

MOUNT PLEASANT COTTAGE SCHOOL
Minutes of Board of Education Meeting
Monday, September 20, 2021

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. Johnson, Dr. Naidich, Mrs. Stein

Also Present: Mr. Beovich, Mr. Baier, Ms. Leamon, Ms. Harris, Mr. Pompa, Ms. Richards, Mr. Rubbo, Dr. Torres, Mr. Welsh, Ms. Sherlock, Ms. Connelly, Ms. Ahmad, Mr. Henery, Ms. Gorycki, Ms. Olivero, Ms. Bautista, Mr. Nolan, Ms. Ackerman

2. Correspondence

2.1 Claims Audit Reports

Mr. Rubbo shared with the Board Members Andrea Aitken's Claim Report for claims paid by the District between June 4, 2021 through June 30, 2021 and on claims paid by the District between July 9, 2021 through July 27, 2021.

3. Meeting Minutes

3.1 Approval of Minutes of the July 12, 2021 Annual Organizational Meeting

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approve the minutes of the July 12, 2021 Annual Organizational Meeting

Motion: Mrs. Irwin

Second: Dr. Naidich

Final Resolution: Motion Carries Yea: Mrs. Golden, Mrs. Irwin, Mr. Johnson, Dr. Naidich, Mrs. Stein

3.2 Approval of Minutes of the July 27, 2021 Special Board of Education Meeting

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approve the minutes of the July 27, 2021 Special Board of Education Meeting

Motion: Mrs. Stein

Second: Dr. Naidich

Final Resolution: Motion Carries Yea: Mrs. Golden, Mrs. Irwin, Mr. Johnson, Dr. Naidich, Mrs. Stein

3.3 Approval of Minutes of the August 25, 2021 Special Board of Education Meeting

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approve the minutes of the August 25, 2021 Special Board of Education Meeting

Motion: Mr. Johnson

Second: Mrs. Stein

Final Resolution: Motion Carries Yea: Mrs. Golden, Mrs. Irwin, Mr. Johnson, Dr. Naidich, Mrs. Stein

4. Superintendent's Report

4.1 Census Report

Mr. Rubbo shared the July and the August Census Report with the Board.

4.2 New Employee Introduction

Dr. Torres introduced Ms. Linda Ackerman, Senior Office Assistant for Curriculum and Instruction.

Ms. Leamon introduced Ms. Brenna Sherlock a new long term substitute teacher with the district.

Ms. Harris introduced Eileen Olivero a returning employee who is teaching the new early childhood CTE program and is working as a building substitute teacher.

The Board welcomed our new employees.

4.3 Covid Protocol Update

Superintendent Beovich provided an update to the Board regarding the positive cases in the District and the decision to move the Edenwald school to remote learning. The hope is to return to in-person instruction on Wednesday, but all data will be reviewed before making that decision. In addition, we have re-mandated outdoor masks unless you can maintain a 6-foot distance.

4.4 PBIS Rewards Overview

Doug Henery and Dr. Torres provided an overview of the -PBIS program - (Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports) and answered questions from the Board.

4.5 Teacher Summer Institute Review

Dr. Torres presented an overview of the first Summer Institute Program conducted in August and answered questions from the Board.

5. Board Policies

Superintendent Beovich noted that the changes to Policy 6150 and Policy 7320 are related to the legalization of cannabis.

5.1 Policy 6150 - Alcohol, Tobacco, Drugs and Other Substances (Staff) (first reading).

The Board of Education conducted a first reading of Policy #6150 - Alcohol, Tobacco, Drugs and Other Substances (Staff)

5.2 Policy 7320 - Alcohol, Tobacco, Drugs and Other Substances (Students) (first reading).

The Board of Education conducted a first reading of Policy #7320 - Alcohol, Tobacco, Drugs and Other Substances (Students)

5.3 Policy 8280 - Instruction for English Language Learners (first reading).

The Board of Education conducted a first reading of Policy #8280 - Instruction for English Language Learners and related Regulation #8280R.

5.4 Regulation 3280 - Use of School Facilities (first reading).

The Board of Education conducted a first reading of Regulation 3280 - Use of School Facilities

6. Business Matters (Consent Items)

6.1 Approval of Business Matters Consent Items

With the consent of the Board, Mrs. Golden took items 6.2 through 6.21 under one motion.

6.2 Treasurer's Report General Fund Checking, Trust and Agency Account and Federal Fund Checking Account - June 2021

RESOLVED, that the Treasurer's Report General Fund Checking, Trust and Agency Account and Federal Fund Checking Account for the period of June 1, 2021-June 30, 2021 be accepted.

6.3 Check Runs - June 2021

RESOLVED, that the check runs for the period of June 1, 2021 through June 30, 2021 be accepted as recommended by the subcommittee from #55958 through #56133 in the amount of \$668,969.05.

6.4 Treasurer's Report General Fund Checking, Trust and Agency Account and Federal Fund Checking Account - July 2021

RESOLVED, that the Treasurer's Report General Fund Checking, Trust and Agency Account and Federal Fund Checking Account for the period of July 1, 2021-July 31, 2021 be accepted.

6.5 Check Runs - July 2021

RESOLVED, that the check runs for the period of July 1, 2021 through July 31, 2021 be accepted as recommended by the subcommittee from #56134 through #56189 in the amount of \$378,159.10.

6.6 Approval of Budget Transfers

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approves the attached budget transfers for the 2020-2021 school year.

6.7 Approval of Final AS-7 for 2020-2021

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education does hereby accept the Form AS-7 contract for final 2020-2021 expenditures by Mount Pleasant Cottage School UFSD with BOCES in the amount of \$798,660.73.

6.8 Approval of Memorandum of Agreement with Mirimus Clinical Labs

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby approves the Memorandum of Agreement between the Mount Pleasant Cottage School UFSD and Mirimus Clinical Labs and authorizes the Superintendent of Schools to implement a COVID screening program for faculty, staff and students, in collaboration with the Westchester County Department of Health and Mirimus, Inc.

6.9 Approval of Agreement with Mount Vernon City School District

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approve the agreement for the provision of educational services to day students of the Mount Vernon City School District for the 2021-2022 school year.

6.10 Approval of Agreement with the City School District of New Rochelle

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approve the agreement for the provision of educational services to day students of the City School District of New Rochelle for the 2021-2022 school year.

6.11 Approval of Agreement with the Enlarged City School District of Middletown

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approve the agreement for the provision of educational services to day students of the Enlarged City School District of Middletown for the 2021-2022 school year.

6.12 Approval of Agreement with Uniondale Union Free School District

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approve the agreement for the provision of educational services to day students of the Uniondale Union Free School District for the 2021-2022 school year.

6.13 Approval of Revised Agreement with Island Trees Union Free School for 2020-2021

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approve a revised agreement for the provision of educational services to day students from Island Trees Union Free School District for the 2020-2021 school year.

6.14 Approval of Proposal with the Lower Hudson Regional Information Center

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approve the proposal with the Lower Hudson Regional Information Center for SchoolTool Certification Level 1 for Scott Welsh and Robert Micucci in the amount of \$2,400.

6.15 Approval of Confirmation of Services for Speech Language Pathology Services

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approve a Confirmation of Services with Putnam Northern Westchester BOCES for Speech Language Pathology Services for the period of 2021-2022 school year at the rate of \$160.00 per hour.

6.16 Approval of Proposal from Lower Hudson Regional Information Center

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approve the proposal with the Lower Hudson Regional Information Center for iTutor Instructional Solution for the 2021-2022 school year in the amount of \$14,000.

6.17 Approval of Cross Contract Agreement with Putnam Northern Westchester BOCES

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approve the Cross Contract with Putnam Northern Westchester BOCES (PNWBOCES) for Student Evaluations, Student Services, Document Translation and Interpretation Services for the 2021-2022 school year. Fee to be determined based on the utilization of services.

6.18 Approval of Proposal from PBIS Rewards

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approves the proposal from Motivating Systems, LLC d/b/a PBIS (Positive Behavioral Interventions & Supports) Rewards for a fee of \$2,187.50 and authorizes the Superintendent or his designee to sign any agreements related to the proposal.

6.19 Approval of Agreement with PearlCare

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approve the agreement from PearlCare for substitute nursing services during the 2021-2022 school year.

6.20 Approval of Agreement with Long Island University for Student Teacher

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approves an agreement with Long Island University for a student teacher.

6.21 Authorization to Sign a Contract Extension with the New York City Department of Education

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby authorizes the Superintendent of Schools or his designee to execute a contract extension with the New York City Department of Education.

Motion: Mr. Johnson

Second: Mrs. Irwin

Final Resolution: Motion Carries Yea: Mrs. Golden, Mrs. Irwin, Mr. Johnson, Dr. Naidich, 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 7.10 under one motion.

7.2 Recertification for Lead Evaluator

RESOLVED, that 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, hereby certifies that the following individuals have completed all the necessary training to

be recertified as lead evaluators of teachers:

- Christina Torres
- Tara Richards

7.3 Revision to Appointment of Teacher - Jeannette Plankl

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approve the revision to the June 14, 2021 appointment of Jeannette Plankl to a four-year probationary term as a Science Teacher, commencing on July 1, 2021 and terminating on June 30, 2025 in the tenure area of Science. Ms. Plankl's salary will be \$71,709 - MA 15 - Step 4 effective July 1, 2021. All other terms and conditions of her appointment remain the same.

7.4 Approval of additional FTE

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education authorize an additional .09 FTE for Douglas Henery a 1.0 Science Teacher, with additional salary of \$8,081.19 effective August 30, 2021 through June 30, 2022.

7.5 Approval of Long Term Substitute Teachers

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approve the appointment of Vanessa Bagby to a .64 FTE long term substitute teacher position effective September 9, 2021. Ms. Bagby's salary will be \$92,846 BA40/MA Step 13 (Prorated .64 FTE amount \$59,421.44).

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approve the appointment of Brenna Sherlock as a long term substitute teacher effective August 30, 2021. Ms. Sherlock's salary will be \$57,284 BA 15/Step 1.

7.6 Appointment of Per Diem Substitute Teacher

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approves the appointment of Eileen Olivero as a per diem substitute teacher effective September 13, 2021 at a daily rate of \$225 (prorated hourly amount for available periods is \$38.59 per hour).

7.7 Civil Service Appointments

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approve the following appointments:

Name: Malik McKenzie
Position: Teacher Aide
Building: Edenwald
Rate: \$18.26/hour
Probationary Period: 12-52 weeks
Effective Date: 9/13/2021

Name: Isaiah Ahmad
Position: Teacher Aide
Building: MPCS
Rate: \$18.26/hour
Probationary Period: 12-52 weeks
Effective Date: 9/21/2021

Name: William Robinson
Position: School Monitor-Safety
Annual Salary: \$31,850
Probationary Period: 12-52 weeks
Effective Date: 9/21/2021

Name: Linda Ackerman
Position: Senior Office Assistant (Automated Systems)
Annual Salary: \$53,000
Probationary Period: 12-52 weeks
Effective Date: September 27, 2021

7.8 Resignation of Teachers

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education accept the resignation of Sean Lauder, Physical Education and Health Teacher effective September 22, 2021.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Education accept the resignation of Diana Vukel, Speech Therapist, effective September 24, 2021.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Education accept the resignation of Ebony Acheampong, Long Term Substitute Teacher, effective August 27, 2021.

7.9 Civil Service Resignation

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education accept the following resignation:

Howard Wollaston, Teacher Aide Edenwald, effective August 25, 2021
Ulikia Alvarez, Teacher Aide Edenwald, effective August 25, 2021

Inez Lorenzana, Teacher Aide MPCS, effective August 30, 2021
Alexus Wood, Teacher Aide Edenwald, effective August 31, 2021
Gillian Wander, Teacher Aide MPCS, effective September 1, 2021

7.10 Civil Service Resignation for the Purpose of Retirement

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education accept the following resignation for the purpose of retirement:

Adair Walker, Teacher Aide MPCS, effective August 27, 2021.

Motion: Mrs. Stein

Second: Dr. Naidich

Final Resolution: Motion Carries Yea: Mrs. Golden, Mrs. Irwin, Mr. Johnson, Dr. Naidich, Mrs. Stein

8. Committee on Special Education

8.1 Approval of Special Education Committee Recommendations.

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approves the recommendations of the Mount Pleasant Cottage School District's Committee on Special Education as recommended and presented by the subcommittee.

Motion: Dr. Naidich

Second: Mrs. Stein

Final Resolution: Motion Carries Yea: Mrs. Golden, Mrs. Irwin, Mr. Johnson, Dr. Naidich, 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 October Board of Education meeting

The next scheduled meeting of the Board of Education will be held on Monday, October 18, 2021 at 7:30 PM via an online meeting application.

11. Executive Session

11.1 Proposed Executive Session

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education adjourn to Executive Session to discuss the employment history of a particular person or persons and to discuss legal matters.

Motion: Dr. Naidich

Second: Mrs. Stein

Final Resolution: Motion Carries Yea: Mrs. Golden, Mrs. Irwin, Mr. Johnson, Dr. Naidich, Mrs. Stein

11.2 Reconvene to Public Session

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education reconvene to Public Session at 9:09 pm.

Motion: Dr. Naidich

Second: Mrs. Stein

Final Resolution: Motion Carries Yea: Mrs. Golden, Mrs. Irwin, Mr. Johnson, Dr. Naidich, Mrs. Stein

12. Adjournment

12.1 Adjourn Meeting

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education adjourn the public session at 9:10 pm.

Motion: Mrs. Stein

Second: Mr. Johnson

Final Resolution: Motion Carries Yea: Mrs. Golden, Mrs. Irwin, Mr. Johnson, Dr. Naidich, Mrs. Stein

Respectfully Submitted,

Sheila Pappas

District Clerk