

MOUNT PLEASANT COTTAGE SCHOOL UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT
Board of Education Regular Meeting Minutes
Monday, March 21, 2022

1. Opening Items

1.1 Call to Order

The Board of Education meeting of the Mount Pleasant Cottage School Union Free School District was called to order by Mrs. Rita Golden, Board of Education President at 7:30 pm.

1.2 Roll Call

Board Members Present: Mrs. Golden, Mrs. Irwin, Mr. Carter, Mr. Hucke, Mr. Johnson, Dr. Wendy Naidich, Mrs. Spieler, Mrs. Stein
Also Present: Mr. Beovich, Mr. Baier, Mr. Capshaw, Ms. Harris, Ms. Leamon, Mr. Nolan, Mr. Pompa, Ms. Richards, Mr. Rubbo, Mr. Welsh, Mr. Antoine White

2. Correspondence

2.1 Claims Audit Report

Angelo Rubbo shared with the Board members Andrea Aitken, claims audit reports on claims paid by the District between January 5, 2022 through January 26, 2022.

3. Meeting Minutes

3.1 Approval of Minutes

The Board of Education approved the minutes of the February 17, 2022 Board of Education Meeting.

Motion: Mr. Carter

Second: Mrs. Spieler

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Mrs. Golden, Mrs. Irwin, Mr. Carter, Mr. Hucke, Mr. Johnson, Dr. Wendy Naidich, Mrs. Spieler, Mrs. Stein

4. Superintendent's Report

4.1 Census Report

Mr. Rubbo shared the February Census Report with the Board.

4.2 Spectrum Design Group Presentation

Mr. Nolan presented an overview of the work program with are participating with Spectrum Design through the Nicholas Center. Later in the meeting our student Antoine White who is training at Spectrum Design spoke about his job.

4.3 Facility Dog Presentation

Mr. Capshaw presented an update on our Facility Dog, Aladdin is working with our students.

5. Board Policies

5.1 Policy 7552 - Student Gender Identity (first reading)

The Board conducted a first reading of Policy 7552 - Student Gender Identity.

5.2 Approval of Board Policy Consent Items

With the consent of the Board, Mrs. Golden took items 5.3 through 5.10 under one motion.

5.3 Policy 5230 - Acceptance of Gifts, Grants and Bequests to the District (second reading)

The Board of Education conduct a second reading and adopted Policy 5230 - Acceptance of Gifts, Grants and Bequests to the District.

5.4 Policy 5570 - Financial Accountability (second reading)

The Board of Education conduct a second reading and adopted Policy 5570 - Financial Accountability.

5.5 Policy 5683 - Fire and Emergency Drills, Bomb Threats, and Bus Emergency Drills (second reading).

The Board of Education conduct a second reading and adopted Policy 5683 - Fire and Emergency Drills, Bomb Threats, and Bus Emergency Drills.

5.6 Policy 5730 - School Bus Safety (second reading).

The Board of Education conduct a second reading and adopted Policy 5730 - School Bus Safety.

5.7 Policy 5731 - Idling School Buses on School Grounds (second reading).

The Board of Education conduct a second reading and adopted Policy 5731 - Idling School Buses on School Grounds.

5.8 Policy 5740 - Qualifications of Bus Drivers (second reading).

The Board of Education conduct a second reading and adopted Policy 5740 - Qualifications of Bus Drivers.

5.9 Policy 6140 - Employee Medical Examinations (second reading).

The Board of Education conduct a second reading and adopted Policy 6140 - Employee Medical Examinations.

5.10 Policy 8243 - Use of Assistance Animals (second reading).

The Board of Education conduct a second reading and adopted Policy 8243 - Use of Assistance Animals.

Motion: Mrs. Irwin

Second: Mrs. Stein

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Mrs. Golden, Mrs. Irwin, Mr. Carter, Mr. Hucke, Mr. Johnson, Dr. Wendy Naidich, Mrs. Spieler, Mrs. Stein

6. Business Matters

6.1 Approval of Business Matters Consent Items

With the consent of the Board, Mrs. Golden took items 6.2 through 6.16 under one motion.

6.2 Treasurer's Report General Fund Checking, Trust and Agency Account and Federal Fund Checking Account

The Treasurer's Report General Fund Checking, Trust and Agency Account and Federal Fund Checking Account for the period of January 1, 2022 through January 31, 2022 was accepted.

6.3 Check Runs

The check runs for the period of January 5, 2022 through January 26, 2022 were accepted as recommended by the subcommittee from:

56622 through #56679 in the amount of \$1,085,373.75

6.4 Approval of Budget Transfers

The Board of Education approved the attached budget transfers for the 2021-2022 school year.

6.5 Ordinary Contingent Expense/Emergency Resolution

WHEREAS, upon inspection by the District's Architect and their structural engineer in February 2022, it was determined that there is severe deterioration of certain exterior structural members at the first floor overhang on the west side of the Mount Pleasant Cottage School building, as described in a letter from BBS Architects, Landscape Architects, Engineers ("BBS"), dated February 24, 2022, incorporated herein by reference; and

WHEREAS, upon the recommendation of BBS, it is necessary to undertake immediate replacement of at least three sections of hung lintels and at least two sections of spandrel beams, and repairs to other portions of the exterior structural members, to assure the safety, health and welfare of the students, staff and visitors to the Mount Pleasant Cottage School building, as well as to safeguard the School District's property; and WHEREAS, the Board is empowered to determine that the expense of these activities is an ordinary contingent expense within the meaning of §2023 of the New York State Education Law and §170.2(l) of the Regulations of the Commissioner of Education and that the project constitutes an emergency within the meaning of §103 of the General Municipal Law to allow for the replacement of at least three hung lintels and two spandrel beams, and repairs to other portions of the exterior structural members, and related activities on an immediate basis without the necessity of competitive bidding;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby determines and declares that the cost of the replacement of at least three hung lintels and two spandrel beams, and repairs to other portions of the exterior structural members at the first

floor overhang on the west side of the Mount Pleasant Cottage School building, including related activities and incidental costs and expenses, constitutes an ordinary contingent expense within the meaning of §2023 of the Education Law and §170.2(l) of the Regulations of the Commissioner of Education, and constitutes an emergency within the meaning of §103 of the General Municipal Law and hereby authorizes the expenditure of those funds necessary for such purposes; and BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board, as the only agency involved in the emergency project and, therefore, lead agency, hereby determines that the replacement of at least three hung lintels and two spandrel beams, and repairs to other portions of the exterior structural members at the first floor overhang on the west side of the Mount Pleasant Cottage School building, including related activities, will not have a significant environmental impact and declares this project a Type II Action pursuant to '617.5(c)(1) (maintenance or repair involving no substantial changes in the structure or facility) and/or (2) (replacement, rehabilitation or reconstruction of a structure or facility, in kind on the same site) and/or (10) (routine activities of educational institutions) of the State Environmental Quality Review Act regulations, and no further action is required; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board authorizes the Superintendent of Schools or designee to make transfers between and within functional unit appropriations in the general fund and/or to use such federal funds as may be approved for such purpose, in order to pay the costs of this ordinary contingent expense estimated to be \$150,000 with a total cost not to exceed \$180,000.

6.6 Approval of OLAS Cross-Contract and Non-Disclosure Agreement

The Board of Education approved the Cross Contract with Putnam/Northern Westchester BOCES for the On-Line Application System for Educators (OLAS). and the Board of Education approved the Mutual Nondisclosure Agreement with Putnam Northern Westchester BOCES for the 2022-2023 school year.

6.7 Approval of Final Services Commitment from Erie 1 BOCES

The Board of Education approved the Final Services Commitment Form for services (policy and admin services) to be purchased in 2022-2023 from Erie 1 BOCES in the amount of \$3,590

6.8 Approval of Cross Contract with Putnam Northern Westchester BOCES

The Board of Education approved the Cross Contract with Putnam Northern Westchester BOCES for Video Development services for a fee not to exceed \$6,000.

6.9 Approval of Agreement with Team Bonding

The Board of Education approved the agreement with Team Bonding for a team building event on the Superintendent Conferences Day April 2022.

6.10 District Designations

Sterling National Bank, 40 Church Street, White Plains, New York 10601, designated at the July 12, 2021 Annual Organizational Meeting as depositories for District funds and the District's Extracurricular funds has merged with Webster Bank, N.A.. All deposit requirements and signer/co-signer authorizations remain the same.

6.11 District Authorizations

Stephen Beovich was appointed the Acting School Purchasing Agent in the absence or disability of the School Purchasing Agent.

6.12 Acceptance of Donation

The Board of Education accepted the donation of 10 Mini Bluetooth Wireless Earbuds with Charging Case for the PBIS rewards program from Donors Choose.

6.13 Approval of 2022 2023 School Calendar

The Board of Education approved the 2022 – 2023 School Calendar.

6.14 Approval of 2022-2023 Board of Education Meetings Calendar

The Board of Education approve the proposed 2022-2023 Board of Education Meetings Calendar.

6.15 Resolution for Authorization with Westchester County Department of Health

The Board of Education of the Mount Pleasant Cottage School Union Free School District, with offices at 1075 Broadway, PO Box 8, Pleasantville, New York 10570 hereby authorized Stephen Beovich, Superintendent of Schools to execute and deliver to the Westchester County Department of Health, for and on behalf of said School District, and application for a permit to operate a food truck to execute and deliver any and all additional documents which may be appropriate or desirable in connection therewith.

6.16 Approval of Agreement with Playground Medic

The Board of Education approved the agreement with Playground Medic for the 2021-2022 Annual Playground Safety Inspection for a fee not to exceed \$750.

Motion: Mrs. Spielers

Second: Dr. Naidich
Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Yea: Mrs. Golden, Mrs. Irwin, Mr. Carter, Mr. Hucke, Mr. Johnson, Dr. Wendy Naidich, Mrs. Spieler, Mrs. Stein

7. Personnel Matters (Consent Items)

7.1 Approval of Personnel Matters Consent Items

With the consent of the Board, Mrs. Golden took items 7.2 through 7.7 under one motion.

7.2 Recertification for Lead Evaluator

The Board of Education pursuant to the requirement of Education Law Section 3012-d and Part 30-3.10 of the Rules of the Board of Regents, certified that Miguel Suarez has completed all of the necessary training to be recertified as lead evaluators of teachers.

7.3 Appointment of Track Coaches

The Board of Education approved the the following appointments for the 2021-2022 school year:
Nancy Patterson - Co-Head Coach with an annual stipend of \$3,250
Malik McKenzie - Co-Head Coach with an annual stipend of \$3,250

7.4 Employee Termination

Thee Board of Education terminated the probationary employment of Employee #1041, teacher aide, effective March 22, 2022 as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools.

7.5 Civil Service Appointments

The Board of Education approved the following appointments:

Philip Chantz
Teacher Aide - MPCS
Effective - March 2, 2022
Rate: \$18.26 per hour

Katherine Shymonowicz
Substitute Teacher Aide - Edenwald
Effective - March 16, 2022
Rate - \$18.26 per hour

Dallas Evans
Teacher Aide - MPCS
Effective - March 14, 2022
Rate - \$18.26 per hour

Jean Marcellus
Teacher Aide - Edenwald
Effective - March 14, 2022
Rate - \$18.26 per hour

7.6 Civil Service Resignation

The Board of Education accepted the following resignations:

Neika Rall-Brown
Teacher Aide - Edenwald School
Effective Date - February 28, 2022

Philip Chantz
Teacher Aide - MPCS
Effective March 14, 2022

Danielle Erenstein
Teacher Aide - MPCS
Effective May 7, 2021

7.7 Approval of Additional FTE

The Board of Education authorized an additional .17 FTE for Rodney Simmons, long term substitute teacher at an additional prorated salary of \$11,679 effective March 16, 2022.

Motion: Mrs. Irwin
Second: Mrs. Stein
Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Yea: Mrs. Golden, Mrs. Irwin, Mr. Carter, Mr. Hucke, Mr. Johnson, Dr. Wendy Naidich, Mrs. Spieler, Mrs. Stein

8. Committee on Special Education

8.1 Approval of Special Education Committee Recommendations.

The Board of Education approved the recommendations of the Mount Pleasant Cottage School District's Committee on Special Education as recommended and presented by the subcommittee.

Motion: Mr. Carter

Second: Mrs. Stein

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Mrs. Golden, Mrs. Irwin, Mr. Carter, Mr. Huckle, Mr. Johnson, Dr. Wendy Naidich, Mrs. Spieler, Mrs. Stein

9. Public Comment

9.1 Public Comment

Having heard none, Mrs. Golden moved on with the agenda.

10. Meeting Notification

10.1 Announcement of April Board of Education Meeting

The next scheduled meeting of the Board of Education will be held on Tuesday, April 19, 2022, at 7:30 PM

11. Executive Session

11.1 Proposed Executive Session

The Board of Education adjourned 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's Unit.

Motion: Mr. Carter

Second: Mrs. Spieler

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Mrs. Golden, Mrs. Irwin, Mr. Carter, Mr. Huckle, Mr. Johnson, Dr. Wendy Naidich, Mrs. Spieler, Mrs. Stein

11.2 Reconvene to Public Session

The Board of Education reconvened to Public Session at 8:55 pm.

Motion: Mrs. Spieler

Second: Mr. Huckle

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Mrs. Golden, Mrs. Irwin, Mr. Carter, Mr. Huckle, Mr. Johnson, Dr. Wendy Naidich, Mrs. Spieler, Mrs. Stein

12. Adjournment

12.1 Adjourn Meeting

The Board of Education adjourned the Public Session at 8.57 pm.

Motion: Mrs. Spieler

Second: Mr. Huckle

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Mrs. Golden, Mrs. Irwin, Mr. Carter, Mr. Huckle, Mr. Johnson, Dr. Wendy Naidich, Mrs. Spieler, Mrs. Stein

Respectfully submitted,

Sheila Pappas
District Clerk