

MOUNT PLEASANT COTTAGE SCHOOL, UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT
PLEASANTVILLE, NEW YORK 10570

September 16, 2019

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of the Mount Pleasant Cottage School Union Free School District was called to order at 7:32 pm by Mrs. Rita Golden.

Roll Call: Present: Mr. Carter, Mrs. Golden, Mrs. Irwin, Mr. Johnson, Mrs. Mann (arrived 7:35 pm), Dr. Naidich, Mrs. Stein, Mrs. Spieler

Also Present: Mr. Beovich, Mr. Rubbo, Mrs. Leamon, Mr. Baier, Mrs. Harris, Mr. Pompa, Mrs. Lee, Dr. Torres, Mr. Nolan, Mr. Capshaw, Mrs. Gorycki, Mr. Peterson, Mr. Marcin and Ms. Davidson, David Shaw (arrived 7:50 pm)

Announcement:

Mrs. Golden made the following announcement:

- ◆ The Mount Pleasant Cottage School Union Free School District Board of Education announces a vacancy on the Board of Education. The date for nominating possible candidates will be at the November 18, 2019 Board of Education Meeting. At the December 16, 2019 Board of Education Meeting the Board will discuss nominees during executive session.

Correspondence:

Mr. Rubbo shared with the Board Members:

- ◆ Copy of Andrea Aitken's Claim Reports for 6/3/19 through 6/28/19.

Approval of Minutes:

- ◆ Dr. Naidich moved that the minutes of the Special Board of Education meeting of June 26, 2019 be accepted as presented.

Seconded: Mr. Carter

Approved

Vote: 8-0

- ◆ Mrs. Stein moved that the minutes of the Board of Education meeting of July 2, 2019 be accepted as presented.

Seconded: Mrs. Spieler

Abstained: Mr. Johnson (due to the fact that he did not attend the meeting)

Approved

Vote: 7-0

- ◆ Mr. Carter moved that the minutes of the Special Board of Education meeting of July 31, 2019 be accepted as presented.

Seconded: Mr. Johnson

Abstained: Mrs. Spieler (due to the fact that she did not attend the meeting)

Approved

Vote: 7-0

- ◆ Mrs. Stein moved that the minutes of the Special Board of Education meeting of August 28, 2019 be accepted as presented.

Seconded: Mrs. Irwin

Abstained: Wendy Naidich (due to the fact that she did not attend the meeting)

Approved

Vote: 7-0

Superintendents

Report:

New Employee Introduction:

- ◆ Christine Leamon introduced Erica Gorycki - Culinary Arts CET Teacher
- ◆ Jessica Harris introduced Hadija Davidson - TASC Program Teacher, Kevin Peterson - Health and Physical Education Teacher and Nicholas Marcin - Social Studies Teacher
- ◆ Jessica Harris also formally introduced Michael Pompa – Assistant Principal Mount Pleasant Cottage School.
- ◆ Max Capshaw provided the Board with an overview of the Training Program he attended this summer for training and the selection process for our new facility dog. Mr. Capshaw answered questions from Board Members and introduced our facility dog Aladdin to the Board.

Proposed Executive

Session:

- ◆ Mrs. Stein moved that the Board of Education adjourn to Executive Session to receive advice from the school attorney.

Seconded: Marc Carter

Approved

Vote: 8-0

Reconvene to Public Session:

- ◆ Mr. Carter moved that the Board of Education reconvene to Public Session at 8:45 p.m.

Seconded: Mr. Johnson

Approved
Vote: 8-0

Superintendents
Report:

Continued after executive session

- ◆ Dr. Torres provide a recap of the Curriculum Audit Review, the plans for Curriculum transition during the 2019 – 2020 school year and new curriculum products that will be implemented.. Dr. Torres answered questions from the Board Members and the Board requested an update on curriculum changes in January.
- ◆ Dr. Torres gave an overview and presented a video about the Unique Learning Systems Curriculum Program the district is purchasing.
- ◆ Census Report by Mr. Rubbo - 249.7 students for the month of July and 256.3 students for the month of August.

Policy Reading:

Superintendent Beovich answered questions from the Board and will follow-up with the Board on outstanding questions and for clarification regarding the following policies presented for a first reading:

- ◆ Policy #5140 – Administration of the Budget
 - ◆ Policy #6150 – Alcohol, Tobacco, Drugs and other Substances (Staff)
 - ◆ Policy #7221 – Participation in Graduation Ceremonies and Activities
 - ◆ Policy #7320 – Alcohol, Tobacco, Drugs and other Substances (Students)
 - ◆ Policy #7511 – Immunization of Students
 - ◆ Policy #8260 – Title 1 Parent and Family Engagement
 - ◆ Policy #7220 – Graduation Options/Early Graduation/Accelerated Programs
 - ◆ Policy #8243 - Animal Assisted Therapy Dogs
- ◆ Mr. Carter moved that the Board of Education conduct a first reading and adopt Policy #6220 – Temporary Personnel as presented.

Seconded: Dr. Naidich

Approved
Vote: 8-0

Business Matters:

Mrs. Irwin moved that the Board of Education approve the Consent Agenda which includes items 10A – 10F.

- ◆ the Treasurer’s Report General Fund Checking, Trust and Agency Account and Federal Fund Checking Account for the period of June 1, 2019 – June 30, 2019 be accepted.

- ◆ the check runs for June 1, 2019 – June 28, 2019 be accepted as recommended by the subcommittee from:

#53910 - #54086 - \$651,975.41.

- ◆ the Board of Education approves the following budget transfers for the 2018-2019 school year.

| Budget Transfers for June 2019 | | | | |
|---------------------------------------|--------------------|-------------------------------|---------------------|--------------------|
| Date | Account | Detail Description | Transfer Out | Transfer In |
| 06/26/2019 | A 1620.200-00-0000 | EQUIPMENT | 50.00 | |
| 06/26/2019 | A 1620.420-00-0000 | TELEPHONE | | 50.00 |
| 06/27/2019 | A 1620.442-00-0000 | CONTRACT SER | | 175.00 |
| 06/27/2019 | A 2110.132-00-0000 | STUDENT SAFETY COORD | 12,265.00 | |
| 06/27/2019 | A 2110.450-00-1300 | CENTRAL SUPP-EDENWALD | | 7,600.00 |
| 06/27/2019 | A 2110.450-00-1700 | CENTRAL SUPP-CSE | | 220.00 |
| 06/27/2019 | A 2110.451-00-1000 | INSTR SUPP-MPCS | | 2,800.00 |
| 06/27/2019 | A 2110.451-00-1800 | INSTR SUPP-MPCS CULINARY ARTS | | 1,700.00 |
| 06/27/2019 | A 2630.200-00-0000 | EQUIPMENT | 4,195.00 | |
| 06/27/2019 | A 2630.450-00-0000 | MATERIALS/SUPPLIES | | 165.00 |
| 06/27/2019 | A 2630.460-00-0000 | SCHOOL SOFTWARE | | 3,800.00 |
| 06/27/2019 | A 2110.451-01-1500 | INSTR SUPP-EDEN PE | 685.00 | |
| 06/27/2019 | A 2110.451-01-1900 | INSTR SUPP-EDEN ART | | 685.00 |
| 06/28/2019 | A 2110.120-00-0000 | TEACHER SALARY MPCS | 20,000.00 | |
| 06/28/2019 | A 2110.450-00-1700 | CENTRAL SUPP-CSE | | 1,000.00 |
| 06/28/2019 | A 2110.451-00-1800 | INSTR SUPP-MPCS CULINARY ARTS | | 19,000.00 |
| 06/28/2019 | A 2110.200-00-1300 | EQUIPMENT-EDENWALD | | 2,200.00 |
| 06/28/2019 | A 2630.200-00-0000 | EQUIPMENT | 2,200.00 | |
| 06/30/2019 | A 1010.410-00-0000 | LEGAL CONTR | | 4,000.00 |
| 06/30/2019 | A 1240.406-00-0000 | MISCELL | 4,125.00 | |
| 06/30/2019 | A 1620.420-00-0000 | TELEPHONE | | 125.00 |
| 06/30/2019 | A 1620.422-00-0000 | UTILITIES | | 2,754.78 |
| 06/30/2019 | A 1620.440-00-0000 | REPAIR-BLDGS | 2,754.78 | |
| 06/30/2019 | A 1670.490-00-0000 | CENTRAL SERVICES-BOCES | | 20,265.08 |
| 06/30/2019 | A 9060.800-00-0000 | MEDICAL INS | 20,265.08 | |

- ◆ the Board of Education approves the following budget transfers for the 2019-2020 school year.

| Budget Transfers for July 2019 – FY 2019-2020 | | | | |
|------------------------------------------------------|--------------------|---------------------------|---------------------|--------------------|
| Date | Account | Detail Description | Transfer Out | Transfer In |
| 07/12/2019 | A 2110.150-00-0000 | TEACHER INTERN | 3,000.00 | |
| 07/12/2019 | A 2110.442-00-0000 | CONTRACT SERVICES | | 3,000.00 |
| 07/19/2019 | A 5510.406-00-0000 | MISCELL | | 500.00 |

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|------------|--------------------|----------------------------------------|----------|-----------|
| 07/19/2019 | A 5510.412-00-0000 | SCHOOL BUS REPAIRS | 500.00 | |
| 09/09/2019 | A 2110.442-00-0000 | CONTRACT SERVICES - My Brothers Keeper | | 15,000.00 |
| 09/09/2019 | A 2330.161-00-1300 | SALARY AIDES-EDEN | 7,500.00 | |
| 09/09/2019 | A 2330.161-00-2100 | SALARY AIDES-MPCS | 7,500.00 | |

- ◆ the Board of Education approve an agreement with St. James Tutoring, Inc. for Tutoring Services at a rate of \$52.00 per hour during the 2019-2020 school year.
- ◆ the Board of Education approve and agreement with Educational Data Services, Inc. for a licensing and maintenance fee for participation in the New York Cooperative Bidding Program for school supplies for the 2019-2020 school year in the amount of \$1,700.
- ◆ the Board of Education approve an agreement with Meghan Linden for a stipend payment in the amount of \$7,500 for her internship during the period of September 1, 2019 – December 31, 2019.
- ◆ the Board of Education authorizes the Superintendent of Schools to execute agreements with organizations as evacuation sites to be used in the event students and staff of the Mount Pleasant Cottage School UFSD require site evacuation as referenced in the District-wide and Building Level Safety Plans.
- ◆ the Board of Education approve the purchase of licensing agreements for Unique Learning System a platform providing differentiated lessons and activities aligned with national and state standards for complete programs across the curriculum for a fee not to exceed \$8,700.
- ◆ the Board of Education approve the addition of National Geographic *Learning/Cengage: Financial Algebra* to the curriculum program. There is no cost for this program.
- ◆ the Board of Education appoint Rita Golden to serve as the New York State School Board Association Legislative Advocate for the 2019-2020 school year.
- ◆ the Board of Education appoint Jill Spieler to serve as the Westchester Putnam School Board Association Legislative Advocate for the 2019-2020 school year.
- ◆ the Board of Education appoint Rita Golden to serve as the Liaison between the Mount Pleasant Cottage School Union Free School District and the Westchester Putnam School Board Association for the 2019-2020 school year.

Seconded: Mrs. Spieler

Approved

Vote: 8-0

Personnel Matters: Dr. Naidich moved that the Board of Education approve the Consent Agenda which includes items 11A – 11G.

- ◆ pursuant to the requirement of Education Law Section 3012-c and Part 30-2.9 of the Rules of the Board of Regents, the individual named below has completed all the necessary training to be recertified as a lead evaluator of classroom teachers;

and the Board of Education hereby recertifies the following individual as a lead evaluator of classroom teachers:

Christie Leamon

- ◆ pursuant to the requirement of Education Law Section 3012-c and Part 30-2.9 of the Rules of the Board of Regents, the individual named below has completed all the necessary training to be recertified as a lead evaluator of building principals;

and the Board of Education hereby recertifies the following individual as a lead evaluator of building principals:

Brent Baier

- ◆ pursuant to the requirement of Education Law Section 3012-c and Part 30-2.9 of the Rules of the Board of Regents, the individual named below has completed all the necessary training to be certified as a lead evaluator of building principals;

and the Board of Education hereby certifies the following individual as a lead evaluator of building principals:

Jessica Harris

- ◆ pursuant to the requirement of Education Law Section 3012-c and Part 30-2.9 of the Rules of the Board of Regents, the individual named below has completed all the necessary training to be certified as a lead evaluator of building principals;

and the Board of Education hereby certifies the following individual as a lead evaluator of building principals:

Millicent Lee

- ◆ the Board of Education approve the appointment of Eric Buzzetto as Athletic Director September 17, 2019 through June 30, 2020 for an annual stipend of \$5,000.

- ◆ the Board of Education approve the following appointments:

| Name | Position | Building | Rate | Probationary Period | Effective Date |
|---------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-------------|----------------------------|-----------------------|
| Shakeema Faulk | Teacher Aide | Edenwald | \$18.26/hr | 12-52 weeks | 09/17/2019 |
| Maya Lee | Teacher Aide | Edenwald | \$18.26/hr | 12-52 weeks | 09/17/2019 |
| Sakina Lewis | Teacher Aide | Edenwald | \$18.26/hr | 12-52 weeks | 09/17/2019 |
| Kadian Talbert | Teacher Aide | MPCS | \$18.26/hr | 12-52 weeks | 09/17/2019 |
| Rajief Raglan | Teacher Aide | MPCS | \$18.26/hr | 12-52 weeks | 09/17/2019 |
| Matthew Muller | Teacher Aide | MPCS | \$18.26/hr | 12-52 weeks | 09/17/2019 |
| Albertus Brailsford | Teacher Aide | Edenwald | \$18.26/hr | 12-52 weeks | 09/17/2019 |

- ◆ the Board of Education approves the following appointments for the After School Program at a rate of \$40.00 per hour effective September 17, 2019 – June 30, 2019.”

| Name | |
|-------------------|--------------------|
| Greg Bell | Ainsworth Hayles |
| Aida Fernandez | Susan Williams |
| Greta Joseph | Terry Strothers |
| Anthony Owens | Annamarie Greaves |
| Larry Ford | Louise Sacchitello |
| Palmira Torres | Millicent Lee |
| Tonya Lee | Brent Bair |
| Michelle Thompson | Christie Leamon |
| Tivon Smith | Jessica Harris |
| Denise White | Michael Pompa |

- ◆ the Board of Education appoints Aida Fernandez as a .54 FTE Long-term substitute for English as a Second Language effective September 18, 2019.”
- ◆ the Board of Education accept the resignation of Christine Telesco, special education math teacher, Mount Pleasant Cottage School, effective October 3, 2019.
- ◆ the Board of Education accept the resignation of Michael Reilly, math teacher, Edenwald School, effective October 11, 2019.
- ◆ the Board of Education accept the following resignations

| Name | Position | Building | Effective Date |
|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------------|
| Takia Palmer | Teacher Aide | MPCS | 05/22/2019 |
| Courtney Fields | Teacher Aide | Edenwald | 09/12/2019 |

Seconded: Mrs. Spieler

Approved

Vote: 8-0

Committee on
Special Education:

- ◆ Mr. Carter moved that the recommendations of the Mount Pleasant Cottage School U.F.S.D.'s Committee on Special Education be approved as recommended by the subcommittee.

Seconded: Mrs. Stein

Approved
Vote: 8-0

Public
Comment:

- ◆ There were no public comments.

Meeting
Notification:

- ◆ The next regular public meeting of the Board of Education will be held on Monday, October 21, 2019 at 7:30 P.M. in the MPCCS library.

Proposed Executive
Session:

- ◆ Mrs. Irwin moved that the Board of Education adjourn to Executive Session to discuss the employment history of a particular person or persons.

Seconded: Dr. Naidich

Approved
Vote: 8-0

Reconvene to
Public Session:

- ◆ Mrs. Stein moved that the Board of Education reconvenes to Public Session at 9:50 p.m.

Seconded: Mr. Johnson

Approved
Vote: 8-0

Adjournment:

- ◆ Mrs. Stein moved that the Board of Education adjourns the Regular Public meeting at 9:53 p.m.

Seconded: Mr. Carter

Approved
Vote: 8-0

Respectfully submitted,

Sheila Pappas
District Clerk