

BOARD OF EDUCATION

12/15/10

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of the Margaretville Central School District was held on Wednesday, December 15, 2010 in the Board Room.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Barbara Funck, Agnes Laub, Robbie Martin, Randy Moore and Joe Moskowitz.

OTHERS PRESENT: Tony Albanese (Superintendent), Karen Dietrich (Treasurer) and Teresa Goodchild (Clerk).

At 7:00PM, President Moore called the Regular Meeting to order.

CALL TO ORDER
COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD

From the Board of Education, Mrs. Funck thought that the newsletter was a good one with so much news about what's going on in classrooms.

COMMENTS FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

From the Superintendent, Mr. Albanese commented on the following: Asked the Board for their support of the basketball and ski teams this season and congratulated the coaches for all their work; the district newsletter is out; visited WIOX Radio station in Roxbury and they are attempting to establish a remote site at MCS; took a trip to the Manhattan Country School with Mrs. Rose's 2nd grade class - very enjoyable for students; will be meeting with Rich Bell of Del. Cty. Emergency Services as a follow up to increase communication between everyone in the event of an emergency/weather; the 7-12 winter concert is being held on 12/21 at 7PM; the K-6 concert is being held on 12/22 at 1PM; Seasons Greetings to all.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

From the Public, Kurt Holcherr commented that he enjoyed the article on Race to the Top in the Newsletter - keeping it simple.

Pat Moore, MTA President, read a letter from the MTA in response to the comments made by parents at the November BOE Meeting regarding the negativity and quality of education at MCS, stating that each and all had chosen teaching profession because they care about kids and want to provide the best education possible.

Madeline Minervini gave the Board a copy of her speech that she had read last month, as a couple of BOE members were not present.

IT WAS MOVED by Mrs. Funck, seconded by Ms. Martin to accept the Minutes of 11/17/10. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

IT WAS MOVED by Mrs. Funck, seconded by Ms. Martin to approve the Treasurer's Report and the Activity Fund Report for November 2010 as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The Board audited the Warrants and the Internal Claims Auditor Reports for Warrant #12 and #13.

WARRANTS

In communications, the Board received a copy of Mr. Albanese's letter to the fire commissioners and the attorney's legal opinion. Mr. Albanese explained that the district is looking at other avenues regarding fire alarm monitoring

The Board also received a letter from Andes requesting emergency use of the building should the need arise.

COMMUNICATIONS
Fire Alarm Monitoring

Andes - Emergency Use of Building

Reports from the following Forums:

Goal and Vision Oversight - The next meeting has been scheduled for 1/12 from 6-7PM.

Innovations and Outcomes - Met 12/1 but no one from the public attended. Proposal being reviewed by Guidance and Administration. Discussed 3 innovative programs: FastForward Software Program, Internship and PowerSchool. For outcomes: what college credit courses to offer seniors. Next meeting date is 1/12 at 3:15PM.

Facilities - Meeting scheduled for 1/12 at 10AM.

Policy - Met 12/1 and are bringing forth one policy. Next sections involve student policies - will slow process down. Mrs. Funck recommended possibly a team to review and develop, perhaps the SDM Committee. Next meeting is scheduled for 1/5 at 4PM to review Policy 6410.

Finance - No Report.

Communications and Celebrations - No Report.

Mr. Moskowitz arrived at 7:20PM.

The Board spoke with Scott Preusser via a Conference Call concerning the financial condition of the district and the 2009-10 Auditor's Report. He recommended a 3-year fiscal plan and the creation of additional reserves for use of fund balance. He commented that significant increases for ERS and TRS contributions, lower revenues and increased expenses will have a significant impact on the district's future budgets.

CONFERENCE CALL
2009-10 Auditor's Report

Jim Owdienko gave a presentation on his Summer Staff Development Project to achieve compliance with SED. It includes Focus/Philosophy, Scope/Sequence, Instructional Guides, Team Rules. He anticipates it to be a 4-book series once completed and is 2/3 of the way through. He also spoke on the new Archery Program being included in physical education. It is being set up for students in grades 6-12. He feels it will meet the needs/abilities of all students and that it is much safer than team sports.

PRESENTATIONS
SSD & ARCHERY
Jim Owdienko

Bill Fiedler and Karen Underwood gave a presentation on their Summer Staff Development Project on the process/importance of DBQ's (data based questions) and how to teach process of DBQ's. They emphasized the importance of teaching kids to write "Regents style" at an early time so that they are familiar with the process once in high school.

SSD
Karen Underwood and
Bill Fiedler

Mike Boice gave a report on the Buildings and Grounds. He thanked BOE for walk through and reported on the following: There were 8 full time custodians when the building was 75,000 sq ft - now 6 full time and 2 part time with 150,000 sq ft., and heat the building with the same amount of oil. The building project is now 7 years old and would like the BOE to set up a reserve for equipment. Mr. Boice would also like to begin replacing the tile floors with laminate flooring. He would also like the Board to consider eliminating small appliances from the classrooms for safety and economic costs (electric). Mr. Boice has checked with Northern Fire regarding the installation of a 24/7 monitoring system. The cost would be \$270 per year, with an initial set up fee of \$500. The price from Country Home Security was \$360 per year. Mr. Albanese thanked Mr. Boice and his crew.

BUILDINGS AND
GROUND
Mike Boice

Mr. Albanese reviewed the 2010-11 Budget Process. He commented that if you went budget to budget without figuring wages, there would be a 7% tax levy increase, approximately \$66,000 makes up 1% in tax levy. The current enrollment is 416. There are 47 district students enrolled in neighboring districts. Items already known to be increasing include health/dental, ERS contribution, TRS contribution, and fuel oil costs are on rise. There is a decrease in foundation aid of \$104,000 and Federal Job Act of \$19,000. If the 2% tax cap is passed, the budget can only increase by \$132,199. Mr. Albanese explained that he will keep the Board informed as the district moves closer to a projected budget.

2010-11 BUDGET
PROCESS
Mr. Albanese

IT WAS MOVED by Ms. Martin, seconded by Mr. Moore

"RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Margaretville Central School District, pursuant to Section 3012 of Education Law, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, does hereby grant tenure to Rebecca Miller as a Teaching Assistant effective January 1, 2011." Motion carried unanimously.

PERSONNEL
TENURE APPOINTMENT
Rebecca Miller

IT WAS MOVED by Mrs. Funck, seconded by Mrs. Laub to approve Lucci Kelly as a Substitute Teacher for the 2010-11 school year. Motion carried unanimously.

SUBSTITUTE TEACHER
Kelly

IT WAS MOVED by Mrs. Funck, seconded by Mr. Moskowitz, "RESOLVED, that the Margaretville Central School Board of Education hereby accepts the Auditor's Report for the 2009-10 school year as presented by the firm of Raymond G. Preusser." Motion carried unanimously.

FINANCIAL
AUDITOR'S REPORT

IT WAS MOVED by Mr. Moskowitz, seconded by Mrs. Funck to approve the list of Impartial Hearing Officers for the 2010-11 school year. Motion carried unanimously.

OTHER
HEARING OFFICERS

IT WAS MOVED by Mrs. Funck, seconded by Mr. Moskowitz to adopt the following Policies: #6420 Employee Personnel Records and Release of Information, #6450 Theft of Services or Property, #6460 Jury Duty, #6510 Health Insurance, #6520 Workers' Compensation, #6550 Leaves of Absence, #6560 Employment Status and #6562 Employment of Retired Persons.

POLICY
#6420, #6450, #6460,
#6510, #6520, #6550,
#6560, #6562

The Board received the following Policies for Reading: #7670 Impartial Due Process Hearings/Selection of Hearing Officers.

#7670

IT WAS MOVED by Mr. Moore, seconded by Mrs. Funck to move to Executive Session at 8:30PM to discuss a personnel matter and CSE recommendations. Motion carried unanimously.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Regular Meeting resumed at 9:40PM.

IT WAS MOVED by Mr. Moore, seconded by Mrs. Funck to approve the CSE Recommendations as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

CSE
RECOMMENDATIONS
ADJOURNMENT

IT WAS MOVED by Ms. Martin, seconded by Mrs. Laub to adjourn the meeting at 9:40PM. Motion carried unanimously.

Approved: 1/19/11 Clerk: Teresa K. Doodhick