

MOUNT PLEASANT COTTAGE SCHOOL UFSD
Minutes of Special Board of Education Meeting
Wednesday, February 14, 2024

1. Opening Items

1.1 Call to Order and Roll Call

The Special 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 5:32 pm.

Board Members Present: Mrs. Golden, Mr. Hucke, Mrs. Irwin, Mr. Carter, Mr. John, Dr. Naidich, (joined at 5:40) Mrs. Spieler, Mrs. Stein

Also Present: Dr. Torres, Mr. Rubbo, Chief Paul Oliva (joined for executive session)

2. Business Matters

2.1 Approval of Business Matters Consent Items

Superintendent Torres reviewed the two resolutions with the Board and answered any questions.

With the consent of the Board, Mrs. Golden took items 2.2 through 2.3 under one motion.

2.2 Emergency Resolution for Approval of Ordinary Contingent Expense

WHEREAS, approximately half of the bathrooms at the Edenwald School Building ("Building") are unusable as a result of severe sewage backups, which requires immediate excavation and repair of the main sewer line at the interior of the Building to assure the safety, health and welfare of the students, staff and visitors to the Building, to assure that the Building can remain open for the instruction of students, as well as to safeguard the School District's property; and

WHEREAS, without these immediate repairs, all bathrooms, sinks, water fountains and custodial sinks in the "A Wing" will be inoperable which will affect the School District's ability to provide instruction for students in the Building; and

WHEREAS, the nature of the emergency excavation and repair work is such that it must be performed and completed when students and staff are not occupying the building; 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 excavation and repair of the main sewer line in the Building and related work 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 excavation and repair of the main sewer line at the interior of the Edenwald School Building, including video inspection of the broken sewer line, installation of two clean outs and resurfacing of the main line of the "A Wing" to assure proper flow, 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 estimated to be \$15,000; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board, as the only lead agency involved in the emergency project hereby declares itself as lead agency and determines that the excavation and repair of the main sewer line at the interior of the Building, as described above, 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 (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 and designees to file necessary and proper paperwork, if any, with the State Education Department to proceed with the emergency repair; 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 unappropriated unassigned fund balance from the 2022-23 school year, for such purpose, in order to pay the costs of this ordinary contingent expense; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby ratifies any actions taken by District Administration and their agents prior to approval of this resolution in order to ensure that the repair can be made during the School District recess period commencing February 17, 2024, when students and staff will not be occupying the Building, and to otherwise effectuate the purposes of this resolution.

2.3 Approval of Cross Contract Agreement with PNWBOCES for Organizational Efficiency Assessment

The Board of Education approved the Cross Contract from PNWBOCES for training/consultation with Jeff Olefson of Staff Development for organizational efficiency assessment for a daily rate of \$1,782.50 for up to eight days.

Motion: Mr. Carter
Second: Mr. Hucke
Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Yea: Mrs. Golden, Mr. Hucke, Mrs. Irwin, Mr. Carter, Mr. John, Mrs. Spieler, Mrs. Stein

3. Public Comment

3.1 Public Comment

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

4. Meeting Notification

4.1 Announcement of February Board of Education meeting

The next scheduled meeting of the Board of Education will be held on Monday, February 26, 2024 at 7:30 pm.

5. Executive Session

5.1 Proposed Executive Session Subject to Board Approval

The Board of Education adjourned to Executive Session to plan, review or discuss matters related to school safety.

Motion: Mrs. Spieler
Second: Mr. Carter
Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Yea: Mrs. Golden, Mr. Hucke, Mrs. Irwin, Mr. Carter, Mr. John, Mrs. Spieler, Mrs. Stein

5.2 Reconvene to Public Session

The Board of Education reconvened to Public Session.

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

6. Adjournment

6.1 Adjourn Meeting

The Board of Education adjourned the meeting at 6:48 pm

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Sheila Pappas
District Clerk