Middle School, effective 1/22/08-6/30/08 or until Ms. Wheeler returns, whichever comes first. Salary: Step 4, BA+39+MA (pro-rata)
- b. **Krystina Cooke**, *term substitute* teaching assistant on special assignment, Fulmar Road Elementary School, effective 1/28/08-6/30/08. Salary: Step 1 of the Teaching Assistants' Contract (pro-rata)

17. APPOINTMENTS - continued

B. Instructional

3. Term Substitutes - continued

- c. **REVISION: Denise M. Goodliffe**, term substitute science teacher for Tricia Fuller-Johnson, Mahopac High School, revised **from** 11/19/07-3/5/08 **to** 11/19/07-3/7/08 or until Ms. Fuller-Johnson returns, whichever comes first.
- d. **REVISION: Kimberly LaCroce**, term substitute mathematics teacher for Dawn Campbell, Mahopac Middle School, revised **from** 9/1/07-2/8/08 **to** 9/1/07-6/30/08 or until Ms. Campbell returns, whichever comes first.
- e. **REVISION: Susan Leone**, term substitute elementary teacher for Donna Mobiglia, Mahopac Falls Elementary School, revised **from** 9/1/07-1/2/08 **to** 9/1/07-3/28/08 or until Ms. Mobiglia returns, whichever comes first.
- f. **REVISION: Kendal Ruotolo**, term substitute special education teacher for Roni Alexander-Cohen, Mahopac Middle School, revised **from** 9/4/07-1/31/08 **to** 9/4/07-3/14/08 or until Ms. Alexander-Cohen returns, whichever comes first.
- g. **REVISION: Patricia Karell**, term substitute guidance counselor for Jennifer del Rosario, Mahopac High School, revised **from** 12/10/07-3/11/08 **to** 12/10/07-2/12/08 or until Ms. del Rosario returns, whichever comes first.

**Part-Time:**

- 4. **Gregory J. Janos**, part-time physical education teacher (40%) effective 2/5/08. Salary: Step 3, BA (pro-rata) of the contract between the Mahopac Teachers' Association and the District. Mr. Janos holds a New York State Initial Certificate in physical education.
- 5. **Mahopac Night School for the 2007-08 School Year (Fall):**

**ADDITIONS:**

|             |                        |
|-------------|------------------------|
| Mathematics | - <b>Bernard Small</b> |
| English     | - <b>Lisa Penta</b>    |
| Global 10   | - <b>Ed Gillespie</b>  |

*Salary as per MTA Contract*

- 6. **Mahopac Night School for the 2007-08 School Year (Spring):**

|                             |                           |
|-----------------------------|---------------------------|
| Mathematics 10              | - <b>William Doyle</b>    |
| Biology                     | - <b>Denise Goodliffe</b> |
| PE/Health                   | - <b>Jeanne Miller</b>    |
| Earth Science               | - <b>Steve Zanarini</b>   |
| PE/Health                   | - <b>Bob Cohowicz</b>     |
| Economics/PIG               | - <b>Dan Ricci</b>        |
| Mathematics 9/Consumer Math | - <b>John Faitakes</b>    |
| Living Environment          | - <b>Luigi Morfea</b>     |
| US History                  | - <b>Greg Lewis</b>       |
| English 9-10                | - <b>Amy Mahoney</b>      |
| Global Studies 9            | - <b>Erik Yost</b>        |
| English 11-12               | - <b>Adam Lewis</b>       |
| Global 10                   | - <b>Ed Gillespie</b>     |

*Salary as per MTA Contract*

17. **APPOINTMENTS - continued**

B. **Instructional, cont'd.**

7. **Gifted & Talented Coordinator for the 2007-08 School Year:**

Kerry Tarantino, effective 2/1/08 (pro-rata)

*Stipend in accordance with the agreement between the District and the MTA.*

8. **Co-Curricular Appointments for the 2007-08 School Year:**

**REVISED (See Attached)**

9. **Coaching Appointments for the 2007-08 School Year:**

**REVISED (See Attached)**

10. **Substitute Teacher/Teaching Assistant/Nurse List - 2007-08 School Year:**

|                            |   |                    |
|----------------------------|---|--------------------|
| <b>Gregory Janos</b>       | - | Physical Education |
| <b>Jaclyn Girsh</b>        | - | Grades 1-6         |
| <b>Victoria Przymylski</b> | - | NK-6               |
| <b>Lori Barletta</b>       | - | Grades 1-6         |
| <b>Jennifer Eagan</b>      | - | NK-6               |
| <b>Michelle Weisblatt</b>  | - | Teaching Assistant |
| <b>Joseph Carr</b>         | - | Teaching Assistant |
| <b>Jaclyn Girsh</b>        | - | Teaching Assistant |

C. **Non-Instructional**

1. **Giuseppina Agovino**, part-time bus driver, Bus Garage, effective January 22, 2008, salary as per USWOM contract.
2. **Thomas Argo**, part-time bus driver, Bus Garage, effective January 22, 2008, salary as per USWOM contract.
3. **Michael Armistead**, contingent/permanent, 3<sup>rd</sup> shift custodian, High School, effective February 13, 2008, salary as per USWOM contract.
4. **Laura J. Datino**, per diem bus driver, Bus Garage, effective February 8, 2008, salary as per USWOM contract.
5. **Joyce Farrell**, provisional, senior school information systems support specialist, Technology Department, Lakeview School, effective February 13, 2008, salary as per CSEA contract.
6. **Ora Odilia Perry**, per diem bus monitor, Bus Garage, effective February 1, 2008, salary as per USWOM contract.
7. **Mark Pozzuto**, part-time bus driver, Bus Garage, effective January 22, 2008, salary as per contract.
8. USWOM **Robert Reed**, part-time bus driver, Bus Garage, effective January 22, 2008, salary as per USWOM contract.
9. **Cherie Rubino**, part-time bus driver, effective January 22, 2008, salary as per USWOM contract.
10. **Roseann Russo**, school monitor, Lakeview School, effective January 22, 2008, salary as per CSEA Monitor contract.
11. **Diane Stella**, part-time bus driver, Bus Garage, effective January 22, 2008, salary as per USWOM contract.

- 17. APPOINTMENTS - continued
- C. Non-Instructional, cont'd.

**Change in Hours:**

- 13. **Betsy Tobias**, school monitor, High School, hours changed *from* 1:00 p.m.-6 p.m. *to* 11:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m., effective 2/6/08-3/3/08.
- 14. **Luisa Tortora**, school monitor, Middle School, hours changed *from* 7:00 a.m.-7:45 a.m. and 10:00 a.m.-3:15 p.m. *to* 9:45 a.m.-2:30 p.m., effective 1/28/08.
- 15. Additions to the substitute clerical/monitor/teacher aide/library aide list:  
**Grainne Dowd**  
Michelle Weisblatt
- 16. Additions to the substitute cleaner list:  
**John Scerra**  
**Kevin Westervelt**

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. **ADULT EDUCATION SPRING 2008 SEMESTER COURSE SELECTION**

Recommendation of the superintendent of schools for approval of the course selections or the 2008 Spring Mahopac Adult Education Program, as per attached.

C. **BOCES NOMINATION**

Recommendation of the board of education to support the nomination of Anita Feldman to the Northern Westchester/Putnam BOCES Board of Cooperative Services for the term 7/1/2008-6/30/2011.

D. **HEALTH SERVICE CONTRACT**

Recommendation of the superintendent of schools for approval of the following health service contracts for the 2007-2008 school year, as per the attached

|                                   |   |
|-----------------------------------|---|
| <b>Somers CSD</b>                 | 69 students @ \$670.63 each = \$46,273.47 |
| <b>Tarrytown School District,</b> | 1 student @ \$699.00                      |

E. **IMPARTIAL HEARING OFFICER**

Recommendation of the superintendent of schools, as forwarded by the District Clerk, for approval of Ms. Judith Schneider, to serve as Impartial Hearing Officer for the Mahopac Central School District.

18. RECOMMENDATIONS - continued

F. **ACCEPTANCE OF GIFT**

Recommendation of the superintendent of schools for approval of the donation of a Maytag Washing Machine from Mrs. Melinda Franzese of Mahopac to the Home & Careers Department at the Mahopac Middle School. The approximate value of the machine is \$200.

G. **STANDARDIZATION RESOLUTION/GALAXY LOCK & ALARM CO.**

WHEREAS, the Board of Education of the Mahopac Central School District desires to purchase 'special lite inc.' exterior door systems;

WHEREAS, the Board of Education has examined its existing 'special lite,inc' exterior door systems and has determined that for reasons of economy and efficiency said 'special lite, inc.' exterior door systems should be provided on a uniform basis; and

WHEREAS, in the interests of economy and efficiency the Board of Education wishes to utilize *Galaxy Lock and Alarm Company as its supplier, installer and maintenance provider;*

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education hereby declares that there exists a need to standardize its purchase of 'special lite, inc.' exterior door systems specifically to *Galaxy Lock and Alarm Company;* and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby shall list said products on all future bids for such 'special lite, inc.' exterior door systems.

H. **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 audio/visual supplies & equipment, microcomputer software and hardware, office & classroom furniture, as stated in the resolution attached, with authorization for District Clerk to sign same.

I. **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# 9473009, a copy of which Stipulation has been reviewed previously by the members of the Board of Education.

J. **DENIAL OF MTA GRIEVANCE No. 2007-2008 2 I**

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby denies the MTA Grievance #2007-08 2 I, involving ID # 3246, previously reviewed by the members of the Board of Education.

**CONSENT AGENDA CONCLUDES**

**Consent Agenda was moved by Mr. Malara, seconded by Mr. Cefaloni, carried unanimously.**

19. RESIDENT COMMENTS - None  
Scheduled & Unscheduled

20. NEXT MEETING - March 11, 2008 - Regular Board Meeting @ Falls School

21. ADJOURNMENT

At 8:41 p.m., there being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

**Moved by Mrs. Trinchitella, seconded by Mr. Malara, carried unanimously.**

The board convened in the auditorium for the results of the EXCEL Buildings Project Vote.

Recorded by,

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Robert J. Reidy, Jr., Superintendent of Schools

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](mailto:Gilroyd@mahopac.k12.ny.us)*