

**MOUNT PLEASANT COTTAGE SCHOOL UFSD**  
**Minutes of Regular Meeting**  
**Tuesday, April 20, 2021**

**1. Opening Items**

**1.1 Call to Order**

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of the Mount Pleasant Cottage School Union Free School District was called to order at 7:33 pm by Mrs. Rita Golden, Board of Education President.

**1.2 Roll Call**

Board Members Present: Mr. Carter, Mrs. Golden, Mr. Huckle, Mrs. Irwin, Dr. Naidich, Mrs. Spieler, Mrs. Stein  
Also Present: Mr. Beovich, Mr. Baier, Ms. Harris, Ms. Leamon, Mr. Nolan, Mr. Pompa, Ms. Richards, Mr. Rubbo, Dr. Torres, Mr. Welsh, Ms. Bautista

**2. Correspondence**

**2.1 Claims Audit Report**

Mr. Rubbo shared with the Board Members Andrea Aitken's Claim Report for claims paid by the District between January 6, 2021 through February 26, 2021.

**3. Meeting Minutes**

**3.1 Approval of Minutes of the March 22, 2021 Meeting**

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approve the minutes of the March 22, 2021 Board of Education meeting.

Motion: Mrs. Spieler

Second: Mr. Carter

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

**4. Superintendent's Report**

**4.1 Legislative Advocacy Update**

Superintendent Beovich shared the news that recently passed legislation will provide Special Acts Schools with the ability to establish a reserve fund. Special thanks to Rita Golden, the Lower Hudson Education Coalition, Georgia Ascianto, Committee Director for the State Senate Committee on Education and Senator Shelly Mayer for their tireless work in developing the legislation.

**4.2 District Update**

Superintendent Beovich, Ms. Harris, Ms. Leamon and Dr. Torres provide the Board with an update on School reopening.

**4.3 Revised 2020-2021 Budget**

Mr. Rubbo provided an overview of the current year budget.

**4.4 Census Report**

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

**5. Board Policies**

**5.1 Approval of Board Policy Consent Items**

With the consent of the Board, Mrs. Golden took items 5.2 through 5.10 under one motion.

**5.2 Policy 7552 - Student Gender Identity (second reading)**

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education conduct a second reading and adopt Policy #7552 - Student Gender Identity.

**5.3 Policy 6120 - Equal Employment Opportunity (second reading).**

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education conduct a second reading and adopt Policy #6120 - Equal Employment Opportunity.

**5.4 Policy 6121 - Sexual Harassment in the Workplace (second reading).**

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education conduct a second reading and adopt Policy #6121 - Sexual Harassment in the Workplace.

**5.5 Policy 7550 - Dignity for All Students (second reading).**

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education conduct a second reading and adopt Policy #7550 - Dignity for All Students, related Regulation # 7550R - Dignity for All Students and #7550F Dignity Act Complaint Form.

**5.6 Policy 7553 - Hazing of Students (second reading).**

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education conduct a second reading and adopt Policy #7553 - Hazing of Students.

**5.7 Policy 8130 - Equal Educational Opportunities (second reading).**

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education conduct a second reading and adopt Policy #8130 - Equal Educational Opportunities.

**5.8 Policy 8220 - Career and Technical (Occupational) Education (second reading).**

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education conduct a second reading and adopt Policy #8220 - Career and Technical (Occupational) Education.

**5.9 Policy 3421 - Title IX Sex Discrimination (second reading).**

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education conduct a second reading and adopt Policy #3421 - Title IX Sex Discrimination and 3421F Title IX Formal Complaint Form.

**5.10 Policy 7551 - Sexual Harassment of Students (second reading).**

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education conduct a second reading and adopt Policy #7551 - Sexual Harassment of Students.

Motion: Mrs. Irwin

Second: Mrs. Stein

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

**5.11 Policy 7215 - Grading Systems (first reading).**

The Board of Education conducted a first reading of Policy #7215 - Grading Systems.

**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 6.20 under one motion.

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

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

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Treasurer's Report General Fund Checking, Trust and Agency Account and Federal Fund Checking Account for the period of February 1, 2021 - February 28, 2021 be accepted.

**6.3 Check Runs**

RESOLVED, that the check runs for the period of January 1, 2021 to January 31, 2021 be accepted as recommended by the subcommittee from: # 55632 - 55642 in the amount of \$272,757.08.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the check runs for the period of February 1, 2021 to February 28, 2021 be accepted as recommended by the subcommittee from: # 55642 - 55698 in the amount of \$144,852.40.

#### **6.4 Approval of Budget Transfers**

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

#### **6.5 Revised 2020-2021 School Budget**

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approve the revised school budget of \$17,782,700 for the 2020-2021 school year. The original budget was \$17,500,538.

#### **6.6 2021-2022 SWBOCES Estimated Administrative Budget**

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approve the 2021-2022 estimated administrative budget for the Southern Westchester Board of Cooperative Educational Services in the amount of \$12,280,511.

#### **6.7 Nomination of Trustees of the Southern Westchester Board of Cooperative Educational Services**

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Mount Pleasant Cottage School UFSD cast one vote for John V. Filiberti to serve as trustees on the Southern Westchester Board of Cooperative Educational Services for the time period of July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2024.

#### **6.8 Approval of Initial Service Requests for the 2021-2022 School Year**

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approve the following Initial Service Requests:

1. Southern Westchester BOCES - Contract for Cooperative Educational Services for the 2021-2022 School Year in the amount of \$156,227.00.
2. Lower Hudson Regional Information Center - BOCES Initial Service Request for 2021-2022 in the amount of \$406,100.11

#### **6.9 Award of Bid FY2020-2021-004 Electrical Feeder Replacement**

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education does hereby approve the award of Bid FY2020-2021-004 as bid on April 7, 2021 for Electrical Feeder Replacement to D&M Electrical Contracting, Inc.

#### **6.10 Approval of Proposal with LHRIC for NearPod-Flocabulary**

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approve an agreement with the Lower Hudson Regional Information Center (LHRIC) for Nearpod-Flocabulary, a software that provides videos and instructional activities that promote literacy and spark creativity. at a cost of \$450.

#### **6.11 Approval of Proposal with LHRIC for Frontline RTI**

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approve an agreement with the Lower Hudson Regional Information Center (LHRIC) for Frontline RTI one-time product setup at a cost of \$1,500.

#### **6.12 Approval of Master Service Inter-Local Contract with Education Service Center-Region 19 Allied States Cooperative**

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approves the Master Service Inter-Local Contract Between Education Service Center - Region 19 Allied States Cooperative Purchase Program.

#### **6.13 Approval of Agreement with Pine Bush Central School District**

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approve an agreement for the provision of educational services to day students from the Pine Bush Central School District.

#### **6.14 Approval of Agreement with Copiague Public Schools**

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approve an agreement for the provision of educational services to day students from Copiague Public Schools.

#### **6.15 Approval of Proposal from Watsky Associates, Inc**

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approves the proposal from Watsky Associates, Inc to provide an inspection of the Mount Pleasant Cottage School and Edenwald school roofs and provide a report summarizing their findings for a fee of \$2,750.

#### **6.16 Approval of Agreement with Fallsburg Central School District**

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approve an agreement for the provision of educational services to day students from the Fallsburg Central School District.

#### **6.17 Award of the E-Rate Bid**

WHEREAS, The Telecommunications Act of 1996 is administered by the Federal Communications Commission, which issued the rules that govern this act; and WHEREAS, One part of this statute established a Universal Service Fund, known as the E-Rate Grant Program, that allows schools and public libraries to apply for discounts for telecommunication services and technologies, with awards depending on the demographic characteristics of a community; and WHEREAS, the Mt. Pleasant Cottage School UFSD is eligible to apply for and receive an E-Rate award (discount) to cover up to ninety percent of the cost of internet service, Hardware and Maintenance services. All public bidding was completed in compliance with Federal Regulations where all E-rate vendors are able to review the services requested and submit a bid for the district to review and consider.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approve the award of the E-rate bid to Red River Technologies LLC in the amount of \$43,915.76 for switches cabling and installation and \$13,964.46 for long term maintenance and licensing.

#### **6.18 Disposal of Assets**

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approves the disposal of the following assets that are damaged, in disrepair, or outdated:

- 1 - HP 39A - Toner Cartridge
- 8 - KONICA TN710 Toner Cartridges
- 4 - KONICA TN511 Toner Cartridges
- 1 - KONICA TN613C Toner Cartridge
- 1 - KONICA TN613M Toner Cartridge
- 1 - KONICA TN613CY Toner Cartridge
- 1 - KONICA TN613K Toner Cartridge
- 1 - SHARP F0-50ND Toner Cartridge
- 1 - XEROX 013R00589 Drum Cartridge
- 5 - XEROX 113R621 xerographic Module
- 8 - XEROX 6R1146 Toner Cartridge
- 6 - XEROX 113R316 Copy/print Cartridge
- 1 - XEROX 006R01007 Black dry ink
- 1 - XEROX 113R00672 Transfer Unit
- 1 - XEROX 622s00014 Fuser

#### **6.19 Approval of Agreement with Brenna Sherlock**

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby authorizes the Superintendent of Schools and Board President to execute an Agreement, dated April 19, 2021, on behalf of the School District with Ms. Brenna Sherlock, as presented to the Board at this meeting, whereby Ms. Sherlock shall perform contract services as a Special Education Teacher for the School District commencing April 19, 2021 and terminating on June 30, 2021. A copy of the Agreement shall be incorporated by reference within the minutes of this meeting.

#### **6.20 Approval of 2021-2022 Board of Education Meetings Calendar**

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approve the proposed 2021-2022 Board of Education Meetings Calendar.

Motion: Mrs. Stein

Second: Mr. Carter

Final Resolution: Motion Carries Yea: Mr. Carter, Mrs. Golden, Mr. Huckle, Mrs. Irwin, Dr. 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 7.5 under one motion.

## **7.2 Appointments**

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education appoint Christina Torres Title IX Coordinator effective April 21, 2021 through June 30, 2021.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Tara Richards, previous appointment as Title IX Officer will now be referred to as Title IX Coordinator.

## **7.3 Leave of Absence**

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approve an unpaid leave of absence for the following:

Andrew Barwise - Teacher Aide effective April 1, 2021 through April 16, 2021,

David Fears - Teacher Aide - on Military Reserves deployment effective April 10, 2021,

Danielle Erenstein effective April 16, 2021 through April 30, 2021.

## **7.4 Appointment of Track Coach and Assistant Coaches**

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approve the appointment of Sean Lauder as Head Coach - Track with an annual stipend of \$2,500. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approve the appointments of Brandon Martin as Assistant Coach - Track with a stipend of \$2,000 and Nancy Patterson as Assistant Coach -Track with a stipend of \$2,000.

## **7.5 Civil Service Appointment**

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

Name: Shaniqua Blake

Position: Teacher Aide

Building: Edenwald

Rate: \$18.26/hour

Probationary Period: 12-52 weeks

Effective Date: 4/26/202.

Motion: Mrs. Spieler

Second: Dr. Naidich

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

Second: Mrs. Stein

Final Resolution: Motion Carries Yea: Mr. Carter, Mrs. Golden, Mr. Huckle, Mrs. Irwin, Dr. 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 May Board of Education meeting**

The next scheduled meeting of the Board of Education will be held on Monday, May 17, 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 legal matters, to discuss the employment history of a particular person or persons, and to discuss collective bargaining under the Taylor Law pertaining to the Teacher Aide Unit.

Motion: Mr. Carter

Second: Mr. Huckle

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

### **11.2 Reconvene to Public Session**

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education reconvene to Public Session at 9:34 pm.

Motion: Mrs. Irwin

Second: Mr. Carter

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

## **12. Adjournment**

### **12.1 Adjourn Meeting**

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education adjourn the public session at 9:35 pm.

Motion: Mrs. Spieler

Second: Mr. Huckle

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Sheila Pappas  
District Clerk