

## BOARD OF EDUCATION

10/20/10

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of the Margaretville Central School District was held on Wednesday, October 20, 2010 in the Board Room.

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

**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**

From the Board of Education, Ms. Martin commented that school spirit week was great and that her children loved it.

**COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD****COMMENTS FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT**

From the Superintendent, Mr. Albanese commented on the following: Senior class has agreed on a trip and will bring a formal request to the Board in near future; the Music Boosters Club has met in an effort to support music and art in addition to budget help and is generating a plan to present to the Board; Open House on 9/20 went very well; the District held a K-12 assembly on cyber bullying with support from the NYS Police that was very well received; I met with the Student Faculty Senate to discuss their ideas when a traumatic event occurs in the community - their suggestions were helpful; the Literacy teachers and Speech Pathologist are being trained in a new reading support program called FastForward in an effort to discover why students are struggling; the faculty is working on curriculum mapping; on 10/12 the District held a luncheon for several members of the business community as a way to thank them for their interest in an internship program/shadow program. Have received good support from the communi opportunity to participate in team

From the Public, Pattie Kelder expressed that she was disappointed in the loss of the Reading Recovery Program and that she had a large amount of research if the Board would like to reconsider bringing it back.

**COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC**

IT WAS MOVED by Mrs. Funck, seconded by Mrs. Laub to accept the Minutes of 9/15/10. Motion carried unanimously.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

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

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

The Board audited the Warrants and the Internal Claims Auditor Reports for Warrant #5, #6, #7, #8 and #9.

**WARRANTS**

In communications, a card was received from the MTA, along with a plate of cookies and fruit, thanking the Board for their service in honor of School Board Recognition Week. Mr. Albanese thanked the BOE for their time and knowledge and read the Governor's proclamation

**COMMUNICATIONS  
School Board  
Recognition Week**

Mrs. Moore, the Librarian, provided the Board with a copy of her letter to the O'Connor Foundation updating them on the progress of the 1000 Books Club.

**1000 Books Club**

Beth Smith gave a presentation on transportation. She has updated the transportation handbook and it was given to the drivers. They will be holding short meetings every other month, and are providing training on conference days. DMV has just picked up the driver files as part of their audit. She also expressed that the District is always in need of substitute drivers.

**PRESENTATIONS  
Transportation Report**

Bob Dwyer updated the Board on the bus fleet - buses currently on bus runs and spares. He doesn't feel that the District needs to make any vehicle purchases this year.

Mrs. Funck questioned the condition of the trucks. Mr. Boice expressed that they have been using the garbage truck for the past ten years and that the Village of Margaretville will have a used truck they are interested in selling to the District to replace it at the end of the year.

On behalf of the primary teachers, Diane Oles and Pattie Kelder gave the presentation on their SSD Project on Literacy by Design. Ms. Kelder expressed that they were invited to Roxbury to see how the program worked (Roxbury had been using program 1 year). She also commented that it's not realistic for a series to be strong in all 4 areas, and that the weak link is writing with this series. She urged K-2 to develop a SSD on writing. Mrs. Oles commented that they only had 5 days and had a lot to do putting together a binder of units of study on different types of writing. They worked together in big group, but then split into partners.

**SSD Project  
Literacy by Design**

Diana Ballard and Claudia McMurray gave a presentation on their SSD Project on Integrating Writing. They created a balanced blend of writing to incorporate into the Literacy by Design, and added a writing assessment as well. Mrs. McMurray expressed that the LBD had been overwhelmed in the beginning and that they had to make sense of all of the material that came with it. They created one writing piece for each theme and pulled out and incorporated the material to deal with the particular theme. The binder has made it much easier to follow and they have already begun tweaking. Mrs. Laub questioned how the program had been chosen. Claudia explained it was chosen in May/June 2009 and that they went to Roxbury to view it and adopted some of their ideas.

**SSD Project  
Integrating Writing**

Reports from the following Forums:

Goal and Vision Oversight - Mr. Moore explained that the group had met and reviewed what had happened. Faculty attended 2 of their 4 meetings, and have not set a date for the next meeting.

Innovations and Outcomes - Ms. Martin commented that the meeting took place on 10/5 and had a licensed clinical social worker attend. She is working up a proposal on a new type of therapy. She is looking at December for the next meeting date and is flexible with the time.

Facilities Forum - Mr. Moskowitz commented that he now found out his forum includes buses as well. He will speak with Mike and set up a date after 11/2.

Policy - Mrs. Funck brought the policy book that is being worked on. The forum has brought some policies forward to the BOE for reading. Some discussion is taking place on policy 6220 and 6410. 6410 reads that anyone using school computer system becomes district property, and any work done at school on school property belongs to school. The Policy Forum will look to get employee feedback before bringing it to the Board. Next meeting is 11/1 at 8:30AM.

Finance - Mrs. Laub explained that they would be meeting this next week.

Communications & Celebrations - Mr. Moskowitz said he would set up a date for November and let everyone know.

Mr. Albanese updated the Board on the Race to the Top \$700 million grant that NYS received from Federal Government. The allocation for MCS is \$47,946 over 4 years, with \$35,960 to go to BOCES. MCS would receive \$1,798 in 2010-11 for professional development, and \$11,987 over 4 years. We will network through BOCES for the data collection.  
**IT WAS MOVED** by Mrs. Funck, seconded by Mr. Moskowitz  
**"RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education of the Margaretville Central School District, pursuant to Section 4.5 of the Rules and Regulations of the Civil Service Law, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, does hereby appoint Jason Vita to the position of *Custodial Worker* for a probationary period of six months to commence on 10/12/10 and expire on 04/11/11 at a salary of \$21,825 prorated for the 2010-11 school year.  
**APPOINT** Amy Smith as a Mentor for the 2010-11 School Year.  
**APPOINT** Doris Warner and Beth Bush as CoAdvisors for the Class of 2014.  
**APPROVE** Bruce Lawrence as the PM Bus Aide.  
**APPOINT** Teresa Goodchild to the Substitute Calling Duty position.  
**ACCEPT** Resignation of Scitarnard Advisor - Marjorie Miller.

**APPROVE** the following Substitute Teachers for the 2010-11 school year: Caren Duke, Jennifer Fronckowiak, Evette Garafolo, Jason Hinkley, Kelli Huggins, Ruth Silvers and Steven Young.

**APPROVE** the following Substitute Teacher Aide/Teaching Assistant for the 2010-11 school year: Seana Haskin.  
 Motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Dietrich and Mr. Albanese updated the Board on the latest State Aid and STAR Cuts for the 2010-11 school year. Foundation aid was cut by \$13,900 and STAR was cut by \$3600.

**IT WAS MOVED** by Mrs. Laub, seconded by Ms. Martin to approve the Adjustment to the 2010-11 tax levy in the amount of \$284.46. Motion carried unanimously.

**IT WAS MOVED** by Mrs. Funck, seconded by Mrs. Laub to approve the disposal of old band equipment and uniforms. Motion carried unanimously.

The Board received a memo from Dawn Reidlinger providing them with information on the Second Language Proficiency Exams. The Commissioner has eliminated the exam and it will be replaced with a teacher-created final exam commencing June 2011.

The Board received the following Policies for reading: #6180 Staff-Student Relations, #6210 Certified Personnel, #6211 Employment of Relatives of BOE Members, #6212 Certification and Qualifications, #6214 Incidental Teaching, #6215 Probation and Tenure, #6216 Disciplining of a Tenured Teacher, #6217 Professional Staff:Separation, #6310 Appointment-Support Staff, #6320 Supplementary School Personnel and #6430 Employee Activities.

**IT WAS MOVED** by Mrs. Funck, seconded by Mrs. Laub to move to Executive Session at 8:56PM to discuss a personnel matter. Motion carried unanimously.

No action was taken and the Regular Meeting resumed at 9:26PM.

**IT WAS MOVED** by Mr. Moskowitz, seconded by Ms. Martin to adjourn the meeting at 9:26PM. Motion carried unanimously.

**RTT GRANT**

**PERSONNEL**  
**PROBATIONARY**  
**APPOINTMENT**  
*Custodial Worker*  
 Jason Vita

**MENTOR**  
**CLASS OF 2014**  
**PM BUS AIDE**  
**SUBST CALLING DUTY**  
**SCITAMARD**  
**SUBSTITUTE**  
**TEACHERS**

**SUBSTITUTE TEACHER**  
**AIDE**

**FINANCIAL**  
**STATE AID CUTS**

**TAX LEVY**  
**ADJUSTMENT**  
**OTHER**  
**EQUIPMENT DISPOSAL**  
**PROFICIENCY EXAM**  
**INFORMATION**

**POLICY**  
 #6180, #6210, #6211,  
 #6212, #6214, #6215,  
 #6216, #6217, #6310,  
 #6320, #6430

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**ADJOURNMENT**

Approved: 11/17/10 Clerk: Teresa K. Goodchild