

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

January 25, 2016

The Regular Public Meeting of the Board of Education of the Mount Pleasant Cottage School Union Free School District was called to order at 7:35 P.M. by Mrs. Barbara B. Mann, Vice President.

Roll Call:

Present: Mrs. Mann, Mr. Carter, Mr. Gelfman,  
Mrs. Irwin, Mrs. Spieler, Mrs. Stein

Absent: Mrs. Golden, Mrs. Levene

Also

Present: Mr. Gaudette, Mr. Beovich, Ms. Leamon, Ms. Baron, Ms. Lee,  
Mr. Zbikowski, Ms. Sanchirico, Ms. Vukel

Executive Session:

- ◆ Mr. Gelfman moved that the Board of Education adjourns to Executive Session to discuss the employment history of particular persons at 7:36 p.m.

Seconded: Mr. Carter

Approved

Vote: 6-0

Reconvene to  
Public Session:

- ◆ Mrs. Irwin moved that the Board of Education reconvenes to Public Session at 8:15 p.m.

Seconded: Mrs. Stein

Approved

Vote: 6-0

Approval of  
Minutes:

- ◆ Mrs. Spieler moved that the minutes of the regular Board of Education meeting of December 14, 2015 be accepted as presented.

Seconded: Mr. Carter

Approved

Vote: 6-0

Superintendent's  
Report:

Mr. Gaudette gave an update on District Goals –

Assessment Phase Report – Math, Attendance & Suspension

The report presented is to outline the different types of activities the groups are going to be working on to improve goal areas – decreasing suspensions, increasing positive behaviors, engagement in school, increasing Math outcome and increasing attendance. The assessment phase should be completed by April. Research based interventions will be looked at with the groups and specific targets will be shared with the Board in September.

- ◆ Mrs. Irwin moved that the Board of Education appoints Jill Spieler as the NYSSBA Advocacy Liaison effective 1/25/16.

Seconded: Mr. Gelfman

Approved

Vote: 6-0

Business Matters:

- ◆ Mr. Gaudette informed the Board that a new budget will be on the agenda in March due to a formalized rate increase and an increase in census.

- ◆ Copy of Andrea Aitken's claim audits for 11/2/15 through 11/24/15.

- ◆ the Treasurer's Report General Fund Checking, Trust and Agency Account and Federal Fund Checking Account for the period of November 1, 2015 through November 30, 2015 be accepted.

- ◆ the check runs for November 1, 2015 through November 30, 2015 be accepted as recommended by the subcommittee from:

50079 – 50156 \$657,261.28.

- ◆ the Board of Education approves the following budget transfers for the 2015-2016 school year:

DATE	ACCOUNT CODE	ACCOUNT NAME	OUT	IN
12/9/2015	A 1320.400-00-0000	AUDITING	\$0.00	\$1,500.00
12/9/2015	A 1620.440-00-0000	REPAIR-BLDGS	\$1,500.00	\$0.00
12/9/2015	A 2110.450-00-1700	CENTRAL SUPP-CSE	\$0.00	\$100.00
12/9/2015	A 1240.401-00-0000	LEGAL ADS	\$100.00	\$0.00
12/9/2015	A 2110.480-00-1000	TEXTBOOKS-MPCS	\$0.00	\$500.00
12/9/2015	A 2110.480-00-1300	TEXTBOOKS-EDENWALD	\$500.00	\$0.00
12/16/2015	A 5510.406-00-0000	MISCELL	\$0.00	\$150.00
12/16/2015	A 5510.161-00-0000	SALARY-O/T	\$150.00	\$0.00
12/9/2015	A 2110.451-00-9999	INSTR SUPP-XEROX PAPER	\$200.00	\$0.00
12/9/2015	A 2110.450-00-1700	CENTRAL SUPP-CSE	\$0.00	\$200.00
12/9/2015	A 2110.405-00-0000	TRAVEL AND CONFERENCES	\$500.00	\$0.00
12/9/2015	A 2110.450-00-1300	CENTRAL SUPP-EDENWALD	\$0.00	\$500.00
12/18/2015	A 2020.150-00-0000	SALARY-INSTRUCTIONAL	\$2,520.00	\$0.00
12/18/2015	A 2110.451-01-1900	INSTR SUPP-EDEN ART	\$0.00	\$2,520.00
12/18/2015	A 2110.161-00-5000	SPORTS PROGRAM-STIPENDS	\$2,883.00	\$0.00
12/18/2015	A 1910.400-00-0000	INSURANCE	\$0.00	\$2,883.00.

- ◆ the Board of Education adopts the following policies effective 1/25/16:

1. #5675 Student Grading Information Systems
2. #7513 Administration of Medication
3. #7521 Administration of Medication and Students with Life-Threatening Health Conditions

Seconded: Mrs. Stein

Approved

Vote: 6-0

- ◆ The following policy was presented for a first reading:

1. #6110 Revised Code of Ethics for Board Member and All District Personnel (To be reviewed by Shaw, Perelson, May & Lambert, LLP)

- ◆ Student enrollment for the months of November & December were not discussed.

Personnel Matters:

Mrs. Stein moved that

- ◆ the Board of Education appoints Susan Williams from a Teacher Aide to a School Monitor at a salary of \$31,200 effective 1/4/16. This position is subject to Civil Service Rules and Regulations and requires a 12-52 week probationary period.
- ◆ the Board of Education appoints Paul Howe to a Teacher Aide position at an hourly rate of \$18.26 effective 1/25/16. This position is subject to Civil Service Rules and Regulations and requires a 12-52 week probationary period.
- ◆ upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board hereby appoints Judith Farella to a four year probationary term as a Business Education teacher, commencing on January 11, 2016 and terminating on January 10, 2020 in the tenure area of Business Education – General. (Permanent Certification held in Business and Distributive Education). In order to be eligible for appointment to tenure, said employee must receive at least three APPR ratings of effective or highly effective during the four year probationary term and may not receive an ineffective rating in the final year of probation. Salary - \$99,306 MA60/11.
- ◆ upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education accepts a one year leave of absence for Stephen Ojoe, Teaching Assistant effective January 29, 2016, for the purpose of the Board appointing Stephen Ojoe to a four year probationary term as an Elementary School teacher, commencing on January 29, 2016 and terminating on January 28, 2020 in the tenure area of Elementary Education - General. In order to be eligible for appointment to tenure, said employee must receive at least three APPR ratings of effective or highly effective during the four year probationary term and may not receive an ineffective rating in the final year of probation. Mr. Ojoe has Initial certification in Students with Disabilities (Grades 1-6) and Childhood Education (Grades 1-6) and his salary is \$60,093 BA40-MA/0.
- ◆ the Board of Education accepts Alicia DeThomas's resignation as an Elementary School teacher effective 2/1/16 and re-appoints her to a Teaching Assistant position at a salary of \$37,302 Lane C Step 8 and appoints her as the Intake Coordinator effective 2/1/16 with a \$5,000 stipend. (Pro-rated).
- ◆ the Board of Education approves Chad Spaeth to return to a regular part-time position as a Teacher Aide effective 12/16/15 at a rate of \$18.26 per hour." (Note: Also working as a .54 FTE Teacher).
- ◆ the Board of Education approves the following employees to work on the after school Math Curriculum Review Team at a rate of \$40.00 per hour:  
  
Delia Garrity, Jessica Harris, Emma Liu, Michael Peller Ariel Sanzo, John Walsh.
- ◆ the Board of Education approves the following employees to work after school in the Academic Intervention Services program at a rate of \$40.00 per hour:  
  
Matt Danko, Emma Liu, Danielle Lunt, Ariel Sanzo.
- ◆ the Board of Education approves a salary change for the following:

Name	Position	Salary	Effective Date
1. Emma Liu	Math Teacher	From: \$62,138 BA40-MA/1 To: \$65,068 MA15/1	2/12/16
2. Danielle Lunt	Science Teacher	From: \$62,138 BA40-MA/1 To: \$65,068 MA15/1	2/12/16
3. Michael Rogers	CIO	Increase Stipend \$4,000 Additional responsibilities	7/1/15
4. Virginia Johnson	Audio Visual	Increase salary \$2,000	7/1/15.

	Asst.	Additional responsibilities	
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◆ the Board of Education approves a leave of absence for the following:

Name	Position	Effective Date
1. Jessica Cappello	Teacher Aide	1/15/16-5/16/16
2. Christopher Meadows	Teacher Aide	1/20/16-5/17/16
3. Devon Mirel	Teacher Aide	1/20/16-5/10/16.

◆ the Board of Education accepts the following resignations:

Name	Position	Effective Date
1. Laura Altschuler	Teaching Assistant	1/25/16
2. Jasmine Sabater	School Monitor	12/23/15.

Seconded: Mrs. Irwin

Approved

Vote: 6-0

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. Stein

Approved

Vote: 6-0

Public Comment:

None

Meeting Notification:

The next Regular Public Meeting of the Board of Education will be held on Monday, March 14, 2016 (corrected date) at 7:30 P.M. in the library.

Adjournment:

◆ Mr. Gelfman moved that the Board of Education adjourn the Regular Public meeting at 8:34 P.M.

Seconded: Mrs. Stein

Approved

Vote: 6-0

Respectfully submitted,

Marcella Freimark  
District Clerk