

## BOARD OF EDUCATION

03/16/11

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of the Margaretville Central School District was held on Wednesday, March 16, 2011 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.

From the Board, Mr. Moore commented that he and Mr. Albanese had attended the BOCES Budget Meeting and 14 million dollars in aid is being lost by the districts within the BOCES.

From the Superintendent, Mr. Albanese commented on the following: attended the NYS Council for School Superintendents at end of February-Gov. Cuomo started the conference with the statement that School Superintendent's salaries are too high; Dr. Seuss Day was a great success and thanked all who helped; the Scitamard Spring Play will be *The Wizard of Oz*; spring sports teams have begun practicing; the district has used all 6 snow days, if an additional day is needed it will be Monday, 4/25; On 3/9, held an assembly with juniors and seniors to review the internship program with the community partners; and the Booster Club Indoor Soccer Tournament was held over this past weekend under the watchful eye of Tracy Reither and others.

IT WAS MOVED by Mrs. Funck, seconded by Mr. Moskowitz to accept the Minutes of 2/16/11. Motion carried unanimously.

IT WAS MOVED by Mrs. Martin, seconded by Mr. Moskowitz to approve the Treasurer's Report and the Activity Fund Report for February 2011 as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

The Board audited the Warrants and the Internal Claims Auditor Reports for Warrants #21 and #22.

In communications, the Board received information from NYSSBA on *Cast Your Vote for Student Success* and also an invitation to the BOCES Annual Meeting on Tuesday, April 5. The Board is to notify Mrs. Goodchild by March 25 if they plan to attend.

Nancy Millen reported on her role as guidance counselor for grades K-7. She holds individual sessions, small group sessions, advisory consultations with faculty and outside agencies, classroom guidance assessments, and schedules field tests and exams. She also met with the 7th grade students in the 1st quarter to provide support for moving to grade 8 and reviewed any failing grades with the students. She has also programmed K-6 into PowerSchool. She also has an elementary web page and was on the radio regarding wellness.

Gary Robson reported on his role as guidance counselor for grades 8-12. He has met with all students regarding graduation requirements and course selection. Students are utilizing PowerSchool to enter their courses directly onto the computer and he will meet with them this spring to review requirements and any failed courses. He coordinates an evening for college search and application process for parents and students and an evening for financial aid information. He handles crisis counseling, student counseling, advises students about college apps and process, orders and assists in Regents exams, coordinates PSAT exams, advises students on ACT and SAT exams, distance learning for grades 11 & 12, report card verification and producing, monitor student progress, etc.

Tracey Stoop (DSS Social Worker) and Tina Presley (her supervisor) with Delaware County Social Services reported on the work they are doing in the district. Tracey works predominantly with families in this area and is in the district almost every day. She sees students who are "in crisis" and assesses students who are "at risk". She also reaches out to parents who don't/haven't answered the school. She speaks Spanish and sees approximately 10 people per day.

Peter Manning with the Catskill Center reported on the Internship Program to take place at MCS (with MCS as the model). He hopes that it will continue throughout the Watershed Region. A grant was written with the intent to create a curriculum to get kids more involved in the watershed area, involving local government bodies. They also created a comprehensive plan with the students and their vision for the area was greater opportunities and skills to get a job. Another grant was then written for the internship program and they pulled together 7-8 interested partners. Mr. Manning commented that the assembly sparked some student interest amongst the juniors and he hopes the project expands further. They are discussing the possibility of students earning a "certificate of employability" once they have completed the program.

Reports from the following Forums:

Goal and Vision Oversight - No Report.

Innovations and Outcomes - Ms. Martin reported that they had met and discussed old business (internship program, PowerSchool, etc.) and new business (college credit courses). She will put together something for the Communications Forum

ROLL CALL

CALL TO ORDER

COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

COMMENTS FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

TREASURER'S REPORT

WARRANTS

COMMUNICATIONS

PRESENTATIONS

GUIDANCE

Nancy Millen

Gary Robson

DELAWARE COUNTY

SOCIAL SERVICES

Tracey Stoop &amp; Tina Presley

INTERNSHIP PROGRAM

Peter Manning

REPORTS - FORUMS

Facilities - the Committee met and discussed the EXCEL money and wish list. IT WAS MOVED by Mr. Moore, seconded by Mrs. Funck to schedule a Special Board Meeting for Wednesday, March 23 at 6:30PM to discuss the wish list and prioritize projects for the approximately \$75,000 of leftover EXCEL money.

Policy - The Committee met and have sent forth policies with this meeting. They skipped over the student section until this summer. The next meeting is scheduled for 4/6 from 2:30-4:00PM in Tony's office.

Finance - No Report.

Communications and Celebrations - No report.

IT WAS MOVED by Mrs. Funck, seconded by Mrs. Laub

"RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Margaretville Central School District, pursuant to Section 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 permanent position of Custodial Worker effective April 12, 2011."

Motion carried unanimously.

IT WAS MOVED by Mrs. Laub, seconded by Ms. Martin

"RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Margaretville Central School District, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, does hereby grant an extension to the child rearing leave of absence for Amanda Wells through May 1, 2011."

"RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Margaretville Central School District, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, does hereby grant an extension to the child rearing leave of absence for Courtney Fairbairn for the 2011-12 school year." Motion carried unanimously.

IT WAS MOVED by Mrs. Laub, 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 William Fiedler from his position of Social Studies Teacher effective July 1, 2011."

"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 Barbara Johnson from her position of Elementary Teacher effective July 1, 2011."

"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 Patricia Kelder from her position of Elementary Teacher effective July 1, 2011."

"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 Thomas Rapin from his position of Art Teacher effective July 1, 2011."

"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 George Redden from his position of Science Teacher effective July 1, 2011." Motion carried unanimously.

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

IT WAS MOVED by Mrs. Funck, seconded by Mr. Moskowitz to appoint Randy VanKeuren as Modified Boys Baseball Coach for the 2010-11 school year pending successful completion of the fingerprint process. Motion carried unanimously.

IT WAS MOVED by Mrs. Laub, seconded by Ms. Martin to approve Kerry Crozier as a Substitute Bus Driver pending successful completion of the Pre-Employment Drug Testing. Motion carried unanimously.

The Board discussed the idea of board terms being reduced from five years to three years. It was mentioned that there would be more than one position available per year if it went to 3 years. Mr. Moskowitz commented that 5 years is a long commitment. Ms. Martin recommended that if the term is shortened then mentoring should be done the first year as she feels the first two years is spent learning the process. IT WAS MOVED by Mrs. Laub, seconded by Ms. Martin to authorize the following proposition for voter approval during the May election: "Shall the term of office of members of the Board of Education in future years be decreased from a full term of five years to three years?"

Ayes: Laub, Martin, Moskowitz

Noes: Funck, Moore

IT WAS MOVED by Mrs. Funck, seconded by Mrs. Laub to approve the proposal for the OAOB BOCES Boiler Replacement, with the share for MCS of \$45,138 to be paid from fund balance. Motion carried unanimously.

**REPORTS - FORUMS**  
**(Continued)**  
**Special BOE Meeting**  
**Wednesday, 3/23**

**PERSONNEL**  
**PERMANENT**  
**APPOINTMENT**  
**Custodial Worker**  
**Jason Vita**

**LEAVE OF ABSENCE**  
**Amanda Wells**

**Courtney Fairbairn**

**RETIREMENTS**  
**SOCIAL STUDIES**  
**William Fiedler**

**ELEMENTARY**  
**Barbara Johnson**

**ELEMENTARY**  
**Patricia Kelder**

**ART**  
**Thomas Rapin**

**SCIENCE**  
**George Redden**

**SUBSTITUTE TEACHER**  
**Ballard**

**MODBOYS BASEBALL**  
**COACH**  
**VanKeuren**

**SUBSTITUTE BUS**  
**DRIVER**  
**Crozier**

**OTHER**  
**DISCUSSION**  
**Term of Office for Board**  
**Member**

**VOTER PROPOSITION**

**BOCES BOILER**  
**REPLACEMENT**

The Board received the following policies for reading: Policy #8110-Curriculum Development, #8120-Request for Part 100 Variance, #8210-Safety Conditions, #8230-Guidance Program, #8270-Instructional Technology, #8271-Children's Internet Protection Act, #8310-Purposes of Instructional Material, #8320-Selection of Library and Multimedia Materials, #8330-Objection to Instructional Materials, #8331-Controversial Issues, #8340-Textbooks/ Workbooks/ Calculators/ Instructional Computer Hardware and #8350-Use of Copyrighted Materials.

**POLICY READING**  
**8110, 8120, 8210, 8230,**  
**8270, 8271, 8310, 8320,**  
**8330, 8331, 8340, 8350**

IT WAS MOVED by Mrs. Funck, seconded by Ms. Martin to move into Executive Session at 8:20PM to discuss personnel matters and CSE recommendations. Motion carried unanimously.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

The Regular Meeting resumed at 9:33PM.

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

**CSE**  
**RECOMMENDATIONS**

IT WAS MOVED by Mr. Moskowitz, seconded by Ms. Martin to adjourn the meeting at 9:33PM. Motion carried unanimously.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Approved: 4/27/11

Clerk: Teresa K. Soudelried