

MAHOPAC CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT  
BOARD OF EDUCATION ANNUAL REORGANIZATIONAL MEETING  
July 5, 2005  
Lakeview Elementary School, 7:30 PM

MINUTES

A. ADMINISTRATION OF OATHS

1. Newly elected board members - District Clerk Gilroy administered the Oath of Office to newly elected board members: Rose Fabiano, William Hines and Elaine Simone.
2. Superintendent & District Clerk - President Trinchitella administered the Oath of Office to Superintendent Reidy and Clerk Gilroy.

B. CALL TO ORDER - Immediate Past-President presiding

PRESENT: Giulio Cefaloni, Frank DeBellis, Rose Fabiano, Patricia Greenwood-O'Keefe, William Hines, Elaine Simone, Penny Swift, Vinnie Trinchitella

ABSENT: Jeanne Earle

STAFF: Robert Reidy, Superintendent; Assistant Superintendents: David Chapman, Business Office; Candace LaVigne, Education Support Services; Vincent Quartararo, Human Resources/Curriculum/Instruction; Assistants to the Superintendent: Barbara Walkley and Donald Beverly and Dorothy Gilroy, District Clerk.

OTHERS: Approximately 15 people were in the audience.

CONVENE: At 6:30 p.m., the board 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 litigation issue.

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

At 7:35 p.m., the board returned to public session in the Library of the Lakeview Elementary School with the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

**Moved by Mr. DeBellis, seconded by Mr. Cefaloni, carried unanimously.**

C. ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

1:1 President of the Board of Education.

Mr. Cefaloni nominated Mrs. Trinchitella for office of President of the Board, seconded by Mrs. Swift.

There being no other nominations from the floor, nominations were closed.

**Moved by Mrs. Simone, seconded by Mrs. Swift, carried unanimously.**

1. ELECTION OF OFFICERS - continued

1:1 President of the Board of Education.

Moved by Mr. DeBellis, seconded by Mr. Cefaloni, Mrs. Trinchitella was elected President of the Board of Education for the 2005/06 school year, carried unanimously.

President Trinchitella thanked the board for their support and stated that it has been an honor and a privilege to serve as President. She looks forward to the next year, reported that it has been challenging and appreciates the board's confidence in her.

1:2 Vice-President of the Board of Education

Mr. DeBellis nominated Mr. Cefaloni for office of Vice-President of the Board, seconded by Mrs. Trinchitella.

Mrs. O'Keefe nominated Mrs. Swift for office of Vice-President of the Board, seconded by Mrs. Simone, carried as follows:

There being no further nominations, motion was made to close nominations.

**Moved by Mr. DeBellis, seconded by Mrs. Swift, carried unanimously.**

The results of the vote were as follows:

<u>Votes for Mr. Cefaloni</u>	<u>Votes for Mrs. Swift</u>
Mrs. Trinchitella	Mrs. O'Keefe
Mr. DeBelli	Mr. Hines
Mr. Cefaloni	Mrs. Simone
Mrs. Fabiano	Mrs. Swift

There being a tie vote for office of Vice-President of the Board, Item 1:2 was postponed until the next Board Meeting.

**Moved by Mrs. O'Keefe, seconded by Mr. DeBellis, carried unanimously.**

2. ADMINISTRATION OF OATH OF OFFICE

2:1 President

District Clerk Gilroy administered the Oath of Office to Mrs. Trinchitella for office of President of the Board for the 2005/06 school year.

**CONSENT AGENDA BEGINS**

1. Items to be removed - 7:4 and 7:5 (until the August Board Meeting)

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. APPOINTMENT OF OFFICERS - continued

- 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 – Candace LaVigne
- 3:9 Title IX Alternate Compliance Officer – Vincent Quartararo

4. OTHER APPOINTMENTS

- 4:1 School Attorney – *Ingerman Smith, L.L.P.*
- 4:2 Independent District Auditor, 2004-05 school year - Weiss & Company, PC;  
98 Mill Plain Rd., Penthouse Suite, Danbury, Ct. 06811
- 4:3 Internal 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

*The board agreed to go out for bid for next year prior to appointing the independent audit.*

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 News* and the *Putnam County Courier*.

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   |
- 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

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 16, 2006.

7:2 **RESOLUTION re Board of Registry, 2005-06 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: Gussie Alfano; Mary Lou Badolato; Mil Bauerlein; Sadie Belfari; Carol Best; Donald Best; Mary Birney; Beth Blazek; Evelyn Brotko; Mary Cappiello; Edith Carmine; Mary Chianese; Dolores DiRuzzo; Lillian Eberhardt; Ann Gagliardi; David Gagliardi; Barbara Gallicchio; Joseph Greenfield, Ruth Greenfield; June Hillery; Herb Hillery; Claire Johnson; Joan Jendres; Irma Lada; Walter Lada; Monica Lisanti; Rita Merlini; Eleanor Mitisser; George Mitisser; Helen Mucciaroni; Nicholas Mucciaroni; Lillian Nicolaidis; Lillian Picciano; Elfriede Schober; Shelly Smith; Henry Smith; Gloria Sobieski; Diane Spagnoli; Betsey Tobias; Theresa Wissell; Mildred Yetter; Maria (Mitzi) Zach; Karl 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.

**CONSENT AGENDA CONCLUDES**

**Items #3:1 through # 7:3 and Item #7:6 were moved by Mr. Cefaloni, seconded by Mrs. Swift, carried unanimously.**

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

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

**Motion to postpone Items #7:4 and #7:5 until the August Board Meeting, was made by Mr. DeBellis, seconded by Mrs. Greenwood-O'Keefe, carried unanimously.**

7:6 Re-adoption of all Policies and Code of Ethics in effect during previous year: Implied in Education Law §1709, 2503.

D. ADJOURNMENT

At 7:50 p.m. the Re-organizational Meeting was adjourned with the Regular Board Meeting to convene at 8:00 p.m.

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

Respectfully submitted,

MAHOPAC CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT  
BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING, July 5, 2005  
Lakeview Elementary School, 8:00 PM

**MINUTES**

1. CONVENE  
At 8:00 p.m. the board convened the meeting in the Library of the Lakeview Elementary School, following the Reorganizational Meeting.
2. CALL OF THE ROLL - Same as the Reorganizational Meeting
3. RESIDENT COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS ONLY - None
4. COMMUNICATIONS - None
5. ACCEPTANCE OF WARRANTS

GENERAL 'A' FUND WARRANTS:

# 63,	CHECKS # 100501 TO 100858,	06/08/05,	\$ 109,097.25
# 65,	CHECKS # 100560 TO 100796,	06/04/05,	\$ 44,933.10
# 66,	CHECKS # 100859 TO 101014,	06/15/05,	\$ 197,546.01
# 69,	CHECKS # 101015 TO 101096,	06/22/05,	\$ 754,443.49

CAPITAL 'H' FUND WARRANTS:

# 21,	CHECKS # 1977 TO 1979,	06/08/05,	\$ 27,114.52
# 22,	CHECKS # 1980,	06/15/05,	\$ 805.48

TRUST & AGENCY 'T' FUND:

# 32,	CHECKS # 6839 TO 6864,	06/08/05,	\$ 8,154.00
# 33,	CHECKS # 6865 TO 6880, 61005,	06/15/05,	\$ 11,392.96
# 34,	CHECKS # 1117, 6881 TO 6902,	06/22/05,	\$ 2,225.12

6. TREASURER'S REPORT - Received for Filing, May, 2005  
**President Trinchitella acknowledged receipt and acceptance of above-mentioned warrants and Treasurer's Report.**

7. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

6/14/05 - Regular Monthly Meeting

**Moved by Mrs. Swift, seconded by Mrs. Simone, carried 6 ayes, 2 abstentions (Mrs. Fabiano and Mr. Hines), with 2 typographical errors noted and to be revised.**

6/21/05 - Special Board Meeting

**Moved by Mrs. Swift, seconded by Mrs. Simone, carried 6 ayes, 2 abstentions (Mrs. Fabiano and Mr. Hines).**

6/22/05 - Budget Re-Vote Meeting

**Moved by Mr. DeBellis, seconded by Mr. Cefaloni, carried 6 ayes, 2 abstentions (Mrs. Fabiano and Mr. Hines).**

6/22/05 - Special Board Meeting

**Moved by Mrs. Greenwood-O'Keefe, seconded by Mrs. Simone, carried 6 ayes, 2 abstentions (Mrs. Fabiano and Mr. Hines).**

8. STUDENT REPORTS - None
9. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Special Education - Mrs. Swift scheduled a committee meeting for Tuesday, August 2, 2005 at the District Office at 7:00 p.m. to discuss a number of questions that have been brought up in the past. She welcomed anyone to forward their questions to the administration prior to the meeting.

10. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT - None

**CONSENT AGENDA BEGINS**

- Items removed for further discussion
  1. Item # 12. A.
  2. Item # 18. D.
  3. Item # 18. E.

At 8:15 p.m., the board moved to executive session for the purpose of discussing a particular personnel matter.

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

At 8:55 p.m., the board returned to public session, with President Trinchitella apologizing for the delay.

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

11. RETIREMENTS/RESIGNATIONS - Recommendation of the superintendent of schools:
  - A. Instructional
    1. **Kathleen Wilbert**, elementary teacher, Lakeview Elementary School, effective 6/30/07.
    2. **Bruce Peterson**, science teacher, Mahopac Middle School, effective 6/30/07.
    3. **Judy DelGrosso**, elementary teacher, Austin Road Elementary School, effective 6/30/07.
    4. **Dorinda Thomson**, social studies teacher, Mahopac Middle School, effective 6/30/07.
    5. **Glenn Sheeley**, social studies teacher, Mahopac High School, effective 6/30/07.
12. RESIGNATIONS - Recommendation of the superintendent of schools:
  - A. Administrative

**David J. Zurhellen**, Director of Alternative Programs, effective 10/31/05.
  - B. Instructional
    1. **Patrick Keevins**, elementary teacher, Lakeview Elementary School, effective 8/31/05.
    2. **Luisa DiNardi**, teaching assistant, Mahopac Middle School, effective 6/30/05.
  - C. Non-Instructional

**Maria DiNardi**, cleaner, Lakeview Elementary School, effective 6/30/05.

13. TERMINATIONS - None

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

A. Instructional

1. **Maria O'Connell**, elementary teacher, Fulmar Road Elementary School, unpaid leave, effective 9/1/05-6/30/06.
2. **Kerry Price**, social studies teacher, Mahopac High School, unpaid childcare leave, effective 10/22/05-12/2/05.
3. **Kristine Park**, English teacher, Mahopac High School, unpaid childcare leave, effective 10/22/05-12/2/05.
4. **Jill Muller**, guidance counselor Mahopac High School, unpaid childcare leave, effective 10/22/05-6/30/06
5. **Amy Landis**, guidance counselor Mahopac High School, unpaid childcare leave, effective 10/22/05-6/30/06.
6. **Christine Jensen**, elementary teacher, Austin Road Elementary School, unpaid childcare leave, effective 10/22/05-6/30/06.
7. **Amy Carlin**, elementary teacher, Fulmar Road Elementary School, unpaid childcare leave, effective 10/22/05-6/30/06.

15. ABOLISHMENT OF POSITIONS - None

16. CREATION OF POSITIONS – None

17. APPOINTMENTS - Recommendation of the superintendent of schools:

A. Instructional

1. Candidate: James Lieto  
Tenure Area: Education of Children with Handicapping  
Conditions -General Special Education  
Probationary Period: 9/1/05-6/30/06  
Certification Area: Provisional  
Salary: Step 5, BA+30+MA
2. Candidate: Laura Battisti  
Tenure Area: Foreign Language  
Probationary Period: 9/1/05-6/30/08  
Certification Area: Connecticut Initial Certification  
New York State Certification - Pending  
Salary: Step 6, BA+36+MA
3. Candidate: Jason Jaconetti  
Tenure Area: Secondary Mathematics  
Probationary Period: 9/1/05-6/30/08  
Certification Area: Provisional  
Salary: Step 4, BA+30+MA



17. APPOINTMENTS -continued

A. Instructional

4. **Scott Edmonds**, *term substitute* guidance counselor for Ms. Jill Muller, Mahopac High School, effective 9/1/05-6/30/06 or until Ms. Muller returns, whichever comes first. Salary: Step 2, BA+48+MA
5. **Anna Cristofaro**, *term substitute* guidance counselor for Ms. Amy Landis, Mahopac High School, effective 9/1/05-6/30/06 or until Ms. Landis returns, whichever comes first. Salary: Step 2, BA+60+MA
6. **Barbara Martone**, *term substitute* school psychologist for Ms. Margaret DeFrancesco, Mahopac High School, effective 9/1/05-6/30/06 or until Ms. DeFrancesco returns, whichever comes first. Salary: Step 4, BA+60+MA
7. **Beth Hicks**, *term substitute* special education teacher for Ms. Lisa Chesser, Mahopac Middle School, effective 9/1/05-1/31/06 or until Ms. Chesser returns, whichever comes first. Salary: Step 3, BA+33+MA (pro-rata)
8. **James Schmidt**, Western Governor's University, Connecticut, will be doing his student teaching in grade 1 with Elaine Fonseca, Fulmar Road Elementary, from 9/7/05-12/1/05.

B. Non-Instructional

**Maria DiNardi**, full-time bus driver, Bus Garage, effective 7/1/05, salary per USWOM contract.

**Summer Helpers:**

**Kristen Reyes**, student helper, Bridge Program, \$10/hour, effective 7/5/05-8/15/05.

**Regina Sangalli**, student helper, Bridge Program, \$10/hour, effective 7/5/05-8/15/05.

**Sandra Cefaloni**, student helper, Bridge Program, \$10/hour, effective 7/5/05-8/15/05.

**Nicole Righetti**, student helper, Bridge Program, \$10/hour, effective 7/5/05-8/15/05.

**Gabrielle Morales**, student helper, Bridge Program, \$10/hour, effective 7/5/05-8/15/05.

**Stephanie Righetti**, student helper, Bridge Program, \$10/hour, effective 7/5/05-8/15/05.

**Frank DeBellis**, student helper, Bridge Program, \$10/hour, effective 7/5/05-8/15/05.

**Angela Ruggiero**, student helper, Bridge Program, \$10/hour, effective 7/5/05-8/15/05.

**Monique Morales**, student helper, Bridge Program, \$10/hour, effective 7/5/05-8/15/05.

**Alex Pfaffenbach**, student helper, Bridge Program, \$10/hour, effective 7/5/05-8/15/05.

**Kevin D'Angelo**, student helper, Bridge Program, \$10/hour, effective 7/5/05-8/15/05.

**Dustin Horvath**, student helper, Bridge Program, \$10/hour, effective 7/5/05-8/15/05.

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. **PINE GROVE NURSERY SCHOOL LEASE AGREEMENT**  
Recommendation of the superintendent of schools for approval of the lease agreement between the **PINE GROVE NURSERY SCHOOL** and the Mahopac Central School District for the period **7/01/05 through 8/20/05** for use of 2 classrooms at the Mahopac Falls Elementary School and authorization for Board President to sign same. Rental agreement is **attached**.
- C. **AMENDMENT TO AGREEMENT WITH PARC PRESCHOOL**  
Recommendation of the superintendent of schools for approval of the Amendment to the Memorandum of Agreement for the 2005/06 school year between the Mahopac Central School District and PARC Preschool to be extended through August 31, 2006, with authorization for board president to sign agreement.
- D. **EXECUTION OF AGREEMENT**  
RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby approves and authorizes the Board President and Superintendent of Schools to execute the Agreement with the employee listed on Confidential Sheet "A", a copy of which has been previously reviewed by the members of the Board of Education.

**Item 18.D., moved by Mr. Cefaloni, seconded by Mrs. Fabiano, carried 6 ayes, 2 nays (Mr. DeBellis and Mrs. Greenwood-O'Keefe).**

E. **BUS PURCHASE RESOLUTION - AUTHORIZATION**

"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 **\$ 500,000** and to authorize and issue serial bonds in the principal amount of **\$ 500,000** and to levy the necessary real estate taxes for such purpose"?

**Motion to table Item 18.E. for discussion was made by Mr. Cefaloni, seconded by Mrs. Swift, carried unanimously.**

Mr. Chapman explained that the district will be severely restrained without acquiring additional buses for the coming school year and due to legalities, the bus proposition could not be brought to the community for voter approval on June 22<sup>nd</sup>. Discussion followed among administrations and the board in regard to the above.

**Item #18.E., was moved by Mrs. Greenwood-O'Keefe, seconded by Mrs. Simone, carried unanimously.**

**CONSENT AGENDA CONCLUDES**

**The Consent Agenda was moved by Mrs. Simone, seconded by Mr. DeBellis, carried unanimously.**

19. RESIDENT COMMENTS - Scheduled & Unscheduled

Scheduled

*Pat Miller* - approached the board with a request and a petition to reinstate the Middle School Jazz Band. Lois Wilhelmsen, a trained musician, and an Austin Road parent, volunteered to work with parents to raise funds for this cause. President Trinchitella suggested that Ms. Miller and Ms. Wilhelmsen contact Principal Paul Lenci with the details.

*Paul Madegan* - approached the board to reconsider the decision to cut elementary enrichment in the elementary schools. He stated that he believes this was a short-cited decision.

*Heidi Stein* - approached the board to consider the continuum of music at the middle school and to not put additional pressure on parents with another job to raise funds for this program.

All correspondence is on file in the district clerk's office.

20. NEXT MEETING - August 9, 2005

21. ADJOURNMENT

At 9:20 p.m., there being no further business, the business was adjourned.

**Moved by Mrs. Simone, seconded by Mrs. Swift, carried unanimously.**

Respectfully submitted,

Dorothy A. Gilroy,  
District Clerk

MAHOPAC CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT  
BOARD OF EDUCATION SPECIAL MEETING, August 11, 2005  
District Office, 8:00 PM

**MINUTES**

1. CALL OF THE ROLL

PRESENT: Giulio Cefaloni, Frank DeBellis, Jeanne Earle, Rose Fabiano, Patricia Greenwood-O'Keefe, William Hines, Elaine Simone, Penny Swift, Vinnie Trinchitella

ABSENT: None

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

OTHERS: Edward N. Walker, Esq.

CONVENE: At 8:05 p.m., President Trinchitella convened the meeting in the Conference Room of the District Office.

2. ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. ELECTION OF OFFICER

1.1 Vice-President of the Board of Education

Frank DeBellis nominated Giulio Cefaloni for office of Vice-President, seconded by Mrs. Earle.

Patricia Greenwood-O'Keefe nominated Penny Swift for office of Vice-President, seconded by Elaine Simone.

There being no other nominations, motion was made to close nominations.

**Moved by Mr. DeBellis, seconded by Mrs. Simone, carried unanimously.**

The results of the vote were as follows:

**Votes for Mr. Cefaloni**

Mrs. Trinchitella

Mr. DeBellis

Mr. Cefaloni

Mrs. Earle

Mrs. Fabiano

**Votes for Mrs. Swift**

Mrs. O'Keefe

Mr. Hines

Mrs. Simone

Mrs. Swift

***Giulio Cefaloni*** was elected to the office of Vice-President of the Board of Education for the 2005/2006 school year.

3. ADMINISTRATION OF OATH

1. Administration of oath to Vice-President of the Board

Clerk Gilroy administered the oath of office to Mr. Cefaloni.

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

A. Instructional

1. **Lynda Donnelly**, teaching assistant, Mahopac Middle School, unpaid leave, effective 9/1/05-6/30/06.
2. **Kris Edwards**, teaching assistant, Mahopac Middle School, unpaid leave, effective 9/1/05-1/31/06.

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

5. ABOLISHMENT OF POSITIONS - None

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

**(1) .5 elementary teaching position.**

**Moved by Mr. Cefaloni, seconded by Mrs. Earle, carried unanimously.**

7. APPOINTMENTS - Recommendation of the superintendent of schools:

A. Instructional

1. Candidate: **Elizabeth M. McKeon**  
Tenure Area: Secondary English  
Probationary Period: 9/12/05-9/11/08  
Certification Area: Provisional  
Salary: Step 2, BA+40+MA
2. Candidate: **N. Eva Conciatori**  
Tenure Area: Education of Children with Handicapping  
Conditions -General Special Education  
Probationary Period: 9/1/05-6/30/07  
Certification Area: Permanent  
Salary: Step 7, BA+51+MA
3. **Kris Edwards**, *term substitute* reading teacher for Ms. Paula Frey, Mahopac Middle School, effective 9/1/05-1/31/06 or until Ms. Frey returns, whichever comes first. Salary: Step 1, BA+43+MA
4. **Lynda Donnelly**, *term substitute* special education teacher for Ms. Jennifer Rieger, Mahopac Middle School, effective 9/1/05-6/30/06 or until Ms. Rieger returns, whichever comes first. Salary: Step 5, BA+45+MA
5. **Fall Coaching Appointments for the 2005-06 School Year:**  
As per attached.

**Moved by Mrs. Swift, seconded by Mrs. Earle, carried unanimously.**

8. RECOMMENDATIONS - Recommendation of the superintendent of schools:

A. **BOARD OF EDUCATION SUB-COMMITTEES, 2005/06 SCHOOL YEAR**

Recommendation of the superintendent of schools for approval of the 2005/2006 Board of Education Sub-Committees **as per the attached.**

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

8. RECOMMENDATIONS - continued

B. **ATHLETIC TRAINER AGREEMENT**

Recommendation of the superintendent of schools for approval of the Agreement between the Mahopac Central School District and Kelly Buscarino, effective August 15, 2005 through June 15, 2006, as **per the attached.**

**Moved by Mr. Cefaloni, seconded by Mrs. Simone, carried unanimously.**

C. **BID AWARD - FULMAR ROAD SCHOOL AIR CONDITIONING**

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 the **Fulmar Road Elementary School Air Conditioning.**

8/5/05 7:49 AM				MAHOPAC CAPITAL PROJECTS
	CONTRACTOR	H.V.A.C. TYPE		BID AMOUNT
1	ACS SYSTEM ASSOCS	HVAC	X	229,000
2	UNITY TUBE & COIL	HVAC		
3	VALCO ENERGY SYS	HVAC		258,806
4	D.J. HEATING	HVAC		
5	UAP	HVAC		277,000

8/5/05 7:52 AM				MAHOPAC CAPITAL PROJECTS
	CONTRACTOR	ELECT TYPE		BID AMOUNT
#REF!	NABER ELECTRIC	Electrical		49,000
#REF!	SAUSTO	Electrical	X	38,900
#REF!	AMP	Electrical		49,000
#REF!	ATLANTIC	Electrical		65,000
#REF!	TECH ELEC	Electrical		53,850

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

Dr. Reidy extended thanks to Mr. Chapman for his discretion and the district's legal council for their expertise.

After much discussion and questions, Mr. Chapman explained the district's bidding process.

8. RECOMMENDATIONS - continued

D. **MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENTS**

Recommendation of the superintendent of schools for approval of the Memorandum of Agreements between the Mahopac Teachers Association (hereinafter, the "Union") and the Mahopac Central School District for agreement of an accelerated retirement incentive in the special circumstances of William Lubkeman and Judith Citarella, as per the attached.

9. EXECUTIVE SESSION - Litigations

- o Edward N. Walker, Esq.

At 8:35 p.m., the board moved to executive session for the purpose of discussing a particular litigation matter.

**Moved by Mr. Cefaloni, seconded by Mrs. Earle, carried unanimously.**

10. ADJOURN

At 9:55 p.m., the board returned to public session, at which time the meeting was adjourned.

**Moved by Mrs. Swift, seconded by Mrs. Earle, carried unanimously.**

Respectfully submitted,

Dorothy A. Gilroy,  
District Clerk

MAHOPAC CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT  
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING, **September 13, 2005**  
Lakeview Elementary School, 8:00 PM

**MINUTES**

1. CALL OF THE ROLL

PRESENT: Giulio Cefaloni, Jeanne Earle, Rose Fabiano, Patricia Greenwood-O'Keefe (departed at 8:00p.m.), William Hines, Elaine Simone (departed at 8:00 p.m.), Penny Swift, Vinnie Trinchitella

ABSENT: Frank DeBellis

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

OTHERS: Approximately 25 people were in attendance.

CONVENE At 7:00 p.m., President Trinchitella called the meeting to order in Room 17 of the Lakeview Elementary School and moved immediately to executive session for the purpose of discussing particular personnel and litigation matters.

**Moved by Mrs. Simone, seconded by Mr. Cefaloni, carried unanimously.**

At 8:00 p.m., the board returned to public session in the Auditorium with the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

**Moved by Mrs. Swift, seconded by Mr. Earle, carried unanimously.**

2. RESIDENT COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

- *Mr. Fusco* - requested that the board meetings be video taped, to be televised on Channel 22.
- *Mr. DiCarlo* - requested that the board reinstate the positions of M.O.S.T. Student Council Advisors to the Freshmen and Sophomore classes.

President Trinchitella responded that the board would take these requests under advisement.

3. COMMUNICATIONS - None

4. ACCEPTANCE OF WARRANTS

GENERAL 'A' FUND WARRANTS:

# 05, CHECKS # 101586 TO 101623,	07/31/05,	\$ 72,466.95
# 06, CHECKS # 101624 TO 101826,	08/17/05,	\$ 299,128.39
# 09, CHECKS # 101827 TO 102082,	08/23/05,	\$ 298,783.21
# 10, CHECKS # 102083 TO 102385,	08/31/05,	\$ 474,551.53

CAPITAL 'H' FUND WARRANTS:

# 03, CHECKS # 1985,	08/17/05,	\$ 54,276.80
# 04, CHECKS # 1986 TO 1987,	08/23/05,	\$ 4,065.75

TRUST & AGENCY 'T' FUND WARRANTS:

# 04, CHECKS # 6928 TO 6933, 7370107,08/03/05,	\$ 17,711.55
# 05, CHECKS # 913, 6934 TO 6936, 08/17/05,	\$ 10,195.14
# 06, CHECKS # 6937 TO 6944, 08/17/05,	\$ 2,796.45
# 07, CHECKS # 285, 6945, 83105, 08/23/05,	\$ 20,176.82



5. TREASURER'S REPORT - July, 2005, received for filing.  
**President Trinchitella acknowledged receipt and acceptance of the above-mentioned warrants and Treasurer's Report.**

6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

8/ 9/05 - Regular Monthly Board Meeting

**Moved by Mrs. Swift, seconded by Mr. Cefaloni, carried 5 ayes, 1 abstention (Mrs. Trinchitella).**

8/11/05 - Special Board Meeting

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

7. STUDENT REPORTS - High School M.O.S.T. Vice-President, Anthony DiCarlo, Jr. reported on activities at the high school such as: fundraisers, meetings with Mr. Trummer, Homecoming will be October 14<sup>th</sup>, freshmen orientation with exposition in the gymnasium and various club activities.
8. COMMITTEE REPORTS - Board of Education Chairpersons

Special Education - Mrs. Swift reported that the committee met this evening and recommended approval of Item 18.A. on the agenda. She reminded all of the committee meeting to be held on September 27<sup>th</sup> and that these meetings are open to the public which gives the public an opportunity to see what goes on at these kinds of meetings.

Technology - Mr. Cefaloni reported that Mr. Beverly and his staff have been extremely busy this summer. He reported on some highlights such as: LEAP report to the state (elementary and middle school data) and STEP report (9-12 testing data); New Teacher Orientation focusing on network and hardware resources and "Mahopac Technology Survival Guide" on the home page website.

Policy - Mrs. Earle reported that she is meeting with Dr. Reidy this Friday to work on a number of policies such as: Naming of School District Properties; Audit Procedures and materials that Mrs. Swift brought back from NYS State Conference last month. These policies will be put in draft form to present to the committee and will be sent to legal council for review.

9. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT - Dr. Reidy discussed the following:
- Revised Budget Process - will get more information out to the public with a broad-based group of people who will be key communicators.
  - Impact of assessables - there are many variables that are not solidified until August. Tax bills were not the rates that were predicted due to a shift in our assessables as a result of NYSEG and Kmart certioraris.
  - Transportation Vote, September 21, 2005 - as a result of legal counsel, the district could not present this proposition on June 22<sup>nd</sup> (45 days legal notice is required between votes). Dr. Reidy reported that leasing buses is not cost effective and also reported that a flyer will be mailed to all residents and a TV show will be on Channel 22 informing the public of the details of the Bus Proposition.
  - Review of Code of Ethics Policy - all board members were reminded to review this policy.

**10. CONSENT AGENDA BEGINS**

- Items removed for further discussion - NONE

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

A. Non-Instructional

**Lorraine King**, full-time bus driver, Bus Garage, retirement due to disability, effective 9/30/05.

12. RESIGNATIONS - Recommendation of the superintendent of schools:

A. Non-Instructional

**Angela Proscia**, monitor, Mahopac Falls School, effective 8/31/05.

**Darlene Siodlak**, special education student aide, Mahopac Middle School, effective 9/1/05.

**Nancy Cantamessa**, per diem bus monitor, Bus Garage, effective 9/6/05.

**Louisa Pulice**, per diem bus monitor, Bus Garage, effective 9/7/05.

**Christine Brown**, behavior specialist, Austin Road School, effective 6/25/04.

**Monica Enjo**, behavior specialist, Fulmar Road School, effective 6/25/04.

**Carole Maronza**, per diem bus driver, Bus Garage, effective 9/7/05.

**Maria Mayer**, monitor, Mahopac High School, effective 8/31/05.

13. TERMINATIONS – Recommendation of the superintendent of schools:

A. Non-Instructional

**Robert Morrow**, custodian, Austin Road School, effective 6/2/05.

**Lay-Offs:**

**Elaine Donnelly**, behavior specialist, Mahopac Middle School, effective 6/30/05.

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

A. Instructional

1. **Aneta Lacerte**, teaching assistant, Lakeview Elementary School, unpaid leave, effective 9/1/05-6/30/06.

2. **Virginia Gertling**, home and careers teacher, Mahopac High School, unpaid childcare leave, effective 9/1/05-1/31/06.

3. **REVISION: Jill Muller**, guidance counselor, Mahopac High School, unpaid childcare leave revised *from* 10/22/05-6/30/06 *to* 10/1/05-6/30/06.

4. **REVISION: Amy Landis**, guidance counselor, Mahopac High School, unpaid childcare leave, revised *from* 10/22/05-6/30/06 *to* 12/17/05-6/30/06.

15. ABOLISHMENT OF POSITIONS - Recommendation of the superintendent of schools:

A. Non-Instructional

1. Behavior Specialists – (5)

2. Special Education Student Aide – (1)

3. Cleaner - (1)

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

A. Instructional

Teaching Assistants (9.5)

B. Non-Instructional

Custodian (1)

17. APPOINTMENTS - Recommendation of the superintendent of schools:

A. Instructional

1. Candidate: Christine Nolan  
Tenure Area: Education of Children with Handicapping Conditions -General Special Education
2. Probationary Period: 9/1/05-6/30/08  
Certification Area: Provisional  
Salary: Step 2, BA+21
3. Candidate: Diane Cascio  
Tenure Area: Education of Children with Handicapping Conditions -General Special Education  
Probationary Period: 9/1/05-6/30/08  
Certification Area: Permanent  
Salary: Step 2, BA+42+MA
4. Candidate: Mary Christos  
Tenure Area: Elementary NK-6  
Probationary Period: 9/1/05-6/30/07  
Certification Area: Permanent  
Salary: Step 11, BA+36+MA
5. Candidate: Jill Carolan  
Tenure Area: School Social Worker  
Probationary Period: 9/1/05-6/30/08  
Certification Area: Provisional  
Salary: Step 3, BA+60+MA
6. Candidate: Shannon A. Schlachter  
Tenure Area: Secondary Social Studies  
Probationary Period: 9/1/05-6/30/08  
Certification Area: Provisional  
Salary: Step 2, BA+33+MA
7. Candidate: Linda Kuphal  
Tenure Area: Teaching Assistant  
Probationary Period: 9/1/05-6/30/06  
Certification Area: Provisional Teaching Certificate  
Salary: Step 3 of the Teaching Assistants' Contract
8. Candidate: Aneta Lacerte  
Tenure Area: Teaching Assistant  
Probationary Period: 9/1/05-6/30/06  
Certification Area: Provisional Teaching Certificate  
Salary: Step 3 of the Teaching Assistants' Contract
9. Candidate: Linda Saracco  
Tenure Area: Teaching Assistant  
Probationary Period: 9/1/05-6/30/07  
Certification Area: Teaching Assistant – Level One  
Salary: Step 2 of the Teaching Assistants' Contract

17. APPOINTMENTS - continued

A. Instructional

10. Candidate: Nancy Barker  
Tenure Area: Teaching Assistant  
Probationary Period: 9/1/05-12/2/07  
Certification Area: Teaching Assistant – Level One  
Salary: Step 2 of the Teaching Assistants' Contract
11. Candidate: Victoria Barbalato  
Tenure Area: Teaching Assistant  
Probationary Period: 9/1/05-1/3/08  
Certification Area: Teaching Assistant – Level One  
Salary: Step 2 of the Teaching Assistants' Contract
12. Candidate: Linda Kraker  
Tenure Area: Teaching Assistant  
Probationary Period: 9/1/05-2/13/08  
Certification Area: Teaching Assistant – Level One  
Salary: Step 2 of the Teaching Assistants' Contract
13. Candidate: Angela Proscia  
Tenure Area: Teaching Assistant  
Probationary Period: 9/1/05-2/13/08  
Certification Area: Teaching Assistant – Level One  
Salary: Step 2 of the Teaching Assistants' Contract
14. Candidate: Diane Lakestream  
Tenure Area: Teaching Assistant  
Probationary Period: 9/1/05-3/1/08  
Certification Area: Teaching Assistant – Level One  
Salary: Step 2 of the Teaching Assistants' Contract
15. Candidate: Maria Carroll  
Tenure Area: Teaching Assistant  
Probationary Period: 9/1/05-4/3/08  
Certification Area: Teaching Assistant – Level One  
Salary: Step 2 of the Teaching Assistants' Contract
16. Candidate: Maria Rubino  
Tenure Area: Teaching Assistant  
Probationary Period: 9/1/05-4/4/08  
Certification Area: Continuing Teaching Assistant Certificate  
Salary: Step 3 of the Teaching Assistants' Contract
17. Candidate: Alice Favale  
Tenure Area: Teaching Assistant  
Probationary Period: 9/1/05-4/4/08  
Certification Area: Teaching Assistant – Level One  
Salary: Step 2 of the Teaching Assistants' Contract

17. APPOINTMENTS - continued

A. Instructional

18. Candidate: Mary McDonough  
Tenure Area: Teaching Assistant  
Probationary Period: 9/1/05-6/30/08  
Certification Area: Teaching Assistant – Level One  
Salary: Step 1 of the Teaching Assistants' Contract
19. Candidate: Christina Proscia  
Tenure Area: Teaching Assistant  
Probationary Period: 9/1/05-6/30/08  
Certification Area: Teaching Assistant – Level One  
Salary: Step 1 of the Teaching Assistants' Contract
20. Candidate: Maria Mayer  
Tenure Area: Teaching Assistant  
Probationary Period: 9/1/05-6/30/08  
Certification Area: Teaching Assistant – Level One  
Salary: Step 1 of the Teaching Assistants' Contract
21. Candidate: Eugene Mormile  
Tenure Area: Teaching Assistant  
Probationary Period: 9/1/05-6/30/08  
Certification Area: Teaching Assistant – Level One  
Salary: Step 1 of the Teaching Assistants' Contract
22. Candidate: Victoria Genovese  
Tenure Area: Teaching Assistant  
Probationary Period: 9/1/05-6/30/08  
Certification Area: Teaching Assistant – Level One  
Salary: Step 1 of the Teaching Assistants' Contract
23. Candidate: Steven M. Zombo  
Tenure Area: Teaching Assistant  
Probationary Period: 9/1/05-6/30/08  
Certification Area: Teaching Assistant – Level One  
Salary: Step 1 of the Teaching Assistants' Contract
24. Term Substitutes:
- a. **Aneta Lacerte**, *term substitute* special education teacher for Ms. Jennifer Rieger, Mahopac Middle School, effective 9/1/05-6/30/06 or until Ms. Rieger returns, whichever comes first. Salary: Step 2, BA+45+MA
- b. **Kendal Ruotolo**, *term substitute* special education teacher for Mr. Jason Zides, Fulmar Road Elementary School, effective 9/1/05-2/28/06 or until Mr. Zides returns, whichever comes first. Salary: Step 1, BA
- c. **Kim M. Salomon**, *term substitute* elementary teacher for Ms. Jennifer Cortesi, Middle School, effective 9/1/05-2/3/06 or until Ms. Cortesi returns, whichever comes first. Salary: Step 8, BA+36+MA

17. APPOINTMENTS - continued

A. Instructional

24. Term Substitutes - cont'd.

- d. **Jennifer M. Racic**, *term substitute* English teacher for Ms. Amy Mahoney, Mahopac High School, effective 10/10/05-6/30/06 or until Ms. Mahoney returns, whichever comes first. Salary: Step 1, BA+39+MA
- e. **Darlene Siodlak**, *term substitute* teaching assistant for Ms. Kris Edwards, Mahopac Middle School, effective 9/1/05-1/31/06 or until Ms. Edwards returns, whichever comes first. Salary: Step 1 of the Teaching Assistants' Contract
- f. **Erika Girsh**, *term substitute* teaching assistant for Ms. Aneta Lacerte, Lakeview Elementary School, effective 9/1/05-6/30/06 or until Ms. Lacerte returns, whichever comes first. Salary: Step 1 of the Teaching Assistants' Contract

25. Special Assignment

**Valarie Nierman**, on special assignment, .4 health/coordinator, effective 9/1/05-6/30/06.

26. Part-time:

- a. **Stephanie D'Urso** part-time elementary teacher (50%), effective 9/1/05. Salary: Step 3, BA+30+MA (pro-rata) of the contract between the Mahopac Teachers' Association and the District. Ms. D'Urso holds a New York State Permanent Certificate in elementary education.
- b. **Rosemary Black**, part-time art teacher (60%), effective 9/1/05. Salary: Step 3, BA+45+MA (pro-rata) of the contract between the Mahopac Teachers' Association and the District. Ms. Black holds a New York State Permanent Certificate in art.

27. Substitute Teacher/Teaching Assistant/Nurse List - 2005-06 School Year:

See Attached.

28. RESCIND APPOINTMENT:

**Jaclyn Antonucci**, term substitute foreign language teacher for Ms. Yvonne Viebrock, Mahopac High School, effective 9/1/05-6/30/06.

29. Declination of Appointments:

- 1. **Cynthia O'Herron**, part-time art teacher, Mahopac Middle School, effective 9/1/05.
- 2. **Donna Anderson**, term substitute English teacher for Amy Mahoney, Mahopac High School, effective 9/1/05.

30. Student Teachers:

**Christina Noschese**, Mercy College, will be doing her student teacher in grade 4 with Ms. Tracey Sheil, Fulmar Road Elementary School from 9/14/05-10/14/05.

B. Non-Instructional

- 1. **Joanne DeVito**, per diem bus driver, Bus Garage, effective 9/7/05. Salary as per USWOM Contract.
- 2. **Carmen L. Aleman**, per diem bus driver, Bus Garage, effective 9/7/05. Salary as per USWOM Contract.

17. APPOINTMENTS - continued

B. Non-Instructional

3. **Nancy Cantamessa**, part-time bus monitor, Bus Garage, effective 9/7/05. Salary as per USWOM contract.
4. **Lisa Montalto**, 4 hour monitor, Mahopac Falls School, effective 9/7/05. Salary as per Monitor's Contract.
5. **Change in Building/Hours:**  
**Karen Carnazza**, monitor, Mahopac Falls School, from 4 hours to 6 hours.
6. **Substitute Monitor/Teacher Aide/Library Aide List - 2005-06 School Year**  
See Attached.
7. **Substitute Cleaner/Maintenance List - 2005-06 School Year**  
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. **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. | Bidding Requirements    | #6720                   |
| 3. | Purchasing              | #6700/6700-E.1-2/6700-R |
| 4. | Investments/Regulation  | #6240/6240-R            |

C. **CONTINUING ADULT EDUCATION FALL SEMESTER COURSE SELECTION**

Recommendation of the superintendent of schools for approval of the course selections for the 2005 Fall Continuing Adult Education Program, as per the attached.

D. **SPECIAL EDUCATION IMPARTIAL HEARING OFFICER**

Recommendation of the superintendent of schools, as forwarded from the District Clerk, for approval of the following Impartial Hearing Officer: **Mr. David Marasciullo**.

F. **SPECIAL EDUCATION COMMITTEE PARENT REPRESENTATIVE**

Recommendation of the superintendent of schools as forwarded from the Special Services Department for approval of the addition of the following parent representative on the Special Education Committee: **Wendy Erickson**.

F. **BOCES CLASSROOM USE CONTRACT AND MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT**

Recommendation of the superintendent of schools for approval of the Classroom Use & Maintenance Agreement with the Putnam/Northern Westchester BOCES for the 2005/06 school year. The total fee is \$116,608 which is for the use of (1) one classroom at Lakeview Elementary School and (5) five classrooms and (1) one Office Space, at the Mahopac Falls Elementary School, with authorization for the president of the board to sign same, as per the attached agreement.

18. RECOMMENDATIONS - continued

G. **LOWER HUDSON COUNCIL DUES APPROVAL**

Recommendation of the superintendent of schools for approval of payment of *Lower Hudson Council of School Superintendents* dues for the 2005/06 school year of \$770.

H. **BID AWARD**

Recommendation of the superintendent of schools for approval of the Surplus Vehicle Bid Award to **Frank Prokop**, in the amount of \$3,002.04 as per the attached.

I. **AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE TOWN AND THE DISTRICT**

Recommendation of the superintendent of schools for approval of the Agreement between the Mahopac Central School District and the Town of Carmel for the Use of School Facilities, as per the attached.

J. **RESOLUTION: CHAIRMAN, INSPECTORS, CLERKS OF SPECIAL DISTRICT BUS VOTE**

Recommendation of the superintendent of schools for approval, as forwarded by the District Clerk, for approval of the resolution appointing the Chairman, Inspectors and Clerks for the Special District Vote, to be held on Wednesday, September 21, 2005, *as per the attached*.

K. **ADOPTION OF 2005-06 TAX LEVY & WARRANT**

Recommendation of the superintendent of schools for approval of the adoption of the **2005-06** tax levy in the amount of **\$ 66,773,301** 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>33.071353</b> per \$1,000 assessed valuation
Putnam Valley -	\$ <b>17.312853</b> per \$1,000 assessed valuation

L. **BID AWARD**

Recommendation of the superintendent of schools for approval of the **Bus Parts Bid Award** to the most responsible bidders, meeting specifications, as per the attached.

**CONSENT AGENDA CONCLUDES**

**The Consent Agenda was moved by Mrs. Earle, seconded by Mrs. Swift, carried unanimously.**

19. RESIDENT COMMENTS

Scheduled & Unscheduled

1. *Ruth Greenfield* – suggested encouraging one PTO Officer to be present at the new budget process meetings.
2. *Monica Bennett* – stated the importance of the M.O.S.T. class advisors and that the student council is not just a club.
3. *Lynne Carney* – clarified for M.O.S.T. Officer that the teachers are bound by their contract and the budget as far as co-curricular appointments.



19. RESIDENT COMMENTS – continued

4. *Anthony Fusco* - requested that the board of education committees be posted on the web; requested information on the air quality contract and asked if there is any movement on a grant writer.  
Dr. Reidy stated that Mr. Fusco should feel free to contact Mr. Chapman for any further information.
5. *Heidi Stein* - requested seeing some of the attachments to the agenda.  
Clerk Gilroy welcomed anyone to call her office to request any of the attachments.
6. *Susan Grey* - questioned where the district is with the architect litigation and the Fulmar Road air conditioning project.  
Dr. Reidy responded that the district is moving along in both of these areas.

Discussion followed among some residents and the board in regard to property taxes and our district not being funded properly.

Mrs. Fabiano reported that Mrs. Earle, Dr. Reidy and herself attended a meeting with local legislation on school tax burdens. Dr. Reidy forwarded the materials on Tax Reform to the board of education committee chairpersons. Mrs. Fabiano also reported that when she attended the NYS School Boards Conference last month, she learned that we are not alone and that many communities are presently operating under a contingency budget.

20. NEXT MEETINGS

- 9/21/05 - Special District Bus Proposition Vote
- 9/27/05 - Special Education Committee Meeting
- 10/11/05 - Regular Monthly Meeting

21. ADJOURNMENT

At 9:50 p.m., there being no further business, President Trinchitella adjourned the meeting.

**Moved by Mrs. Swift, seconded by Mr. Hines, carried unanimously.**

Respectfully submitted,

Dorothy A. Gilroy  
District Clerk

MAHOPAC CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT  
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING, **October 11, 2005**  
Lakeview Elementary School, 8:00 PM

**MINUTES**

1. CALL OF THE ROLL

PRESENT: Giulio Cefaloni, Frank DeBellis, Jeanne Earle, Rose Fabiano,  
William Hines, Elaine Simone, Penny Swift, Vinnie Trinchitella

ABSENT: Patricia Greenwood-O'Keefe

STAFF: Robert J. Reidy, Jr., Superintendent of Schools; Ass't. Superintendents: David Chapman/Business; Vincent Quartararo/Human Resources, Curriculum/Instruction; Assistants to the Superintendent: Barbara Walkley/Curriculum & Staff Development; Donald Beverly/Information Technologies and Dorothy Gilroy, District Clerk

CONVENE: At 7:05 p.m., President Trinchitella 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 contractual issue, and particular personnel issue.

**Moved by Mrs. Earle, seconded by Mrs. Simone, carried unanimously.**

At 7:59 p.m., the board returned to public session in the Auditorium with the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

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

OTHERS: Approximately 30 people were in attendance in the audience.

2. RESIDENT COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS ONLY - None

3. COMMUNICATIONS

- Proclamation re School Boards Recognition Week: October 24-28, 2005.

Clerk Gilroy acknowledged receipt of the above-mentioned proclamation from Governor Pataki, recognizing school boards for their dedication to children, learning and the community and service to public education.

4. ACCEPTANCE OF WARRANTS

GENERAL 'A' FUND WARRANTS:

# 12,	CHECKS # 102622 TO 102771,	09/14/05,	\$ 737,412.40
# 14,	CHECKS # 102386 TO 102621,	09/09/05,	\$ 45,268.35
# 17,	CHECKS # 102772 TO 103132,	09/21/05,	\$ 299,426.58
# 18,	CHECKS # 103133 TO 103473,	09/28/05,	\$ 497,529.92

CAPITAL PROJECT 'H' FUND WARRANTS:

# 05,	CHECKS # 1988,	09/14/05,	\$ 30,579.89
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TRUST & AGENCY 'T' WARRANTS:

# 09,	CHECKS # 6946 TO 6958,	09/14/05,	\$ 4,119.33
# 10,	CHECKS # 51, 6948 TO 6959, 90905,	09/09/05,	\$ 4,352.94
# 11,	CHECKS # 73, 6960 TO 6971, 91605,	09/21/05,	\$ 1,171.55
# 12,	CHECKS # 6972 TO 6988, 93005,	7370105, 09/28/05,	\$43,109.47

5. TREASURER'S REPORT - Received for Filing, August, 2005.

**President Trinchitella acknowledged receipt and acceptance of the above-mentioned warrants, Treasurer's Report and Budget Status Report.**

6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

9/13/05 - Regular Monthly Board Meeting

**Moved by Mrs. Earle, seconded by Mrs. Simone, carried 7 ayes, 1 abstention (Mr. DeBellis), with correction, as noted, on page 10.**

9/21/05 - Special Board Meeting/Special Bus Proposition Vote

**Moved by Mrs. Swift, seconded by Mr. DeBellis, carried unanimously.**

9/27/05 - Special Board Meeting/Special Education Committee Mtg.

**Moved by Mrs. Swift, seconded by Mr. DeBellis, carried unanimously.**

*Mr. Cefaloni extended thanks to Dr. Reidy for a very productive meeting on the 27<sup>th</sup>.*

7. STUDENT REPORTS

M.O.S.T. Student Council President, Ally Besharat, reported on activities at the high school during the last month such as: Spirit Week; Home Coming; Mardi Gras Week; and Cowboy Day with money raised going to the Katrina Relief Fund. Ally reported on Student Court; the selling of Entertainment Books for the council and the Leadership Program.

President Trinchitella took executive privilege of changing the order of the Agenda due to the guests in attendance for presentations this evening

8. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

- Curriculum Reports

"Communities That Care"

Mr. Joseph DeMarzo, Director/Putnam County Mental Health and Youth Bureau gave a presentation on "Communities That Care" which is a collaborative effort in Mahopac that includes members from the school district, numerous human services agencies, mental health providers, alcohol & substance abuse providers and family advocates. Mr. DeMarzo provided a report for the board and the public which included a survey and he invited anyone to call him if they would be interested in volunteering their time. He also reported that on October 17<sup>th</sup> there will be County-wide presentation and will be getting information out to the public.

"No Child Left Behind"

Dr. Barbara Walkley conducted a presentation with overheads in regard to the NYS Education Department "No Child Left Behind" legislation which was passed in 2001. The purpose of this legislation was to increase the quality of education in the nation by increasing accountability and explained that there are a lot of implications for our district such as testing. She showed our district's performance in ELA and Math. Dr. Walkley reported that each year the standards increase and we must look at how we are performing and if we are satisfied with our results. A question and answer period followed.

9. COMMITTEE REPORTS - Board of Education Chairpersons

Mrs. Swift announced that the HS Drama Company will be presenting *James & The Giant Peach* on November 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>.

Special Education - Mrs. Swift reported that the committee held a very informative and productive committee meeting on September 27<sup>th</sup> with topics such as: the special education process and what it covers, all the various programs that the district offers and the special education budget. The Special Education Committee also met this evening to review recommendations which appear as Item # 18.A. on the agenda.

Legislative - Mrs. Swift recommended approval of Item #18.F. on the agenda which is a late resolution which did not make it into the packet, recommended by NYS School Board's Association to be approved at the Annual Convention in Rochester.

Community Relations - Mrs. Simone reported that she has been working with Mr. DeMarzo in regard to *Communities That Care* at the County level and invited anyone in attendance this evening to see her after the meeting if they are interested in working with this group.

Technology - Mr. Cefaloni reported on the district's on-line key access to key district resources and parent access to electronic assignments which has been upgraded. He suggested that parents let the principals know if their child's teacher is not posting assignments.

Finance - Mr. DeBellis reported that this committee has not met this month but much is happening prior to introducing a new Budget Process with a Key Communicator Group of volunteers from the community. Information will be going to all residents in the News Bulletin, an Upfront with Dr. Reidy broadcast on Channel 22, on the school's Website and in the newspaper.

Budget Process Forums

Dr. Reidy explained that we would like to take the budget and break it into portions, bring people together as groups and make the process as transparent as possible in a good faith effort. He also stated that perhaps we can find a way to formulate the budget in a more cost effective way, sharing factual information with key communicators.

Policy - Mrs. Earle reported that she met with Dr. Reidy in regard to a number of board policies, many of which are presently being reviewed by our attorney. Dr. Reidy asked Mrs. Earle to review the district's Student Records Policy along with NYS School Boards policy on Family & Student Rights and Privacy Acts. Mrs. Earle recommends that we adopt NYSSBA's policy in place of our current policy along with some minor changes.

Mrs. Trinchitella requested that video-taping of school board meetings be added to the agenda when a policy committee is held.

Buildings & Grounds - Mr. Chapman, in Mrs. O'Keefe's absence, reported that Austin Road School's paving is completed and looks great. He recommended that we recognize Mr. Mike Simone, Highway Superintendent, for all of the town's assistance in this project along with many of our own staff.

Mrs. Trinchitella reported that due to the new drop off system at the Mahopac Middle School, there has been no back up on the main roads.

**10. CONSENT AGENDA BEGINS**

- Items removed for further discussion - None

Dr. Reidy explained Item 18.C. on the agenda and Mr. Chapman explained Item 18.E. prior to board's approval.

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

A. Instructional

**RESCIND: Dorothy Weydig**, teaching assistant, Fulmar Road Elementary School, effective 6/30/07. (Retired as of 6/25/05)

12. RESIGNATIONS - - Recommendation of the superintendent of schools:

A. Instructional

**Cheryl Ciano Havens**, music teacher, elementary schools, effective 1/1/06.

13. TERMINATIONS - None

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

A. Instructional

1. **Jenifer Maloney**, reading teacher, Fulmar Road Elementary School, unpaid childcare leave, effective 12/8/05-2/10/06.
2. **Denise Hembury**, elementary teacher, Lakeview Elementary School, unpaid childcare leave, effective 12/7/05-2/14/06.
3. **REVISION: Jennifer Cortesi**, elementary teacher, Mahopac Middle School, unpaid childcare leave, revised *from* 10/22/05-2/5/06 *to* 11/5/05-2/5/06.

B. Non-Instructional

**Amanda Hanaburgh**, account clerk, Mahopac High School/Bus Garage, unpaid childcare leave revised *from* effective 4/4/05-4/5/07 *to* 4/4/05-2/1/06.

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 2005-06 School Year:

**Aaron Trummer** - Night School Administrator (2 nights)

**Adam Pease** - Night School Administrator (2 nights)

*Salary as per Administrators' Contract*

B. Instructional

1. Candidate: Brian Kearney  
Tenure Area: Teaching Assistant  
Probationary Period: 9/14/05-9/13/08  
Certification Area: Provisional  
Salary: Step 1 of the Teaching Assistants' Contract

17. APPOINTMENTS - continued

2. **Maureen DiMaiolo**, part-time physical education teacher (40%), effective Sept. 27, 2005. Salary: Step 6, 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.
3. **Sarah Stefanak**, *term substitute* elementary teacher for Ms. Denise Hembury, Lakeview Elementary School, effective 9/26/05-2/14/06 or until Ms. Hembury returns, whichever comes first. Salary: Step 2, BA+42+MA.

4. Mahopac Night School for the 2005-06 School Year:

<b>Patricia Greenidge</b>	-	English
<b>Lisa Penta</b>	-	English
<b>Jean Isecke</b>	-	Biology
<b>Charles Jensen/Stephen Zanarini</b>	-	Earth Science
<b>Daniel Ricci</b>	-	Social Studies
<b>Bernard Small</b>	-	Mathematics
<b>Annette Lazzaro</b>	-	Physical Education

*Salary as per MTA Contract*

5. Substitute Teacher/Teaching Assistant/Nurse List - 2005-06 School Year:

<b>Jennifer Carter Radinsky</b>	-	Pre K, K and Grades 1-6 - Certified
<b>Megan Guerra</b>	-	Early Childhood & Childhood Education Birth to Grade 6 - Certified
<b>Gina Romero</b>	-	Art - Certified
<b>Judith Haight</b>	-	Registered Nurse
<b>Michael LoMedico</b>	-	NK-6 - Certified
<b>Patricia Messina</b>	-	Teaching Assistant
<b>Kimberly Colavito</b>	-	Teaching Assistant
<b>Dorothy Jedlicka</b>	-	Teaching Assistant

6. Student Teachers:

1. **Melissa Biviano**, Fordham University will be doing her internship in guidance with Mr. Dennis DiSanto, Guidance Counselor. Mahopac High School for the 2005-06 school year.
2. **Kristy Bishop**, Mercy College, will be doing her student teaching in speech and hearing with Virginia Giordano, Speech and Hearing teacher, Lakeview Elementary School, from 9/12/05-12/16/05.

C. Non-Instructional

1. **Calvin Hanner**, third shift custodian, Mahopac Middle School, effective 9/12/05. Salary as per USWOM contract.
2. Temporary Appointment:  
**Patricia Titcomb**, 7 hour leave replacement monitor, Mahopac M. S., effective 9/7/05.
3. Change in Building/Hours:  
**Mary Fowler**, monitor, Lakeview Elementary School/Fulmar Road School, from 6.5 hours to 3.5 hours, effective 9/16/05.
4. Additions to the substitute clerical/ monitor/teacher aide/library aide list:  
**Patricia Messina**

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. **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 13, 2005 through August 30, 2006, as per the attached.

C. **IMPARTIAL HEARING OFFICER**

Recommendation of the superintendent of schools, as forwarded from the district clerk, for approval of the appointment of Mr. James McKeever to serve as an Impartial Hearing for the Mahopac Central School District.

D. **ACCEPTANCE OF GIFTS**

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

1. one basic sewing machine (valued at \$25.00) to the Mahopac Middle School from Mary Jane Marchut of Maple Hill Drive in Mahopac.
2. donation of \$22,000 from the Fulmar Road PTO toward the purchase of a wireless laptop lab in the Fulmar Road Elementary School.
3. (2) two monitors (valued at \$50 each) from Althea Daley of Nottingham Way, Mahopac.

E. **CHANGE ORDER**

Recommendation of the superintendent of schools for approval of the Change Order for the Mahopac Middle School lower level HVAC Work in the amount of \$10,000, as per the attached.

F. **NYSSBA LATE RESOLUTIONS**

Recommendation of the superintendent of schools, as forwarded by the Board of Education Legislative Chairperson, for approval of the following two resolutions to be submitted on October 29, 2005 at the New York State School Boards Association Annual Business Meeting, as per the attached:

1. *Task Force on Financing School District Retirement Benefits Resolution*
2. *Membership dues Bylaw Amendment*

**19. CONSENT AGENDA CONCLUDES**

**The consent agenda was moved by Mrs. Earle, seconded by Mr. DeBellis, carried unanimously.**

20. RESIDENT COMMENTS - Scheduled & Unscheduled

Scheduled

- *Joseph Scappatura* - commented that he respects all the time and effort that board members have put into the budget but requested that the board make even cuts across the board when working on the budget.
- *Dahlia Wood* - welcomes the participation with the board to work on the budget and to get the information back to the public.

20. RESIDENT COMMENTS - continued

- *Susan Groth* - questioned how she could get notified if there is an emergency with early dismissal and her neighbor is not at home. Mr. Beverly informed her that there is free service that she can submit her e-mail address to get a notification by cell phone text phone messaging.

21. NEXT MEETING - November 8, 2005 @ the **High School**

22. ADJOURNMENT

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

**Moved by Mr. DeBellis, seconded by Mrs. Fabiano, carried unanimously.**

At 11:41 p.m., the board returned to public session, at which time the meeting was adjourned.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Dorothy A. Gilroy,  
District Clerk



MAHOPAC CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT  
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING, **November 8, 2005**  
**MAHOPAC HIGH School**, 8:00 PM

**MINUTES**

1. CALL OF THE ROLL

PRESENT: Giulio Cefaloni (7:10pm), Frank DeBellis, Jeanne Earle, Rose Fabiano,  
Patricia Greenwood-O'Keefe (7:20pm), William Hines (7:20 pm),  
Elaine Simone, Vinnie Trinchitella

ABSENT: Penny Swift

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

OTHERS: Ralph DeMarco, Esq. and Carrie Anne Tondo, Esq. of Ingerman, Smith, L.L.P.

2. CONVENE: At 7:05 p.m., President Trinchitella called the meeting to order in Room 106 of the Mahopac High School and moved immediately to executive session for the purpose of discussing a particular litigation issue and particular personnel matter.

**Moved by Mrs. Earle, seconded by Mrs. Simone, carried unanimously.**

At 8:05 p.m., the board returned to public session in the HS Auditorium with the pledge of allegiance to the flag. At this time, Mrs. Simone and Mrs. O'Keefe departed.

**Moved by Mr. Cefaloni, seconded by Mrs. Fabiano, carried unanimously.**

OTHERS: Approximately 35-40 people were present including staff members.

3. RESIDENT COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS ONLY - None

4. COMMUNICATIONS

- Recognition of Joseph Seeley, receiving tenure in the area of music this evening.
- Diane Moore, Putnam Youth Bureau of the Department of Health, informed the board of a drive called *Reality Check*, to protect young people from the tobacco industry, asking for the board's support.

5. ACCEPTANCE OF WARRANTS

GENERAL 'A' FUND WARRANTS:

# 19, CHECKS # 103042 TO 103693,	10/12/05, \$ 751,872.96
# 21, CHECKS # 103694 TO 103906, 9999999	10/19/05, \$ 510,618.22
# 23, CHECKS # 103907 TO 104074,	10/26/05, \$ 536,443.26

CAPITAL PROJECT 'H' FUND WARRANTS:

# 06, CHECKS # 1986 TO 1990,	10/19/05, \$ 18,575.63
# 07, CHECKS # 1991,	10/26/05, \$ 230.00

TRUST & AGENCY 'T' FUND WARRANTS:

# 13, CHECKS # 225, 6975 TO 7006, 100405, 7370109,	10/26/05, \$45,403.44
# 14, CHECKS # 7007 TO 7022,	10/26/05, \$18,612.33

6. TREASURER'S REPORT - September, 2005, received for filing

**President Trinchitella acknowledged receipt and acceptance of the above-mentioned warrants, Treasurer's Report and Budget Status Report.**

7. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

◦ 10/11/05 - Regular Board Meeting

**Moved by Mrs. Fabiano, seconded by Mr. Cefaloni, carried unanimously.**

8. STUDENT REPORTS - Anthony DiCarlo, M.O.S.T. Student Council Vice-President, reported on recent activities at the high school such as student court meetings; discussions of where to hold the senior prom after research by Anthony Fabiano; decision to hold the prom in New Rochelle; Home Coming with the senior class float winning and meetings with Principal Trummer covering many topics.

***President Trinchitella took executive privilege of changing the order of the order due to the number of staff members present this evening for presentations.***

9. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Curriculum Reports

- Science Research Program Presentation - *Anthony Fabiano, Student*  
Troy Bilyeu, HS Assistant Principal, introduced Science teachers Heather McArdle and Scott Rizzo, who informed the board of Anthony Fabiano's research at the University of Pennsylvania over the last two years under the direction of Professor Dr. Raymond Gorde. Anthony gave a very thorough power point presentation on *The Effect of Carbon Coking associated with direct Oxidation of Hydrocarbons in Hydrocarbon Powered solid Oxide Fuel Cells*. His current research covered *Substitution of Ceria-Zirconia anodes in Pure Ceria Anode Fuel Cells*.
- Mahopac High School Goals - *Aaron Trummer, Principal*  
Dr. Reidy reported that when we hold monthly board meetings at all the various schools during this year, we would like to discuss goals from last year; if we have reached them and where we are in regard to each.

HS Principal, Aaron Trummer, reported that last year the HS system was personalized, creating four houses. These four small schools, with their own support mechanisms, have the ability to give students and teachers the support that they need. He introduced House Principals who reported on how these houses have met community needs. Silver House Principal Troy Bilyeu reported on how students benefit from the small schools; Blue House Principal Adam Pease reported on how the houses help the parents; Gold House Principal Andy Hatt reported on how they relate to more effective staff relationships and Green House Principal Deborah Talbot reported on the effectiveness of the creation of the four houses.

Principal Trummer reported on the following 2005/06 goals: Support Mechanisms to create and support a safe and nurturing environment for all students and identified issues relating to student failure rate. Mr. Trummer reported on the problems relating to these goals; the process to reach each goal and the evidence as a result of the processes being done to reach these goals. A question and answer period followed with discussion on the pilot program New Directions; the Time Committee; Instructional Support Team; intervention strategies; early intervention and team approach.

10. COMMITTEE REPORTS - Board of Education Chairpersons

Administrative – President Trinchitella extended gratitude and thanks the PTO Organizations for their donation to the libraries in celebration of School Boards Recognition Week. She stated that she could not think of a better way of recognizing the board’s work than to donate books for the children’s enjoyment.

Finance – Mr. DeBellis reported that the committee met last month to review the report of the annual Independent Audit for the last school year. He also reported that Dr. Reidy would begin the new Budget Process with the first Public Forum being held on Thursday, November 17<sup>th</sup>. These forums have been scheduled in response to what the community was looking for.

Mr. DeBellis also extended thanks to the Fulmar Road PTO for the donation of computers.

William Hines urged the community to come and see what the process is when formulating the school budget and that these public forums were created due to many rumors and negativism in the community.

Policy Mrs. Earle reported that she will be meeting again with Dr. Reidy and Clerk Gilroy next Wednesday to continue refining revisions to eleven board of education policies that the committee is working on to recommend to the board for their approval.

Technology - Mr. Cefaloni extended thanks to the Fulmar Road PTO for their generous donation of \$22,000 to provide funding for a mobile laptop cart at their school. He gave kudos to Mr. Quartararo and his staff for pulling the BEDS Report together. Mr. Cefaloni reported on the use of technology in the Science Department and cell phone notification for school delays/cancellations. He explained that parents or students that sign up for this free service will be sent a text message on their cell phones when school delays or cancellations are posted at:  
<http://www.mahopac.k12.ny.us/do/textmessage.htm>.

Buildings & Grounds - Mr. Cefaloni reported, in Mrs. O’Keefe’s absence, on the committee meeting that was held on November 3<sup>rd</sup>. Highlights from that meeting included a discussion on the leasing of two district properties, such as the Secor Building and the Lake Property.

Mr. Hines added that there was discussion at the Buildings & Grounds Meeting on the construction of the concession stand at the High School. He suggested that perhaps a banner could be put up at the site indicating that donations and community volunteers are conducting this construction along with programs from P/NW BOCES. Mr. Hines announced that any resident is welcome to work this Saturday morning at the construction site.

Special Education - Mrs. Earle reported that, in Mrs. Swift’s absence, she attended the committee meeting this evening to review the recommendations made by the committee and recommended board’s approval of Item 18.A. on the agenda.

**CONSENT AGENDA BEGINS**

- Items removed for further discussion - None

11. RETIREMENTS/RESIGNATIONS - None

12. RESIGNATIONS - None

13. TERMINATIONS - None

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

A. Instructional

**Susan Downey**, elementary teacher, Austin Road Elementary School, unpaid childcare leave, effective 12/3/05-6/30/06.

**REVISION:** **Amy Mahoney**, English teacher, Mahopac High School, unpaid childcare leave revised *from* 12/3/05-6/30/06 *to* 12/31/05-6/30/06.

B. Non-Instructional

**Barbara Lagatella**, monitor, Mahopac High School, unpaid leave, effective 10/31/05-10/31/06.

15. ABOLISHMENT OF POSITIONS - None

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

A. Instructional

One (1) Teaching Assistant (New Directions)

17. APPOINTMENTS - Recommendation of the superintendent of schools:

A. Instructional

1. **Tenure Appointment:**

Recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools for approval for tenure for **Joseph Seeley**, in the special tenure area of Music, effective 2/23/06.

2. Candidate: Barbara Lagatella  
Tenure Area: Teaching Assistant  
Probationary Period: 10/31/05-10/30/08  
Certification Area: Teaching Assistant-Level One  
Salary: Step 1 of the Teaching Assistants' Contract

3. Candidate: Robert Sweeney  
Tenure Area: Teaching Assistant  
Probationary Period: 11/7/05-11/6/08  
Certification Area: Teaching Assistant-Level One  
Salary: Step 1 of the Teaching Assistants' Contract

**Term Appointments:**

4. **Ilyssa Sherman**, *term substitute* elementary teacher for Ms. Jenifer Maloney, Fulmar Road Elementary School, effective 10/24/05-2/10/06 or until Ms. Maloney returns, whichever comes first. Salary: Step 4, BA+30+MA (pro-rata)

5. **Kristen Gillespie**, *term substitute* elementary teacher for Ms. Susan Downey, Austin Road Elementary School, effective 10/20/05-6/30/06 or until Ms. Downey returns, whichever comes first. Salary: Step 4, BA+30 (pro-rata)

17. APPOINTMENTS - continued

A. Instructional

**Part-time:**

6. **Christina D'Amore**, part-time special education teacher (50%), effective 10/11/05. Salary: Step 1, BA+45+MA (pro-rata) of the contract between the Mahopac Teachers' Association and the District. Ms. D'Amore will hold a New York State Initial Certificate in special education.

7. **Co-Curricular Appointments for the 2005-06 School Year:**

*As per attached.*

8. **Coaching Appointments for the Winter 2005-06 School Year:**

*As per attached (with corrections made on the addendum)*

9. **Substitute Teacher/Teaching Assistant/Nurse List - 2005-06 School Year:**

Jennifer Caso	-	Childhood Education - Certified
Kenneth Buderman	-	Mathematics - Certified
Sheryl Barnes	-	N,K & Grades 1-6 - Certified
Thomas Lindner	-	Business & Distributive Education- Certified
Dorothy Jedlicka	-	Teaching Assistant
Lynn Adams	-	Teaching Assistant

10. **Student Teachers:**

**Patricia Hoffman**, Mercy College, will be doing her student teaching in mathematics at the Mahopac Middle School with Donald Triebel from 1/23/06-3/17/06 and from 3/22/06-5/12/06 with Guy May.

**Crystal Hunt**, Mercy College, will be doing her student teaching in special education at the Austin Road Elementary School with Elizabeth Tarr, grade 4 partnership class from 1/23/06-3/31/06.

**James Mangano**, Adelphi University, did his internship in physical education at the Mahopac Middle School with Sean Lyons from 9/12/05-10/27/05 and will be doing his student teaching in physical education at Lakeview Elementary School with Donn Tobin from 11/2/05-12/7/05.

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. **PINE GROVE NURSERY SCHOOL LEASE AGREEMENT**

Recommendation of the superintendent of schools for approval of an extension of existing lease between the **PINE GROVE NURSERY SCHOOL** and the Mahopac Central School District for the period **7/01/05 through 6/30/06** for an rental of **\$27,278** and authorization for Board President to sign same. Rental agreement **attached**.

RECOMMENDATIONS - continued

C. **ISSUANCE OF SERIAL BOND RESOLUTION**

Recommendation of the superintendent of schools for approval of the Bond Resolution authorizing the issuance of up to \$500,000 aggregate principal amount serial bonds of the Mahopac Central School District, to finance the costs of acquisition of school buses and/or school bus vans for the school district, pursuant to the local finance law, as per the **attached**.

D. **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 bid for the installation of a District-wide Cafeteria Point of Sale System.

		POS		
	CONTRACTOR	TYPE		BID AMOUNT
1	ZON	POS		65
2		POS		
3		POS		

**CONSENT AGENDA CONCLUDES**

**The Consent Agenda was moved by Mr. Cefaloni, seconded by Mrs. Earle, carried unanimously.**

19. RESIDENT COMMENTS - Scheduled & Unscheduled

1. *Joseph Greenfield* - thanked the board for the venue of the public budget forums but requested that perhaps some of the meetings could take place other than on a Thursday.
2. *Lynne Carney*, 3<sup>rd</sup> grade teacher - reported on the value of Superintendent Conference Days in regard to the training for teachers and how valuable her colleagues feel these workshops are. She conveyed their appreciation for the opportunity to work together.
3. *Board Trustee Rose Fabiano* - took this opportunity to remind the community to view the great video which is presently showing on Channel 22 in regard to the Lakeview School donations to Gorenflo Elementary School in Biloxi, Mississippi.

20. NEXT MEETINGS

- ° 12/13/05 - Regular Board Meeting

21. ADJOURNMENT

At 10:05 p.m., there being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

**Moved by Mr. Cefaloni, seconded by Mrs. Earle, carried unanimously.**

Respectfully submitted,  
Dorothy A. Gilroy, District Clerk

MAHOPAC CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT  
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING, **December 13, 2005**  
Mahopac Middle School, 8:00 PM

**MINUTES**

1. CALL OF THE ROLL

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

ABSENT: Frank DeBellis, Elaine Simone

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 7:02 p.m., President Trinchitella called the meeting to order in the Main Office Conference Room of the Mahopac Middle School and moved immediately to executive session for the purpose of discussing a particular construction litigation issue and a contractual matter relating to the MTA Contract.

**Moved by Mrs. Earle, seconded by Mr. Cefaloni, carried unanimously.**

At 8:10 p.m., the board returned to public session in the Middle School Cafetorium with the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

**Moved by Mr. Cefaloni, seconded by Mrs. Fabiano, carried unanimously**

OTHERS: Approximately 18 people were in attendance.

3. RESIDENT COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS ONLY - None

4. COMMUNICATIONS

- Recognition of Richard DeFrancesco and Susan Soltis, receiving tenure this evening.

**Moved by Mrs. Earle, seconded by Mr. Cefaloni, carried unanimously.**

5. ACCEPTANCE OF WARRANTS

GENERAL 'A' FUND WARRANTS:

# 26,	CHECKS # 104075 TO 104331,	11/08/05	\$ 1,585,272.92
# 28,	CHECKS # 104332 TO 104459,	11/16/05	\$ 168,085.81
# 29,	CHECKS # 104460 TO 104604,	11/28/05	\$ 242,677.97

CAPITAL PROJECT 'H' FUND WARRANTS:

# 08,	CHECKS # 1992 TO 1993,	11/08/05	\$ 28,164.74
# 09,	CHECKS # 1994,	11/28/05	\$ 1,527.50

TRUST & AGENCY 'T' FUND WARRANTS:

# 15,	CHECKS # 536, 7023 TO 7037, 99999,	11/08/05	\$ 14,501.48
# 16,	CHECKS # 180, 7038 TO 7054,	11/28/05	\$ 21,529.22

6. TREASURER'S REPORT - October, 2005

REVENUE/APPROPRIATIONS BUDGET STATUS REPORTS

- Received for filing

**President Trinchitella acknowledged receipt and acceptance of the above-mentioned warrants, Treasurer's Report and Budget Status Report.**

7. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- 11/8/05 - Regular Monthly Meeting

**Moved by Mr. Cefaloni, seconded by Mrs. Earle, carried 6 ayes, one abstention (Mrs. Swift).**

8. STUDENT REPORTS - M.O.S.T. Student Council Officer

*Ally Besharat*, President of M.O.S.T. reported on recent activities at the High School including the basketball tournament; fundraisers; more student representation on the Safety Committee; holiday season collections for St. John's Church pantry and Blythedale Children's Hospital. Ally reported that student court is still in process and that they had Dr. Reidy come into the school to be a student for a day. Dr. Reidy commented that he would like this to become a regular event and that he had a great day.

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

9. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

**Auditors Report** - Messrs. DaPont and Brown from Weiss & Co. gave highlights of the audit which was conducted for the 2004-2005 school year. Mr. Brown commended the administration for a very good job with keeping within the budget. Mrs. Trinchitella reported that the board had previously met with the auditors at the last Finance Committee Meeting and reviewed all of the items in the audit report.

**Mahopac Middle School Goals** - Principal Paul Lenci gave a presentation entitled "A School in the Middle" discussing the transition for students and parents to the middle school and reported on special needs accommodations/services provided in-house. Assistant Principal Ira Gurkin gave a very thorough presentation on academic classes, accelerated classes, special education classes, support services and extra-curricula programs. Assistant Principal Anna O'Connor gave a presentation including the MS Instructional Support Program, curriculum based assessment and reported on the MS ELA results and read a certificate from the State Education Department awarding the MMS as a High Performance/Gap Closing School. Mr. Lenci concluded with reporting on the MS Math results stating goals to integrate with elementary schools, prepare the students for high school and to implement ISP for the 6<sup>th</sup> grade next year. He stated that strategies and interventions speak for themselves.

President Trinchitella thanked Mr. Lenci and his staff for a wonderful presentation and impressive scores and stated that the board looks forward to enhancing the process so more children can get involved.

Dr. Reidy stated that it will be a great loss to our schools when Paul Lenci retires; stating that Paul is a gentleman and a leader and it has been his pleasure to work with such a good man.

Dr. Reidy reported that Dave Chapman and Vince Quartararo have carried the bulk of the work load at the Budget Forums, and thanked them.

10. COMMITTEE REPORTS - Board of Education Committee Chairpersons

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



COMMITTEE REPORTS - continued

Legislative - Mrs. Swift reported that last week Mrs. Fabiano and she attended a Conference in Albany sponsored by NYS School Boards Association on Board Members Legal Rights & Responsibilities. Many topics were covered such as: responsibilities of board members, board meetings, the budget process, personal liability, how to hire and fire staff and materials that are foil-able. Mrs. Swift reported that there is a difference between executive and exempt meetings of the board of education. Exempt meetings do not have to be advertised. An example of this type of meeting is a meeting with the district's attorney. Mrs. Swift was very happy that our district complies with legal recommendations from the NYS School Boards, and it is a good feeling as a board member and a taxpayer.

Transportation – Mrs. Greenwood-O'Keefe reported that the six new buses have arrived that were approved by the community on September 21<sup>st</sup>.

Buildings & Grounds – Mrs. Greenwood-O'Keefe reported on on-going maintenance at all buildings including the second egress which has been completed at the District Office. She also reported that a walkthrough of all cafeterias was done to determine the placement of computer drops and electrical needs for a new computerized cafeteria system.

Technology – Mr. Cefaloni reported on the final stage of a three-year process to implement electronic elementary report cards. He also reported on the major initiative at the K-5 level by using a balanced literacy approach for reading, writing, listening and speaking. Last month, tools were installed on stations in each elementary school to continue this process following consultants from A.U.S.S.I.E. (Australian & US Services in Education) last year helping teachers to improve literacy. Mr. Cefaloni gave special thanks to Joyce Farrell and Tom Vasquez for their efforts and time with this technology work.

Finance –Mr. Cefaloni, in Mr. DeBellis' absence, recommended board's approval of Item 18.B. on the agenda this evening. He reported that the district has held three Public Budget Forums to date and encouraged the public to attend these sessions. Mr. Cefaloni explained the role of key communicators connected with the Public Forums and stated that anyone is invited to participate and attend the forums where the community will learn what affects our budget and what really goes on in the schools.

Policy – Mrs. Earle reported that the committee met on November 15<sup>th</sup> to review a number of policies including a new policy on an Audit Advisory Committee. Following that meeting, she incorporated revisions that were made and met again with Dr. Reidy and Mrs. Gilroy. The full board will receive final copies of all policies in next week's Friday Update and a committee meeting will be scheduled for January. Mrs. Earle reported that she would include a report on videotaping board meetings, which she summarized following her contacting other surrounding districts.

Administrative – Mrs. Trinchitella reported that she attended the three Public Budget Forums and found each session very fascinating. She felt like she was taking a course, found them very worthwhile and encourage the public to attend.

**CONSENT AGENDA BEGINS**

- Items removed for further discussion - None

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

Administrative

**Paul Lenci**, Principal, Mahopac Middle School, effective 6/30/06.

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

President Trinchitella and a number of board members expressed their approval with mixed emotions and sadness to see Paul Lenci leave the school district, but reluctantly wished him the best in his retirement after capping a wonderful career with the Mahopac Middle School.

12. RESIGNATIONS - Recommendation of the superintendent of schools:

- A. Instructional  
**Brian Kearney**, teaching assistant, Mahopac Middle School, effective 12/2/05.
- B. Non-Instructional  
**Angela O'Donnell**, monitor, Mahopac Middle School, effective 12/6/05.

13. TERMINATIONS - None

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

- A. Instructional
  - 1. **Kerry Kearney**, elementary teacher, Lakeview Elementary School, unpaid childcare leave, effective 1/27/06-2/28/06.
  - 2. **Jamie Davenport**, physical education teacher, Mahopac High School, unpaid childcare leave, effective 4/22/06-6/9/06.
  - 3. **Noelle Semenza**, special education teacher, Fulmar Road Elementary School, unpaid childcare leave, effective 3/29/06-6/30/06.
  - 4. **REVISION: Lisa Chesser**, special education teacher, Mahopac Middle School, unpaid childcare leave, *revised* from 9/1/05-1/31/06 *to* 9/1/05-6/30/06.
  - 5. **REVISION: Jennifer Cortesi**, elementary teacher, Mahopac Middle School, unpaid childcare leave, revised *from* 11/5/05-2/5/06 *to* 11/5/05-6/30/06.

15. ABOLISHMENT OF POSITIONS - None

16. CREATION OF POSITIONS - None

17. APPOINTMENTS - Recommendation of the superintendent of schools:

A. Instructional

**Tenure Appointments:**

- 1. Recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools for approval for tenure for **Richard DeFrancesco** in the special subject tenure area of General Special Education, effective 9/1/05. (*Tenure date change*)
- 2. Recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools for approval for tenure for **Susan Soltis**, Elementary NK-6, effective 12/15/05.

**Term Appointments:**

- 3. **REVISION: Beth Hicks**, *term substitute* special education teacher for Ms. Lisa Chesser, Mahopac Middle School, revised *from* 9/1/05-1/31/06 *to* 9/1/05-6/30/06 or until Ms. Chesser returns, whichever comes first.

17. A. APPOINTMENTS - continued

**Term Appointments**

4. **REVISION: Kim Salomon**, *term substitute* elementary teacher for Ms. Jennifer Cortesi, Mahopac Middle School, revised *from* 9/1/05-2/5/06 *to* 9/1/05-6/30/06 or until Ms. Cortesi returns, whichever comes first.

5. **2005-06 Substitute Teacher/Teaching Assistant/Nurse List:**

- |                       |   |                                     |
|-----------------------|---|-------------------------------------|
| <b>John Hamill</b>    | - | Math-Certified                      |
| <b>Debra Verde</b>    | - | Elementary-Certified                |
| <b>Celeste Kist</b>   | - | Pre K, K1-6 & Special Ed -Certified |
| <b>Zulma Lupo</b>     | - | Elem 1-6 & Sp Ed 1-6- Certified     |
| <b>John Ferranto</b>  | - | Teaching Assistant                  |
| <b>Danielle Blasi</b> | - | Teaching Assistant                  |

6. **Student Teachers:**

**James Mangano**, Adelphi University, will be doing his student teaching in physical education with Donn Tobin, physical education teacher, Lakeview Elementary School, effective 1/23/06-3/17/06 .

**James Mangano**, Adelphi University will be doing his student teaching in physical education with Kelly Buscarino, physical education teacher, Mahopac High School, effective 3/20/06-5/12/06.

**Jamie Feinberg**, Manhattan College, will be doing her student teaching in physical education with Ted Georgalas, physical education teacher, Mahopac High School, effective 1/3/06-3/10/06.

B. **Non-Instructional**

1. **Catherine Patierno**, per diem bus driver, Mahopac Bus Garage, effective 11/14/05. Salary as per USWOM contract.
2. **Susan Laga**, monitor, Lakeview Elementary School, effective 11/16/05 through 6/30/06. Salary as per Monitor's contract.
3. **Sherri Miniotis**, monitor, Mahopac High School, effective 11/28/05. Salary as per Monitor's Contract.
4. **Dorothy Gandolfi**, per diem bus attendant, Mahopac Bus Garage, effective 12/8/05. Salary as per USWOM contract.
5. **Additions to the substitute clerical/ monitor/teacher aide/library aide list:**

**Lori Adgate**  
**Amanda Grundman**

18. RECOMMENDATIONS - Recommendation of the superintendent of schools:

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

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

B. **RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT THE ANNUAL AUDITOR'S REPORT 2004-2005**

Recommendation of the superintendent of schools as forwarded by the Finance Committee, Frank DeBellis, Chairperson, for approval of the following resolution accepting the **2004-2005** Annual Audit Report:

WHEREAS, the Board of Education of the Mahopac Central School District directed Weiss & Company, certified public accountants, to audit the records of the district for the **2004-2005** school year;

WHEREAS, Weiss & Company has completed the audit and has submitted the report to the Board of Education, on **December 13, 2005**; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education accepts Weiss & Company's audit report of all funds of the district for the school year ending **June 30, 2005** and directs that a copy of this resolution, along with a copy of the audit report, be filed with the Commissioner of Education.

C. **PUBLIC OFFICERS LAW SECTION 18 RESOLUTION**

BE IT RESOLVED, that supplemental hereto and as an additional prerequisite to public office and employment, the board hereby further extends the right to be defended and indemnified as provided in Public Officers Law §18 to board members, school officers, agents and employees who are requested or are called to testify as a witness or to answer questions concerning their acts or omissions within the scope of their office, agency or employment before a grand jury, the Office of the District Attorney or other law enforcement official. Nothing herein contained shall be construed to authorize or require defense or indemnification to a board member, school officer, agent or employee who has been identified as a defendant in a pending criminal prosecution or where such individual, or the school district, has reason to believe that such individual is a target in a criminal investigation or prosecution by the Office of the District Attorney or other law enforcement entity.

D. **RESOLUTION RE DJH MECHANICAL ASSOCIATES, LTD.**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Mahopac Central School District hereby authorizes settlement of the action titled "DJH Mechanical Associates, Ltd. V. Mahopac Central School District" venued in New York State Supreme Court, Westchester County, Index No. 1541/04 in accordance with the terms of the Stipulation of Settlement between the parties; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby authorizes the Board President to execute any and all documents necessary to effectuate said settlement.

**CONSENT AGENDA CONCLUDES**

**The Consent agenda was moved by Mrs. Greenwood-O'Keefe, seconded by Mr. Cefaloni, carried unanimously.**

19. RESIDENT COMMENTS  
Scheduled & Unscheduled

*Joe Greenfield* gave kudos to the community for electing Mrs. Swift, following her legislative committee report.

Mr. Greenfield also suggested that, with incredible improvements in MS scores, it might be interesting to possibly track some of those students in our high school to look at the long term benefit from the intensive work that was done at the middle school and see if those strategies did stick.

*Heidi Stein* - suggested that the board put a policy in place for parent sponsored clubs. She informed the board that she attempted to revive the Middle School Jazz Band after it was cut from the budget this year and ran into some difficulties with the role of parents in connection with a parent sponsored club. Mrs. Stein wanted to make the board aware of her efforts and thanked Dr. Reidy and Paul Lenci for their assistance.

*Geri Schreiber* - informed the community that PTO's cannot endorse parent sponsored clubs.

*Lynne Carney* - informed the board that teachers have expressed interest in becoming key communicators in regard to the Public Budget Forums and requested the future dates of the sessions. Dr. Reidy reported that all dates are posted on the district's website on the last page of the Budget Process Report.

*Trustee Rose Fabiano* - gave thanks to Clerk Gilroy, as the year comes to a close, for her work this past year conducting three community votes and stated that she appreciates all the work she does for the board of education.

20. NEXT MEETING - January 10, 2005

21. ADJOURNMENT

At 9:33 p.m. the board moved to executive session for the purpose of discussing a particular personnel issue and particular issues connected with the MTA contract.

**Moved by Mr. Hines, seconded by Mrs. Swift, carried unanimously.**

At 10:25 p.m., the board returned to public session, at which time the meeting was adjourned.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Dorothy A. Gilroy,  
District Clerk

MAHOPAC CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT  
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING, **JANUARY 10, 2006**  
**Austin Road Elementary School**, 8:00 PM

**MINUTES**

1. CALL OF THE ROLL

PRESENT: Giulio Cefaloni, Frank DeBellis, Jeanne Earle, Rose Fabiano, Patricia Greenwood-O'Keefe, William Hines, Penny Swift, Vinnie Trinchitella

ABSENT: Elaine Simone

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 7:04 p.m., President Trinchitella called the meeting to order in the Multi-purpose Conference Room of the Austin Road Elementary School and moved immediately to executive session for the purpose of discussing a particular construction litigation issue and an MTA personnel matter.

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

At 8:15 p.m., the board returned to public session in the Austin Road Cafetorium with the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

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

OTHERS: Approximately 30 people were in attendance.

3. RESIDENT COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

1. *Mr. Neil Belloff* approached the board with suggestions for improvement on procedural matters in regard to board of education agenda/minutes. He also requested that agenda attachments be posted on the district's website, if copies could not be brought to the public meetings.
2. *Mr. David Wilson* requested that the board consider restoring the February break next year, voicing his personal opinion that families like to ski; that the district would save on heating costs and there would be a good chance of saving a snow day in February.

President Trinchitella thanked Mr. Belloff and Mr. Wilson for their comments and stated that their points are well taken.

4. COMMUNICATIONS - None

5. ACCEPTANCE OF WARRANTS

**GENERAL 'A' FUND WARRANTS:**

# 31, CHECKS # 104605 TO # 105023, 12/07/05, \$ 378,931.61  
# 32, CHECKS # 104691 TO # 104931, 12/05/05, \$ 46,848.90  
# 34, CHECKS # 105024 TO # 105126, 12/14/05, \$ 126,010.60  
# 35, CHECKS # 105131 TO # 105260, 12/22/05, \$ 641,172.22

**CAPITAL PROJECT 'H' FUND WARRANTS:**

# 10, CHECKS # 1995, 12/07/05, \$ 12,783.25  
# 11, CHECKS # 1996 TO # 1997, 12/22/05, \$ 550,115.00

**TRUST & AGENCY 'T' FUND WARRANTS:**

# 17, CHECKS # 999, 7055 TO # 7072, 7370111, 12/07/05, \$ 38,136.65  
# 18, CHECKS # 48, 7073 TO # 7095, 7370110, 12/22/05, \$ 51,038.62

6. TREASURER'S REPORT – 11/2005, received for Filing

**President Trinchitella acknowledged receipt and acceptance of the above-mentioned warrants, treasurer's Report and Budget Status Report.**

7. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- 12/13/05 – Regular Monthly Meeting

**Moved by Mr. Cefaloni, seconded by Mrs. Earle, carried 7 ayes, 1 abstention (Mr. DeBellis).**

8. STUDENT REPORTS - M.O.S.T. Student Council Officer

Ally Besharat, President of M.O.S.T. Student Council reported on activities at the high school such as: an update on Student Court; collection of gifts for Blythedale Childrens Hospital; the production of *James & The Giant Peach* and the officers looking into guest speakers to present to the student body.

9. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

- Curriculum Report

**Austin Road Elementary School 2005/06 Goals** – Principal Robert Meyer's presentation included NYS assessment results of Math and ELA over the last seven years and discussed the following: Goal I – the percentage of students who successfully pass the NYS ELA assessment test will meet or exceed more than 50% of the similar schools' groups and Goal II – the percentage of students who successfully pass the NYS Math assessment test will meet or exceed more than 50% of the similar schools' group. Mr. Meyer also included an outline of the instructional support program at Austin Road. IST teacher Danielle Romano, outlined her role and how she is working with the faculty to identify instructional strategies that will improve student achievement.

A question and answer period followed. President Trinchitella thanked Mr. Meyer and Ms. Romano and looked forward to seeing results at the end of the year.

- Dr. Reidy reported on the unfortunate brawl incident, which occurred following the Mahopac/Carmel basketball game last week. He reported that he has met with Mr. Miele, Athletic Director, Principal Aaron Trummer and counterparts from Carmel School District. We will continue to be proactive and will report back to the board of education and the key communicators. Tomorrow a meeting is scheduled in this regard at the high school and the administration will brainstorm for possible activities and a proactive action plan. Next week a taping of *Upfront with Dr. Reidy* video is scheduled with this topic where student athletes will be included as guest speakers.

10. COMMITTEE REPORTS - Board of Education Chairpersons

**Special Education** - Mrs. Swift reported that the committee met this month and the recommendation appears as Item 18.A. on the agenda for approval this evening.

**Transportation** - Mrs. Greenwood-O'Keefe reported that our six new buses have been approved for state aid; bus runs are being revised for kindergarten flip-flop beginning on January 20<sup>th</sup>; all snow plows and sand trucks are prepared for the winter; and the 2<sup>nd</sup> safety training meeting, required by the NYS Education Department, will be held on January 20<sup>th</sup>.

**Building & Grounds** - Mrs. Greenwood-O'Keefe reported on-going maintenance and grounds work along with the following major issues: district-wide six month asbestos reviews are in the process of being completed; shaft on the boiler blower was replaced at Lakeview School; the new bathrooms in the middle school lower level being 75% complete and the high school stage storage system is being modified and upgraded.

10. COMMITTEE REPORTS - continued

Technology - Mr. Cefaloni reported on salient points in this department such as: the link between SASI and IEP Direct for our teachers with a high security level and teacher training for Laptop Cart (recently donated by the Fulmar Road PTO) use on December 7<sup>th</sup> and HS Guidance Counselor Mr. Morda's presentation on financial aid to parents of college bound students on December 20<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Morda continues to integrate technology in his presentations with links to specific web locations that the parents need to apply for financial aid.

Policy - Mrs. Earle reported that there are two policies recommended for board's approval this evening shown as Item 18.C. on the agenda with some very minor editing, which are worthy of approval. Mrs. Earle reported that there are one dozen additional policies which will be discussed at the January 17<sup>th</sup> Board of Education Policy Committee Meeting.

Finance - Mr. DeBellis reported that the budget process is now a year round process. He reported that all budget inputs have been received and data is being reviewed in light of our program offerings for next year. To date, the district has not received any state aid projections. Mr. DeBellis reported that Mahopac has been selected by the NYS Comptroller's Office to perform an audit which will begin in a couple of weeks. The district feels good about this audit since we received a clean bill of health following our year-end audit. Mr. DeBellis urged the public to attend the next Community Budget Process Forum this Thursday evening, January 12<sup>th</sup> at 7p.m., at Lakeview Elementary School with the agenda being the K-6 Educational Program.

**CONSENT AGENDA BEGINS**

- Items removed for further discussion - None

11. RETIREMENTS/RESIGNATIONS - None

12. RESIGNATIONS - Recommendation of the superintendent of schools:

- A. Instructional  
**Robert Sweeney**, teaching assistant, Mahopac High School, effective 12/23/05.
- B. Non-Instructional  
**Calvin Hanner**, custodian, Mahopac Middle School, effective 12/22/05.

13. TERMINATIONS - None

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

- A. Instructional
1. REVISION: **Jenifer Maloney**, reading teacher, Fulmar Road Elementary School, unpaid childcare leave, revised **from** 12/8/05-2/10/06 **to** 12/8/05-6/30/06.
  2. **Ascension T. Williams**, teaching assistant, Mahopac Middle School, unpaid leave, effective 1/23/06-6/30/06.
  3. **Kerry Tarantino**, science teacher, Mahopac Middle School, unpaid childcare leave, effective 3/21/06-4/21/06.
  4. **Keri Abbondanza**, elementary teacher, Mahopac Middle School, unpaid childcare leave, effective 4/8/06-6/30/06.



14. LEAVES OF ABSENCE - continued

B. Non-Instructional

1. **Providenza Sottile**, bus monitor, Mahopac Bus Garage unpaid leave, effective 1/3/06-1/3/07.
2. **Tami Meaney**, part-time bus driver, Mahopac Bus Garage, unpaid leave effective 10/12/05 through 10/12/06.
3. **Evie Riehl**, monitor, Mahopac Falls School, unpaid leave effective 12/12/05 through 12/12/06.
4. **Mildred Sceppaquercia**, monitor, Mahopac High School, unpaid leave effective 1/3/06 through 1/3/07.

15. ABOLISHMENT OF POSITIONS - None

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

B. Instructional

Consultant Teacher (1)  
Special Education – New Directions (1)  
Teaching Assistant (1)

C. Non-Instructional

Custodian .5 (1)  
Teacher Aide .3 (1)

17. APPOINTMENTS - Recommendation of the superintendent of schools:

A. Instructional

1. Candidate: **Arlene Fischetti**  
Tenure Area: Music  
Probationary Period: 12/23/05-6/22/07  
Certification Area: Pending  
Salary: Step 8, BA+30+MA
  2. Candidate: **Eve Riehl**  
Tenure Area: Teaching Assistant  
Probationary Period: 12/12/05-12/11/08  
Certification Area: Teaching Assistant - Level One  
Salary: Step 1 of the Teaching Assistants' Contract
  3. Candidate: **Mildred Sceppaquercia**  
Tenure Area: Teaching Assistant  
Probationary Period: 1/3/06-1/2/09  
Certification Area: Teaching Assistant - Level One  
Salary: Step 1 of the Teaching Assistants' Contract
- Term Substitute:**
4. **REVISION: Ilyssa Sherman**, term substitute elementary teacher for Jenifer Maloney, Fulmar Road Elementary school, revised **from** 10/24/05-2/10/06 **to** 10/24/05-2/24/06.
  5. **Co-Curricular Appointments for the 2005-06 School Year:**  
*As per attached (revision)*

17. APPOINTMENTS - continued

A. Instructional

Advisement

**Eugene Mormile**, Mercy College, will be doing his student teaching in special education with Diane Cascio, Mahopac Middle School, effective 1/23/06-3/17/06.

B. Non-Instructional

1. **Marie Lopilato**, *term substitute monitor*, for Mildred Sceppaquercia, Mahopac High School, effective 12/19/05 - 1/2/07. Salary as per Monitor's Contract.
2. **Susan Laga**, .3 teacher aide, Lakeview Elementary School, effective 1/3/06. Salary as per CSEA contract.
3. **Joanne Sullivan**, senior clerk, District Office, pending successful placement on the Putnam County Civil Service List of Eligibles for Senior Clerk. Salary: \$31,218 per annum, effective 12/26/05.
4. **Amanda Grundman**, *term substitute monitor*, for Eve Riehl, Mahopac Falls School, effective 1/9/06 – 12/11/07. Salary as per Monitor's Contract.

18. RECOMMENDATIONS - Recommendation of the superintendent of schools:

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

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

B. **CONTRACT Re TAC AMERICAS**

Recommendation of the superintendent of schools to amend current contract with T.A.C. (Tour Andover Controls) to provide for additional hours of maintenance service for the Middle School and Austin Road Elementary computerized heating systems. Cost of amendment is \$ 21,696.00. This amendment will allow for 10 additional site visits for the Middle School and 4 site visits for the Austin Rd. Elementary School.

C. **ADOPTION OF NEW BOARD OF EDUCATION POLICIES**

Recommendation of the superintendent of schools, as forwarded by the Policy Committee, for approval of the adoption of the following new Board of Education Policies, as per attached.

1. Audit Advisory Committee (with minor editing from Chairperson Jeanne Earle)
2. Expense Reimbursement Policy

Recommendation of the superintendent of schools for approval to **waive the required second reading** of new policy being presented for adoption and to approve the said policy, as of January 10, 2006.

D. **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. The Empire State Wage Act of 2004 has adjusted the statutory minimum wage.

New York's minimum wage will be **\$6.75 per hour**, effective January 1, 2006.

18. RECOMMENDATIONS - continued

E. **CALENDAR OF EVENTS – ANNUAL DISTRICT MEETING/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 Meeting/Election to be held **May 16, 2006.**

F. **CHANGE ORDER RATIFICATION - MIDDLE SCHOOL HVAC Work**

Recommendation of the superintendent of schools for approval of a *Change Order* in the amount of \$3,500 due to a health and safety issue, as per the attached.

G. **BID AWARDS**

Recommendation of the superintendent of schools for approval of the **Outdoor Equipment Repair, Roofing Repair, Concrete Curbing & Sidewalks and Telephone Repair Service** bid awards to the lowest responsible bidder, meeting specifications, as per the attached.

**CONSENT AGENDA CONCLUDES**

**Consent Agenda was moved by Mrs. Swift, seconded by Mrs. Greenwood-O’Keefe, carried unanimously.**

19. RESIDENT COMMENTS

Scheduled & Unscheduled

- *Mr. Neil Belloff* - requested that more information be reported in the board of education minutes, and presented his opinion of the following issues: *No Child Left Behind* Law; evaluation of curriculum at all levels; transition from middle to high school; model schools; awards for students and teachers; teachers teaching at a higher level and Advanced Placement and Honors Classes Program of Studies at the High School. Mr. Belloff stated that he is prepared to work with the administration and the staff, upon their request.

President Trinchitella commented that the board shares many of Mr. Belloff’s concerns and that they have had many years of discussion on such topics.

- *Krista Donahoe* - requested an explanation of Item #16.on the agenda, which Mr. Quartararo explained that the Teaching Assistant is a one-on-one position for a special education student and in the special education area we are not in compliance with the State Education Department which warrants the additional teachers.

20. NEXT MEETING – February 14, 2006 @ Fulmar Road School

21. ADJOURNMENT

At 9:30 p.m. there being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

**Moved by Mr. DeBellis, seconded by Mrs. Earle, carried unanimously.**

Respectfully submitted,

Dorothy A. Gilroy,  
District Clerk

MAHOPAC CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT  
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING, **February 14, 2006**  
**FULMAR ROAD** Elementary School, 8:00 PM

**MINUTES**

1. CALL OF THE ROLL

PRESENT: Giulio Cefaloni, Frank DeBellis, Jeanne Earle, Rose Fabiano, Patricia Greenwood-O'Keefe, William Hines, Penny Swift, Vinnie Trinchitella

ABSENT: Elaine Simone

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 7:00 p.m. President Trinchitella called the meeting to order in the Main Office Conference Room of the Fulmar Road Elementary School and moved immediately to executive session for the purpose of discussing a particular administrative personnel issue and specific Mahopac Teachers Association matter.

**Moved by Mrs. Earle, seconded by Mr. DeBellis, carried unanimously.**

At 8:08 p.m. the board returned to public session in the Cafetorium of the Fulmar Road Elementary School, with the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

**Moved by Mr. Hines, seconded by Mr. Cefaloni, carried unanimously.**

3. RESIDENT COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS ONLY - None

4. COMMUNICATIONS - Mrs. Gilroy announced that petitions would be available at the March 14<sup>th</sup> Board of Education Meeting for those interested in running for the three terms of office of the Board of Education which will expire in June. She also invited anyone to contact the Administration Office to obtain a petition. The deadline for submitting petitions is April 15<sup>th</sup>, 5pm.

5. ACCEPTANCE OF WARRANTS

GENERAL 'A' FUND WARRANTS:

# 37,	CHECKS # 105261,	12/31/05,	\$ 5,678.28
# 39,	CHECKS # 105262 TO 105476,	01/11/06,	\$ 983,024.13
# 41,	CHECKS # 105477 TO 105570,	01/18/06	\$ 440,051.35
# 43,	CHECKS # 105571 TO 105789,	01/31/06	\$ 934,739.48

CAPITAL PROJECT 'H' FUND WARRANTS:

# 12,	CHECKS # 1998,	01/11/06,	\$ 5,425.00
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TRUST & AGENCY 'T' FUND WARRANTS:

# 19,	CHECKS # 78, 226, 7096 TO 7113, 123105,	01/11/06,	\$ 35,241.40
# 20,	CHECKS # 7114 TO 7130,	01/18/06,	\$ 18,170.05
# 21,	CHECKS # 126, 1020, 7132, 1312006,	01/31/06,	\$ 30,243.57

- 5.a. INTERNAL CLAIMS AUDIT REPORT, received for filing, 1/11/06

6. TREASURER'S REPORT, received for filing, 12/2005

**President Trinchitella acknowledged receipt and acceptance of the above-mentioned warrants, Treasurer's Report, Budget Status Report and Internal Claims Audit Report.**

7. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - 1/10/06 – Regular Monthly Meeting

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

8. STUDENT REPORTS - M.O.S.T. Officer (HS Student Council)

President Ally Besharat reported on activities at the high school during the last month including the upcoming fundraising efforts on March 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>. She reported on the Carmel/Mahopac Schools' Symposium, which was held for the purpose of bringing the two schools together. She explained that this is an inter-school community project, where there was brainstorming and very positive feedback. The meeting went very well and they plan to schedule more meetings over the next couple of months, hoping that this endeavor is long lasting. Dr. Reidy congratulated and personally thanked Ally, Vice-President Anthony Fabiano and M.O.S.T. Advisor Mrs. Bernadette Snook for their efforts. Dr. Reidy reported on and thanked them for the copy of their plan, which was very extensive.

President Trinchitella took executive privilege of changing the order of the agenda due to the number of young students in attendance this evening.

9. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

**Curriculum Report** - Fulmar Road Elementary School Goals

John Carlough, Fulmar Road Elementary School Principal, reported that his main focus and goal this year was *Balanced Literacy*. Following a slideshow initiative of the program, a live presentation was demonstrated of a Reader's Workshop with second grade teachers Bernadette Krohomer and Andrea Jones. Principal Carlough reported that citizenship and a higher level of learning is their focus and hopes to build on this throughout the year. President Trinchitella commented on how wonderful it was to see how excited and engaged the students were. She stated that they are grateful to the teachers for doing a wonderful job and thanked the students and parents for coming out this evening. Mrs. Trinchitella commented that they should feel free to leave for the remaining portion of the business meeting, since it was a school night.

Dr. Reidy thanked and complimented everyone from Fulmar Road School for their presentation this evening and for the wonderful job that they are doing. He stated that it was great to see such enthusiasm and thanked Dr. Carlough for his efforts with *Balanced Literacy*.

Dr. Reidy thanked everyone from Mahopac and their colleagues from Carmel who met with him following the unfortunate brawl incident following the Carmel basketball game. The symposium, which M.O.S.T. President, Ally Besharat, spoke about this evening, was a direct result of their meeting and he hoped that they could promote better relations with Carmel in the future. Dr. Reidy reported that he would be contacting the high school for another such meeting, with the Journal News covering the meeting in hopes that we will be getting balanced coverage to turn this very long rival between districts around.

President Trinchitella, on behalf of the full board, commended Dr. Reidy, Athletic Director Frank Miele, and all individuals involved for this proactive approach with Carmel and Mahopac students.

At 8:27 p.m., approximately 30 people remained in the audience.

10. COMMITTEE REPORTS - Board of Education Chairpersons

**Special Education** - Mrs. Swift reported that the committee met this evening and recommends approval of Item 18.A. on the agenda.

Mrs. Swift reported that in October, for School Boards Recognition Week, the Presidents PTO Council donated books to the libraries in their honor and the libraries have matched their donation.

Mrs. Swift highlighted the educational portion of the Governor's proposed budget, which is not enough to cover the increases in operating costs. There have been cuts to BOCES aid and possible cuts in high cost reimbursements. The Governor is trying to push school districts to have special needs children be placed out of the district. When this happens our hands are tied. There are plans to eliminate a 2<sup>nd</sup> Budget Vote and Referendum Vote. On the happier side, there might be an end to the Wicks Law, which would produce possible savings of 10-30%. The Regents is proposing full day kindergarten, with a lower starting age. These are unfunded mandates, which would produce an added burden on the taxpayer.

**Technology** – Mr. Cefaloni reported that one of the key presentations at the Community Forum on January 12<sup>th</sup> was a snapshot of the Technology Program. The presentation is posted on the district's website with information such as: the district's technology profile; the goals of the Technology Plan; technical support; data administration; systems review; computer lab support; library media center; the 2005/06 budget; consideration for new purchases and cost containment. Mr. Cefaloni urged the public to view the presentation for more specifics, which are being posted for the community's interest.

Mr. Cefaloni, who represents the school board on the **Health Advisory Council**, reported that they are planning a Community Health Fair on April 5-8<sup>th</sup>. He encouraged all to attend and bring the family. There are many different organizations represented and the Fair was very successful two years ago.

Mrs. Trinchitella encouraged the public also to attend the very informative Public Budget Process Forums held by the district where the nitty gritty of formulating the budget is discussed. The next forum is scheduled for February 23<sup>rd</sup> with the agenda being Revenue/Fund Balance/Tax Levy and all presentations from the meetings are posted on the district's website.

**Transportation** – Mrs. Greenwood-O'Keefe reported on kindergarten flip-flop which was successful and we did not lose any children in the process. The mechanics, drivers and grounds-men have been working very hard due to the biggest snow storm breaking the record; and she personally thanked the crew for their hard work. Mrs. Greenwood-O'Keefe recommended board's approval of Item #18.C. on the agenda, which is the Pine Grove Evacuation Agreement, which has occurred as a result of Hurricane Katrina. She commented that all facilities are asked to present such a memorandum of agreement to the state and that we should have a plan in place to provide these services should there be a threat to facilities.

**Policy** – Mrs. Earle reported that the board has a number of policies that they are presently working on to make sure that their actions are within the education law. She reported that eleven policies were discussed and that they are not quite finished with them. She will be meeting with Mrs. Gilroy next Tuesday and the board will receive all of the policies with revisions by e-mail at that time. Mrs. Earle is also presently reviewing Student Records Policy which has also been reviewed by legal council.

10. COMMITTEE REPORTS - continued

**Finance** – Mr. DeBellis reported that he would be meeting with Dr. Reidy and Mr. Chapman tomorrow morning to review the school’s budget plan, which will be presented to the board at the next Finance Meeting. He read quotes from the news article “*Advocates Bash Pataki’s Budget for Education*”, stating that every year we hope that the state legislation gives out more monies to education. Costs are going up at a greater rate and putting things in prospective, he hopes that we get good news from the State.

Mr. DeBellis made mention of the *Upfront with Dr. Reidy* TV show being aired on Channel 22 with the Carmel/Mahopac students. He stated that it was very refreshing to see them all get along so well; the young adults really putting their thoughts down very well and feels that this building process is well on its way.

**CONSENT AGENDA BEGINS**

- A. Items removed for further discussion:  
#14.A., #17.A., #18.G.

President Trinchitella took this opportunity to congratulate **Gary Schneider** on his tenure appointment.

Due to Paul Lenci’s retirement, Mrs. Trinchitella thanked Mr. Politi and Mrs. Pontillo for accepting their new assignments in regard to the realignment of administration. Mrs. Trinchitella stated that they are great leaders and the board was grateful that they accepted this challenge.

Discussion followed in regard to **Item #18.G.**, the 2006/2007 School Calendar.

Item **#18.G.** was postponed until the March 14<sup>th</sup> Monthly Board Meeting.

**Moved by Mrs. Greenwood-O’Keefe, seconded by Mrs. Earle, carried unanimously.**

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

- A. Instructional  
**Maria O’Connell**, elementary teacher, Fulmar Road Elementary School, effective 2/1/06.
- B. Non-Instructional
1. **Eileen Joyce**, managerial/confidential senior stenographer, District Office, effective 2/26/06.
  2. **Phillip DeLuca**, automotive mechanic specialist, Bus Garage, effective 2/28/06.

12. RESIGNATIONS – Recommendation of the superintendent of schools:

- A. Instructional  
**Darlene Siodlak**, term substitute teaching assistant for Kris Edwards, Mahopac Middle School, effective 2/12/06.
- B. Non-Instructional
1. **Susan Laga**, monitor, Lakeview Elementary School, effective 1/2/06.
  2. **Robyn Silverstein**, part-time account clerk, Mahopac High School, effective 1/27/06.

13. TERMINATIONS - None

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

A. Administrative

**Peter Politi**, principal of Lakeview Elementary, unpaid leave of absence, effective 7/1/06- 6/30/07.

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

B. Instructional

1. **REVISION:** **Kris Edwards**, teaching assistant, Mahopac Middle School, unpaid leave revised *from* 9/1/05-1/31/06 *to* 9/1/05-6/30/06.
2. **REVISION:** **Kerry Tarantino**, science, Mahopac Middle School, unpaid leave childcare leave revised *from* 3/21/06-4/21/06 *to* 3/8/06-4/6/06.
3. **Jayne Bentivenga**, elementary teacher, Lakeview Elementary School, unpaid childcare leave, effective 4/28/06-6/15/06.
4. **Allison Pugliese**, guidance counselor, Mahopac Middle School, unpaid childcare leave, effective 5/12/06-6/30/06.
5. **Eugene Mormile**, teaching assistant, Mahopac Middle School, unpaid leave, effective 3/20/06-5/12/06.

C. Non-Instructional

**Donna Milian**, behavior specialist, Lakeview Elementary School, unpaid leave, effective 1/23/06-6/30/06.

15. ABOLISHMENT OF POSITIONS – Recommendation of the superintendent of schools:

A. Non-Instructional

One (1) .5 Account Clerk

One (1) Cleaner

**NOTE:** One (1) additional cleaner was abolished 9/13/05.

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

A. Non-Instructional

One (1) Student Information Support Specialist

Two and half (2.5) Custodians

**REVISION:** From One (1) .3 Teacher Aide to One (1) .5 Teacher Aide

17. APPOINTMENTS - Recommendation of the superintendent of schools:

A. Administrative

Candidate:	<b>Peter Politi</b>
Tenure Area:	Principal/Middle School
Probationary Period:	7/1/06-6/30/07
Certification Area:	Permanent
Salary:	\$135,515

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



17. APPOINTMENTS – continued

B. Instructional

1. Tenure Appointment:

Recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools for approval for tenure for **Gary Schneider** in the academic tenure area of Mathematics, effective 3/2/06.

Appointments:

2. Candidate: Jeanette Manfredonia  
Tenure Area: Secondary Science  
Probationary Period: 2/6/06-2/5/08  
Certification Area: Permanent  
Salary: Step 5, BA+30+MA (pro-rata)
3. Candidate: Dorothy Jedlicka  
Tenure Area: Teaching Assistant  
Probationary Period: 1/3/06-1/2/09  
Certification Area: Level One  
Salary: Step 1 of the Teaching Assistants' Contract (pro-rata)
4. Candidate: Darlene Siodlak  
Tenure Area: Teaching Assistant  
Probationary Period: 2/13/06-6/30/08  
Certification Area: Level One  
Salary: Step 1 of the Teaching Assistants' Contract (pro-rata)

Term Substitutes:

5. REVISION: **Ilyssa Sherman**, *term substitute* elementary teacher for Jenifer Maloney, Fulmar Road Elementary School, revised **from** 10/24/05-2/24/06 **to** 10/24/05-3/3/06.
6. **Merrill Friedman**, *term substitute* elementary teacher for Ms. Kathleen Harney Feierstein, Austin Road Elementary School, effective 1/3/06-6/30/06 or until Ms. Harney Feierstein, returns, whichever comes first. Salary: Step 3, BA+37+MA (pro-rata)
7. **Jane Curtin**, *term substitute* special education teacher for Ms. Noelle Semenza, Fulmar Road Elementary School, effective 1/23/06-6/30/06 or until Ms. Semenza returns, whichever comes first. Salary: Step 1, BA+45+MA (pro-rata)
8. **Allison T. Bily**, *term substitute* elementary teacher for Ms. Jenifer Maloney, Fulmar Road Elementary School, effective 1/27/06-6/30/06 or until Ms. Maloney returns, whichever comes first. Salary: Step 1, BA+39+MA (pro-rata)
9. **Kris Edwards**, *term substitute* elementary teacher for Ms. Keri Abbondanza, Mahopac Middle School, effective 2/1/06-6/30/06 or until Ms. Abbondanza returns, whichever comes first. Salary: Step 1, BA+43+MA (pro-rata)
10. **Ilyssa Sherman**, *term substitute* elementary teacher for Ms. Carolyn Ryan, Austin Road Elementary School, effective 3/6/06-6/30/06 or until Ms. Ryan returns, whichever comes first. Salary: Step 4, BA+30+MA (pro-rata)

17. APPOINTMENTS – continued

B. Instructional

11. **Anthony Quaglietta**, *term substitute* physical education teacher for Ms. Jamie Davenport, Mahopac High School, effective 2/27/06-6/9/06 or until Ms. Davenport returns, whichever comes first. Salary: Step 1, BA (pro-rata)

12. **Coaching Appointments for the 2005-06 School Year:**  
*As per attached.*

13. **2005-06 Substitute Teacher/Teaching Assistant/Nurse List:**

<b>Noreen M. Stephens</b>	- Pre K-6 & Students/Disabilities - Certified
<b>Cheryl Barnhill</b>	- Biology 7-12 - Certified
<b>Keri Cammarano</b>	- Teaching Assistant
<b>Jacqueline, Azadian</b>	- Teaching Assistant
<b>Dustin Horvath</b>	- Teaching Assistant
<b>Maria Paparella</b>	- Teaching Assistant
<b>Matthew, Horvitz</b>	- Teaching Assistant

**Increase in Hours:**

14. **Maryanne Kasper**, teaching assistant, Mahopac Middle School, increased *from* 6½ hours to 7½ hours, effective 2/13/06 (transferred from classroom teaching assistant to Computer Lab teaching assistant).

15. ADVISEMENTS - **Student Teachers:**

**Damian Morales**, Vassar College, will be doing his 80 hours of field work in social work with Jill Carolan/Linda Kalman, school social workers, effective 1/26/06.

**Laura Swart**, Manhattanville College, will do her 100 hours of observation in physical education at the Mahopac Middle School.

**Lauren Reda**, Manhattanville College, will be doing her student teaching in elementary education with Patrice Butala, grade 3, Fulmar Road Elementary School, effective 1/17/06-3/10/06.

**Eugene Mormile**, Mercy College, will be doing his student teaching in elementary education with Robin Clark, grade 1, Lakeview Elementary School, effective 3/20/06-5/12/06.

C. Non-Instructional

1. **Robyn Silverstein**, student information systems support specialist, Mahopac High School, effective 1/30/06. Salary as per CSEA contract.
2. **Michelle Costello**, per diem bus monitor, Bus Garage, effective 2/21/06. Salary as per USWOM contract.
3. **Paul Mitesser**, third shift custodian, Mahopac Middle School, effective 2/15/06. Salary as per USWOM contract.

C. Non-Instructional, continued

4. **Charles McGrath**, part-time third shift custodian, District Office, effective 2/15/06. Salary as per USWOM contract.

**Reinstatement:**

5. **Frank Cunningham**, third shift custodian, Mahopac High School, effective 2/15/06. Salary as per USWOM contract.

**Term Substitutes:**

6. **Jacqueline Azadian**, term substitute teacher aide on special assignment, Lakeview Elementary School, effective 1/12/06 – 6/23/06.

**Temporary:**

7. **Alonso Smajlaj**, technology helper, Mahopac High School, effective 1/05/06. Salary: \$8/per hour.

**Reclassifications:**

8. **Wendy Kasper**, from cleaner to first shift custodian, Austin Road School, effective 2/15/06. Salary as per USWOM contract.

9. **Monica Wellington**, from part-time bus driver to second shift custodian, Mahopac Middle School, effective 2/15/06. Salary as per USWOM contract.

**Change in Building/Hours:**

10. **Hans Schweizer**, from third shift custodian to second shift custodian, Austin Road School, effective 2/15/06. Salary as per USWOM contract.

11. **Duane Grenyo**, second shift custodian, from Mahopac Middle School to Lakeview Elementary School, effective 2/15/06. Salary as per USWOM contract.

**Revisions:**

12. **Susan Laga**, revised from .3 teacher aide to .625 (18.75 hrs. per week) teacher aide, Lakeview Elementary School, effective 1/3/06. Salary as per CSEA contract.

13. **REVISION: Joanne Sullivan**, senior clerk, District Office, provisional appointment date revised *from* 12/26/05 *to* 1/4/06. Salary: \$31,218 per annum.

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

**Gina Russo**  
**Keri Cammarano**  
**Nancy Libertino**  
**Lori Adgate**  
**Jacqueline Azadian**  
**Maria Paparella**

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. **REALITY CHECK SMOKE-FREE RESOLUTIONS**

Recommendation of the superintendent of schools as forwarded by the Putnam County Youth Bureau, for approval of the attached Reality Check Resolutions. Reality Check is a statewide movement to raise awareness about the impact of tobacco use in films and magazines publications.

18. RECOMMENDATIONS – continued

C. **PINE GROVE COUNTRY DAYCARE EVACUATION AGREEMENT**

Recommendation of the superintendent of schools for approval of the Evacuation Agreement between the Mahopac Central School District and Pine Grove Country Daycare, as per the attached.

D. **HEALTH SERVICE CONTRACTS**

Recommendation of the superintendent of schools for approval of the following health service contracts during the 2005/06 school year:

Carmel CSD,	2 students	@ \$ 700.33 per student	=	\$ 1,400.66
North Salem CSD,	21 students	@ \$ 699.25 per student	=	\$14,684.25
Somercs SCS,	58 students	@ \$ 574.88 per student	=	\$ 33,343.04
White Plains SD	6 students	@ \$ 677.52 per student	=	\$ 4,065.12

E. **APPROVAL OF IMPARTIAL HEARING OFFICER**

Recommendation of the superintendent of schools, as forwarded by the District Clerk, for approval of Dr. James A. Monk, to serve as an Impartial Hearing Officer.

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

Recommendation of the superintendent of schools for approval of the course selections for the 2006 Spring Mahopac Continuing Adult Education Program, as per the attached.

G. **2006-07 SCHOOL CALENDAR**

Recommendation of the superintendent of schools for approval of the school calendar for the 2006/2007 school year, as per the attached.

**postponed**

**CONSENT AGENDA CONCLUDES**

**The Consent Agenda was moved by Mr. Cefaloni, seconded by Mrs. Fabiano, carried unanimously.**

19. RESIDENT COMMENTS - Scheduled & Unscheduled

*Joyce Spiegel* - Mahopac Falls speech teacher, stated how highly respected Principal Pontillo has been and the extremely positive change for Lakeview School and that she supports Dr. Reidy's recommendation and the board's decision.

*Neil Belloff* – asked for clarification on Impartial Hearing Officers and the Revenue Report. Dr. LaVigne and Mr. Chapman answered these questions. Mr. Belloff spoke on several themes such as: transparencies, processes and communication. He requested results of a multi-cultural task force survey which was conducted last year at the high school, brought attention to Title IX, lawsuits and questioned why Diversity Week at the High School is voluntary and not mandatory. Mr. Belloff questioned the advertisements of meetings and requested that he receive key communicator e-mails in the future.

*Tom Honahan*, in regard to publicity, stated that the public should check the school calendar, which the district has provided for all residents which advertises all monthly board meetings. Mr. Honahan also made the following suggestions: engage the faculty to get the students to a higher level; recommends reinstating department heads and questioned future plans for the average student.

19. RESIDENT COMMENTS - continued

Dr. Reidy thanked Mr. Honahan for points well taken and commented that that is why they are continuing to discuss raising standards for all students. He stated that the department chairperson decision is one of many items being evaluated in the proposed budget plan.

President Trinchitella thanked all residents for their well taken comments and suggestions.

20. NEXT MEETING - March 14, 2006 @ Mahopac Falls School

21. ADJOURNMENT

At 9:45 p.m. the board moved to executive session for the purpose of discussing a particular MTA personnel matter.

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

At 10:45 p.m., the board returned to public session. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Dorothy A. Gilroy  
District Clerk

Note: *Attachments 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)*

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MAHOPAC CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT  
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING, **March 14, 2006**  
Mahopac Falls Elementary School, 8:00 PM

**MINUTES**

1. CALL OF THE ROLL

PRESENT: Giulio Cefaloni, Frank DeBellis, Rose Fabiano, Jeanne Earle, William Hines, Elaine Simone, Penny Swift, Vinnie Trinchitella

ABSENT: Patricia Greenwood-O'Keefe

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

2. CONVENE: At 7:05 p.m. the board convened in the Conference Room of the Falls Elementary School and moved immediately into executive session for the purpose of discussing USWOM negotiations and a construction litigation matter.

**Moved by Mrs. Swift, seconded by Mrs. Earle, carried unanimously.**

At 8:13 p.m., the board returned to open session in the auditorium of the Falls Schools with the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

**Moved by Mr. Hines, seconded by Mr. Cefaloni, carried unanimously.**

OTHERS: Approximately 60 people were in attendance including parents and staff.

3. RESIDENT COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS ONLY - None

4. COMMUNICATIONS - Mrs. Gilroy announced that petitions were available for anyone interested in running for the school board. The seats of Mrs. Trinchitella, Mrs. Earle and Mr. DeBellis are up for re-election. Petition deadline is Monday, April 17, 2006 at 5 p.m., at the District Office.

5. ACCEPTANCE OF WARRANTS

GENERAL 'A' FUND WARRANTS:

# 44,	Checks # 105790 to 105895,	02/07/06,	\$ 339,777.55
# 46	Checks # 105896 to 105999,	02/15/06,	\$ 655,172.42
# 48,	Checks # 106000 to 106182,	02/28/06,	\$ 373,762.08

CAPITAL PROJECT 'H' FUND WARRANTS:

# 13,	Checks # 1999,	02/07/06,	\$ 7,168.00
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TRUST & AGENCY 'T' FUND WARRANTS:

# 22,	Checks # 65, 7133 to 7154,	02/07/06,	\$ 15,617.88
# 23,	Checks # 470, 7155 to 7176, 100405,	02/15/06,	\$ 16,171.86
# 24,	Checks # 100, 7104 to 7197, 7370102,	02/28/06,	\$32,069.23

5. a. INTERNAL CLAIMS AUDIT REPORT, 2/22/06 and 3/1/06 - attached.

6. TREASURER'S REPORT - 1/2006

**Mrs. Trinchitella acknowledged receipt and acceptance of the above Warrants, Treasurer's Report and Audit Report.**

7. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

2/14/06 - Regular Monthly Meeting

**Moved by Mrs. Fabiano, seconded by Mrs. Swift, carried 7 ayes, 1 abstention (Elaine Simone)**  
with corrections: Health Fair 4/5/06 and Petitions due 4/17/06.

2/28/06 - Special Board Meeting

**Moved by Mr. Hines, seconded by Mr. DeBellis, carried unanimously.**

8. STUDENT REPORTS, M.O.S.T. Officer – None

President Trinchitella took executive privilege of reversing the order of the agenda due to the number of staff in attendance.

9. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

- Curriculum Report

- Falls Elementary School Goals - Principal Jennifer Pontillo presented her goals while showing video clips from many programs during the year such as *Without Tears Program*, *Problem of the Day*, *Mapping of Family*, *Writers Workshop*, *Smart Center*. Mrs. Pontillo discussed the following: writing and reading skills and developing critical thinking skills. Dr. Reidy complimented Mrs. Pontillo and her staff, commenting that the Falls Schools is a wonderful place to visit and this program is very vital to the students' foundation.

- Community Budget Process Forums - March 16 and March 22 @ Lakeview School, 7p.m

- Dr. Reidy reminded the community of the final 2 forums of the year and that all reports are available on the district' web site from previous forums.

- Dr. Reidy encouraged the public to attend the *Communities That Care* presentation at the Mahopac Public Library on March 29<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.

10. COMMITTEE REPORTS - Board of Education Chairpersons

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

Community Relations - Mrs. Simone reported that the committee met on March 7<sup>th</sup> and discussed a few highlights from that meeting such as: the board agreed to videotape the monthly board meetings to be shown on Channel 22; plan to show more videos of student achievement/activities; look into purchasing an electronic bulletin board to keep the community updated; and to meet with the new legislation and Town Supervisor to continue to work together with the Town Board.

Technology - Mr. Cefaloni reported on some highlights such as: System Audits conducted in February; staff development; free one-year subscription of SAT Prep software; and the new computerized food services system. Mr. Cefaloni encouraged the public to attend the Health Fair being held on April 5<sup>th</sup> with health screenings and workshops available.

Policy - Mrs. Earle reported that the committee met last week and that she will e-mail the final versions of all the policies discussed, recommending adoption at the April 18<sup>th</sup> board meeting with revisions.



10. COMMITTEE REPORTS – continued

Finance - Mr. DeBellis reported that the committee met on February 28<sup>th</sup> to review the proposed budget and will meet again tomorrow evening at Lakeview School to continue their work, reminding the public that they are welcome to attend. He gave a summary of all the Public Budget Forums that have been held and the different topics that were discussed at each forum. On April 4<sup>th</sup> the board will hold another Finance Committee Meeting where they will finalize the budget. Mr. DeBellis reported that the State Comptroller's auditors have been conducting their audit at the Administration Building for the last few weeks , which could take up to a maximum of four months.

<b><u>CONSENT AGENDA BEGINS</u></b>
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- Items removed for further discussion
  1. Item #18.G. correction of date: Annual retainer: July 1<sup>st</sup> - June 30<sup>th</sup>.

11. RETIREMENTS/RESIGNATIONS - None

12. RESIGNATIONS – Recommendation of the superintendent of schools:

A. Instructional

1. **Amy Landis**, guidance counselor, Mahopac High School, effective 6/30/06.
2. **Lynda Donnelly**, teaching assistant, effective 3/1/06.
3. **Lynda Donnelly**, term substitute special education teacher for Sharon Baranowski, Mahopac Middle School, effective 3/9/06.
4. **John Fischella**, science teacher, Mahopac High School, effective 3/17/06.

B. Non-Instructional

1. **Louise DeGasperi**, bus monitor, Bus Garage, effective 2/22/06.
2. **Carmen Aleman**, per diem bus driver, Bus Garage, effective 3/2/06.

13. TERMINATIONS - Recommendation of the superintendent of schools:

A. Non-Instructional

**Eugenia Head**, monitor, Mahopac Middle School, effective 4/5/06.

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

A. Instructional

1. Jill Muller, guidance counselor, Mahopac High School, unpaid childcare leave, effective 9/1/06-6/30/07.
2. Carolyn Ryan, elementary teacher, Austin Road Elementary School, unpaid childcare leave, effective 5/10/06-6/30/06.
3. **REVISION:** Jayne Bentivenga, elementary teacher, Lakeview Elementary School, unpaid childcare leave revised **from** 4/28/06-6/15/06 **to** 4/12/06-5/31/06.

B. Non-Instructional

**Tracy Berube**, part-time bus driver, Bus Garage, unpaid childcare, effective 4/25/06-6/9/06.

15. ABOLISHMENT OF POSITIONS - None
16. CREATION OF POSITIONS - None
17. APPOINTMENTS - Recommendation of the superintendent of schools:

A. Instructional

1. Candidate: **Lynda Donnelly**  
Tenure Area: Education of Children with Handicapping  
Conditions-General Special Education  
Probationary Period: 3/10/06-6/9/07  
Certification Area: Provisional  
Salary: Step 5, BA+45+MA
2. Candidate: **Matthew Schober**  
Tenure Area: Teaching Assistant  
Probationary Period: 2/23/06-2/22/09  
Certification Area: Level One  
Salary: Step 1 of the Teaching Assistants' Contract (pro-rata)
3. Candidate: **Rosemary T. Cavaciuti**  
Tenure Area: Teaching Assistant  
Probationary Period: 3/1/06-2/28/09  
Certification Area: Temporary  
Salary: Step 2 of the Teaching Assistants' Contract (pro-rata)

**Term Appointments:**

4. **Jaclyn L. Antonucci**, *term substitute* foreign language teacher for Ms Yvonne Viebrock, Mahopac High School, effective 12/1/05-6/30/06 or until Ms. Viebrock returns, whichever comes first. Salary: Step 1, BA+39+MA
5. **Jennifer Carter Radinsky**, *term substitute* elementary teacher for Ms. Kerry Kearney, Lakeview Elementary School, effective 11/28/05-2/28/06 or until Ms. Kearney returns, whichever comes first. Salary: Step 4, BA+39+MA (pro-rata)
6. **Sarah Stefanak**, *term substitute* elementary teacher for Ms. Jayne Bentivenga, Lakeview Elementary School, effective 2/15/06-5/31/06 or until Ms. Bentivenga returns, whichever comes first. Salary: Step 2, BA+42+MA (pro-rata)
7. **Ann E. Coyle**, *term substitute* guidance counselor for Ms. Allison Pugliese, guidance counselor, Mahopac Middle School, effective 3/20/06-6/30/06 or until Ms. Pugliese returns, whichever comes first. Salary: Step 1, BA+45+MA (pro-rata)
8. **Ms. Celeste Kist**, *term substitute* special education teacher for Ms. Sharon Baranowski, Mahopac Middle School, effective 3/7/06-6/30/06 or until Ms. Baranowski returns, whichever comes first. Salary: Step 2, BA+45+MA (pro-rata)
9. **Pamela Smith**, *term substitute* teacher assistant for Ms. Kris Edwards, Mahopac Middle School, effective 3/6/06-6/30/06 or until Ms. Edwards returns, whichever comes first. Salary: Step 1 of the Teaching Assistants' Contract (pro-rata)

17. APPOINTMENTS - continued

A. Instructional

10. **Matthew Horvitz**, *term substitute* teacher assistant for Ms. Ascension Williams, Mahopac Middle School, effective 2/13/06-6/30/06 or until Ms. Williams returns, whichever comes first. Salary: Step 1 of the Teaching Assistants' Contract (pro-rata)
11. **REVISION: Ilyssa Sherman** term substitute elementary teacher for Carolyn Ryan, revised *from 3/6/06-6/30/06 to 3/1/06-6/30/06*.

**2005-06 Substitute Teacher/Teaching Assistant/Nurse List:**

<b>Lindsay Whitesell</b>	-	Teaching Assistant
<b>Marie See</b>	-	Teaching Assistant
<b>Stacy Carter</b>	-	Elementary/Special Education – Pending- Teaching Asst.
<b>Kathryn Cuomo</b>	-	Teaching Assistant

B. Non-Instructional

1. **Mary McCaffrey**, monitor, Mahopac Middle School, effective 3/6/06. Salary as per Monitor's Contract.
2. Additions to the substitute clerical/ monitor/teacher aide/library aide list:  
**Marie A. Sottolano**  
**Carol Hoover**  
**Marie See**  
**Kathryn Cuomo**

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 SCHOOL CALENDAR**

Recommendation of the superintendent of schools for approval of the school calendar for the 2006/07 school year, as per the attached.

C. **HEALTH SERVICE CONTRACT**

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

**Tarrytown Public Schools, 1 student @ \$625.00**

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.

18. RECOMMENDATIONS - continued

**E. ADOPTION OF BOARD OF EDUCATION POLICIES: ADDITIONS/REVISIONS**

Recommendation of the superintendent of schools as forwarded from the Board of Education Policy Committee, for approval of the following Policies:

- Audit Advisory Committee (revised 2/20/06)
- Cellular Phone Use
- Credit Card Use, School District
- District Laptop Use
- Representing Mahopac CSD at events
- Expense Reimbursement (revised 2/20/06)
- Fax, Copier and Printer Use
- Naming of School District Properties and Improvement
- Organizational Chart
- Refreshments at School District Meetings
- Vehicles Use, School District

This represents the required first notification of change in Board of Education Policy being recommended for adoption.

**F. RE-CERTIFICATION OF THE BIENNIAL REVIEW OF THE DISTRICT PLAN FOR PARTICIPATION OF PARENTS AND SCHOOL-BASED PLANNING AND SHARED DECISION MAKING**

Recommendation of the superintendent of schools for approval of the current plan on file with the State Education Department Commissioner regarding Regulation Section 100.11: "*School-based Planning & Shared Decision Making*". This plan has been re-certified, as directed by representatives of the teacher, parent and administrative units. The Biennial Review Report will be submitted to the State Education Department Office of Planning and Professional Development, electronically, by Dorothy Gilroy, District Clerk. The Biennial Review and District Plan are on file in the District Clerk's Office.

**G. LETTER OF ENGAGEMENT FOR LABOR COUNSEL SERVICES**

Recommendation of the superintendent of schools for approval of the Letter of Engagement between the Mahopac Central School District and Ingerman Smith, L.L.P., as per the attached. The annual retainer fee for the period of **July 1<sup>st</sup> through June 30<sup>th</sup>** shall be in the amount of \$35,000 for labor counsel services as described in the engagement letter. This retainer fee will be prorated for the period January 2, 2006 through June 30, 2006.

**CONSENT AGENDA CONCLUDES**

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

19. RESIDENT COMMENTS - Scheduled & Unscheduled

1. *Lynn Zaneri* read a letter to the board regarding meeting the needs of gifted children.

President Trinchitella thanked Ms. Zaneri for her comments but reminded her that the district has many talented and capable staff members. Vice-President Cefaloni commented that Ms. Zaneri's approach was not the way to improve education and that he takes offense to her accusing everyone in the district. Dr. Reidy reported that we have a tremendous amount of resources for special education and that we must work hard at differentiated instruction and strive to get better every day. He also stated that he hoped there would be an apology to his staff as a result of Ms. Zaneri's comments.

19. RESIDENT COMMENTS - continued

2. *Harvey Teplitsky* read a letter regarding the realignment of principals.  
Dr. Reidy thanked Mr. Teplitsky for his input and explained that it is his responsibility to appoint administrators for the district and that a search was not necessary when the district had two administrators that were qualified for the positions in question.

Correspondence is on file in the District Clerk's Office.

3. *Theresa Devins* approached the board in regard to the lack of consideration for working parents in the school district. She requested that parent/teacher conferences be held on one evening and commented on the following: two snow days should have been two hour delays; the cut of late buses have impacted the working parents and brought up the lack of before and after care in the district. Mrs. Devins informed the board that she has spoken to many administrators in regard to childcare and has brought literature this evening to give to the board.  
Dr. Reidy explained the process that is followed in regard to calling snow days and that Ms. Devins' suggestions in regard to childcare will be taken under consideration.
4. *Stephen Weiss* commented that he was surprised at the negative reaction from the board after Ms. Zaneri's speech.  
President Trinchitella informed Mr. Weiss that these comments have been heard numerous times.

20. NEXT MEETING - April 18, 2006 (3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of month) @ Lakeview School

21. ADJOURNMENT

At 10:12 p.m. the board moved to executive session for the purpose of discussing a particular USWOM contract negotiations issue and construction litigation matter.

**Moved by Mrs. Fabiano, seconded by Mr. DeBellis carried unanimously.**

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

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

Respectfully submitted,

Dorothy A. Gilroy, District Clerk

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MAHOPAC CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT  
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING, **April 18, 2006**  
Lakeview Elementary School, 8:00 PM

**MINUTES**

1. CALL OF THE ROLL

2. PRESENT: Giulio Cefaloni, Frank DeBellis, Jeanne Earle, Rose Fabiano, Patricia Greenwood-O'Keefe, William Hines, Elaine Simone, Penny Swift, Vinnie Trinchitella

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

OTHERS: Ralph DeMarco, Esq.

CONVENE: At 7:05 p.m., the board convened in Room 17 of the Lakeview Elementary School and moved immediately to executive session for the purpose of discussing a particular CSE Contract and personnel item.

**Moved by Mrs. Earle, seconded by Mrs. Simone, carried unanimously.**

At 8:06 p.m., the board returned to open session in the auditorium of the Lakeview Elementary School with the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

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

ABSENT: Mrs. Simone departed at 8:06 p.m.

OTHERS: Approximately 75 people were in attendance.

President Trinchitella took executive privilege of changing the order of the agenda due to the number of students in attendance.

3. RESIDENT COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS ONLY - None

4. COMMUNICATIONS

1. Curriculum Report:

As part of Principal Politi's Lakeview Elementary School Goals and the desire to increase the enrichment program activities, the Lakeview's Show Choir performed for the audience this evening. Mr. Politi introduced music teacher Ms. ConnieMarie Rao, who gave a synopsis of activities throughout the day. Students Anthony Trotta and Brett Zingaro both gave power-point presentations showing the connection of music with feelings. Mr. Politi also reported on the implementation of the instructional support teacher who works with a small group of students, always trying to enrich students as much as possible.

2. Presentation of Technical Education Award - Putnam County Retired Teachers Association

Carmela Lotrecchiano and Martha O'Connor, retired teachers, presented the following students with Technical Education Awards: John Nemeth for Automotive, Anna Yarmachuk for Computer Graphics and Susie Varian for Computer Assisted Graphics.

President Trinchitella thanked all the students for their performances and congratulated the students receiving awards. She commented that it was a wonderful way to begin a school board meeting and invited the parents to feel free to depart with their children, with 30 people remaining.

4. COMMUNICATIONS, continued

**Item #18.C. the appointment of the Audit Committee, was moved by Mrs. Fabiano, seconded by Mrs. Greenwood O'Keefe, carried unanimously.**

3. The Oath of Office was administered to Chairperson William Hines, Rose Fabiano, Penny Swift and Joan Goldberg, members of the Audit Advisory Committee. Anna Murphy will take the Oath of Office at the April 20, 2006 Audit Committee Meeting.

Mr. Hines explained that to ensure fiscal accountability for the school district, Mahopac has conformed to State requirements and has elected five members to sit on the Audit Committee. Three Board Trustees reached out to the community for volunteers to sit on this committee and are very happy to have selected Anna Murphy and Joan Goldberg for a two year term of office. The committee will oversee the fiscal efficiency of the school district. Mr. Hines gave qualifications and background information of Ms. Murphy and Ms. Goldberg and stated how well qualified they both are and how pleased the committee is to have them on board.

5. ACCEPTANCE OF WARRANTS

GENERAL 'A' FUND WARRANTS:

# 50,	CHECKS # 106183 TO 106534,	03/08/06,	\$ 248,459.94
# 51,	CHECKS # 106284 TO 106522,	03/08/06,	\$ 55,322.35
# 52,	CHECKS # 106535 TO 106628,	03/15/06,	\$ 695,960.83
# 54,	CHECKS # 106629 TO 106725,	03/22/06,	\$ 150,602.58
# 55,	CHECKS # 106726 TO 106832,	03/29/06,	\$ 161,453.65

CAPITAL PROJECT 'H' FUND WARRANTS:

# 14,	CHECKS # 2000,	03/08/06,	\$ 4,500.50
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TRUST & AGENCY 'T' FUND:

# 25,	CHECKS # 7198 TO 7202,	03/08/06,	\$ 4,767.38
# 26,	CHECKS # 867, 7203 TO 7221,	03/23/06,	\$ 23,724.51
# 27,	CHECKS # 966, 7222 TO 7240,	7370103, 03/29/06,	\$ 53,685.71
# 28,	CHECKS # 231 TO 232,	03/31/06,	\$ 3,036.57

5.a. INTERNAL CLAIMS AUDIT REPORT – attached

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

**President Trinchitella acknowledged receipt and acceptance of the above-mentioned warrants, Treasurer's Report, Budget Status Report and Internal Claims Audit Report.**

7. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- March 14, 06 - Regular Monthly Meeting

**Moved by Mrs. Swift, seconded by Mrs. Fabiano, carried 7 ayes, 1 abstention (Mrs. Greenwood-O'Keefe).**

- April 4, 2006 - Special Board Meeting

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

8. STUDENT REPORTS - M.O.S.T. Student Council Officer

President, Ally Besharat reported on the activities at the high school as follows: M.O.S.T. Officers conducted Putnam County Board of Elections voter registration of students throughout Student Government classes; Carmel students will be visiting Mahopac again; M.O.S.T. will be holding election of officers for next year and the senior prom will be May 14<sup>th</sup>. The election of officers is being held earlier this year to allow for the opportunity to bring the new officers to meetings. President Trinchitella thanked Ally for her continued leadership with the student government.

9. COMMITTEE REPORTS - Board of Education Chairpersons

Special Education - Mrs. Swift reported that the committee met this month and recommended approval of Item #18.A. on the agenda. In regard to community relations, Mrs. Swift reported that more PTO representative will be attending board of education meetings. In regard to legislation, Mrs. Swift is working on getting a mass mailing campaign of letter writing to our legislators up on the district's website and will be forwarding the same to the PTO Presidents, trying to get momentum going to get the word out to have resolution that the onus of funding should not fall on the homeowner.

Audit Advisory - Mr. Hines reported that the committee is on schedule with their timetable to make a recommendation to the board for appointment of the External Auditor on May 9<sup>th</sup> and the Internal Auditor on June 13<sup>th</sup>. He reported that on May 2<sup>nd</sup> the committee will begin conducting interviews of the audit firms.

President Trinchitella commented that the Audit Committee has done a great job in record time, thanking the whole committee along with Mrs. Gilroy for all their hard work.

Mrs. Fabiano reported that they had all really exceptional people come forward from the community to volunteer to work on this committee.

Technology - Mr. Cefaloni commented that the use of technology in this district was evident this evening from the Retired Teachers' Technology Awards to our students. He reported on the following: several staff development sessions held during March; the Mandarin Library Automation System upgrade and the automation of each of the cafeterias being completed during March, with long lines and delays being reduced. Mr. Cefaloni thanked the Fulmar Road PTO for their generous donation of \$13,000 to complete the laptop cart and to purchase a color printer for the library.

Mr. Cefaloni commented that "Cinderella" at the Middle School was absolutely fabulous and gave kudos to the cast of 90 students and the teachers for a wonderful job.

Buildings & Grounds - Mrs. Greenwood-O'Keefe reported that the committee met again on April 4<sup>th</sup> to discuss the request from the Carmel Police Department to use the District's lakefront property following the receipt of answers to many questions from a previous meeting. Mrs. O'Keefe reported that a recommendation will be brought forward from the committee to the board pending a legal agreement being prepared and receiving clarification from the Carmel Police on codes.

Mrs. Greenwood-O'Keefe also reported that she attended the "Illusion" Concert which was quite amazing to see such talent at the high school.



9. COMMITTEE REPORTS - continued

Policy - Mrs. Earle recommended board approval of Item #18.B. on the agenda for the 2<sup>nd</sup> required time. In regard to a Wellness Policy, she reported that a legal opinion was received regarding the regulations from the NYS Government and the Health Department's Policy, which she is condensing and will forward to the board, following some clarifications. Mrs. Earle announced that following the adoption of these policies, the monthly board of education meetings will be videotaped and will be shown on Channel 22, the Educational Access Channel. Dr. Reidy reported that logistics are being worked out in regard to videotaping and will probably not begin for another month or two.

Finance - Mr. DeBellis reported that the committee has been meeting since January working on the proposed budget and now is recommending board's approval of Item #18.L. on the agenda this evening. Mr. DeBellis also reported that he believes the tax rate is very reasonable and thanked the administration and the board for a job well done. He believes the budget forums this year went very well, breaking the budget into many sections. Mr. DeBellis reminded all that the Budget Vote is May 16<sup>th</sup> at Lakeview Auditorium from 6 am to 9 pm.

Administrative - President Trinchitella reported that in the spirit of good will, Dr. Reidy, Giulio Cefaloni and she met with the Mahopac Teachers Association Executive Committee to share their mutual goals. It was a very productive meeting, very energetic and she left with the evident feeling of how much the teachers love their jobs. Mrs. Trinchitella reported that there was cooperation and willingness to work through mutual goals for helping students and the community and was very appreciative for this opportunity.

10. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

- Preliminary Budget - Dr. Reidy reported on the proposed budget as follows: a budget-to-budget increase of 6.9% and an estimated tax rate increase of 6.75%. This budget has no program reductions, an addition of two programs, the addition of chairpersons, elementary coordinators, and no job reductions. The district received notice that the legislation had increased our State Aid over the Governor's proposal, which enabled us to use a portion of that money to get the tax rate down. We have developed a multi-year plan that will enable us to maintain a tax rate, keeping it from spiking up and planning for the future. Dr. Reidy was pleased to report that we are current with our retirement system. He also reported that we are also presenting two Propositions for approval and will be getting out as much information out to the public as possible and there is a very informative video on Channel 22 presently showing.
- Public Budget Forums - Dr. Reidy also reported on the Public Budget Forums, which have been conducted since January where his staff went above and beyond the call of duty. Since he came to Mahopac, he and the Finance Committee and the Administration have been developing goals and he believes that we are very close to reaching those goals. He reported on the newly introduced Key Communicator Network where people receive factual information from the district.

Dr. Reidy reported on his attendance at the wonderful event at Crane Park on Saturday morning where the Mahopac/Carmel Association conducted three baseball games. He had the opportunity to speak to the community at this event on how we are all one community giving thanks to Dave Furfaro, the Mahopac Sports Association President.

Dr. Reidy reported on the Mahopac Educational Foundation, which now exists and will hold another meeting next week. There are a great number of community members who sit on this committee with excellent community leadership.

**CONSENT AGENDA BEGINS**

- Items removed for further discussion - None

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

A. Instructional

**Gregory Lofaro**, music teacher, Austin/Fulmar/Lakeview Elementary Schools, effective 6/30/08.

12. RESIGNATIONS - Recommendation of the superintendent of schools:

A. Administrative

**Deborah Talbot**, Assistant Principal, Mahopac High School, Effective 6/30/06.

B. Instructional

1. **Ann E. Coyle**, term substitute guidance counselor for Allison Pugliese, Mahopac Middle School, effective 3/24/06.
2. **Jennifer Rieger**, special education teacher, Fulmar Road School, effective 6/30/06.
3. **David Pallant**, foreign language teacher, Mahopac High School, effective 6/30/06.

C. Non-Instructional

**Catherine Donnelly**, per diem bus driver, Bus Garage, effective 3/22/06.

13. TERMINATIONS – Recommendation of the superintendent of schools:

A. Non-Instructional

**Mark Rudner**, per diem bus driver, Bus Garage, effective 3/23/06.

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

A. Instructional

1. **Elizabeth Merriam**, elementary teacher, Fulmar Road Elementary School, unpaid childcare leave, effective 9/1/06-6/30/07.
2. **Elizabeth Raynor**, special education teacher, Mahopac Falls Elementary School, unpaid childcare leave, effective 9/1/06-2/23/07.
3. **Noelle Semenza**, special education teacher, Fulmar Road Elementary School, unpaid childcare leave, effective 9/1/06-2/2/07.
4. **Sharon Baranowski**, special education teacher, Mahopac Middle School, unpaid childcare leave, effective 9/1/06-6/30/07.
5. **Amy Mahoney**, English teacher, Mahopac High School, unpaid childcare leave, effective 9/1/06-2/9/07.
6. **Rita Mandile**, mathematics teacher, Mahopac High School, unpaid childcare leave, effective 9/1/06-6/30/07.
7. **Christine Jensen**, elementary teacher, Austin Road Elementary School, unpaid childcare leave, effective 9/1/06-6/30/07.
8. **Dona Martirano**, elementary teacher, Fulmar Road Elementary School, unpaid childcare leave, effective 9/1/06-2/2/07.
9. **Kelly Wright**, special education teacher, Lakeview Elementary School, unpaid childcare leave, effective 9/1/06-6/30/07.

14. LEAVES OF ABSENCE – continued

10. **Virginia Giordano**, speech and hearing teacher, Lakeview Elementary School, unpaid childcare leave, effective 6/6/06-6/30/06.
11. **REVISION: Keri Abbondanza**, elementary teacher, Mahopac Middle School, unpaid childcare revised *from* 4/8/06-6/30/06 *to* 4/22/06-6/30/06.
12. **Victoria Genovese**, teaching assistant, Mahopac High School, unpaid leave, effective 4/18/06-6/1/06.

15. ABOLISHMENT OF POSITIONS – None

16. CREATION OF POSITIONS – None

17. APPOINTMENTS - Recommendation of the superintendent of schools:

A. Instructional

1. **Stephen Salese**, *term substitute* social studies teacher for Christine Honohan Zeolla, Mahopac High School, effective 3/20/06-6/30/06 or until Ms. Honohan Zeolla returns, whichever comes first. Step 2, BA+30 (pro-rata)
2. **Kenneth Buderman**, *term substitute* mathematics teacher for Dawn Campbell, Mahopac Middle School, effective 3/1/06-6/30/06 or until Ms. Campbell returns, whichever comes first. Salary: Step 1, BA (pro-rata)
3. **Jennifer Wynne**, *term substitute* guidance counselor for Allison Pugliese, Mahopac Middle School, effective 3/30/06-6/30/06 or until Ms. Pugliese returns, whichever comes first. Salary: Step 1, BA+54+MA (pro-rata)

**Increase in hours;**

4. **Maureen DiMaiolo**, physical education teacher, Lakeview/Mahopac Falls Elementary Schools, increased *from* 40% *to* 50%, effective 1/5/06.
5. **Co-Curricular Appointments for the 2005-06 School Year:**  
*As per attached.*

6. **2005-06 Substitute Teacher/Teaching Assistant/Nurse List:**

- |                          |   |  |
|--------------------------|---|--|
| <b>Jessica Cassaboon</b> | - | Pre K, K, 1-6 & Special Ed - Certified                                       |
| <b>Cheryl Jelonek</b>    | - | Art - Certified  |
| <b>Alison Ramsay</b>     | - | Students w/Disabilities Gr 1-6/ Childhood Education<br>Grades 1-6- Certified |
| <b>Evelyn Ashworth</b>   | - | Teaching Assistant   |
| <b>Jessica Cassaboon</b> | - | Teaching Assistant   |

7. ADVISEMENT

**Student Teacher**

**Angela Magliulo**, Mercy College, will be doing her student teaching at Fulmar Road Elementary School in elementary education with Ms. Cathleen Lang (grade 1) from 9/6/06-10/13/06, with Ms. Liza Kertelits (grade 5) from 10/16/06-11/27/06 and in special education with Ms. Irene Arocho from 11/27/07-12/22/07.

B. Non-Instructional

1. **Catherine Donnelly**, part-time bus driver, Bus Garage, effective 3/23/06. Salary as per USWOM Contract.
2. **Mary Brunetti**, registered nurse, effective 2/13/06. Salary as per MTA Contract.
3. **Additions to the substitute clerical/ monitor/teacher aide/library aide list:**  
**Marsha D. Barto**
4. **Salvatore Nastri**, auto mechanic specialist, effective 5/5/06.  
Salary as per USWOM contract.

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. **BOARD OF EDUCATION POLICIES**

Recommendation of the superintendent of schools, as forwarded by the Board of Education Policy Committee, for approval of the following revised policies, as per the attached. This represents the required *second notification* of policy being recommended for adoption.

- Audit Advisory Committee
- Bidding & Purchasing
- Cellular Phone Use
- Competitive Bidding Procedures Regulations - #5
- Credit Card Use, School District
- District Laptop Use
- Expense Reimbursement
- Fax, Copier and Printer Use
- Media Recording of Board of Education Meetings
- Naming of School District Properties and Improvement
- Organizational Chart
- Refreshments at School District Meetings
- Student Records
- Vehicles Use, School District

C. **BOARD OF EDUCATION AUDIT ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

Recommendation for board's approval to appoint the members of the Board of Education Audit Advisory Committee, according to the provisions of Education Law Section 2116 and Mahopac Board of Education Policy, as follows:

William Hines, Chairperson  
Rose Fabiano, Board Trustee  
Penny Swift, Board Trustee  
Joan Goldberg, Community Volunteer  
Anna Murphy, Community Volunteer

D. **RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT PROPOSAL FOR ASSET AUDIT**

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

To accept the proposal by CBIZ Valuation Group, LLC, capital asset management consulting firm, to perform a physical inventory of all school district assets. The following items will be inspected and valued based on Board of Education Policy:

- Buildings
- Land improvements
- Equipment and Furnishings
- Land
- Cost of Infrastructure

Information will be updated and loaded into the Districts Fixed Asset Cost System.

Estimated fee for this service approximately \$ 13,000.

(In response to Mr. Hines, Dr. Reidy explained that the above is part of the new State Audit requirements and CBIZ is a solid company affiliated with NYS Insurance Reciprocal.)

18. RECOMMENDATIONS – continued

E. **HEALTH SERVICES CONTRACTS**

Recommendation of the superintendent of schools for approval of the following health service contracts for the 2005/06 school year between the Mahopac Central School District and the following schools, as per the attached:

<b>Brewster CSD</b>	5 students @ \$740.00 each	=	\$ 3,700.00
<b>Lakeland CSD</b>	42 students @ \$736.11 each	=	\$ 30,916.62

F. **HEALTH & WELFARE SERVICES CONTRACTS**

Recommendation of the superintendent of schools for approval of the following health and welfare service contracts for the 2005/06 school year between the following schools and the Mahopac Central School District, as per the attached:

<b>Bedford CSD</b>	<b>Carmel CSD,</b>	<b>Lakeland CSD,</b>	<b>North Salem CSD,</b>
<b>Peekskill CSD</b>	<b>Somers CSD,</b>	<b>Wappingers CSD,</b>	<b>Yorktown CSD</b>

G. **SETTLE AGREEMENT WITH ROK-BUILT CONSTRUCTION, INC.**

Recommendation of the superintendent of schools for approval of the Settlement Agreement between the Rok-Built Construction, Inc. and the Mahopac Central School District to release funds being held by the District for settlement of the Mahopac Public Library Construction Project in the amount of \$103,591.68, as per the attached.

H. **PAYMENT OF ESTIMATED PRINCIPAL / INTEREST ON SCHOOL SERIAL BONDS**

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

RESOLVED, that payment is authorized of the estimated principal and semi-annual interest, due as follows:

<u>School</u>	<u>Bond</u>	<u>Estimated Principal</u>	<u>Account Principle</u>	<u>Estimated Interest</u>	<u>Account Interest</u>	<u>Date Due</u>
Bond Refinancing 4.0448% 2003 <b>\$15.74M</b>	\$ 15,740,000	\$ 770,000.00	066-027306	\$ 241,818.75 \$ 241,818.75	066-026776 066-026776	12/01/06 06/01/07
Library Bond 4.086% 2003	\$7,650,000	\$ 330,000.00	066-027306	\$ 136,934.38 \$ 136,934.38	066-026776 066-026776	10/01/06 04/01/07
Supplemental Capital Project Bond 3.90% 2003	\$5,250,000	\$270,000.00	066-027306	\$ 87,025.00 \$ 87,025.00	066-026776 066-026776	12/01/06 06/01/07
Cap Projects Phase 2 5.75% 2001 <b>\$28.75M</b>	\$ 13,450,000	\$ 305,000.00	066-027306	\$ 142,589.38 \$ 142,589.38	066-026776 066-026776	12/01/06 06/01/07
Cap Projects Phase 1 5.56% 2000 <b>\$28.75M</b>	\$ 12,725,000	\$ 285,000.00	066-027306	\$ 146,715.00 \$ 146,715.00	066-026776 066-026776	12/15/06 06/15/07
Cap Projects Phase 1 5.64% 2000 <b>\$28.75M</b>	\$ 2,575,000	\$ 55,000.00	066-027306	\$ 29,104.38 \$ 29,104.38	066-026776 066-026776	12/15/06 06/15/07
Cap Projects 6.75% 1991	\$ 5,416,895	\$ 300,000.00	323332749	\$ 40,800.00 \$ 40,800.00	323332749 323332749	12/15/06 06/15/07
Turf Field 3.77% 2003	\$ 732,000	\$ 75,000.00	066-027306	\$ 9,063.75 \$ 9,063.75	066-026776 066-026776	10/01/06 04/01/07
Bus Ban	\$ 900,000	\$ 180,000.00		\$ 40,088.00		8/06

**AND BE IT ADDITIONALLY RESOLVED**, that the Treasurer of the Board of Education be authorized to pay to the paying agent, and charges and fees incidental to servicing of the bond and interest coupons.

18. RECOMMENDATIONS - continued

I. **2006/2007 INITIAL CONTRACT OF SERVICES WITH P/NW BOCES**

Recommendation of the superintendent of schools for approval of the Initial Contract for Services between the Mahopac Central School District and Putnam/Northern Westchester BOCES, in the amount of \$2,954,240, for the 2006/07 school year as per the attached, with authorization for Board President and District Clerk to sign same.

J. **ACCEPTANCE OF GIFTS**

Recommendation of the superintendent of schools for approval of the acceptance of the following gift:

1. Donation in the amount of \$13,000, from the Fulmar Road Elementary School PTO, for nine (9) additional laptops and color laser printer to the Fulmar Road Library.
2. Donation of office equipment from the Putnam/Westchester Industry & Science Teacher Alliance and Ciba Specialty Chemicals in the amount of \$4,850, to the Mahopac High School. The donation consisted of four metal files, one office desk, one metal credenza and 35 chairs. The 35 chairs were placed in the Mahopac Falls School in the MSA Office. Special thanks and appreciation should be extended to teachers Mike Revenson and Kevin Finnerty for their assistance in loading and unloading materials from Tarrytown into the Mahopac schools.

K. **BID AWARDS**

Recommendation of the superintendent of schools for approval of the following bid awards to the lowest responsible bidder, meeting specification qualifications, as per the attached:

1. PA System Maintenance & Repair Bid for 2006/07 school year - Dutchess Telephone
2. Uniforms Bid for 2006/07 school year - Ameripride Uniforms (excluding rental portion)

L. **2006-2007 BUDGET & PROPOSITIONS FOR BALLOT**

Recommendation of the superintendent of schools for approval of the budget for the **2006-2007** school year in the amount of **\$ 98,635,979** and the following proposition(s) for placement on the ballot at the Annual Budget Vote to be held on Tuesday, **May 16, 2006**.

**PROPOSITION A - 2006-2007 Budget**

"Shall the Board of Education of the Mahopac Central School District be authorized to expend the sum of **\$ 98,635,979** for the **2006-2007** 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 **\$ 750,000** and to authorize and issue serial bonds in the principal amount of **\$ 750,000** 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 Proposition "A" budget number.

**PROPOSITION C – Capital Reserve**

"Shall the Board of Education of the Mahopac Central School District be authorized to establish a capital reserve fund not to exceed \$600,000 should moneys be available from the 2005-06 school-year Fund Balance?" **This will have no impact on school taxes.** These moneys will be used to repair/replace sections of roof at Lakeview Elementary School and the Mahopac High School.

18. RECOMMENDATIONS - continued

M. **SCHOOL BUDGET NOTICE**

Recommendation of the superintendent of schools for approval of the Mahopac Central School District School Budget Notice, which includes the Contingency Budget, as per the attached.

N. **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 16, 2006, as per the attached.

O. **SCHOOL BREAKFAST PROGRAM SURVEY RESULTS**

Recommendation of the superintendent of schools for approval of the results of the School Breakfast survey 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 2006/07 school year, based on the lack of need and lack of parent support for such a program.

P. **APPOINTMENT OF IMPARTIAL HEARING OFFICER**

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

Q. **REMOVAL & RESCIND APPOINTMENT OF IMPARTIAL HEARING OFFICER**

Recommendation of the superintendent of schools, as forwarded by the District Clerk, to rescind the appointment of Mr. David Marasciullo from the Mahopac Central School District's case and to remove same from the rotational list of impartial hearing officers maintained by the State Education Department in the Impartial Hearing Reporting System.

R. **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 621669, a copy of which Stipulation has been reviewed previously by the members of the Board of Education.

**CONSENT AGENDA CONCLUDES**

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

19. **RESIDENT COMMENTS - Scheduled & Unscheduled**

*Joseph Greenfield* inquired as to whether Proposition B monies is included in the budget, and was responded to that yes, it was.

Mr. Greenfield also commented that he would like to see the *Mahopac Educational Foundation* do a better job than any other school district.

*Lynne Carney* asked for information in regard to Items #18.E. and #18.F. on the agenda, and was responded to that they are children who travel out of our district and that we are required by State Law to pay for certain services that they receive.

20. NEXT MEETINGS

April 25, 2006 - Special Board Meeting (BOCES Vote), 7:30 p.m.

May 9, 2006 - Public Budget Hearing, 7:30 p.m./Regular Monthly Meeting, 8:00 p.m.

21. ADJOURNMENT

At 9:40 p.m., there being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

**Moved by Mrs. Earle, seconded by Mr. DeBellis, 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](mailto:Gilroyd@mahopac.k12.ny.us)



MAHOPAC CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT  
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING, May 9, 2006  
PUBLIC BUDGET HEARING, 7:30 p.m.  
REGULAR MONTHLY MTG., 8:00 P.M.  
Lakeview Elementary School

MINUTES

1. CALL OF THE ROLL

PRESENT: Giulio Cefaloni, Frank DeBellis, Jeanne Earle, Rose Fabiano, Patricia Greenwood-O'Keefe, William Hines, Penny Swift, Vinnie Trinchitella

ABSENT: Elaine Simone

STAFF: Robert J. Reidy, Jr., Superintendent of Schools; Ass't. Superintendents: David Chapman, Business; Candace LaVigne, Student Services; Vincent Quartararo, Human Resources, Curriculum/Instruction; and Dorothy Gilroy, District Clerk

OTHERS: None

2. CONVENE: At 7:05 p.m., President Trinchitella called the meeting to order and asked for a motion to move into executive session for the purpose of discussing Supervisors Contract negotiations.

**Moved by Mr. Cefaloni, seconded by Mr. Mrs. Earle, carried unanimously.**

At 7:35 the board returned to public session for the purpose of conducting the Public Budget Hearing, with 25 people in attendance.

**Moved by Mr. Cefaloni, seconded by Mrs. Fabiano, carried unanimously.**

Budget Hearing - Dr. Reidy conducted a presentation with computer overheads on the proposed Budget and Bus Proposition being presented to the community on May 16<sup>th</sup>, hoping that all have received the budget brochure in the mail. He also reported on the recommended cuts if the district was to operate under a contingency budget. Following a question and answer period, Dr. Reidy reported that the budget presentation is available on the district's website and thanked the community for their patience, reminding them to exercise their right to vote on the 16<sup>th</sup>.

CONVENE TO BUSINESS MEETING

President Trinchitella opened the business meeting with the pledge of allegiance to the flag with approximately 60 people in attendance.

3. RESIDENT COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS ONLY - None
4. COMMUNICATIONS - None
5. ACCEPTANCE OF WARRANTS

GENERAL 'A' FUND WARRANTS:

# 57, CHECKS # 106833 TO 106952, 04/06/06, \$ 1,097,630.10  
# 59, CHECKS # 9990, 106953 TO 107109, 04/20/06, \$ 524,844.08  
# 60, CHECKS # 107110 TO 107281, 04/30/06, \$ 440,154.22

CAPITAL 'H' PROJECT FUND WARRANTS:

# 15, CHECKS # 2001, 04/30/06, \$ 893.75

TRUST & AGENCY 'T' FUND WARRANTS:

# 29, CHECKS # 7241 TO 7244, 04/06/06, \$ 4,890.71  
# 30, CHECKS # 1003, 7245 TO 7274, 7370104, 04/30/06, \$21,195.40

- 5.a. INTERNAL CLAIMS AUDIT REPORT - attached

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

**President Trinchitella acknowledged receipt and acceptance of the above-mentioned warrants, Treasurer's Report, and Internal Claims Audit Report.**

7. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

4/18/06 – Regular Monthly Meeting

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

4/25/06 – Special Board Meeting

**Moved by Mr. Cefaloni, seconded by Mrs. Swift, carried 6 ayes, 2 abstentions (Mrs. O'Keefe and Mr. Hines).**

8. STUDENT REPORTS

President Ally Besharat, President of M.O.S.T. Student Council, reported on activities at the high school: meetings of the student council; their day in the life of a Carmel High School student and their meeting with the middle school class entering the high school next year. Dr. Reidy thanked Ally for her leadership all year and asked her to extend his thanks to her colleagues especially for reaching out to the Carmel students. He thanked her for being a major force in this endeavor and hopes that the district continues with these meetings.

9. COMMITTEE REPORTS - Board of Education Chairpersons

Special Education - Mrs. Swift reported that the committee met this evening to review the recommendations made by the committee which appear as Item #18.A. on the agenda. She also recommended approval of Item #18.C. on the agenda, explaining that this student has been placed out of district because we do not have a program that will fit the needs of this HS student in our district. Mrs. Swift further explained that we are required by State Education Department law to provide these services.

Audit Committee - Mr. Hines gave a synopsis of what the committee has done to date including: April 20<sup>th</sup> organizational meeting; internal and external auditors were interviewed; recommended approval of the external auditor which appears as Item #18.E. on the agenda this evening and the internal auditor will be appointed at the June Board Meeting. The committee unanimously agreed on the appointment of these two firms and gave a brief background of the firms. Mr. Hines thanked his committee and Mrs. Gilroy for all the work accomplished and keeping on task.

Technology - Mr. Cefaloni reported that United Streaming notified us that the HS ranks #6 among schools in upstate NY and #7 among all schools in NYS for usage and logins to United Streaming during the 05-06 school year. He reported that Mahopac hosted representatives from Westchester, Rockland and Putnam to discuss regional issues in educational technology, with extensive discussion of staff development strategies and best practices. Mr. Cefaloni also reported that during the April break, long needed maintenance was performed in the high school. The maintenance balanced network traffic on existing equipment and will allow for more efficient trouble-shooting.

Buildings & Grounds - Mrs. Greenwood-O'Keefe reported that there will be another committee meeting to discuss a number of items. She reported that the district has received a legal contract for the Town Police Department to utilize our lakefront property for a floating dock and that all concerns were answered.

9. COMMITTEE REPORTS - continued

Policy - Mrs. Earle received the Wellness Policy opinion from our legal council; received Policy from the Health Advisory Committee; guidelines from New York State School Boards Association, and samples from other districts. She took all documents along with three samples and produced a draft to present to the committee. So far she has received two comments from the board and will forward to the attorney to make sure everything is covered. By law we must cover nutrition and physical activity and have a policy in place by July 1<sup>st</sup>.

Finance – Mr. DeBellis reported that he feels the budget being presented to the community is a solid budget and this year there was much communication with the community through ten public budget forums. He thanked the residents for attending and thought that they responded well. Mr. DeBellis thanked Dr. Reidy and his staff for doing a great job with the forums.

10. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

- Dr. Reidy congratulated the staff on the production of the Wizard of Oz , who all did a wonderful job.
- Vickie Olsen was selected by WalMart as “Local Teacher of the Year” and received \$1,000 which she will create a Culinary Club at the Mahopac Middle School.
- Curriculum Report

➤ “The French Connection” - High School French teacher Teresa Giamanco and French National Honor students (Michelle Mattera, Adam Khalid, Fatima Goncalves, Lindsay Farris, and Sami O’Keefe) conducted a field trip to Lakeview Elementary School and spent the day with Lakeview teacher Karen Ferris’s Multi-age class. The high school students worked with the elementary students through exhibits and activities to influence the younger students to take the language. Both groups gave a delightful presentation of their field trip finishing up with lyrics in French of “Heads, Shoulders, Knees & Toes” with the audience. The Lakeview students present this evening were Joshua Fitch, Melissa Filardi, Nocole Quattrocchi, Elimy Trotta, and Allison Cuomo.

- ECG Engineering, LLC. Presentation

Lenny Costable, Director of Facilities introduced Mr. George Lawrence who gave a presentation on the environmental work they perform and reported on how the district could save money by saving energy. An energy performance evaluation would be performed of the district with long-term energy cost savings and energy conservation improvement recommendations would be reported. This project would have no cost to the district and the State Education Department would then give state aid as a bonus, if recommendations were performed. The purpose of the project is to get agencies to move on energy conservation. Mr. Lawrence requested the board’s approval of his proposal. After many questions from board members, President Trinchitella thanked him for all the information and that the board would take his request under consideration following further review and completion of reference checks.

**CONSENT AGENDA BEGINS**

- Items removed for further discussion - None

11. RETIREMENTS/RESIGNATIONS - Recommendation of the superintendent of schools:
  - A. Instructional  
**Judith DelGrosso**, elementary teacher, Austin Road Elementary School, effective 6/30/08.
  
12. RESIGNATIONS - Recommendation of the superintendent of schools:
  - A. Non-Instructional  
**Alison Mackenzie**, library aide, Mahopac Falls School, effective 6/30/06.
  
13. TERMINATIONS – Recommendation of the superintendent of schools:
  1. Instructional
  2. **Laura Battisti**, foreign language teacher, Mahopac High School, effective 6/30/06.
  3. **Mary Dombrowsky**, term substitute elementary teacher for Carol Adrian, Austin Road Elementary School, effective 6/30/06.
  4. **Maureen Tighe**, term substitute elementary teacher for Christine Jensen, Austin Road Elementary School, effective 6/30/06.
  5. **ConnieMarie Rao**, term substitute music teacher for Denise Gale, Lakeview Elementary School, effective 6/30/06.
  6. **Janine Mastantuono**, term substitute elementary teacher for Elizabeth Merriam, Fulmar Road Elementary School, effective 6/30/06.
  7. **Joyce Intervallo**, term substitute elementary teacher for Maria O’Connell, Fulmar Road Elementary School, effective 6/30/06.
  8. **Anne Tuite, 40%** term substitute health teacher for Valarie Nierman, Mahopac Middle School, effective 6/30/06.
  9. **Jaelyn Antonucci**, term substitute foreign language teacher for Yvonne Viebrock, Mahopac High School, effective 6/30/06.
  10. **Scott Edmonds**, term substitute guidance counselor for Jill Muller, Mahopac High School, effective 6/30/06.
  11. **Anna Cristofaro**, term substitute guidance counselor for Amy Landis, Mahopac High School, effective 6/30/06.
  12. **Barbara Martone**, term substitute school psychologist for Margaret DeFrancesco, Mahopac High School, effective 6/30/06.
  13. **Beth Hicks**, term substitute special education teacher for Lisa Chesser, Mahopac Middle School, effective 6/30/06.
  14. **Michelle Faella**, term substitute elementary teacher for Dona Martirano, Fulmar Road Elementary School, effective 6/30/06.
  15. **Karen Van Riper**, term substitute elementary teacher for Amy Carlin, Fulmar Road Elementary School, effective 6/30/06.
  16. **Maryanne Courtney**, term substitute elementary teacher for Margaret Bartholomew, Mahopac Falls Elementary School, effective 6/30/06.
  17. **Aneta Lacerte**, term substitute special education teacher for Jennifer Rieger, Mahopac Middle School, effective 6/30/06.
  18. **Jennifer Racic**, term substitute English teacher for Amy Mahoney, Mahopac High School, effective 6/30/06.
  19. **Kim Salomon**, term substitute elementary teacher for Jennifer Cortesi, Mahopac Middle School, effective 6/30/06.
  20. **Erika Girsh**, term substitute teaching assistant for Aneta Lacerte, Lakeview Elementary School, effective 6/30/06.

13. TERMINATIONS – continued

21. **Kristen Gillespie**, term substitute elementary teacher for Susan Downey, Austin Road Elementary School, effective 6/30/06.
22. **Merrill Friedman**, term substitute elementary teacher for Kathleen Harney-Feierstein, Austin Road School, effective 6/30/06.
23. **Jane Curtin**, term substitute special education teacher for Noelle Semenza, Fulmar Road School, effective 6/30/06.
24. **Allison Bily**, term substitute elementary teacher for Jenifer Maloney, Fulmar Road Elementary School, effective 6/30/06.
25. **Kris Edwards**, term substitute elementary teacher for Keri Abbondanza, Mahopac Middle School, effective 6/30/06.
26. **Ilyssa Sherman**, term substitute elementary teacher for Carolyn Ryan, Austin Road Elementary School, effective 6/30/06.
27. **Celeste Kist**, term substitute special education teacher for Sharon Baranowski Middle School, effective 6/30/06.
28. **Pamela Smith**, term substitute teaching assistant for Kris Edwards, Mahopac Middle School, effective 6/30/06.
29. **Matthew Horvitz**, term substitute teaching assistant for Ascension Williams, Mahopac Middle School, effective 6/30/06.
30. **Stephen Salese**, term substitute social studies teacher for Christine Honohan-Zeolla, High School, effective 6/30/06.
31. **Kenneth Buderman**, term substitute mathematics teacher for Dawn Campbell, Mahopac Middle School, effective 6/30/06.
32. **Jennifer Wynne**, term substitute guidance counselor for Allison Pugliese, Middle School, effective 6/30/06.

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

A. Instructional

1. **Christine Honohan-Zeolla**, social studies teacher, Mahopac High School, unpaid childcare leave, effective 6/7/06-6/30/06.
2. **REVISION: Allison Pugliese**, guidance counselor, Mahopac Middle School, unpaid childcare leave, revised **from 5/12/06-6/30/06 to 5/18/06-6/30/06**.

B. Non-Instructional

**REVISION: Tami Meaney**, part-time bus driver, Mahopac Bus Garage, unpaid leave revised **from 10/12/05-10/12/06 to 10/12/05-7/1/06**.

15. ABOLISHMENT OF POSITIONS - None

16. CREATION OF POSITIONS - None

17. APPOINTMENTS - Recommendation of the superintendent of schools:

A. Instructional

1. **Tenure Appointment:**

Recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools for approval for tenure for **Ignacio George Febles** in the academic tenure area of Foreign Language, effective 5/22/06.

2. **2005-06 Substitute Teacher/Teaching Assistant/Nurse List:**

<b>Kristy Bishop</b>	- Speech Pathology-Certification Pending
<b>Annette Simmonds</b>	- Teaching Assistant
<b>Susan Fitzgerald</b>	- Teaching Assistant
<b>Brett Schmitt</b>	- Teaching Assistant

17. APPOINTMENTS - continued

3. **Advisement:**

**Meredeth Zeitler**, Mount Saint Mary College, will be doing her student teaching at Lakeveiw Elementary School in elementary education with Ms. Mary Moriarty (grade 3) from 9/5/06-10/20/06 and with Ms. Andrea Whitesell (special education- grade 5) from 10/23/06-12/11/06.

B. Non-Instructional

1. **Patricia Titcomb**, monitor, Mahopac Middle School, effective 4/6/06. Salary as per Monitor's Contract.
2. **Linda Longhitano**, monitor, Mahopac Middle School, effective 4/17/06. Salary as per Monitor's Contract.

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

**Annette Simmons**  
**Susan Fitzgerald**

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. **HEALTH SERVICE CONTRACTS**

Recommendation of the superintendent of schools for approval of the following health service contracts during the 2005/06 school year with authorization for Board President and District Clerk to sign same:

<b>Yorktown CSD</b>	14 students	@ \$ 692.10 each	=	\$ 9,689.40
<b>Katonah-Lewisboro</b>	5 students	@ \$ 707.08 each	=	\$ 3,535.40

C. **NON-RESIDENT STUDENT AGREEMENT**

Recommendation of the superintendent of schools, as forwarded by Student Services, for approval of the agreement to accept a non-resident student into the Bedford Central School District's Hillside's Program, *as per the attached*. The Mahopac Central School District hereby agrees to pay for services, the sum of \$13,170.20 (the prorated rate based on the most current approved NYS Nonresident Tuition Rate), from April 17, 2006 through June 23, 2006; and the sum of \$ 51,558.00 for services from September 6, 2006 through June 24, 2007.

D. **AGREEMENT WITH THE TOWN OF CARMEL FOR THE TOWN POLICE DEPARTMENT'S USE OF THE DISTRICT'S LAKEFRONT PROPERTY**

Recommendation of the superintendent of schools, as forwarded by the Board of Education Buildings & Grounds Committee, for approval of the Municipal Cooperation Agreement between the Mahopac Central School District and the Town of Carmel for the Town Police Department's use of the School District's lakefront property, as per the attached.

E. **APPOINTMENT OF EXTERNAL AUDITOR**

Recommendation of the superintendent of schools, as forwarded by the Board of Education Audit Advisory Committee, for approval to appoint Bennett Kielson Storch DeSantis Division of O'Connor Davies Munns & Dobbins, LLP, White Plains, NY, as the **External Auditor** for the District, for the years ending June 30, 2006 through June 30, 2010, as per the submitted proposal.

**CONSENT AGENDA CONCLUDES**

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

19. RESIDENT COMMENTS - Scheduled & Unscheduled

*David Gagliardi* – commended Dr. Reidy and his staff, particular Mr. Chapman for the TV “Upfront with Dr. Reidy” budget productions and for all the information on the district’s website. He also commented that it is sad that the kids cannot use the lakefront property owned by the district, as they did years ago.

*Jerry Ravnitzky* – reported that the Town had reservations of using the lakefront property at their last Town meeting. He also noted that only 25% of registered voters actually vote in local elections and asked how many of our high school students get registered.

*Michael Hunt* – HS teacher responded that the student government classes registered all students who are 18 years of age and sent forms to the Putnam County Board of Elections.

*Theresa Devins* - questioned the special services given to special education services compared to high achieving students.

Mrs. Swift explained that the board does not have the authority by law to deny a child of services. The committee meetings are confidential, with students only identified by numbers and the process is made by recommendations of the Committee of Special Education and the board is compelled by law to approve the recommendation.

*Joseph Greenfield* - commented that he finds it very annoying to see people run for a seat on the school board and not attend board of education meetings.

Vice President Cefaloni thanked Mr. Greenfield for doing a wonderful job as the moderator for the “Meeting the School Board Candidates Night” last week.

20. NEXT MEETINGS  
May 16, 2006 – Annual District Meeting-Budget Vote/Election  
June 13, 2006 – Regular Monthly Meeting

21. ADJOURNMENT

At 10:15 p.m., the board moved to executive session for the purpose of discussing a particular personnel item.

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

At 10:55 p.m., the board returned to public session, at which time the meeting was adjourned.

**Moved by Mr. DeBellis, seconded by Mrs. Earle, carried unanimously.**

Respectfully submitted,

Dorothy Gilroy,  
District Clerk

MAHOPAC CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT  
BOARD OF EDUCATION

ANNUAL DISTRICT ELECTION, MAY 16, 2006  
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 5:45 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 back 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 two voters present.

Nominating petitions have been filed with the Clerk for three 3-year seats on the Board of Education by the following prospective candidates: Ralph Ankier, Sandra Muscente, Michael Pontillo, Christopher Tassa and Vinnie Trinchitella.

2. The following propositions were presented to the residents on five voting machines:

**PROPOSITION A - 2006-2007 Budget**

"Shall the Board of Education of the Mahopac Central School District be authorized to expend the sum of **\$ 98,635,979** for the **2006-2007** 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 **\$ 750,000** and to authorize and issue serial bonds in the principal amount of **\$ 750,000** and to levy the necessary real estate taxes for such purpose.

**PROPOSITION C – Capital Reserve**

"Shall the Board of Education of the Mahopac Central School District be authorized to establish a capital reserve fund not to exceed \$600,000 should moneys be available from the 2005-06 school-year Fund Balance?"

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 9:55 p.m., Chairman Amato announced the results of the vote as follows:

PROPOSITION A - BUDGET	YES	1131
	NO	1335
PROPOSITION B - BUS PURCHASES	YES	1183
	NO	1217
PROPOSITION C – CAPITAL RESERVE	YES	1221
	NO	1153
CANDIDATES:		
	RALPH ANKIER	1301
	MICHAEL PONTILLO	960
	VINNIE TRINCHITELLA	1391
	CHRISTOPHER TASSA	813
	SANDRA MUSCENTE	1406
ABSENTEE VOTES:		62
TOTAL NUMBER OF VOTES:		2523

Chairman Amato announced the election of Sandra Muscente, Vinnie Trinchitella and Ralph Ankier to the board of education for three-year terms, beginning July 1, 2006.

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,  
Lakeview Elementary School, **June 13, 2006**, 8:00 PM

**MINUTES**

1. CALL OF THE ROLL

PRESENT: Giulio Cefaloni, Frank DeBellis (arrived at 7:25 p.m.), Jeanne Earle, Rose Fabiano, William Hines, Penny Swift, Vinnie Trinchitella

ABSENT: Patricia Greenwood-O'Keefe and Elaine Simone

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

OTHERS: Incoming board trustees: Ralph Ankier and Sandra Calvi-Muscente and Athletic Director: Frank Miele.

CONVENE: At 7:07 p.m., the board convened in Room 17 of the Lakeview Elementary School and moved immediately to executive session for the purpose of discussing a particular Administrative personnel issue and a particular MTA personnel issue.

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

At 8:05 p.m., the board returned to public session in the auditorium of the Lakeview Elementary School, brining the public session to order with the pledge of allegiance to the flag with approximately 150-200 people in attendance.

**Moved by Mrs. Earle, seconded by Mr. DeBellis, carried unanimously.**

2. COMMUNICATIONS

President Trinchitella welcomed all to this special celebration board meeting honoring the many volunteers throughout the buildings; bidding farewell to board trustees and staff members and congratulating those receiving tenure.

➤ Recognitions

- Frank DeBellis & Jeanne Earle - retiring Board of Education Trustees
- Donald Beverly & Adam Pease - receiving tenure
- Teachers & Teaching Assistants - receiving tenure
- All Retiring Staff Members
- All Mahopac School District Volunteers

Mr. DeBellis and Jeanne Earle were presented with Award Certificates from the Westchester-Putnam School Boards Association and Proclamations from the NY Senate for their dedicated service to the school district.

President Trinchitella and Vice-President Cefaloni stated that it has been an honor and privilege to work with both these individuals: Jeanne contributing much history on the district and spending countless hours on Board Policy and Frank heading the Finance Committee with his invaluable expertise. Mrs. Earle and Mr. DeBellis thanked the residents for the opportunity to serve the community.

All individuals stated above were announced and brought forward with thanks and congratulations. All volunteers were presented with token "Dedicated Service" pens and retiring staff received golden apples inscribed with their names. Principals announced and congratulated each teacher receiving tenure. Mr. Cefaloni stated that the district is indebted to all the volunteers who serve throughout the district and gave thanks and appreciation.

Mrs. Antoinette DeBellis presented an *Agency Hands in the Community Grant* of \$500 to Mr. Robert Meyer, Austin Road Principal on behalf of the Allstate Foundation. Mrs. DeBellis has been an Austin Road Community Reading Volunteer and wishes the grant to be used in that connection.

At 8:50 p.m., a short reception took place with refreshments for 15 minutes. Approximately 50 people remained for the remainder of the business meeting.

3. RESIDENT COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS ONLY - None

4. ACCEPTANCE OF WARRANTS

GENERAL 'A' FUND WARRANTS:

# 62,	CHECKS # 107282 TO 107506,	05/16/06,	\$ 853,194.93
# 64,	CHECKS # 107507 TO 107657,	05/24/06,	\$ 250,826.25
# 66,	CHECKS # 107658 TO 107722,	05/31/06,	\$ 144,017.45

CAPITAL PROJECT 'H' FUND WARRANTS:

# 16,	CHECKS # 2002,	05/16/06,	\$ 640.00
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TRUST & AGENCY 'T' FUND WARRANTS:

# 31,	CHECKS # 128, 583, 7275 TO 7292,	05/16/06,	\$ 18,648.28
# 32,	CHECKS # 491, 7293 TO 7335,	05/31/06,	\$ 31,771.00
# 33,	CHECKS # 7304 TO 7336,	05/31/06,	\$ 8,450.00

5. INTERNAL CLAIMS AUDIT REPORT - attached

6. TREASURER'S REPORT - April, 2006, received for Filing

**President Trinchitella acknowledged receipt and acceptance of the above-mentioned warrants, Treasurer's Report and Internal Claims Audit Report.**

7. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

5/9/06 - Regular Monthly Meeting

**Moved by Mr. Cefaloni, seconded by Mrs. Earle, carried unanimously.**

5/16/06 - Special Board of Education Meeting

**Moved by Mrs. Fabiano, seconded by Mr. DeBellis, carried unanimously.**

5/16/06 - Annual District Election/Budget Vote

**Moved by Mrs. Fabiano, seconded by Mr. DeBellis, carried unanimously.**

(with correction: Mr. DeBellis present)

5/23/06 - Special Board of Education Meeting

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

8. STUDENT REPORTS - M.O.S.T. Student Council.

President Ally Besharat, reported on activities at the high school such as: Homecoming, Student Court, amendment of the constitution, Carmel/Mahopac Symposium, Clubs, Council registering students to vote and major fundraising. Ally informed the board that she would be attending the Wentworth Institute of Technology. President Trinchitella thanked her for her very informative presence all year at meetings.

9. COMMITTEE REPORTS - Board of Education Chairpersons

Special Education – Mrs. Swift reported that the committee met this evening and the recommendation appears as Item #18.A. on the agenda. She reported on her attendance at a NYSSBA Conference in Albany and reported on issues such as: new Special Education regulations; new State Performance Plan and districts have to provide new data on each child in Special Education. Mrs. Swift reported that she would like to meet with Dr. Reidy and Dr. LaVigne to disseminate information.

Audit Committee – Mr. Hines gave background information on the transactions of the committee under NYS requirements. He recommended board's approval of Item #18.D. on the agenda and gave background information on Nugent & Haeussler, P.C., who will be responsible for risk assessment. Mr. Hines reported that the committee came under budget with the appointment of both the internal and external auditors and also recommended board's approval of Item #18.C., the Audit Committee Charter.

Technology – Mr. Cefaloni reported on the SED Data Warehouse Initiative where BOCES Regional Information Center extracts demographics and program services from our SASI on a monthly basis which ensures us that our data is clean in a wide variety of areas. He also reported on activities such as: the Middle School Technology Pilot teacher training at BOCES and the Phonemaster Priority Messenger Services to make emergency notification via phone to parents. The system was tested when the busses arrived back from the MS Washington trip and he noted that this service will only be used for emergency calls, since this is a pay as you go service. Mr. Cefaloni commented that this year's HS Yearbook is a great product.

Policy - Mrs. Earle recommended board's approval of Item #18.E., which is the Board of Education's Student Wellness Policy, which is a new State requirement. This policy discusses our goals for proper nutrition and physical education. This policy was reviewed by legal counsel and it was recommended that the district appoint a Wellness Coordinator.

Finance - Mr. DeBellis reported that on May 23<sup>rd</sup> the board met to discuss plans regarding the proposed budget for next year. He announced that the Bus Proposition cannot be part of the Re-Vote process due to the fact that when requesting permission to use serial bonds, the district needs 45 days legal notice. Mr. DeBellis reminded all to exercise their right to vote on June 20<sup>th</sup>. He also reported that the State Auditors are still conducting an audit in the Administration Office and he is looking forward to hearing the State Audit.

Administrative – Mrs. Trinchitella reported that the Administrative Committee met this month and recommends approval of the Superintendent's Contract with a ten month extension, which appears as Item #18.G. on the agenda. She stated that after conclusion of his evaluation by the full board he has come out on top and that they are very pleased with the work that he has done in the district. Mrs. Trinchitella requested that the board set a date for a "School Board Orientation" this July.

Mrs. Fabiano took this opportunity to congratulate the new teachers on their tenure commitment to the district and congratulated the children involved in both the Senior Academics Night, the Blue & Gold Awards Night and the Middle School Honors Night. She also gave special congratulations to Michael Loehmann who never missed one day of school in twelve years, with perfect attendance. Mrs. Fabiano noted that the students received \$4 million in scholarship money and that students with learning disabilities were also honored for high achievement.

Community Relations – Mr. Hines, in Mrs. Simone’s absence, has been collecting data to tweak up the present plan for the Public Relations Committee. He requested that the board use his services and respectfully proposed a plan to maintain positive relations between the district and the community. Mr. Hines gave a synopsis of his plan which included reaching out to groups in the community and utilizing e-mails more effectively in conjunction with the Key Communicators List. He asked to meet with the Community Relations Committee to review this plan. President Trinchitella asked Mr. Hines if he would be willing to take on this committee as Chairperson in Mrs. Simone’s absence and he responded that he would do it with pleasure.

10. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Reidy wanted to personally give thanks and congratulations to all retirees and tenured teachers and gave thanks to all volunteers who help us to improve as a school district. He also introduced David Sottile who will be recommended for House Principal at the High School to replace Deborah Talbot.

**CONSENT AGENDA BEGINS**

- Items removed for further discussion

1. **#18.G. - Resolution re Amendment to Superintendent’s Contract.**

President Trinchitella explained that the board was extremely pleased with Dr. Reidy’s work; feels that now he can get started with the curriculum and academic portion of his plans for the district and the board wanted to give him their full support.

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

2. #14.A. 7. – **REMOVAL** of Leave of Absence for Kerri Ann Bilyeu
3. #17.B. 2. – **Salary correction** of Pamela Smith: Step 1 of TA Contract
4. #18. K.1. and K.2. – **TABLED** until next meeting (additional information needed)

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

A. Instructional

1. **RESCIND: Judith DelGrosso**, elementary teacher, Austin Road Elementary School, effective 6/30/07.
2. **Ellen Duncan**, stenographer, Mahopac Falls School, effective 6/27/06.

12. RESIGNATIONS - Recommendation of the superintendent of schools:

A. Instructional

**Jason Jaconetti**, mathematics teacher, Mahopac High School, effective 6/30/06.

B. Non-Instructional

**Grace Lofaro**, part-time bus driver, effective 6/24/06.

13. TERMINATIONS – Recommendation of the superintendent of schools:

A. Non-Instructional

**Marion Tucker**, part-time bus driver, Bus Garage, effective 6/13/06, pursuant to Section 71 of Civil Service Law.

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

A. Instructional

1. **Joyce Sidlosky**, English teacher, Mahopac High School, unpaid childcare leave, effective 6/3/06-6/30/06.
2. **Allison Pugliese**, guidance counselor, Mahopac Middle School, unpaid childcare leave, effective 9/1/06-2/5/07.
3. **Susan Downey**, elementary teacher Austin Road Elementary School, unpaid childcare leave, effective 9/1/06-6/30/07.
4. **Carolyn Ryan**, elementary teacher Austin Road Elementary School, unpaid childcare leave, effective 9/1/06-2/5/07.
5. **Dawn Campbell**, mathematics teacher, Mahopac Middle School, unpaid childcare leave, effective 5/13/06-6/30/06.
6. **Teresa Curtin**, teaching assistant, Mahopac Middle School, unpaid childcare leave, effective 9/1/06-6/30/07.
7. **RESCIND: Victoria Genovese**, teaching assistant, Mahopac High School, unpaid leave, effective 4/18/06-6/1/06.

**(ITEM THAT WAS PREVIOUSLY #14.7 ON THE AGENDA WAS REMOVED).**

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:

**Tenure Appointments:**

Administrative

1. **Donald Beverly**, Assistant to the Superintendent for Informational Technologies, effective 7/1/06.
2. **Adam Pease**, Assistant Principal, appointment to tenure, effective 7/1/06.

Instructional

1. Recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools for approval for tenure for **Caroline Langtry**, Elementary NK-6, effective 9/1/06.
2. Recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools for approval for tenure for **Tiffany Fekete** in the special subject tenure area of General Special Education, effective 9/1/06.
3. Recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools for approval for tenure for **Laura Scampoli** in the special subject tenure area of General Special Education, effective 9/1/06.

17. APPOINTMENTS - Recommendation of the superintendent of schools:

**Tenure Appointments - CONTINUED**

4. Recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools for approval for tenure for **Gerald Volpe**, Elementary NK-6, effective 9/1/06.
5. Recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools for approval for tenure for **Jill Fragoso** in the special subject tenure area of General Special Education, effective 9/1/06.
6. Recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools for approval for tenure for **Gregory Fitts** in the special subject tenure area of Physical Education, effective 9/1/06.
7. Recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools for approval for tenure for **Kathryn Jesselli**, Elementary NK-6, effective 9/1/06.
8. Recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools for approval for tenure for **Lisa Carlucci**, Elementary NK-6, effective 9/1/06.
9. Recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools for approval for tenure for **Alexis Georgalas** in the special subject tenure area of Physical Education, effective 9/1/06.
10. Recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools for approval for tenure for **Laura Davis** in the special subject tenure area of Art, effective 9/1/06.
11. Recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools for approval for tenure for **Sandra Bogdan** in the special subject tenure area of General Special Education, effective 9/1/06.
12. Recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools for approval for tenure for **Theresa DiMicco**, Elementary NK-6, effective 9/1/06.
13. Recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools for approval for tenure for **James Lieto** in the special subject tenure area of General Special Education, effective 9/1/06.
14. Recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools for approval for tenure for **Mary Christos**, Elementary NK-6, effective 9/1/06.
15. Recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools for approval for tenure for **Brian Cauthers** in the academic tenure area of Science, effective 9/1/06.
16. Recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools for approval for tenure for **Andrea Uhl** in the academic tenure area of English, effective 9/1/06.
17. Recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools for approval for tenure for **Nicole Liebowitz** in the special subject tenure area of General Special Education, effective 9/1/06.
18. Recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools for approval for tenure for **Melissa Harney** in the academic tenure area of English, effective 9/1/06.
19. Recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools for approval for tenure for **Helen Horvitz** in the special subject tenure area of Art, effective 9/1/06.
20. Recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools for approval for tenure for **Vicki Olsen** in the special subject tenure area of home economics, effective 9/1/06.
21. Recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools for approval for tenure for **Jenna McChain** in the special subject tenure area of General Special Education, effective 9/1/06.

17. APPOINTMENTS - Recommendation of the superintendent of schools:

**Tenure Appointments - CONTINUED**

22. Recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools for approval for tenure for **Kelly Buscarino** in the special subject tenure area of Physical Education, effective 9/1/06.
23. Recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools for approval for tenure for **April Ljunic** in the academic tenure area of Foreign Language, effective 9/1/06.
24. Recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools for approval for tenure for **Tricia Fuller-Johnson** in the academic tenure area of Science, effective 9/1/06.
25. Recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools for approval for tenure for **Lisa Quinn**, as School Psychologist, effective 9/1/06.
26. Recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools for approval for tenure for **Kelly Burdick**, Teaching Assistant, effective 9/1/06.
27. Recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools for approval for tenure for **Linda Kuphal**, Teaching Assistant, effective 9/1/06.

17. **APPOINTMENTS – continued**

**A. Administrative**

Candidate: **David J. Sottile**  
Tenure Area: Assistant Principal/High School  
Probationary Period: 7/17/06-7/16/09  
Certification Area: Permanent SDA  
Salary: Step 1 of the Association of Mahopac Administrators' Contract-\$105,000 (pro-rata)

**B. Instructional**

1. Candidate: Anna Cristofaro  
Tenure Area: School Counselor  
Probationary Period: 9/1/06-6/30/08  
Certification Area: Initial  
Salary: Step 3 BA+60+MA

2. Candidate: Pamela Smith  
Tenure Area: Teaching Assistant  
Probationary Period: 9/1/06-3/5/09  
Certification Area: Continuing  
Salary: Step 1 of the Teaching Assistants Contract

3. **Jennifer V. del Rosario**, *term substitute* guidance counselor for Ms. Jill Muller, Mahopac High School, effective 9/1/06-6/30/07 or until Ms. Muller returns, whichever comes first.  
Salary: Step 2, BA+63+MA

**- SUBJECT TO BUDGET APPROVAL**



17. **APPOINTMENTS – continued**

4. **2005-06 Substitute Teacher/Teaching Assistant/Nurse List:**

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| <b>Rosemary Todaro</b>     | - N,K Gr. 1-3 - Certified  |
| <b>Alicia Battista</b>     | - Childhood Education 1-6/Students w/Disabilities<br>Gr.1-9- Certified |
| <b>Chris Shaffsick</b>     | - Business - Pending Certification                                     |
| <b>Melissa, Hagan</b>      | - Elementary - Pending Certification                                   |
| <b>Noelle LoFaro</b>       | - Elementary – Pending Certification                                   |
| <b>Jennifer Burningham</b> | - Biology/Chemistry – Pending Certification                            |
| <b>Joanna Mongelli</b>     | - Teacher – Non-Certified  |
| <b>Mary O’Reilly</b>       | - Elementary -Pending Recertification                                  |
| <b>Joanna Mongelli</b>     | - Teaching Assistant   |
| <b>Krystina Cooke</b>      | - Teaching Assistant   |
| <b>Jacqueline Ruppert</b>  | - Teaching Assistant   |
| <b>Mary O’Reilly</b>       | - Teaching Assistant   |
| <b>Angela Ruggiero</b>     | - Teaching Assistant   |
| <b>Stephanie Righetti</b>  | - Teaching Assistant   |

5. **Advisements**

**Jacqueline Hill**, New Paltz University will be doing her student teaching at Austin Road Elementary School in elementary education with Ms. Lisa Coen (grade 5) from 10/23/06-12/15/06.

**Patricia Karell**, Mercy College, will be doing a 150 hour internship in school counseling at Mahopac High School with Dennis DiSanto, Guidance Counselor, during the fall semester, 2006.

C. **Non-Instructional**

1. **JoAnn Hiney**, per diem bus attendant, Bus Garage, effective 5/22/06. Salary as per USWOM Contract.
2. **Kimberly Colavito**, per diem bus driver, Bus Garage, effective 6/6/06. Salary as per USWOM Contract.
3. **Grace Lofaro**, per diem bus driver, effective 6/26/06.
4. **Additions to the substitute clerical/ monitor/teacher aide/library aide list:**  
**Sondra Pope**  
**Angela Ruggiero**
5. **Additions to the substitute cleaner list:**  
**Jerry Ward, Jr.**  
**Beverly McGrath**  
**Robert Pecora**

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-ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING DATE ESTABLISHED**  
Recommendation of the superintendent of schools for approval to establish Tuesday, July 11, 2006, as the date for the Annual Reorganizational Meeting followed by the Regular Monthly Board Meeting.
- C. **AUDIT COMMITTEE CHARTER**  
Recommendation of the superintendent of schools, as forwarded by the Audit Committee of the Board of Education, for approval of the Audit Committee Charter, as required by Education Law § 2116-c, as per the attached.
- D. **APPOINTMENT OF INTERNAL AUDITOR**  
Recommendation of the superintendent of schools, as forwarded by the Board of Education Audit Committee, for approval to appoint *Nugent & Haeussler, P.C.*, of Montgomery, NY, as the **Internal Auditor** for the Mahopac Central School District, for the period of 7/1/06 through 6/30/07, as per the submitted proposal.
- E. **ADOPTION OF NEW POLICY - STUDENT WELLNESS POLICY**  
Recommendation of the superintendent of schools for, as forwarded by the Board of Education Policy Committee, for approval of the Student Wellness Policy, **as per the attached**, required by State Education Commissioner's Regulations to be in effect by 7/1/06. This represents the required first notification of new policy being recommended for adoption.
- F. **ACCEPTANCE OF (AHIC) GRANT**  
  
Recommendation of the superintendent of schools for approval to accept an Agency Hands in the Community (AHIC) grant in the amount of \$500 from the Allstate Foundation, 471 East Main Street, Jefferson Valley, NY, on behalf of Ms. Antoinette DeBellis.
- 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 Third Amendment of the Superintendent's Employment Agreement, a copy of which has been previously reviewed by the members of the Board of Education.
- H. **RESOLUTION: CHAIRMAN, INSPECTORS, CLERKS OF JUNE 20 BUDGET RE-VOTE**  
  
Recommendation of the superintendent of schools for approval, as forwarded by the District Clerk, for approval of the resolution appointing the Chairman, Inspectors and Clerks for the Budget Re-Vote, to be held on Tuesday, **June 20, 2006, as per the attached.**

18. RECOMMENDATIONS - continued

I. **OUT-OF-DISTRICT TUITION**

Recommendation of the superintendent of schools for approval the following foster children tuition to attend the Peekskill City School District during the 2004/2005 school year, with authorization for Board of Education President and District Clerk to sign same:

2 students @ \$ 5,024.00 = \$10,048.00  
1 student @ \$13,311.48 = \$13,311.48  
1 student @ \$ 8,060.00 = \$ 8,060.00  
Total = \$31,419.00

J. **SEQRA RESOLUTION RE LAKEVIEW RE-ROOFING**

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

WHEREAS, the Mahopac Board of Education has determined that the planned re-roofing at the Lakeview Elementary School will not have any environmental impact on the school property or surrounding properties.

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Mahopac Central School District authorizes the Superintendent to proceed with the planned re-roofing at the Lakeview Elementary School

K. **BID AWARD – CUSTODIAL 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

**CUSTODIAL BID AWARD – as per the attached**

***(ITEMS THAT WERE PREVIOUSLY ITEM #18.K.1. AND #18.K.2. WERE TABLED).***

L. **BID AWARD FOR THE DISTRICT WASTE HAULING**

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 refuse bid from **Rogan**, the lowest responsible bidder, for **the District Waste Hauling** for the period 2006-07 through the 2011-12 school year. This 5 year bid is presented pending approval from the county on the granting of a waiver.

The results of the bid are as follows:

<u>Diversified Waste Disposal</u>	-	\$ 586,139
<u>Rogan</u>	-	\$ 460,670

18. RECOMMENDATIONS - continued

M. **ED-DATA BID AWARDS 2006/07**

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 EDS bid for the following items for the period 2006-07. This vendor is under contract to the district to bid the items listed below. Detail attached by vendor.

The results of the bid are as follows:

<u>CATEGORY</u>	<u>ED-DATA BID AWARDS 2006-2007</u>	<u>P.O.</u> <u>TOTAL</u>
GENERAL CLASSROOM SUPPLIES		\$91,981.03
FAMILY/CONSUMER SCIENCE		\$3,184.80
FINE ART SUPPLIES		\$44,771.19
HEALTH SUPPLIES		\$5,655.59
OFFICE/COMPUTER SUPPLIES		\$2,583.96
PHYSICAL EDUCATION SUPPLIES		\$12,321.99
SCIENCE SUPPLIES		\$33,600.21
TECHNOLOGY SUPPLIES		\$5,336.23
COPY DUPLICATOR SUPPLIES		\$1,680.66

N. **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, as per the *attached list*.

O. **ACCEPTANCE OF GIFT**

Recommendation of the superintendent of schools for acceptance of a donation of \$920 from the Mahopac Middle School to replace the World Book Encyclopedia for the Mahopac Middle School Library.

P. **2006/2007 CONTINGENCY BUDGET**

Recommendation of the superintendent of schools, in the event that the budget is defeated on June 20, 2006, the following Contingency Budget will come into effect:

“Shall the Board of Education of the Mahopac Central School District be authorized to expend the sum of \$95,779,443 for the 2006/2007 school year for school purposes and levy the necessary tax therefore?”

Q. **NON-BARGAINING UNITS AGREEMENT**

Recommendation of the superintendent of schools, as forwarded by the Administrative Committee, to approve the matter of salary increases for non-bargaining unit staff, to be employed July 1, 2006 through June 30, 2007. Such authorization implies that final agreements have been made with such personnel after discussion with the full board of education.

**CONSENT AGENDA CONCLUDES**

**Consent Agenda was moved by Mrs. Swift, seconded by Mr. DeBellis, carried unanimously.**

19. RESIDENT COMMENTS  
Scheduled & Unscheduled

1. *Mr. Edward Hintze* re Girls Varsity Softball

Mrs. Trinchitella informed Mr. Hintze that the board is not permitted to discuss personnel at a public meeting by statute of the NYS Education Law.

2. *Mr. Neil Belloff* gave his personal views and concerns in regard to the proposed Budget AND Budget Re-Vote.

President Trinchitella thanked Mr. Belloff for his cautious support and stated that some of his comments were quite worthy. She also stated that the board has been working on a number of items that Mr. Belloff raised.

Mr. Belloff's correspondence is on file in the District Clerk's Office.

Donald Beverly, Assistant to the Superintendent, reported on how the statistics were misreported inaccurately to the news media in regard to violence at the Mahopac High School

3. Joe Greenfield questioned what schools the stage floor bids were for.

Mr. Chapman informed him that they were for the High School and Austin Road School.

20. NEXT MEETINGS

June 20, 2006 - BUDGET RE-VOTE, Lakeview School, 6 AM-9PM

July 11, 2006 - Re-organizational Board Meeting

July 11, 2006 – Regular Board of Education Meeting

21. ADJOURNMENT

At 10:05 p.m. the board returned to executive session for the purpose of discussing a particular administrative personnel issue.

**Moved by Mrs. Swift, seconded by Mr. Hines, carried unanimously.**

At 11:15 p.m., the board returned to public session, at which time the meeting was adjourned.

**Moved by Mrs. Earle, seconded by Mr. Cefaloni, 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](mailto:Gilroyd@mahopac.k12.ny.us)*