

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

December 16, 2013

The Regular Public Meeting of the Board of Education of the Mount Pleasant Cottage School Union Free School District was called to order at 6:40 P.M. by Mrs. Rita M. Golden, President.

Roll Call:

Present: Mrs. Golden, Mrs. Mann, Mr. Carter, Mr. Gelfman
Mrs. Levene, Mrs. Irwin, Mr. Altman

Absent: Mrs. Stein

Also
Present: Mr. Gaudette, Mr. Callahan, Ms. Leamon, Ms. Baron,
Ms. Sanchirico, Ms. Finegold

Executive Session:

- ◆ Mrs. Levene moved that the Board of Education adjourn to Executive Session to discuss the employment history of particular persons at 6:41 P.M.

Seconded: Mr. Gelfman

Approved
Vote: 6-0

Mrs. Mann had not yet arrived.

Reconvene to Public
Session:

- ◆ Mrs. Mann moved that the Board of Education reconvene to public session at 8:10.

Seconded: Mr. Carter

Approved
Vote: 7-0

- ◆ Mr. Gaudette stated that the ELA and Math book presentations for tonight would be rescheduled in January.

Correspondence:

Mr. Gaudette shared with the board members:

- ◆ Copy of Andrea Aitken's claim audits for 10/11/13-10/29/13

Approval of
Minutes:

- ◆ Mrs. Irwin moved that the minutes of the regular Board of Education meeting of November 18, 2013 be accepted as presented.

Seconded: Mrs. Mann

Approved
Vote: 7-0

Business Matters:

Mr. Altman moved that

◆ the Board of Education approves the Treasurer’s Report General Fund Checking, Trust and Agency Account and Federal Fund Checking Account for the period of October 1, 2013 through October 31, 2013 be accepted.

◆ the Board of Education approves the check runs for October 1, 2013 through October 31, 2013 be accepted as recommended by the subcommittee from:

46932 – 47009 \$409,915.87.

◆ the Board of Education approves the following budget transfers for the 2013-2014 school year:

DATE	ACCOUNT	ACCOUNT DESCRIPTION	FROM	TO
11/14/2013	A 2330.150-00-2100	Summer school-Teachers-MPCS	\$1500.00	\$0.00
11/14/2013	A 2110.451-01-4300	Behavior Management-Edenwald	\$0.00	\$1500.00
11/21/2013	A 2330.150-00-2100	Summer school-Teachers-MPCS	\$800.00	\$0.00
11/21/2013	A 2110.451-00-1010	Student Evaluation	\$0.00	\$800.00
11/26/2013	A 2020.406-00-0000	Supervision-Regular school	\$4000.00	\$0.00
11/26/2013	A 2630.460-00-0000	School software	\$0.00	\$2500.00
11/26/2013	A 2110.450-00-1300	Central Supply-Edenwald	\$0.00	\$1500.00
Grand total			\$6300.00	\$6300.00

DATE	ACCOUNT	DESCRIPTION	FROM	TO
6/30/2013	A 2110.130-00-0000	Teachers - Edenwald	\$136,686.00	\$0.00
6/30/2013	A 2110.120-00-0000	Teachers - MPCS	\$0.00	\$136,686.00
6/30/2013	A 9040.800-00-0000	Benefits-workers Comp	\$29,000.00	\$0.00
6/30/2013	A 9050.800-00-0000	Benefits-Unemployment Ins	\$27,000.00	\$0.00
6/30/2013	A 9060.800-00-0000	Benefits-Medical Insurance	\$32,456.00	\$0.00
6/30/2013	A 9020.800-00-0000	Retirement - TRS	\$0.00	\$88,456.00
Grand Total			\$225,142.00	\$225,142.00

◆ the Board of Education approves the contract between the Mount Pleasant Cottage School UFSD and Marzano Research Laboratory effective October 14, 2013.

Seconded: Mrs. Mann

Approved

Vote: 7-0

◆ Mr. Gelfman moved that the Board of Education adopts the following policies effective 12/16/13:

1. #5690 Exposure Control Program
2. #5691 Communicable Diseases
3. #5692 Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV) Related Illnesses
4. #5710 Transportation Program
5. #5730 School Bus Safety Program
6. #5731 Idling School Buses on School Grounds
7. #5740 Qualifications of Bus Drivers
8. #6110 Code of Ethics for Board Members and all District Personnel
9. #6320 Supplementary School Personnel
10. #6411 Use of Email in the School District

Seconded: Mrs. Mann

Approved

Vote: 7-0

The following policies were presented for a first reading:

1. #6420 Employee Personnel Records and Release of Information
2. #6430 Employee Activities
3. #6440 Negotiations
4. #6450 Theft of Services or Property
5. #6460 Jury Duty
6. #6510 Health Insurance
7. #6520 Workers' Compensation
8. #6531 Deferred Salary Payments
9. #6532 Part B Medicare Reimbursement
10. #6540 Defense and Indemnification of Board Members and Employees
11. #6550 Leaves of Absence
12. #6552 Uniformed Services Employment and Reemployment Rights Act (USERRA) Military Leaves of Absence.

- ◆ Student enrollment for the months of October and November were discussed. December enrollment is budgeted at 301.

Superintendent's Report:

Mr. Gaudette discussed the Curriculum Matrix.

Personnel Matters:

Mr. Gelfman moved that

- ◆ the Board of Education appoints Nigel Haddock to a Teacher Aide position at a rate of \$12.50 per hour effective 12/2/13. This position requires a minimum 12-week, maximum 52 week probationary period.
- ◆ the Board of Education accepts the resignation of Keith Browne, Special Education Teacher for the purpose of retiring in to the New York State Teachers' Retirement System effective 1/21/14.
- ◆ the Board of Education accepts the resignation of Daniel Carducci, Math Teacher effective 1/13/14.
- ◆ the Board of Education terminates Jamal Brown, Teacher Aide at the close of business 12/13/13.

Seconded: Mrs. Mann

Approved

Vote: 7-0

- ◆ Mr. Gelfman moved that the Board hereby authorizes its President to issue to the Superintendent of Schools his annual evaluation, as presented to the Board at this meeting, pursuant to the Superintendent's Contract dated April 26, 2011. A copy of said evaluation shall be incorporated by reference within the minutes of this meeting.

Seconded: Mr. Altman

Approved

Vote: 7-0

Committee on
Special Education:

- ◆ Mr. Carter moved that the recommendations of the Mount Pleasant Cottage School Union Free School District's Committee on Special Education be approved as recommended by the subcommittee.

Seconded: Mrs. Irwin

Approved

Vote: 7-0

Public Comment:

- ◆ Gina Sanchirico spoke about the letter written to Ken Slentz, Deputy Commissioner from the VP at NYSUT regarding Alternate Assessments.
- ◆ Mrs. Golden spoke about the article in LOHUD regarding the Gateways program and praised staff for all the work they do.
- ◆ Mrs. Golden also wished everyone a happy holiday and New Year.

Meeting Notification:

The next Regular Public Meeting of the Board of Education will be held on Monday, January 27, 2014 at 7:30 P.M. in the library.

Adjournment:

- ◆ Mr. Gelfman moved that the Board of Education adjourn the Regular Public meeting at 8:40 P.M.

Seconded: Mr. Altman

Approved

Vote: 7-0

Respectfully submitted,

Marcella Freimark
District Clerk