MINUTES PUBLIC HEARING ON THE CODE OF CONDUCT MARCH 16, 2011 7:45 pm - 8:00 pm

The Public Hearing on the Code of Conduct was convened by Ms. Theresa Fowler, Acting Board President, in the Westlake Middle/High School Library at 7:45 p.m. All members of the Board were present except Francine Aloi, President, and James Grieco, Board Member.

Ms. Fowler announced the Board of Education was open to hearing from the public on the Code of Conduct.

There being no questions or comments from the public, Ms. Fowler closed the Public Hearing on the Code of Conduct at 8:00 pm.

BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING MINUTES MARCH 16, 2011

PRESENT:

Theresa Fowler, Acting Vice President Vincent D'Ambroso Laurie Donato Carol Ann O'Connor

Christopher Pinchiaroli

ALSO PRESENT:

Dr. S. Guiney, Superintendent of Schools

M. B. Mancuso, District Clerk

L. Sanfilippo, Business Manager

D. Lander, Supt. of Bldgs & Grounds

N. Schimpf, Director of Special Education and Student Services

Dr. M. E. Wilson, Director of

Curriculum and Instructional Services

K. Schenker, Principal WHS**

B. Ferguson, Asst. Principal WHS**

J. Schulman, Principal WMS**

S. Conley, Asst. Principal WMS**

M. Cunzio, Principal, CES**

E. Zai-Fiorello, Principal, HES**

D. Pirro, Director of Physical Education, Health

and Athletics**

Students Faculty

Residents

ABSENT:

Francine Aloi, President James Grieco

^{**} Arrived at approximately 8:04 pm

I. CALL TO ORDER: Ms. Fowler, Acting President, convened the March 16, 2011 meeting of the Board of Education at approximately 8:01 pm and asked everyone to stand for a moment of silence and the Pledge of Allegiance.

II. ANNOUNCEMENTS/INFORMATION ITEMS

- WHS Student Council: Ms. Nicole Ederer, President, reported on the following activities: the Singled Out Assembly, the successful computer compatibility fundraiser, upcoming powder puff football game, cystic fibrosis fundraiser and May Madness events.
- WHS PTA: Ms. Mary Beth Ederer, Treasurer, reported scholarship forms have been mailed to the seniors. Please complete the form and return to the PTA. Ms. Ederer reported PTA positions for the 11/12 school year are available. If anyone is interested in volunteering, please contact one of the current PTA officers.
- WHS BLT: Mr. Keith Schenker reported the BLT will be meeting on March 30, 2011.
- WMS PTA: Ms. Sheila Conley, WMS Assistant Principal, reported for the PTA.
 Ms. Conley reported three PTA positions are available for 11/12 school year and
 please contact any of the PTA officers for additional information. The names of
 the PTA officers are listed on the school calendar. Ms. Conley invited all to
 attend the upcoming faculty basketball game, which is a fundraiser.
- **WMS BLT**: Ms. Diane Anderson, parent member, reported the BLT discussed the recent budget and staffing information, proposed school scheduling for WMS and WHS, reviewed an anti-bullying program, investigated a nutrition-fitness initiative and the wellness health and advisory committee is being reformed.
- **Elementary PTA**: Ms. Jenn DeFlorio, President, reported on the Mother/Sun lunch at Applebee's, Springo Bingo at Columbus Elementary School and the self-defense presentation, which was held at the last PTA meeting. Ms. DeFlorio reported the PTA Tag sale will occur on Saturday, April 2nd at Columbus Elementary School. Ms. DeFlorio expressed her gratitude to the volunteers who enable all the events to be a success.
- Columbus BLT: Mr. Michael Cunzio, Principal, said the BLT will be meeting during the first week of April.
- **Hawthorne BLT**: Ms. Ethel Zai Fiorello, Principal, reported the BLT will be meeting on April 13, 2011.
- **SEPTA**: Ms. Maria Jost, President, reported on the following upcoming events: March 29, 2011 at Columbus Elementary at 7:30 pm there will be a meeting on dyslexia with Phyllis Burton as the guest lecturer; April 10, 2011, 11 am 1 pm, a memorial walk will take place on the WHS/WMS track in memory of Brian Fallon Howard and the proceeds will go to a scholarship fund; June 5, 2011 is the Autism Speaks walk and a team from Mt. Pleasant will participate; four teacher grants in the amount of \$1,000 are available. Two scholarships are being offered to the graduating seniors in the amount of \$1,000 each.
- Westlake Athletic Club: Mr. Anthony Sardo, President, invited all those to attend the annual golf outing on June 6, 2011. Please visit the Westlake Athletic Club

website for additional information. The golf cart, which will be used by the athletic trainer, was delivered to the WMS/WHS campus.

III. REPORTS

- Acting President, Board of Education: Ms. Theresa Fowler, Acting President, announced Ms. Francine Aloi, President, was unable to attend tonight's meeting as she is on vacation. Ms. Fowler reported that Dr. Guiney will present the instructional budget tonight. The non-instructional budget was presented last week. Ms. Fowler reported the Board of Education and the community need to work together during this difficult budget period. Board of Education members have met with legislators regarding the lack of funds to education. Ms. Fowler reported the Board of Education will vote on the final budget at its meeting on April 13, 2011. Ms. Fowler explained the children will always be the Board's priority in decision making while maintaining a fiscally responsible tax rate.
- Superintendent of Schools: At this time, Dr. Susan Guiney presented the Instructional Budget Presentation. The Presentation is available on the District's website. At the end of the presentation, Dr. Guiney highlighted the following dates: March 30 and April 6 two additional Board of Education work sessions to discuss the budget; April 13 the budget moves from the Superintendent's budget to the Board's budget and will be adopted by the Board; April 27 adopted budget will be made available to the public; May 4 public hearing on the budget will be held; May 11 voter registration in the Westlake High Lobby from 5 9 pm; and May 17 Annual Budget Vote and School Board Election.

IV. APPROVAL of MINUTES

Motion made by Ms. Donato, seconded by Mr. D'Ambroso as follows:

BE IT RESOLVED: That the minutes of the February 16, 2011 monthly Board of Education meeting and the March 9, 2011 Board of Education meeting be approved.

VOTE: 5 – 0

V. OLD BUSINESS: None

VI. COMMENT ON NEW BUSINESS AGENDA ITEMS

VII. NEW BUSINESS – ACTION ITEMS

A) APPROVAL - TREASURER'S REPORT

Motion made by Mr. D'Ambroso, seconded by Ms. O'Connor as follows:

BE IT RESOLVED: That the Board of Education hereby approves the Treasurer's Report for the month of January 2011.

VOTE: 5-0

B) APPROVAL – TUITION REIMBURSEMENT

Motion made by Mr. D'Ambroso, seconded by Ms. O'Connor as follows:

BE IT RESOLVED: That as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools and in accordance with the Agreement between the Mount Pleasant Central School District Board of Education and the Mount Pleasant Teachers Association, the tuition reimbursement request listed below is hereby approved:

Dan Malone, Hawthorne Elementary School Course Title: School Finance

University of Scranton

Total Cost: \$1,320 Approved: \$660

And further:

BE IT RESOLVED: That upon completion of the approved course, the recipient shall submit a report to the Superintendent of Schools outlining the results derived from the application of the materials learned.

VOTE: 5 – 0

C) APPROVAL - TRANSFER OF FUNDS

Motion made by Mr. D'Ambroso, seconded by Ms. O'Connor as follows:

BE IT RESOLVED: That the Board of Education hereby authorizes the following budget transfers for the 2010-2011 year as specified below:

TRANSFER TO:			TRANSFER FROM:			
ACCOUNT TITLE	CODE	AMOUNT	ACCOUNT TITLE	CODE	AMOUNT	
LEGAL CONSULTANT	A1420-400-07-0000	56,000.00	TUITION - OTHER A2250-472-		56,000.00	
SNOW REMOVAL	A1620-404-07-0000	21,000.00	CONTINGENCY FOR PLANT OPERATION	A1620-404-07-0000	12,248.39	
			CLEANING SERVICE	A1620-401-07-0000	8,751.61	
OTHER SALARIES - 7-12	A2110-139-00-0000	43,000.00	SALARIES - GR 7-12	A2110-130-00-0000	43,000.00	
			SALARIES - GR 1-6	A2110-120-00-0000	209.18	
SALARIES - CLERICAL	A2855-160-07-1500	42,168.00	SALARIES - CLERICAL	A2020-160-00-0000	42,168.00	
CONTRACTUAL SERVICES	A5510-400-07-4000	10,243.68	CONTRACT BUSES - IN DISTRICT	A5540-400-07-0000	10,243.68	
BOCES - CURRICULUM	A2010-490-07-0000	34,600.00	BOCES - COMPUTER ASSIST INSTRUCT	A1010-490-00-0000	34,600.00	
BOCES - OCCUPATIONAL ED	A2280-490-07-0000	88,000.00	BOCES - SPEC ED	A2250-490-00-0000	88,000.00	
BOCES - LIBRARY & AUDIOVISUAL	A2610-490-07-0000	7,200.00	BOCES - PERSONNEL	A1420-490-00-0000	7,200.00	
BOCES - INTERSCHOLASTIC ATHLETICS	A2855-490-07-0000	11,000.00	BOCES - TEACHING REG SCHOOL	A2110-490-00-0000	11,000.00	
SALARIES - ARRA ESF	A2110-120-00-0009	157,151.00	SALARIES - GR 1-6	A2110-120-00-0000	157,151.00	
SALARIES - AIDE CES ARRA ESF	A2110-165-01-0009	23,594.72	SALARIES - AIDE CES	A2110-165-01-0000	23,385.54	
ERS - ARRA ESF	A9010-800-07-0009	2,689.80	NYS ERS	A9010-800-07-0000	2,689.80	
SOCIAL SECURITY - ARRA ESF	A9030-800-07-0009	13,827.05	SOCIAL SECURITY	A9030-800-07-0000	13,827.05	
TRS - ARRA ESF	A9020-800-07-0009	13,546.41	NYS TRS	A9020-800-07-0000	13,542.41	
Total		524,020.66	Total		524,016.66	

VOTE: 5 – 0

D) APPROVAL - CPSE and CSE STUDENT PLACEMENT RECOMMENDATIONS

Motion made by Mr. D'Ambroso, seconded by Ms. O'Connor as follows:

BE IT RESOLVED: That the recommendations for placement of students with disabilities as recommended by the Mount Pleasant Central School District's Committee on Pre-School Special Education and the Committee on Special Education at their meetings listed below are hereby approved. Copies of said recommendations are on file in the office of the District Clerk:

CPSE: January 5, 2011

February 4, 9, 18, 28, 2011

CSE: February 8, 16, 18, 28, 2011

VOTE: 5-0

E) APPROVAL - HEALTH SERVICES 2010/2011

Motion made by Ms. O'Connor, seconded by Mr. Pinchiaroli as follows:

BE IT RESOLVED: That the Board of Education hereby approves the following health and welfare services contracts for the 2010-11 school year:

Greenburgh Central School District No. 7: 9 students @ \$737.45 for a total of \$6,637.05

Ossining Union Free School District: 2 students @ \$824.24 for a total of \$1,648.50

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That the President of the Board of Education is authorized to sign the contract on its behalf.

VOTE: 5 – 0

F) APPROVAL – IN THE MATTER OF ANTONIO & PASQUALE PROSPERO v.. THE ASSESSOR OF THE TOWN OF MOUNT PLEASANT AND THE MOUNT PLEASANT CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

Motion made by Ms. O'Connor, seconded by Mr. Pinchiaroli as follows:

WHEREAS, the Mount Pleasant Central School District is a party respondent in certain tax certiorari proceedings commenced by the property owners of property located at 134/326 Marble Avenue, Pleasantville, Town of Mount Pleasant, New York, a/k/a Tax Map#s 106.10-2-41 & 42, for assessment years, 2006, 2008 & 2009, and,

WHEREAS, the parties to said litigation have attempted to narrow their differences, and,

WHEREAS, after a review of the relative merits of the petitioners' claims, the parties have agreed to resolve the above tax certiorari claims on terms set forth on the annexed proposed Consent Order & Judgment,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT,

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby approves of and agrees to settle the claims of the petitioner (Antonio & Pasquale Prospero) on the terms as set forth on the annexed Consent Judgment, as in the best interests of the School District and its taxpayers, not to exceed \$30,000, and, it is,

FURTHER RESOLVED, that counsel is authorized and directed to execute the appropriate Stipulations of Settlement, if any, and consent to the entry of the Consent Judgments implementing the aforesaid settlement, and be it,

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the District administrators, if needed, are hereby authorized and directed to make the necessary arrangements, pursuant to the Local

Finance Law or otherwise, for payment of the aforesaid judgments and claims, and be it,

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the District Clerk provide the District's Legal Counsel with a copy of this resolution upon adoption.

VOTE: 5 – 0

G) APPROVAL – ADOPTION OF POLICY NO. 3230, PUBLIC COMPLAINTS, (SECOND READING)

Motion made by Ms. O'Connor, seconded by Mr. Pinchiaroli as follows:

BE IT RESOLVED: That the Board of Education affirmatively votes to adopt Policy No. 3230, entitled Public Complaints, as attached. The policy has been moved, discussed and voted on affirmatively at the February 16, 2011 Board of Education meeting. In accordance with the Mount Pleasant Central School District Policy 1410, this is the second (2nd) reading of the resolution adopting said policy.

VOTE: 5 – 0

H) APPROVAL – EXTRA CURRICULAR APPOINTMENTS 2010-2011 SCHOOL YEAR (SPRING SPORTS)

Motion made by Ms. O'Connor, seconded by Ms. Donato as follows:

BE IT RESOLVED: That the Mount Pleasant Central School District Board of Education approves the Superintendent of Schools recommendation to appoint the following individuals to the Extra Curricular Appointments for the 2010-2011 school year:

Coach	Stipend
Miko Forrouto	Voluntoor
	Volunteer Volunteer
<u> </u>	Volunteer
•	\$3,988
Eric LaManna	Volunteer
	Mike Ferrauto Bill Consiglio Michelle Darcy Bret Sowka

Varsity Boys Lacrosse Roger Santavicca Volunteer
Varsity Tennis (Boys) Gianna Spaziante Volunteer
Roger Santavicca Volunteer

VOTE: 5 – 0

I) APPROVAL – MOUNT PLEASANT CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT CODE OF CONDUCT

Motion made by Mr. Pinchiaroli, seconded by Ms. Donato as follows:

BE IT RESOLVED: That the Board of Education of the Mount Pleasant Central School District hereby approves the Code of Conduct, as attached, effective as of March 16, 2011.

VOTE: 5 – 0

J) APPROVAL - STANDARD WORK DAY & REPORTING

Motion made by Ms. Donato, seconded by Mr. D'Ambroso as follows:

BE IT RESOLVED: That the Board of Education of the Mount Pleasant Central School District hereby establishes the following as standard work days for appointed officials and will report the following days worked to the New York State and Local Employees' Retirement System based upon the record of activities maintained and submitted by these officials to the District Clerk:

APPOINTED OFFICIALS

Title	Name	Social				Participates in	Days/Month
		Security	Registration	Standard	Term	Employer's	(Based on
		Number	Number	Work Day	Begins/En	Time Keeping	Record of
		(Last 4		(Hrs/Day)	ds	System	Activities)
		digits)					
District	Mary Beth	xxx-xx-			07/01/10-	Yes	N/A
Clerk	Mancuso			7	06/30/11		
District	Lisa	XXX-XX			07/01/10 -	Yes	N/A
Treasurer	Zareski			7	06/30/11		

VOTE: 5 – 0

K) APPROVAL - CONSENT AGENDA

Motion made by Ms. Donato, seconded by Mr. D'Ambroso as follows:

BE IT RESOLVED: That the attached Consent Agenda 10/11, P-12, Professional Personnel Appointments are hereby approved. All appointments are contingent on fingerprint clearance through the New York State Education Department.

AND

BE IT RESOLVED: That the attached Consent Agenda, Schedule 10/11, C-8, Civil Service Appointments, are hereby approved. All appointments are contingent on fingerprint clearance through the New York State Education Department

VOTE: 5 – 0

<u>VIII. OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC DISCUSSION AND COMMENTS:</u> There were many questions and comments regarding the Instructional Budget Presentation such as: reduction of teaching staff; need to maintain class sizes; need to follow the Physical Education mandate; reduction of clerical staff to maintain faculty; importance of retaining the math specialist at Columbus Elementary; correlation between increase in class size and effect on classroom learning; recognition of Mrs. Antonaccio, a kindergarten teacher; tenure and seniority; cost of a cleaner vs. custodial overtime; request to delay compensation increases for District Office staff; reduction of enrichment programs; recognition of Ms. Campbell; and the need for a District demographic study.

IX. ADJOURNMENT: At approximately 11:00 pm, motion made by Ms. Donato, seconded by Mr. Pinchiaroli and unanimously adopted by the Board to enter into executive session to discuss a specific special education student matter with legal counsel and employment history of specific individuals. At approximately 11:43 pm, Ms. Fowler reclused herself from the executive session. At approximately 11:43 pm, Ms. Sanfilippo entered into the executive session. At approximately 11:58 pm, motion made by Mr. Pinchiaroli, seconded by Mr. D'Ambroso and unanimously adopted by the Board to close executive session and return to the public session. At approximately, 12:05 am, motion made by Ms. Donato, seconded by Mr. D'Ambroso and unanimously adopted by the Board to adjourn the March 16, 2011 Board of Education meeting.

Mary Beth Mancuso District Clerk

Approved: 4/26/11

SCHEDULE 10/11, P-12 PROFESSIONAL PERSONNEL APPOINTMENTS

LONG TERM SUBSTITUTE

CAITLIN DEDERICK, Guidance Counselor Assigned To: Westlake High School

Certification: Provisional Certification as School Counselor

Effective: March 3, 2011 – May 27, 2011

Salary Placement: M.A. Step 1: \$292.44 Daily Rate

SIXTH TEACHING ASSIGNMENT

ALEX CASABONA, Westlake High School Assigned To: Special Education, Spanish 1

Certification: Permanent Certification in Special Education

Effective: January 5, 2011 – June 30, 2011
Salary: One-sixth of teacher's base annua

Salary: One-sixth of teacher's base annual salary (pro-rated) as per the agreement with the Mount Pleasant Central School District Teachers Association

HES AFTER SCHOOL ELL SUPPORT PROGRAM 2010/2011

Colleen Maher, ELL Teacher

Salary: \$65/hour not to exceed \$5,200

LUNCH DUTY – WESTLAKE MIDDLE SCHOOL 2010/2011

Semester 2

Gina Pace

The employee named above is authorized to work as assigned not to exceed one period per day for semester worked.

Stipend: Lunch Duty will be paid in accordance with the Mount Pleasant Central School District Teachers Association agreement.

HOMEBOUND TUTORING

Erika O'Byrne, Special Education

Effective: January 10, 2011 - January 11, 2011

Salary: \$65/hour

Mary Cunningham, Special Education

Effective: February 11, 2011 & February 15, 2011

Salary: \$65/hour

Allison Treacy, Special Education

Effective: February 9, 2011

Salary: \$65/hour

CHAPERONE/SCOREKEEPER/ANNOUNCER APPOINTMENT

Caitlin Dederick

OVERNIGHT CHAPERONE APPOINTMENT

Robert Pasquale Barbara Schulz

PER-DIEM SUBSTITUTE APPOINTMENT

ROBERT RENNIE, \$100/Day

Schedule 10/11, C-8, Civil Service Appointments,

HOURLY APPOINTMENTS

HES AFTER SCHOOL ELL SUPPORT PROGRAM 2010/2011

GINA BRUNO, Teacher Aide

Salary: \$22.67/hour not to exceed \$360

MARIA DIGIANNANTONIO, Teacher Aide Salary: \$22.67/hour not to exceed \$360

POLICY

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SUBJECT: PUBLIC COMPLAINTS

The Board of Education recognizes the right of community members to register individual or group concerns regarding instruction, District programs, materials, operations, and/or staff members. Whenever appropriate, the District will resolve such concerns with only the parties involved.

Members of the community have the right to bring complaints directly to the Board in writing and/or during the public comments portion of a public meeting. However, whenever practicable, complaints about the School District will first be directed to the proper administrative personnel for solution or referral before investigation or action by the Board.

Complaints about specific classroom practices shall be directed to the teacher concerned. If the matter is not settled satisfactory, the complainant shall then contact the Building Principal; if there is no resolution on this level, the Superintendent of Schools shall be contacted. The Superintendent shall refer the issue to the Board for final resolution, if necessary.

Complaints concerning issues governed by other specific Board policies (i.e., student discipline, employee grievances, etc.) will be handled pursuant to the specific Board policy or policies implicated by the complaint.

Amended:

Adopted: 2/27/08

ADDENDUM TO THE AGENDA

Motion made by Ms. Donato, seconded by Mr. D'Ambroso as follows:

- **Aa)** WHEREAS, Mandy Goldstone, a teacher employee of the Mount Pleasant Central School District, is certified to teach in the tenure areas of Mathematics and Social Studies; and
- **WHEREAS**, on December 10, 2001, Mandy Goldstone was appointed to a probationary position in the Mathematics tenure area; and
- **WHEREAS**, on December 10, 2003, Mandy Goldstone received tenure in the area of Mathematics; and
- **WHEREAS**, on February 8, 2011 it came to the attention of the Board of Education that Mandy Goldstone was teaching at least 0.4 (FTE) of her full time teaching assignment in a separate tenure area of Social Studies since September 1, 2008; and
- **WHEREAS**, it has come to the attention of the Board of Education that Mandy Goldstone was never formally appointed to a position in the Social Studies tenure area; and
- WHEREAS, it was the parties intention to formally appoint Mandy Goldstone to a probationary position in the Social Studies tenure area, effective September 1, 2008; and
- **WHEREAS**, it was the parties intention to grant Mandy Goldstone tenure upon her successful completion of a two (2) year probationary position in the Social Studies tenure area, effective September 1, 2010,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that:

- 1. The District's records shall be revised to accurately reflect Mandy Goldstone's appointment to a probationary position in the tenure area of Social Studies, effective September 1, 2008; and
- 2. The District's records shall be revised to accurately reflect that effective September 1, 2010, Mandy Goldstone has acquired tenure in Social Studies.

VOTE: 5 - 0