

MOUNT PLEASANT COTTAGE SCHOOL UFSD
Minutes of Regular Meeting
Thursday, January 19, 2023

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 7:31 pm.

1.2 Roll Call

Board Members Present: Mrs. Golden, Mr. Carter, Mr. Hucke, Mrs. Irwin, Mr. Johnson, Dr. Naidich, Mrs. Spieler
Also Present: Mr. Beovich, Mr. Rubbo, Ms. Leamon, Mr. Baier, Ms. Harris, Dr. Torres, Mr. Nolan, Mr. Jacoby, Mr. Suarez, Mr. Oling, Ms. DeRicco, Mr. Latino, Mr. Capshaw, Ms. Ahmad, Ms. Griffin

2. Financial Reports

2.1 Presentation of the 2021-2022 Audited Financial Statements

Mr. Scott Oling, PKF O'Connor Davies reviewed the 2021-2022 Financial Statements.

2.2 Accept Audited Financial Statements

The Board of Education accepted the 2021-2022 independent auditors' report dated November 30, 2022 as submitted by PKF O'Connor Davies LLP for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2022, including the Financial Statements and Supplementary Information and the Report to Those Charged with Governance.

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

2.3 Accept Corrective Action Plan

The Board of Education of the Mount Pleasant Cottage School UFSD accepted and approved the Mount Pleasant Cottage School UFSD Corrective Action Plan in response to the Independent Auditors Report dated November 30, 2022 on Communication of Internal Control over Financial Reporting - Control Deficiencies and authorizes the Superintendent or designee to execute the plan.

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

3. Correspondence

3.1 Claims Audit Report

Mr. Rubbo shared with the Board members Andrea Aitken, Claims Auditor, audit report on claims paid by the District between November 1, 2022 and November 25, 2022.

4. Meeting Minutes

4.1 Approval of Minutes of the December 12, 2022 Board of Education Meeting

The Board of Education approved the minutes of the December 12, 2022 Board of Education Meeting.

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

5. Superintendent's Report

5.1 Census Report

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

5.2 Recognition of Tenure Candidate

Mr. Nolan spoke about Mr. Capshaw who was granted tenure at the December Board of Education Meeting but he was unable to attend the meeting. The board offered their thanks for his dedication and service to our students and our school community and for his and his families commitment with our District facility dog Aladdin.

5.3 District Update

Principal Leamon and Principal Harris provided updates to the Board. Superintendent Beovich noted there was a public hearing regarding revisions to the Code of Conduct and at the hearing it was noted the Code of Conduct would be presented for approval at this Board Meeting. Our legal counsel is currently researching comments provide by Legal Aid and the Code of Conduct revisions will be on the agenda for the February Board Meeting.

5.4 Restorative Justice Update

Superintendent Beovich provided an update on the Restorative Justice Program.

6. Board Policies

6.1 Policy 7317 - Behavior Intervention (first reading)

The Board conducted a first reading of Policy 7317 - Behavior Intervention. Superintend Beovich described the program to the Board members.

6.2 Policy 7260 - Designation of Person in Parental Relation (second reading)

The Board conducted a second reading and adopted Policy 7260 - Designation of Person in Parental Relation.

Motion: Mr. Huckle

Second: Mr. Carter

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

6.3 Policy 7512 - Student Physicals (second reading)

The Board conducted a second reading and adopted Policy 7512 - Student Physicals.

Motion: Mrs. Irwin

Second: Mr. Carter

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

7. Business Matters

7.1 Approval of Business Matters Consent Items

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

7.2 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 November 1, 2022 through November 30, 2022 were accepted.

7.3 Check Runs

The check runs for the period of November 1, 2022 through November 25, 2022 were accepted as recommended by the subcommittee from: #57461 through #57515 in the amount of \$424,516.53.

7.4 Approval of Budget Transfers

The Board of Education approved the attached budget transfers for the 2022-2023 school year.

7.5 Approval of Agreement with School Districts

The Board of Education approved an agreement for the provision of educational services to day students from Valley Central School District during the period of July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023 and the Board of Education approved an agreement for the provision of educational services to day students from Yorktown Central School District during the period of July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023.

7.6 Acceptance of Donation

The Board of Education accepted the donation of various products for Ms. Troccoli's Reading Room Project from Donors Choose and the Board of Education accepted the donation of 45 boxes of Exploring Colors Art Boxes (contains model magic, beads, pompom beads, pipe cleaners, glue, markers, a box to decorate etc) from Marnie Gelfman and her son Max.

7.7 Disposal of Assets

The Board of Education approved the disposal of the items on the attached list which have been deemed damaged, obsolete and/or beyond repair.

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

8. Personnel Matters

8.1 Approval of Personnel Matters Consent Items

With the consent of the Board, Mrs. Golden took items 8.2 through 8.10 under one motion

8.2 Lead Evaluator Recertification

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 the following individuals have completed all of the necessary training to be recertified as lead evaluators of teachers:

Jessica Harris
Christie Leamon
Brent Baier
Michael Pompa

8.3 Approval of Stipend for Restorative Justice Facilitator

The Board of Education approved the following stipend for Restorative Justice Facilitator for the IAES Program for the 2022 - 2023 school year:

Denise White - \$5,000 (prorated), effective December 19, 2022.

8.4 Civil Service Appointments

The Board of Education approved the following appointments:

Name: Darnell Lovelace
Position: Teacher Aide
Building: Edenwald
Rate: \$20.00
Probationary Period: 12 - 52 weeks
Effective Date: 12/15/2022

Name: Thalia De Le Rosa
Position: Teacher Aide
Building: Edenwald
Rate: \$20.00
Probationary Period: 12 - 52 weeks
Effective Date: 12/15/2022

Name: Vanessa Bernard
Position: School Monitor - Safety
Annual Salary: \$32,500
Probationary Period: 12 - 52 weeks
Effective Date: 12/13/2022

8.5 Approval of Salary Adjustment for School Monitors

The Board of Education approved a salary equity adjustment in the amount of \$2,500 (prorated) effective January 20, 2023 for the following School Monitors:

Vanessa Bernard
Ochean Cross
Marlon Green
Ainsworth Hayles
Blake Johnson
Tonya Lee
Donsche Mims
Lester Morgan
Joseph Mott
Damar Slater
Tivon Smith
Michelle Thompson
Denise White
Sharda Wilkins
Susan Williams

The Board of Education approved a salary adjustment for Terry Strothers, Subsitute School Monitor at an hourly rate of \$28.01 effective January 20, 2023.

8.6 Appointment of After School Personnel

The Board of Education approved the appointment of Kelly Happaney for the After-School Program at a rate of \$40.00 per hour for the 2022-2023 school year.

8.7 Appointment of Student Teacher

The Board of Education approved the appointment of Christine Delgado as an MPCS Elementary Education Student Teacher effective January 20, 2023
and the Board of Education approved the appointment of Kelly Happaney as an Edenwald Social Studies Student Teacher effective January 23, 2023.

8.8 Leave of Absence

The Board of Education approved a leave of absence for Teacher Aide - Marco Pompa effective January 6, 2023 through June 30, 2023 and
the Board of Education approved a leave of absence for Teacher Aide - Christine Delgado effective January 20, 2023 through March 14, 2023 to complete her student teaching.

8.9 Resignation

The Board of Education accepted the following resignations:

April Morales, School Psychologist - effective date - January 16, 2023
Shanice Raines, Teacher Aide - MPCS - effective date - January 3, 2023
LeJean Andrews, Teacher Aide - MPCS - effective date - January 17, 2023

8.10 Employee Termination

The Board of Education terminated the employment of Employee #856, a teacher aide, effective January 20, 2023 as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools.

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

9. Committee on Special Education

9.1 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: Mr. Huckle
Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Yea: Mrs. Golden, Mr. Carter, Mr. Huckle, Mrs. Irwin, Mr. Johnson, Dr. Naidich, Mrs. Spieler

10. Public Comment

10.1 Public Comment

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

11. Meeting Notification

11.1 Announcement of February Board of Education meeting

The next scheduled meeting of the Board of Education will be held on Monday, February 27, 2023 at 7:30 pm.

12. Executive Session

12.1 Proposed Executive Session

The Board of Education adjourned to Executive Session to discuss legal matters, to discuss the employment history of a particular person or persons, to discuss collective bargaining under the Taylor Law pertaining to the Teacher's Unit and to consider 3020A charges pursuant to Education Law.

Motion: Mr. Carter
Second: Dr. Naidich
Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

12.2 Reconvene to Public Session

The Board of Education reconvened to Public Session at 9:25 pm.

Motion:

Second:

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

13. Walk On Resolution - Added January 19, 2023 - Employee Suspension

13.1 Employee Suspension

BE IT RESOLVED, that Employee No. 5 shall be suspended with pay during the pendency of said Education Law Section 3020-a proceedings.

Motion: Mrs. Spieler

Second: Mr. Johnson

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

14. Adjournment

14.1 Adjourn Meeting

The Board of Education adjourned the Public Session at 9:30 pm.

Motion: Mr. Huckle

Second: Mr. Johnson

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Sheila Pappas
District Clerk