

MINUTES

The virtual regular meeting of the Board of Education of the Mt. Pleasant Blythedale Union Free School District was called to order by President, Peter Rittmaster at 3:30 p.m.

1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

2. CALL OF THE ROLL

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Peter Rittmaster, President  
Owen Gutfreund, Vice President  
Judith Wiener Goodhue  
Micheline Malow  
Cindy Musoff  
Leslie Soodak  
Virginia Furth Weisman

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Emily Hersh, Superintendent  
Griselda Rodriguez-Reyes, Principal  
  
Matthew Wenz, Brianna Walter-Teachers  
Lesley Yeary-Board Member Elect

Andrea Aitken, Clerk of the Board

BOARD MEMBER ABSENT-none

At 3:32p.m. a motion was made by Owen Gutfreund, seconded by Virginia Furth Weisman to go into executive session allowing for the discussion of matters made exempt by Federal Law and the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act. Carried 7-0.

Executive session adjourned at 4:25 p.m. and the regular meeting reconvened at 4:33 p.m.

3. OATH OF OFFICE TO NEWLY APPOINTED BOARD MEMBER

The district clerk delivered the oath of office to newly appointed board member, Lesley Yeary

4. COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS

The district clerk commented on an amendment to the minutes of April 19, 2022.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - **Regular Meeting:** April 19, 2022 (**ATTACHMENT I**)

Moved by Owen Gutfreund seconded by Cindy Musoff

Carried 8-0

6. COMMUNICATIONS/CORRESPONDENCE-none

7. TREASURER'S REPORT-The assistant treasurer reported on the enrollment status as of June 7, 2022. Dr. Hersh continued to report on the status of tuition payments. The amount billed as of April 30, 2022 was \$6,022,933 and the amount received was \$5,220,291. Vice President Gutfreund asked about the timeliness of payments from New York City; it was reported that payments were current, however, payments from Westchester County and a few small upstate counties were a little delayed.

8. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT – The Superintendent announced that a Special Meeting of the Board of Education was planned for July 14, 2022 at 3:30pm. where it is expected that the new BTG contract July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2026 will be ratified.

In addition, the superintendent urged that the Board of Education passed the 2022-2023 School Budget.

The Principal in her report summarized plans for the 2022 summer program.

The President of the Board, Peter Rittmaster announced that all teachers, as a group, will be added to item 10F of the Agenda.

The Vice President commented that the spirit of the Board of Education was unanimous.

Dr. Gutfreund, continued to say that the Board recognizes that these are difficult times and the Board as a body, acted within the budget restraints and wanted all teachers, tenured and non-tenured, to be included in recognition of their abilities and commitment to the mission of Blythedale.

9. RETIREMENT/RESIGNATION/TERMINATION-Recommendation by the superintendent of schools to accept the resignations of **Achille Abate**, teacher aide, effective June 24, 2022.

Moved by Owen Gutfreund seconded by Cindy Musoff

Carried 8-0

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## 10. RECOMMENDATIONS

### A. SPECIAL STUDENT PLACEMENTS

Recommendation of the Committee on Special Education for implementation of the special student placements, as attached, and to approve the authorization of funds for such special education programs and services as recommended. **(ATTACHMENT II)**

### B. ADOPTION OF THE 2022-2023 SCHOOL DISTRICT BUDGET

Recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools to adopt the 2022-2023 school district budget in the amount of **\$6,863,162**. **(ATTACHMENT III)**

### C. ADOPTION OF THE 2022-2023 PRESCHOOL BUDGET

Recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools to adopt the 2022-2023 preschool budget in the amount of **\$1,074,964**. **(ATTACHMENT IV)**

### D. APPROVAL OF EXPENDITURE

Recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools to approve the expenditure to supplement the Teacher's Retention allowance to include the following positions: Pre-K Teacher and School Counselor.

### E. APPROVAL OF BUDGET TRANSFERS

Recommendation of the Superintendent to approve the budget transfers as attached. **(ATTACHMENT V)**

### F. AUTHORIZATION FOR COMPENSATION

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education authorizes a one-time, non-cumulative compensation for the 2021-2022 school year to the full-time employees in the following groups:  
Teachers-\$1,000; Teacher Aides-\$500; Support Staff (Non-Contractual)-\$3,000; and Administration-\$4,000.

### G. AUTHORIZATION OF COMPENSATION TO SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

The Board of Education, authorizes the President to approve compensation to the Superintendent of Schools for the 2022-2023 school year, as per negotiated agreement and in accordance with contract of June 2021.

### H. APPROVAL OF TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF EMPLOYMENT

Recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools to approve the attached terms and conditions of employment for the 2022-2023 school year for *Principal*

### I. APPROVAL OF COMPENSATION

Recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools to approve compensation for the 2022-2023 school year for *Secretary to the Chief School Officer/District Clerk, Principal's Secretary/Placement Assistant, and Office Assistant-Automated Systems* as proposed.

### J. ADOPTION OF AMENDED POLICY

Recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools to adopt: -  
Amended Policy 6520 as presented.

### K. ESTABLISHMENT OF DATE FOR THE 2022-2023 BOE REORGANIZATION MEETING

Recommendation to establish the date of the 2022-2023 MPB BOE Reorganization meeting as **July 13, 2022**

### L. APPROVAL OF UPDATED MPB's SAFETY PLAN

Recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools to approve the 2022-2023 updates of the School District's Safety Plan as attached.

Items 10A-10L

Moved by Micheline Malow seconded by Cindy Musoff

Carried 8-0

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**11. PERSONNEL**

**A. Instructional Appointment**

i)Recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools to appoint the following individuals as teachers for the Summer program from July 11, 2022 through August 19, 2022, for a maximum of 30 days, at the daily rate of no less than \$198 for non-BTG members:

**Achille Abate**

**Antonia Cosmo**

**Jean Desrosiers**

**B. Non-Instructional Appointment**

i)Recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools to appoint the following to the position of teacher aide at the board approved rate.

**Euginy Beaubrun**, effective July 11, 2022

**Vlora Sinani**, effective May 9, 2022

Items 11A-11B

Moved by Cindy Musoff, seconded by Leslie Soodak

Carried 8-0

**12. NEXT BOARD MEETING - Special Board of Education Meeting-June 14, 2022**

**13. ADJOURNMENT- 4:53pm**

Moved by Judith Wiener Goodhue, seconded by Leslie Soodak

Carried 8-0

Respectfully submitted,

Andrea Aitken-District Clerk