

BOARD OF EDUCATION

01/19/11

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of the Margaretville Central School District was held on Wednesday, January 19, 2011 in the Board Room.

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

**CALL TO ORDER
EXECUTIVE SESSION**

At 6:00PM, President Moore called the Meeting to order. IT WAS MOVED by Mr. Moore, seconded by Mrs. Funck to move into Executive Session to discuss a personnel matter.

The Regular Meeting resumed at 7:10PM.

OTHERS PRESENT: Tony Albanese (Superintendent) and Teresa Goodchild (Clerk).

From the Superintendent, Mr. Albanese commented on the following: Wished all a happy new year, 7-12 winter band and chorus concert were delightful, Meeting was held with Del. Cty. Emergency Services to put a comprehensive plan into place to notify schools about changing weather conditions, road closures, etc. via a computerized system of notification, Met with Peg Ellsworth of M-ARK and Alan White of Catskill Center to discuss ideas related to Kingdon Gould's offer to build a community center/pool. Mr. Albanese made the suggestion for the project to include Andes and Roxbury, with a focus on wellness. A second meeting was held that included Dr. Chakar and Mr. O'Brien and Mr. Savin of ONC BOCES. More information will follow. Mr. Albanese also met with the faculty to review the financial affairs of NYS and possible impacts on MCS, he will meet with MESSPA later in the month, Met with Mr. Riedl in his role as a radio announcer and Wellness Coordinator to discuss the need for additional community based mental health services for students, Nancy Millen will represent MCS as a guest on the station on January 24th, Thanked the Buildings and Grounds staff for their work during the most recent snow removal, contacted by LA Group on behalf of the Belleayre Project regarding enrollment and questioned whether MCS could accommodate additional 47 students, Received letter of acceptance for Dan Cohen and Karen Underwood with the Green Connections, and the TLQP Grant with Binghamton University for math programs was funded again for this year.

IT WAS MOVED by Mr. Moskowitz, seconded by Ms. Martin to accept the Minutes of 12/15/10. 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 December 2010 as presented. Motion carried unanimously. **TREASURER'S REPORT**

The Board audited the Warrants and the Internal Claims Auditor Reports for Warrant #14, #15 and #16. **WARRANTS**

In communications, the Board received the following: a copy of Mr. Albanese's letter to the Internal Revenue Service asking them to waive a penalty charge, a copy of the Times Square Newsletter from Mrs. Tanzer, a copy of the statement from the Roxbury School Board to the Commissioner of Education regarding school consolidations, 2nd and final notice from Board of Fire Commissioners regarding the alarm system, and a letter from Hogan, Sarzynski, Lynch, Surowka & DeWind regarding renewal fees and services rendered/available for next year. **COMMUNICATIONS**

Reports from the following Forums: **REPORTS - FORUMS**

Goal and Vision Oversight - Unable to meet due to snow.

Innovations and Outcomes - Unable to meet due to snow.

Facilities - Met this morning (Tony, Joe and Mike) and discussed Mike's list of key elements (Building Condition Survey, Fire and Insurance Reports, 5-Year Equipment Replacement Plan, Management Software, Work Orders, etc., Repair Needs and EXCEL Money.) The next meeting is scheduled for 2/16 at 10AM.

Policy - Met 1/5 at 4PM to review Policy 6410. Beth Tanzer and Joy Holden both attended for the teachers. The policy is being brought before the Board for a reading with minor changes. The next meeting is scheduled for 2/4 from 2:30-4:00PM. **Finance - No Report.**

Communications and Celebrations - No Report.

In presentations, Mr. Albanese updated the Board on the Enrollment Census. Part of the Board Goals was dealing with the declining enrollment. Mr. Albanese explained that the vast majority leaving had left the area, with some transferring to neighboring districts. He expressed that he feels the stronger the district develops the curriculum, the bigger the draw will be for parents to bring their children to MCS. He and Ms. Taylor are reviewing current programs and making adjustments as needed. Distance Learning is a viable tool, but scheduling issues need to be worked out. He is also talking with Andes and Roxbury in regards to shared services, even with teaching. Ms. Martin expressed that economic development is a definite issue for the area and she and Mr. Moore both agreed that MCS should be the best it can be in order to attract more students. **PRESENTATIONS**

**CENSUS UPDATE
Tony Albanese**

IT WAS MOVED by Mrs. Funck, seconded by Mr. Moskowitz

"RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Margaretville Central School District, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, does hereby accept the retirement resignation of Birgitte Bentivenga from her position of Cook Manager effective July 1, 2011." Motion carried unanimously.

IT WAS MOVED by Mrs. Laub, seconded by Mr. Moskowitz to appoint Amie Brockway as the Advisor for the Scitarnard for the 2010-11 school year. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Albanese presented the Board with a boiler project being proposed for ONC and OAOC BOCES in Milford and Grand Gorge and the cost involved for each district for each scenario for the 2011-12 school year.

Mr. Albanese updated the Board on the status of the 2002 Bond Refunding. The District will save approximately \$500,000 over a ten year period for the refunding of the 2002 bond on the building project. The Bond pricing will take place in mid February with the closing in mid March.

IT WAS MOVED by Mr. Moore, seconded by Mrs. Funck to approve the Social Studies Elective, American Social and Cultural History 1900 to present, for the spring semester. Motion carried unanimously.

IT WAS MOVED by Ms. Martin, seconded by Mrs. Funck
"RESOLVED, that the Amendment to the Margaretville Central School District Section 125 Plan is hereby approved and adopted, and that an authorized representative of the Employer is hereby authorized and directed to execute and deliver to the Administrator of the Plan one or more counter parts of the amendment." Motion carried unanimously.

IT WAS MOVED by Mrs. Funck, seconded by Ms. Martin to establish a Board of Education / Faculty Forum Meeting Date for March 14, 2011 from 1:00 to 4:00PM. Motion carried unanimously.

IT WAS MOVED by Mrs. Funck, seconded by Ms. Martin to adopt Policy #7670 Impartial Due Process Hearings/Selection of Hearing Officers. Motion carried unanimously.

The Board received Policy #6410 Staff Use of Computerized Information Resources for Reading. Some minor changes are being made and it will be brought back for another reading next month.

In Comments from the Public, Kurt Holcherr questioned whether or not there was any federal money available to hold adult education classes in the evening to utilize more of the building space. Mr. Albanese expressed that the continuing education classes had not been successful, possibly time and transportation issues. He will check and see if there is any money available, and will keep eyes open. The gym is utilized a lot.

IT WAS MOVED by Mrs. Funck, seconded by Ms. Martin to move to Executive Session at 8:10PM to discuss a personnel matter and CSE recommendations. Motion carried unanimously.

The Regular Meeting resumed at 9:30PM.

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

IT WAS MOVED by Mrs. Laub, seconded by Mrs. Funck to adjourn the meeting at 9:30PM. Motion carried unanimously.

Approved: 2/16/11 Clerk: Teresa K. Soodheid

PERSONNEL
RETIREMENT
RESIGNATION
Cook Manager
Bentivenga

SCITARNARD ADVISOR
Amie Brockway

FINANCIAL
BOCES BOILER
PROJECT

2002 BOND REFUNDING
UPDATE

OTHER
SOCIAL STUDIES
ELECTIVE

SECTION 125 PLAN
AMENDMENT

BOE/FACULTY FORUM
MEETING
March 14, 2011

POLICY
#7670

#6410

COMMENTS FROM THE
PUBLIC

EXECUTIVE SESSION

CSE
RECOMMENDATIONS
ADJOURNMENT