

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

April 23, 2019

The Regular Public Meeting of the Board of Education of the Mount Pleasant Cottage School Union Free School District was called to order at 7:30 P.M. by Mrs. Jackie Irwin, Vice President.

Roll Call:

Present: Mr. Carter, Mrs. Irwin, Mr. Johnson, Mrs. Mann,
Dr. Naidich, Mrs. Spieler, Mrs. Stein

Absent: Mrs. Golden, Mrs. Levene

Also

Present: Mr. Beovich, Mr. Rubbo, Mrs. Harris, Mr. Gordon,
Mrs. Leamon, Mr. Baier, Mrs. Lee, Mrs. Torres,
Mr. Nolan, Mr. Henery, Ms. Cappello and Ms. Finell

Correspondence: The following items were shared with the Board Members:

- ◆ Invitation to Edenwald Third Quarter Soar Ceremony (previously emailed to Board members)
- ◆ Invitation to SWBOCES Career Services Campus Tour (previously emailed to Board members)
- ◆ WPSBA 2019 Facts & Figures

Approval of
Minutes:

- ◆ Mr. Johnson moved that the minutes of the Board of Education meeting of March 18, 2019 be accepted as presented.

Seconded: Dr. Naidich

Approved

Vote: 7-0

- ◆ Mr. Johnson moved that the minutes of the Special Board of Education meeting of April 1, 2019 be accepted as presented.

Seconded: Mrs. Stein

Approved

Vote: 7-0

Superintendents

Report:

- ◆ Dr. Christina Torres provided an update to the Curriculum and Instruction program and the changes implemented and scheduled for implementation since the previous Curriculum Audit. Mr. Douglas Henery presented an overview of how Google classroom has been used to engage his students. Dr. Torres and Mr. Henery answered several questions from Board members.

- ◆ Mr. Rubbo provided an update on the Playground project. Occupational Therapists Ms. Finell and Ms. Cappello reviewed the equipment selected and the benefits to our student population. This will be an inclusive playground for students of all abilities.
- ◆ Mr. Beovich provided an ESSA Monitoring Update. State Education employees were at the District to audit files, their meeting was cut short and they will return to complete the audit.
- ◆ Census Report by Mr. Rubbo. 253.25 students for the month of March. April is trending 250 – 255.

Policy Reading: ◆ The following policy was presented for a first reading:

#6212 – Certification and Qualifications

Business Matters: Mrs. Stein moved that the Board of Education approve the Consent Agenda which includes items 7A - 7L.

- ◆ the Treasurer’s Report General Fund Checking, Trust and Agency Account and Federal Fund Checking Account for the period of March 1, 2019 through March 31, 2019 be accepted.
- ◆ the check runs for March 1, 2019 through March 31, 2019 be accepted as recommended by the subcommittee from:

#53658 – #53800 - \$479,094.25.

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

BUDGET TRANSFERS – APRIL 2019				
Date	Account	Detail Description	Transfer Out	Transfer In
03/20/2019	A 1010.410-00-0000	Legal Services	1,500.00	
03/20/2019	A 1240.403-00-0000	Admin Dues	1,000.00	
03/20/2019	A 1310.450-00-0000	Bus Off Supp-Materials	1,000.00	
03/20/2019	A 2110.408-00-0000	Leasing	1,000.00	
03/20/2019	A 2110.451-00-1850	Cosmetology Supp-Mat	2,500.00	
03/20/2019	A 1240.406-00-0000	School Admin - Miscell		7,000.00
03/27/2019	A 2330.150-00-2100	Summer Salary Instructional	3,800.00	
03/27/2019	A 2110.451-00-1800	Culinary Arts Program - Supplies		3,800.00
03/27/2019	A 2330.121-00-2820	Summer Salary Psychologist	2,000.00	
03/27/2019	A 1240.160-00-0000	Bus Office Salary Non-instructional		2,000.00
03/27/2019	A 1310.160-00-0000	Salary Non-instructional	50,000.00	
03/27/2019	A 2020.160-00-0000	Salary Non-instructional	30,000.00	
03/27/2019	A 1310.150-00-0000	Salary - Business Official		80,000.00
03/27/2019	A 2020.160-00-0000	Salary Non-instructional	534.70	

BUDGET TRANSFERS – APRIL 2019 - continued				
Date	Account	Detail Description	Transfer Out	Transfer In
03/27/2019	A 2020.160-00-1000	Salary Attendance		534.70
03/27/2019	A 2110.161-00-1300	Teacher Aide - Edenwald	13,000.00	
03/27/2019	A 1620.160-00-0000	Salary Contract		3,000.00
03/27/2019	A 1620.161-00-0000	Salary OT		10,000.00
03/27/2019	A 2110.161-00-1300	Teacher Aide - Edenwald	1,002.00	
03/27/2019	A 2110.160-00-1000	Teacher Aide - MPCS		225.00
03/27/2019	A 2110.160-00-1300	Teacher Aide - Edenwald		425.00
03/27/2019	A 2815.160-00-0000	School Nurse		32.00
03/27/2019	A 5510.160-00-0000	Salary Contract Transportation		320.00
03/27/2019	A 2330.121-00-0000	Salaries Social Workers	5,670.00	
03/27/2019	A 2110.161-00-1300	Teacher Aide - Edenwald	7,023.29	
03/27/2019	A 2330.121-00-0000	Salaries Social Workers	6,830.00	
03/27/2019	A 2330.121-00-2820	Salaries Psychologist	1,262.71	
03/27/2019	A 2330.121-00-2810	Salary Guidance		5,670.00
03/27/2019	A 2110.121-00-0000	TA-MPCS		15,030.00
03/27/2019	A 2110.131-00-0000	TA - Edenwald		86.00
03/27/2019	A 2020.150-00-0000	Salary Instructional	20,000.00	
03/27/2019	A 2110.161-00-1000	Teacher Aide - PCS	690.00	
03/27/2019	A 2110.161-00-1300	Teacher Aide - Edenwald	23,500.00	
03/27/2019	A 2110.161-00-1300	Teacher Aide - Edenwald	20,740.00	
03/27/2019	A 2330.161-00-1300	Salaries - Aides Edenwald	0.16	
03/27/2019	A 2110.130-00-0000	Teacher Sal Edenwald		20,740.00
03/27/2019	A 2330.161-00-2100	Salaries - Aides MPCS		0.16
03/27/2019	A 2610.150-00-0000	Salary Instructional Libraries		690.00
03/27/2019	A 2630.150-00-0000	Salary Non-instructional - Technology		43,500.00
03/27/2019	A 9010.800-00-0000	ERS Appropriation	30,000.00	
03/27/2019	A 9020.800-00-0000	TRS Appropriation		30,000.00

- ◆ the Board of Education approve the Local Transportation Agreement for Students in Foster Care with the Westchester County Department of Social Services outlining local transportation procedures when children in the care and custody of social services are attending the School District and authorizes the Superintendent to execute the agreement and that the Board of Education authorizes the Superintendent to execute any future Local Transportation Agreements for Students in Foster Care from Local Departments of Social Services as they are received.
- ◆ the Board of Education approve the expenditure of approximately \$138,555 related to the Playground Equipment Proposal from American Recreational Products and authorizes the Superintendent to execute any agreements related to the proposal.
- ◆ the Board of Education approve the expenditure of approximately \$27,225 for the excavation, grading, and disposal of soil relating to the installation and construction of a playground as detailed in the proposal from Pat Coresetti, Inc. and authorizes the Superintendent to execute any agreements related to the proposal.

- ◆ the Board of Education approve the Pitney Bowes Lease Agreement for a Digital Meter Mail System at a cost of \$299.93 per month for a forty-eight month term. (The cost of this agreement represents a 12% decrease from the prior agreement).
- ◆ the Board of Education approve the NYC Summer Youth Employment Program – 2019 and authorize the Superintendent to sign the Worksite Assurance and Certification Agreement.
- ◆ the Board of Education approve the proposal from Fuller D’Angelo P.C. providing the Architectural and Engineering services and related fees for the rehabilitation of the Culinary Arts Classroom at Edenwald School.
- ◆ the Board of Education does hereby appoint PKF O’Connor Davies, LLP for external auditing services for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2019 for a fee of \$31,250 with the option to reappoint for the following annual fee:
 - Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2020 - \$32,000
 - Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2021 - \$32,750
 - Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2022 - \$33,500
 - Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2023 - \$34,250
- ◆ the Board of Education approve the agreement with Phi Delta Kappa to provide a CMSi Small School District Curriculum Audit (Off-site) for a fee of \$15,500 and authorize the Superintendent to sign the agreement.
- ◆ the Board of Education hereby ratifies the provisions of a Memorandum of Agreement entered into by the negotiating teams for the School District and Mt. Pleasant Cottage School Association of Teachers for the Clerical Staff, dated April 9, 2019, that sets forth the terms of a three-year successor Collectively Negotiated Agreement to the one that will expire on June 30, 2019; and the Board hereby authorizes the expenditure of those moneys necessary to fund the provisions of the July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2022 Agreement between the School District and Mt. Pleasant Cottage School Association of Teachers for the Clerical Staff.
- ◆ the Board of Education approve the 2019-2020 estimated administrative budget for the Southern Westchester Board of Cooperative Educational Services in the amount of \$11,731,787.
(Mr. Johnson abstained from this vote – resolution was Approved –
Vote was 6 votes in favor
0 votes against
1 vote abstained for reason of conflict of interest)
- ◆ the Board of Education of the Mount Pleasant Cottage School UFSD cast one vote for Catherine Draper, one vote for Lynn Frazer McBride and one vote for Robert Johnson to serve as trustees on the Southern Westchester Board of Cooperative Educational Services for the time period of July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2022.

(Mr. Johnson abstained from this vote – resolution was Approved –
Vote was 6 votes in favor
0 votes against
1 vote abstained for reason of conflict of interest)

- ◆ the Board of Education approve the New York State Environmental Review Act Negative Declaration for the window replacement project at Edenwald School Building (“Edenwald”) as a Type II Action, which requires no further review under SEQRA.

WHEREAS, the Board of Education of the Mt. Pleasant Cottage School Union Free School District (“Board of Education”) is proposing a capital project consisting of window replacement, including incidental costs related there to (the “Proposed Action”); and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education proposes to proceed with the Proposed Action and wishes to take all actions necessary in connection therewith in order to comply with the State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA); and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education has reviewed the Proposed Action with respect to the Type II criteria set forth in the SEQRA Regulations at 6 NYCRR Part 617.5 and has determined that the Proposed Action is a Type II action pursuant to Section 617.5(c) (1) [maintenance or repair involving no substantial changes in the structure or facility] and/or (8) [routine activities of educational institutions] of the SEQRA Regulations;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education determines that the Proposed Action, including each and all of the components, is a Type II Action pursuant to §617.5(c)(1) and/or (8) of the SEQRA Regulations and will not have any significant environmental impacts, and no further action is needed.

- ◆ the Board of Education of the Mt. Pleasant Cottage School Union Free School District (“School District”) believes that it would be in the interest of the School District to replace the windows at the Edenwald School Building; and

WHEREAS, while it is projected that there will be sufficient funds to undertake this project, the School District will not move forward with the project unless adequate funds are available in the 2018-2019 budget for the completion of the improvement (final cost estimates for the project will be provided to the Board of Education prior to the initiation of any work);

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of the Mt. Pleasant Cottage School Union Free School District hereby approve the window replacement at the Edenwald School, subject to the availability of funds in the 2018-2019 budget; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board authorizes the School District and its Architect to undertake preliminary actions related to the planning,

design and construction of this project and authorizes the Interim Superintendent or his designee(s) to take all actions necessary and appropriate to execute these projects.

- ◆ the Board of Education of the Mt. Pleasant Cottage School Union Free School District has previously approved to piggyback off a contract with the Bay Shore Union Free School District in accordance with General Municipal Law Section 103(16) for the purpose of General Building Maintenance involving New Construction, Reconstruction and Demolition (“General Building Maintenance”) whose selected vendor is Renu Contracting and Restoration Inc.; the Board of Education approve the funding to complete the renovations to the Culinary Classroom at the Edenwald School for an amount not to exceed \$450,000 this amount is inclusive of HVAC, Electrical, Plumbing and General Construction costs for the renovations to the Culinary Classroom at the Edenwald School and the \$100,000 fee approved at the March 18, 2019 Board Meeting.
- ◆ the Board of Education does hereby approve the disposal of obsolete and/or damaged equipment detailed on the attached schedule. All items will be recycled with an approved electronics recycling organization.

Seconded: Mr. Carter

Approved

Vote: 7-0 (with the exceptions of the voting noted in the above minutes)

Donation:

- ◆ Mr. Carter moved that the Board of Education does hereby accept the donation of \$1,000 from The Children and Horses Welfare Foundation for the Mount Pleasant Cottage School Senior Class and expresses its grateful appreciation to The Children and Horses Welfare Foundation.

Seconded: Dr. Naidich

Approved

Vote: 7 - 0

Personnel Matters:

Prior to the Consent Agenda approval Mrs. Irwin expressed that the board was thrilled with the appointment of Stephen Beovich as Superintendent of Schools and of Angelo Rubbo as the Assistant Superintendent of Business, Facilities & Finance effective May 1, 2019. Mr. Beovich thanked the Board for their support.

Mr. Johnson moved that the Board of Education approve the Consent Agenda which includes items 9A – 9F.

- ◆ the Board of Education accepts the resignation of Stephen Beovich as Interim Superintendent of Schools and as Assistant Superintendent for Business effective close of business on April 30, 2019.

- ◆ the Board of Education hereby appoints Stephen Beovich as Superintendent of Schools for the Mount Pleasant Cottage School Union Free School District for the period from May 1, 2019 through June 30, 2023, with annual compensation at the rate of \$225,000 for the period of May 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020 and that the Board hereby authorizes the Board President to execute the Employment Agreement with Mr. Beovich, covering the period from May 1, 2019 through June 30, 2023, a copy of which agreement shall be incorporated by reference within the minutes of this meeting.
- ◆ the Board of Education hereby accepts Angelo Rubbo's resignation as Acting Business Administrator effective close of business on April 30, 2019.
- ◆ the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent of Schools, hereby appoints Angelo Rubbo to the position of Assistant Superintendent of Business, Facilities and Finance, in the Assistant Superintendent of Business, Facilities and Finance tenure area effective May 1, 2019, to serve a four-year probationary term, from May 1, 2019 through April 30, 2023; and the Board President and Superintendent of Schools are hereby authorized to execute a terms and conditions agreement with Mr. Rubbo, which agreement will be incorporated by reference within the minutes of this meeting; and the Acting Business Administrator Contract – Revised, dated February 11, 2019, is hereby declared null and void as of April 30, 2019 and of no further effect.
- ◆ the Board of Education accepts the following Civil Service resignations:

Name	Position	Building	Effective Date
Bryant Santiago	Teacher Aide	Edenwald	04/05/2019
Angela Rice	Teacher Aide	MPCS	03/29/2019
Jabbar Cherry	Teacher Aide	Edenwald	02/15/2019
Amy Walker	Teacher Aide	MPCS	04/26/2019
Teresa Arciola	Sr. Office Assistant	MPCS	07/12/2019

- ◆ the Board of Education accepts the resignations of Richard Severi from employment with the District, effective close of business on April 26, 2019.
- ◆ the Board of Education approves the following Civil Service appointments:

Name	Position	Building	Rate of Pay	Probationary Period	Effective Date
Queena Harrison	Teacher Aide	Edenwald	\$18.63/hr.	12 – 52 weeks	4/24/2019
Nay'ge Wagner	Teacher Aide	Edenwald	\$18.26/hr.	12 – 52 weeks	4/24/2019
Prehanka Simms	Teacher Aide	MPCS	\$18.26/hr.	12 – 52 weeks	4/24/2019
Marta Bahr	Teacher Aide	MPCS	\$18.26/hr.	12 – 52 weeks	4/29/2019
Brandon Martin	Safety Monitor	MPCS	\$30,299	12 – 52 weeks	4/29/2019

Seconded: Mr. Carter

Approved

Vote: 7-0

Committee on

Special Education: ♦ Mrs. Stein 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: Mr. Carter

Approved

Vote: 7-0

Public Comment: ♦ Mr. Nolan made a public comment.

Meeting

Notification: ♦ The next regular public meeting of the Board of Education will be held on Monday, May 20, 2019, at 7:30 P.M. in the MPCs library.

♦ The Annual Organization Meeting of the Board of Education will be held on Tuesday, July 2, 2019 at 6:30 P.M. in the MPCs library.

Proposed Executive

Session: ♦ Mrs. Stein moved that the Board of Education adjourns to Executive Session to discuss the employment history of a particular person or persons and to discuss collective bargaining under the Taylor Law pertaining to the Teacher Aide Unit at 8:48 PM.

Seconded: Mr. Johnson

Approved

Vote: 7-0

Reconvene to

Public Session: ♦ Mrs. Mann moved that the Board of Education reconvenes to Public Session at 9:25 PM.

Seconded: Mr. Johnson

Approved

Vote: 7-0

Adjournment:

♦ Mrs. Mann moved that the Board of Education adjourns the Regular Public meeting at 9:27 P.M.

Seconded: Mr. Johnson

Approved

Vote: 7-0

Respectfully submitted,

Sheila Pappas
District Clerk