

**MOUNT PLEASANT CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT  
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING – MARCH 20, 2013**

**BOARD OF EDUCATION  
MEETING MINUTES  
MARCH 20, 2013**

**PRESENT:**

James Grieco, President  
Eric Schulze, Vice President  
Vincent D'Ambroso  
Laurie Donato  
Thomas McCabe

**ALSO PRESENT:**

Dr. S. Guiney, Superintendent of Schools  
M. D'Ambroso, Deputy District Clerk  
J. DelConte, Director of Special Education  
& Student Services  
M. Ellis, Director of Curriculum & Instructional  
Services  
D. Lander, Supt. of Buildings & Grounds  
L. Sanfilippo, Director of Business Admin.  
J. Schulman, HES, Principal  
M. Cunzio, CES, Principal  
Dr. R. Hendrickson, WMS, Principal  
J. Rosof, WMS, Asst. Principal  
B. Ferguson, WHS, Asst. Principal  
D. Pirro, Director of Physical Education, Health  
& Athletics  
Residents

**ABSENT:** Francine Aloj, Christopher Pinchiaroli, Keith Schenker,  
Mary Beth Mancuso, District Clerk

**I. CALL TO ORDER:** Mr. Grieco, President, opened the March 20, 2013 Board of Education meeting at approximately 7:40 pm in the WMS/WHs Library with a moment of silence and the pledge to the flag. Mr. Grieco invited Dr. Guiney to the podium to present the 2013-14 Non-Instructional Budget and the budget overview.

**II. ANNOUNCEMENTS/INFORMATION ITEMS**

- ❑ WHS Student Council: No report
- ❑ WHS PTA: Ms. Marybeth Ederer, President, reported the following: PTA meeting was March 11<sup>th</sup>; there has been an increase in the PTA membership; the scholarship drive is still on, and anyone interested who has a senior can get an application from the guidance department or on their website; April 26<sup>th</sup> Lord & Taylor's fundraiser; and wished everyone luck on the passing of the budget.
- ❑ WHS BLT: Mr. Bruce Ferguson, Assistant Principal, reported that the WHS BLT will not be meeting until sometime in April.
- ❑ WMS PTA: Jenn DeFlorio, Co-president, reported the following: March madness was a success and she thanked Dr. Hendrickson and Mr. Rosof, parents and teachers, custodians and local businesses for their participation in this event. Other announcements included: Ms. DeFlorio thanked Lynn Iannucci for her contributions and the PTA regarding the two assemblies held at the middle

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school, the PTA Cultural Arts Presentation “Myths Around the World” and Michael Fowlin for his presentation “You Don’t Know Me Until You Know Me.”

- WMS BLT: Dr. Robert Hendrickson reported on the following: next BLT meeting will be on April 17<sup>th</sup>; Dr. Hendrickson thanked the PTA for their efforts regarding the Cultural Arts Presentation and Michael Fowlin’s presentation held at the middle school and Mary Ellis for her help with the middle school survey. Dr. Hendrickson stressed the importance of middle school students preparing for high school and how important communication skills are; raising expectations in academics and enforcing students to be independent and being able to make decisions on their own.
- Elementary PTA: No report
- Columbus BLT: Mr. Michael Cunzio, Principal, reported that the Columbus BLT did not meet this month. The next meeting will be April 2<sup>nd</sup>.
- Hawthorne BLT: Mr. Jerry Schulman, Principal, reported that the Hawthorne BLT will be meeting on April 17<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Schulman thanked the following groups: Mount Pleasant Education Foundation for their generosity in awarding over \$30,000 in grants to Hawthorne Elementary School; the Hawthorne teachers for taking the time to submit their grant requests for the students; the PTA Cultural Arts Presentation; and the PTA for their hospitality during the Tri-State visit in providing breakfast for them.
- SEPTA: No report
- Westlake Athletic Club: Donna Pirro reported on behalf of the Westlake Athletic Club. She reminded everyone of the Golf outing on April 29<sup>th</sup>, which will be held at the Elwood Country Club; and thanked everyone for their support of the Westlake Athletic Club.
- Mount Pleasant Education Foundation: No report

**III. REPORTS**

- President, Board of Education: Mr. Grieco thanked the following: CBAC for presenting their findings in regard to the budget and for volunteering to be on the CBAC. He also reminded everyone about the Mount Pleasant Education Foundation dinner dance on April 26<sup>th</sup> and to support this important event and the golf outing fundraiser on April 29<sup>th</sup>. He especially thanked Dr. Guiney for her budget presentation and everyone involved in the budget process; he congratulated Dr. Guiney and everyone on “closing the gap” from an \$1.8M deficit, first reported in November, to the present deficit of \$685,000. Mr. Grieco is hopeful that our legislators in Albany will come through for our district.
- Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Susan Guiney: 2013-14 Non-Instructional Budget and budget overview:  
Dr. Susan Guiney presented on the non-instructional component of the 2013-14 budget. On April 3<sup>rd</sup>, Dr. Guiney will be presenting the instructional budget. The budget is available on the website and copies of the budget were left on the counter in the back of the library for the public to review. Dr. Guiney reported on the following important information: the Essential Question – How can the Mt. Pleasant School District craft a budget that pursues higher student learning and

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achievement; maximizes efficiencies and complies with the cap on the tax levy? The primary costs factors affecting the 2013-14 budget preparation are: 2% cap on the tax levy; no mandate relief; APPR Teacher/Principal evaluations; tax certioraris and demographics/enrollment. Dr. Guiney discussed the District's goals: Learner Centered Classrooms; Social and Emotional Learning; Technology; Transportation, Safety and Security, all of which are part of the District's 5-year Strategic Plan. She discussed the areas that are included in the Non-Instructional Budget: General Support, Debt Service, Benefits and Transfers to other funds. Dr. Guiney reported that in November, 2012, when the budget process began, the district had a deficit of \$1.8M. As of March, the deficit has declined to a deficit of \$685,000 due to certain reductions. This information is on the website. Dr. Guiney explained the budget process from September-March. She explained the role of the Citizen's Budget Committee; the Budget Forums which were held in January and February and the Transportation Forum which was held in October at a Superintendent's coffee hour. Dr. Guiney explained the CBAC's findings which are: maintaining current class sizes; full day Kindergarten; extra-curricular activities, athletic programs, electives, AP classes, transportation; special education services while staying under the 2% cap. Dr. Guiney explained that fiscal responsibility is a very important factor while crafting a budget. She stressed the accomplishments in the district: Teachers College; Tri-State Consortium; distinguished honors such as athletic scholars, NYS awards, fine arts and grants. Dr. Guiney discussed negotiations and the implications of Triboro, TRS and ERS pension contributions, increase in health insurance. These are all contributing factors in the budget. Dr. Guiney also commended the safety and security components in the district, the non-instructional budget codes and installing new boilers in the school buildings. Dr. Guiney introduced Lisa Sanfilippo, Director of Business Administration to report on what impacts the tax bill. Ms. Sanfilippo reported on the following: school taxes are only a portion of the total property tax bill; property assessments, which are determined by the local assessors in the towns of Mt. Pleasant and North Castle; town equalization rates, which are determined by the NYS Office of Real Property Services (ORPS). Ms. Sanfilippo reported on the components used in calculating the final tax bill: approved budgeted expenditures; State Aid, Equalization Rate, Star exemption and Assessments. Ms. Sanfilippo explained what a contingency budget is if the budget does not pass. The district would have the opportunity to have another budget vote. The Board of Education would make a decision to either enter into a contingency budget or put the budget up for another vote. The district would only have two opportunities to do this should the budget not pass the first time. Dr. Guiney thanked Ms. Sanfilippo, the CBAC and the administrators for their hard work and efforts in helping to craft the 2013-14 budget and stressed the importance of the following dates: Budget adoption by the Board of Education, April 23<sup>rd</sup>; Budget hearing, May 8<sup>th</sup>; Voter Registration, May 15<sup>th</sup>; Budget vote, May 21<sup>st</sup>.

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- Jerry Schulman: Energy Education Update: Jerry Schulman reported on the following: success of cost savings during the February break and will repeat the same process during the Spring break; thanked the staff in all the buildings, the administrators and the custodians for their help and cooperation in helping the district conserve energy.

**IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Motion made by Mr. Schulze, seconded by Mr. D'Ambroso as follows:

BE IT RESOLVED: That the minutes of the February 13, 2013 monthly Board of Education Meeting and the March 6, 2013 Board of Education work session meeting be approved.

**VOTE: 5 – 0**

**V. OLD BUSINESS:** None

**VI. COMMENT ON NEW BUSINESS AGENDA ITEMS:** None

**VII. NEW BUSINESS – ACTION ITEMS**

**(The Board of President, in accordance with the Board of Education Policy No. 1512, Consent Agenda, will request a single motion to adopt Resolution B through L as printed on the agenda. Due to one abstained vote on Resolution A, there will be a single motion to adopt Resolution A.**

Motion made by Eric Schulze, seconded by Vincent D'Ambroso.

**VOTE 4-0 (Resolution A)**

**VOTE 5-0 (Resolution B-L)**

**VIII. OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENTS TO BOARD OF EDUCATION:** None

**IX. ADJOURNMENT:** At approximately 9:20 p.m., motion made by Vincent D'Ambroso, seconded by Mr. Eric Schulze, and unanimously adopted by the Board to adjourn the February 13, 2013, Board of Education meeting.

Motion made by Eric Schulze, seconded by Vincent D'Ambroso to enter into Executive Session to discuss negotiations.

Marie D'Ambroso  
Deputy District Clerk

**PENDING BOARD APPROVAL**

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**CONSENT AGENDA**

**A. APPROVAL - EXECUTION OF SIDE LETTER BETWEEN THE MOUNT PLEASANT CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT AND THE MOUNT PLEASANT CSEA CLERICAL UNIT**

BE IT RESOLVED: That the Board of Education herewith authorizes the Superintendent of Schools to execute a certain side letter Agreement between the District and the CSEA Clerical Association concerning personal days for a certain member of the Association. Said side letter was previously reviewed by the Board of Education in executive session.

**B. ACCEPTANCE – DONATION**

BE IT RESOLVED: That the Mount Pleasant Central School District Board of Education hereby accepts a \$500.00 donation from ExxonMobil Educational Alliance for the math and/or science program at Hawthorne Elementary School.

**C. ACCEPTANCE – DONATION**

BE IT RESOLVED: That the Mount Pleasant Central School District Board of Education hereby accepts a \$500.00 donation from ExxonMobil Educational Alliance for Columbus Elementary School.

**D. ACCEPTANCE - DONATION**

BE IT RESOLVED: That the Mount Pleasant Central School District Board of Education hereby accepts a \$112.00 donation from NY Life and Giving Campaign for Columbus Elementary School.

**E. ACCEPTANCE – RESIGNATION**

BE IT RESOLVED: That the Mount Pleasant Central School District Board of Education hereby accepts the resignation of:

Andrea Nash, Teacher Aide, Hawthorne Elementary School  
Effective: March 1, 2013

**F. APPROVAL – CSE AND CPSE PLACEMENT RECOMMENDATIONS**

BE IT RESOLVED: That the recommendations for placement of students with disabilities as recommended by the Mount Pleasant Central School District's Committee on Special Education and Committee on Preschool Special Education at their meetings listed below are hereby approved. Copies of said recommendations are on file in the office of the District Clerk:

CPSE: January 9, 23 – 2013  
CSE: January 29, 31 – 2013  
February 1, 4, 7, 8, 11, 12, 14, 15, 27 - 2013

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**G. APPROVAL - SPECIAL EDUCATION OUT OF DISTRICT PLACEMENT CONTRACT,  
2012-13 SCHOOL YEAR**

BE IT RESOLVED: That in accordance with the recommendation of the Director of Special Education and Student Services, the Board of Education hereby approves the following Special Education Out of District Placement Contract for the 2012-2013 school year:

Bedford Central School District, 1 student @ \$60,898.00 (pro-rated).

**H. APPROVAL – TRANSFER OF FUNDS**

BE IT RESOLVED: That the Board of Education hereby authorizes the following budget transfers for the 2012-2013 year as specified below:

TRANSFER TO:			TRANSFER FROM:		
ACCOUNT TITLE	CODE	AMOUNT	ACCOUNT TITLE	CODE	AMOUNT
BOCES SERVICES	A1010-490-07-4000	3,475.00	BOCES SERVICES	A2110-490-00-4000	3,475.00
CONFERENCES & TRAVEL	A2010-400-04-4700	2,491.60	CONTRACTUAL EXPENSE	A2010-400-07-4000	2,491.60
SALARIES	A2020-150-07-1000	24,523.00	RETIREMENT INCENTIVE & OTHER	A9089-800-07-8520	24,523.00
FIRE ALARM SERVICES	A1621-400-07-4260	7,200.00	SPECIAL PROJECTS	A1621-400-07-4280	7,200.00
MATERIALS & SUPPLIES	A1620-450-07-5000	13,450.00	MATERIALS & SUPPLIES	A1621-450-07-5000	13,450.00
SALARIES	A2110-130-00-1100	8,055.99	LONGEVITY K-6	A2110-120-00-1110	8,055.99
TOTAL		59,195.59			59,195.59

**I. APPROVAL – FINANCIAL REPORT**

BE IT RESOLVED: That the Board of Education hereby approves the Treasurer’s Report for the month of January 2013.

**J. APPROVAL – HEALTH SERVICES 2012/2013**

BE IT RESOLVED: That the Board of Education hereby approves the following health and welfare services contracts for the 2012-13 school year:

Bedford Central School District: 3 students @ \$934.41 for a total of \$2,803.23

Harrison Central School District: 1 student @ \$1,008.32 for a total of \$1,008.32

Ossining Union Free School District: 2 students @ \$787.38 for a total of \$1,574.76

**AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:** That the President of the Board of Education is authorized to sign the contract on its behalf.

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**K. APPROVAL – TEXTBOOK LOAN REQUEST DATE**

BE IT RESOLVED: That the Board of Education hereby establishes July 15, 2013 as the date by which all textbook loan requests must be received for the 2013-2014 school year.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That requests received after that date will not be honored.

**L. APPROVAL – PROFESSIONAL PERSONNEL AND CIVIL SERVICE PERSONNEL APPOINTMENTS**

BE IT RESOLVED: That the attached 12/13, P-10, Professional Personnel Appointments are hereby approved. All appointments are contingent on fingerprint clearance through the New York State Education Department

AND

BE IT RESOLVED: That the attached 12/13, C-10, Civil Service Personnel Appointments are hereby approved. All appointments are contingent on fingerprint clearance through the New York State Education Department.

**VIII. OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENTS TO BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**IX. ADJOURNMENT**

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**SCHEDULE 12/13, P-10 PROFESSIONAL PERSONNEL APPOINTMENTS**

**MODIFICATION FROM LONG-TERM SUBSTITUTE TO LEAVE REPLACEMENT**

BE IT RESOLVED: That the long-term substitute appointment, originally requested and approved at the December 19, 2012 Board of Education meeting for Ilana Cohen be modified to leave replacement as follows:

Ilana Cohen, School Psychologist  
Assigned To: Columbus Elementary School/Westlake High School  
Certification: Permanent Certification as School Psychologist  
Effective: February 25, 2013 – June 30, 2013  
Salary Placement: M.A.+30 Step 6: \$36,477.84 (pro-rated)

**MODIFICATION TO LEAVE REPLACEMENT APPOINTMENT**

BE IT RESOLVED: That the leave replacement appointment, originally requested and approved at the August 8, 2012 Board of Education meeting and modified at the January 16, 2013 Board of Education meeting for:

Christine Carolan, Health  
Assigned To: Westlake High School  
Certification: Initial Certification in Health Education  
Effective: September 1, 2012 – March 29, 2013  
Salary Placement: M.A. Step 1: \$41,761.30 (pro-rated)

be adjusted as noted below:

Christine Carolan, Health  
Assigned To: Westlake High School  
Certification: Initial Certification in Health Education  
Effective: September 1, 2012 – June 30, 2013  
Salary Placement: M.A. Step 1: \$59,659

**HOMEBOUND TUTORING – 2012/2013 SCHOOL YEAR**

Loredana Uguccione  
Effective: February 5, 2013 – March 22, 2013  
Hours: Not to exceed 8

Salary will be paid in accordance with the Mount Pleasant Central School District Teachers Association agreement.

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**APPROVAL – MODIFICATION TO UNPAID CHILDCARE LEAVE**

BE IT RESOLVED: That the request for unpaid childcare leave, originally approved at the December 19, 2012 Board of Education meeting for:

**Employee #2447**

Leave to begin on January 31, 2013  
Leave to conclude on February 15, 2013

be modified as follows:

**Employee #2447**

Leave to begin on January 31, 2013  
Leave to conclude on March 21, 2013

**APPROVAL – PERSONAL LEAVE OF ABSENCE, PROFESSIONAL -  
2013/2014 SCHOOL YEAR**

BE IT RESOLVED: That in accordance with the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools and the agreement between the Mount Pleasant Central School District Board of Education and the Mount Pleasant Teachers Association, the Board of Education hereby approves the following request for a personal unpaid leave of absence:

**Employee #1935**

Leave to begin on September 1, 2013  
Leave to conclude on June 30, 2014

**APPROVAL – EXTRA CURRICULAR APPOINTMENTS RESCINDED**

BE IT RESOLVED: That the extra-curricular appointments for Adam Yaeger and Karyn Palladino, originally requested and approved by the Board of Education at its meeting held on July 11, 2012 for MS Go Green, are hereby rescinded.

**APPROVAL – EXTRA CURRICULAR APPOINTMENTS RESCINDED, 2012/2013 SCHOOL YEAR**

BE IT RESOLVED: That the extra-curricular appointments for the 2012/2013 school year, previously approved by the Board of Education at its meeting held on July 11, 2012 for the following individuals, are hereby rescinded:

<b><u>Position</u></b>	<b><u>Coach</u></b>	<b><u>Stipend</u></b>
Modified Track (Girls)	Tara Dennehy	\$4,068
Modified Softball	Tina Nicodemo	\$4,068

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**APPROVAL – EXTRA CURRICULAR APPOINTMENTS, 2012/2013 SCHOOL YEAR  
(SPRING SPORTS)**

BE IT RESOLVED: That the Mount Pleasant Central School District Board of Education approves the Superintendent of Schools recommendation to appoint the following individuals to the extra-curricular appointments for the 2012/2013 school year:

<b><u>Position</u></b>	<b><u>Coach</u></b>	<b><u>Stipend</u></b>
Modified Track (Girls)	Tina Nicodemo	\$4,068
JV Softball	Marissa Ranellone	Volunteer
Varsity Baseball	Mike Ferrauto	Volunteer
Varsity Lacrosse (Boys)	Brian Murphy	Volunteer

**SCHEDULE 12/13, C-10 CIVIL SERVICE APPOINTMENT**

**APPROVAL – ESTABLISHMENT OF LIBRARY ASSISTANT POSITION**

BE IT RESOLVED: That the Board of Education of the Mount Pleasant Central School District, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, hereby creates the 1.0 (FTE) position of Library Assistant;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That the work year for said position shall be September 1 through June 30<sup>th</sup> and the job duties of said position are held with the Westchester County Department of Human Resources.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That the annual salary for said position shall be \$29,891, and all other benefits shall align with the Mount Pleasant Teachers Association collective bargaining agreement.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That the employee will be offered district health insurance to be funded by the district at 88% of the total premium.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That Katja Rossi is hereby appointed from Eligible List #62-689 to a one (1) year probationary position, effective March 25, 2013 with a pro-rated salary of \$10,977.85 for the 2012-2013 school year.