

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

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May 28, 2014

The Regular Public Meeting of the Board of Education of the Mount Pleasant Cottage School Union Free School District was called to order at 7:46 P.M. by Mrs. Rita M. Golden, President.

Roll Call:

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

Absent: Mrs. Stein

Also
Present: Mr. Gaudette, Mr. Callahan, Ms. Baron, Ms. Leamon,
Mr. Beovich, Ms. Sanchirico, Ms. Benjamin, Ms. Tyler,
Ms. Tullgren, Ms. Payson

Executive Session:

- ◆ Mr. Carter moved that the Board of Education adjourn to Executive Session to discuss the employment history of particular persons at 7:47 P.M.

Seconded: Mrs. Mann

Approved
Vote: 7-0

Reconvene to Public
Session:

- ◆ Mr. Altman moved that the Board of Education reconvene to public session at 8:50.

Seconded: Mr. Carter

Approved
Vote: 7-0

Correspondence:

Mr. Gaudette shared with the board members:

- ◆ Copy of 2014 Facts & Figures – WPSBA
- ◆ Copy of WPSBA 2014-2015 Proposed Budget & Nominating Slate Vote
- ◆ Copy of Andrea Aitken's claim audits for 3/5/14-3/28/14 and 4/2/14-4/30/14

Approval of
Minutes:

- ◆ Mrs. Levene moved that the minutes of the regular Board of Education meeting of April 22, 2014 be accepted as presented.

Seconded: Mrs. Mann

Approved
Vote: 7-0

Business Matters:

Mr. Gelfman 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 March 1, 2014 through March 31, 2014 be accepted.

- ◆ the Board of Education approves the check runs for March 1, 2014 through March 31, 2014 be accepted as recommended by the subcommittee from:

47336 – 47452 \$465,743.72.

- ◆ 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 April 1, 2014 through April 30, 2014 be accepted.

- ◆ the Board of Education approves the check runs for April 1, 2014 through April 30, 2014 be accepted as recommended by the subcommittee from:

47453 – 47519 \$320,203.08.

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

DATE	ACCOUNT	ACCOUNT DESCRIPTION	FROM	TO
4/10/2014	A 2610.450-00-0000	Supplies-Library	\$700.00	\$0.00
4/10/2014	A 2110.450-00-1000	Central Supplies-MPCS	\$500.00	\$0.00
4/10/2014	A 2815.450-00-0000	Supplies-Nurse	\$0.00	\$1,200.00
4/10/2014	A 2110.407-00-0000	Equipment repair-MPCS	\$100.00	\$0.00
4/10/2014	A 2110.451-00-1950	Supplies-Art MPCS	\$0.00	\$100.00
4/11/2014	A 2630.460-00-0000	School Software	\$200.00	\$0.00
4/11/2014	A 2630.450-00-0000	Computer Supplies-School	\$0.00	\$200.00
4/22/2014	A 2110.451-00-1000	Instructional supplies-MPCS	\$1,500.00	\$0.00
4/22/2014	A 2110.451-00-1700	Instructional Supplies-Technology	\$0.00	\$1,300.00
4/22/2014	A 2110.451-01-4300	Behavior Mgmt.-Edenwald	\$0.00	\$200.00
4/22/2014	A 5510.160-00-0000	Salaries-Transportation	\$3,000.00	\$0.00
4/22/2014	A 2110.408-00-0000	Leasing	\$0.00	\$3,000.00
4/29/2014	A 2110.450-00-9999	Central supplies-District	\$200.00	\$0.00
4/29/2014	A 2815.450-00-0000	Supplies-Nurse	\$0.00	\$200.00
4/29/2014	A 2110.120-00-0000	Salaries-Teachers MPCS	\$16,000.00	\$0.00
4/29/2014	A 1310.150-00-0000	Salaries-Finance	\$0.00	\$16,000.00
4/29/2014	A 2822.150-00-0000	Salaries-Speech	\$20,000.00	\$0.00
4/29/2014	A 2822.442-00-0000	Contractual Service-O/T	\$0.00	\$20,000.00
4/30/2014	A 2110.406-00-0000	Miscellaneous Temp Help	\$500.00	\$0.00
4/30/2014	A 2110.451-01-3900	Behavior Mgmt.-MPCS	\$0.00	\$500.00
4/30/2014	A 2110.406-00-0000	Miscellaneous Temp Help	\$1,000.00	\$0.00
4/30/2014	A 1320.400-00-0000	Auditing	\$600.00	\$0.00
4/30/2014	A 1620.442-00-0000	Contractual-Maint.	\$0.00	\$1,600.00
5/2/2014	A 9070.800-00-0000	Welfare Benefit	\$2,000.00	\$0.00
5/2/2014	A 1010.410-00-0000	Contractual-Legal	\$0.00	\$2,000.00
5/2/2014	A 2110.451-01-3800	Assemblies-Edenwald	\$300.00	\$0.00
5/2/2014	A 2110.451-01-4300	Behavior Mgmt.-Edenwald	\$0.00	\$300.00
5/2/2014	A 2822.150-00-0000	Salaries-Speech	\$1,500.00	\$0.00
5/2/2014	A 2815.400-00-0000	Contractual-Nurse	\$0.00	\$1,500.00
5/2/2014	A 1620.450-00-0000	Building-Materials & Supplies	\$2,000.00	\$0.00
5/2/2014	A 1620.442-00-0000	Contractual-Maint.	\$0.00	\$2,000.00
5/12/2014	A 2822.150-00-0000	Salaries-Speech	\$20,000.00	\$0.00
5/12/2014	A 1620.422-00-0000	Utilities	\$0.00	\$20,000.00
Grand total			\$70,100.00	\$70,100.00.

◆ Mrs. Irwin moved that the Board of Education adopts the following policies effective 5/28/14:

1. #7514 Student Health Records
2. #7520 Accidents and Medical Emergencies
3. #7521 Students with Life-Threatening Health Conditions
4. #7560 Notification of Sex Offenders
5. #7613 The Role of the Board in Implementing a Student’s Individualized Education Program
6. #7641 Transition Services
7. #7642 Extended School Year (July/August) Services and/or Programs
8. #7643 Transfer Students with Disabilities
9. #7660 Parent Involvement for Children with Disabilities
10. #7680 Independent Educational Evaluations.

Seconded: Mrs. Mann

Approved
Vote: 7-0

The following policies were presented for a first reading:

1. #5611 Use of School District Trademarks
2. #6214 Incidental Teaching
3. #7315 Student Use of Computerized Information Resources (Acceptable Use Policy)
4. #7316 Technology Acceptable Use Policy for Students
5. #7530 Child Abuse in an Institutional Setting
6. #8120 Request for Part 100 Variance or Part 200 Innovative Program Waiver from Commissioner’s Regulations
7. #8210 Safety Conditions and Programs
8. #8211 Prevention Instruction
9. #8240 Instructional Programs: Driver Education, Gifted and Talented Education and Physical Education
10. #8331 Controversial Issues
11. #8350 Use of Copyrighted Materials
12. #8420 Opening Exercises
13. #8450 Home Tutoring (Homebound Instruction)

◆ Student enrollment for the month of April – 312.5

Superintendent’s Report:

◆ Mrs. Mann moved that the Board of Education approve the slate of officers and executive committee members for the 2014-2015 Westchester-Putnam School Boards Association.

Seconded: Mrs. Irwin

Approved
Vote: 7-0

Mrs. Levene moved that

◆ 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 classroom teachers;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby certifies the following individual as a lead evaluator of classroom teachers:

James Gaudette.

- ◆ 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;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby recertifies the following individual as a lead evaluator of building principals:

James Gaudette.

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby recertifies the following individuals as lead evaluators of classroom teachers:

Monica Baron
Christine Leamon.

Seconded: Mrs. Mann

Approved
Vote: 7-0

Personnel Matters:

Mr. Altman moved that

- ◆ the Board of Education conditionally appoints the following personnel on an emergency basis to the positions as listed for the 2013/2014 school year, subject to such limitations as are set forth in Board Resolution dated May 14, 2001.

These appointments are Probationary Civil Service appointments and are subject to a 52-week probationary period.

Upon receipt of notice from the State Education Department that the following personnel has obtained conditional clearance, their status shall be changed to conditional status. Upon receipt of notice the following personnel has obtained full clearance, conditional status shall be removed.

Should the district not receive notification of conditional clearance within 20 business days from the date the emergency appointment commences, the district will terminate the employee or reappoint said employee on an emergency basis, in compliance with the law.

In the event that clearance is denied, the Board shall ascertain what steps, if any, shall be taken with regard to continued employment.

Name	Title	Salary	Effective Date
1. Teresa Arciola	Sr. Office Assistant (Auto Systems)	\$42,000 Pro-rated	5/20/14 with a delayed start of 6/2/14.

- ◆ the Board of Education approves a salary change for Anthony Anderson from \$25,000 to \$27,163 effective 10/15/13.
- ◆ the Superintendent is hereby authorized to direct a comprehensive medical examination and evaluation, including psychiatric and/or other examinations and evaluations, if necessary, of Employee No. 238 in accordance with the provisions of Section 913 of the Education Law; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board hereby directs that Employee No. 238 submit their medical records, if any, to the extent and for the time as determined by the examining physician(s) to the designated examining physician(s) at or before such examinations/evaluations; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Employee No. 238 is hereby suspended with pay pending the results of such examinations and evaluations.

- ◆ the Superintendent is hereby authorized to direct a comprehensive medical examination and evaluation, including psychiatric/psychological examination and evaluation, if necessary, of Employee No. 91. In accordance with the provisions of Section 913 of the Education Law; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board hereby directs that Employee No. 91 submit their medical records, if any, to the extent and for the time as determined by the examining physician(s) to the Board designated examining physician(s) at or before such examination /evaluation.

- ◆ the Board for reasons of economy and efficiency has determined that it is appropriate to abolish certain pedagogical positions in the District;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board hereby abolishes the following positions, effective close of business on June 30, 2014

- 4 - 1.0 FTE Special Education Teachers
- 1 - 1.0 FTE School Counselor
- 1 - .85 FTE School Counselor

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board Clerk is hereby directed to provide written notice to those employees whose positions are hereby abolished, as set forth in a Memorandum to the Board from the Superintendent of Schools, dated 5/13/2014 in accordance with the provisions of Section 3013 of the Education Law, Part 30 of the Regents Rules of the termination of their employment effective close of business of June 30, 2014; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that said employees who are entitled to Part 30 bumping rights shall be notified, in writing, of their right to a position in a previous tenure area of service and of their placement on a preferred eligibility list in the tenure area(s) of their employment regarding their statutory recall rights; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that said employees who are not entitled to Part 30 bumping rights shall be notified, in writing, of their placement on a preferred eligibility list in the tenure area(s) of their employment regarding their statutory recall rights.

- ◆ the Board for reasons of economy and efficiency has determined that it is appropriate to abolish certain non-pedagogical positions in the District;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board hereby abolishes the following position, effective close of business on June 30, 2014

1.0 FTE Office Assistant

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board Clerk is hereby directed to provide written notice to the employee whose position is hereby abolished, as set forth in a Memorandum to the Board from the Superintendent of Schools, dated 5/13/14 and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that said employee who is in the competitive class of the civil service shall be notified in writing, of their placement on a preferred list regarding their entitlement to recall for a period of four years from the date of the abolition of their position in accordance with Sections 80 and 81 the Civil Service Law.

- ◆ the Board of Education approves a leave of absence without pay for Caitlin Perrotta, Teacher Aide effective 9/1/14 – 12/12/14.

- ◆ the Board of Education accepts the following resignations:

Name	Position	Effective Date
1. Wenceslao Chingcuangco	Teaching Assistant	6/27/14 Close of business
2. Cheryl Foxe	Teacher Aide	5/1/14.

- ◆ the Board of Education accepts the resignation of Laura Amantea, Secretary to School Principal for the purpose of retiring into the New York State Employees Retirement System effective June 30, 2014.

- ◆ the Board of Education accepts the resignation of Waldemar Gonzalez, Social Worker for the purpose of retiring into the New York State Teachers’ Retirement System effective July 1, 2014.

- ◆ the Board of Education accepts the resignation of Bernard Clark, Special Education Teacher for the purpose of retiring in to the New York State Teachers’ Retirement System effective close of business 6/27/14.

Seconded: Mrs. Levene

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. Mann

Approved
Vote: 7-0

Public Comment:

Ilene Benjamin commented that she is thankful for her wonderful years working in the school district. She has seen the quality of education taking place in the district and stated she has worked with a wonderful, dedicated and professional faculty. She thanked everyone for their support and kindness that has been extended to her. Special thanks to Ms. Leamon for teaching her about the Edenwald population, Ms. Baron for her kindness and willing to speak to her, Mr. Gaudette for having an open door policy, willing to listen and speak to her at any time and work things through. Ms. Benjamin thanked the Board for giving her the opportunity to speak and for moving the district forward.

Mrs. Golden stated she appreciated Ilene’s comments and her contributions to the students.

Meeting Notification:

The next Regular Public Meeting of the Board of Education will be on Monday, June 16, 2014 at 7:30 P.M. in the library.

Adjournment:

◆ Mrs. Mann moved that the Board of Education adjourn the Regular Public meeting at 9:07 P.M.

Seconded: Mrs. Irwin

Approved
Vote: 7-0

Respectfully submitted,

Marcella Freimark
District Clerk

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