

BOARD OF EDUCATION

01/19/22

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of the Margaretville Central School District was held on Wednesday, January 19, 2022 in the Board Room.

Members Present: Doris Warner, Matthew Steen, Kent Brown, Mike Boice and Marc Osterweil via Zoom

Others Present: Robert Chakar (Superintendent) Beth E. Teuber (Clerk & Secretary) Laura Norris (Building Principal) & Joy Holden (CSE Chair)

At 5:01PM, President Warner called the meeting to order.

Dr. Chakar commented that MCS is finishing up the 2nd Quarter and everything is moving along well with academics along with Athletics.

IT WAS MOVED by Mr. Steen, seconded by Mr. Boice to approve the Minutes from 12/15/21 with the suggested changes. Motion carried unanimously.

IT WAS MOVED by Mr. Boice, seconded by Mr. Brown to accept the Treasurer's Report from November, 2021 and Activity Fund Report for December, 2021 as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

The Board audited the Warrants and Reviewed the Internal Claim Auditor's Reports for Warrants #0036-0046.

Policy - With the holidays there was not a meeting held in December, and the next meeting will be January 24, 2022 at 4:30PM via zoom

Finance Committee - At this time there has not been a meeting but Dr. Chakar will be reaching out to the committee to set a date and time for the initial meeting.

The Board received the enrollment report as of 01/12/22 - 341 students (323 in-district + 14 in BOCES + 1 in Gilboa, 1 in Cobleskill, 1 in Milford BOCES & 1 in Oneonta New Visions).

The Strategic Planning Committee gave a presentation on AP Implementation and Capstone Diploma. The committee consisted of Shane Maher, Beth Tanzer, Diana Ballard, Amanda Wells and Laura Norris. Their goal is to support increasing performance and student independence through high-rigor classwork, change data on SAT and ACT performance, promote college and career readiness by having students engage in sustained research and have students obtain the Capstone Diploma. AP is college and career readiness by offering challenging courses for the students. Classes that rely on independent study skills with courses that promote academic success at a college level. AP classes may be a possible college credit with some institutions. Capstone Diploma Programs entails a one year seminar with research techniques, one year research with the topic being the students choice, passing grade on 4 AP classes and an option for a transcript with a research certification. The classes they would like to offer are as follows: AP History, AP Global, AP Statistics, AP Art, AP Music Theory, AP Literature, AP Writing and AP Language. These classes would require 3 additional staff members, a Social Studies Teacher, Literacy Coach and a Math Coach.

Dr. Chakar presented the Board with the daily changes from the Department of Health. Changes include a 5 day quarantine whether you are symptomatic or asymptomatic. At this time MCS is working with parents on testing. Schools are making sure that there are enough tests to go around. More changes to come.

Beth Teuber gave an update on the Savetman Scholarship. The school's attorney Cameron Daniels from Hogan, Sarzynski, Lynch, DeWind & Gregory has been researching the Savetman Scholarship. At this time Mr. Daniels is having a hard time getting in touch with the Attorney General's office. He has options he would like to discuss with them and will continue to reach out. Mr. Brown made a motion, seconded by Mr. Steen to pursue the limitations on the Savetman Fund loosening the restriction and the purpose of the money to be determined later. Motion carried unanimously.

ROLL CALL**CALL TO ORDER****COMMENTS FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT****APPROVAL OF MINUTES****TREASURER'S REPORT****WARRANTS****REPORTS****ENROLLMENT**

AP IMPLEMENTATION AND CAPSTONE DIPLOMA - SHANE MAHER BETH TANZER DIANA BALLARD AMANDA WELLS LAURA NORRIS

UPDATED GUIDANCE DOH DR. ROBERT CHAKAR

SAVETMAN SCHOLARSHIP UPDATE BETH TEUBER

Ms. Norris gave an update on the American Rescue Plan. She thanked Mr. Steen for helping her with "spending the money". Mr. Steen had lots of good ideas. Ms. Norris commented that she worked with Gloria Erickson from Albany to clean up the ARP documents and corrected them. AP is clear & FS-10 will be completed as early as this Thursday, January, 20, 2022.

**ARP UPDATE
LAURA NORRIS**

Mr. Osterweil spoke with Jane Hamilton the Director, RN at Bassett Medical. Bassett's program is more than just Mental Health. Provides services like a Doctor, Dentist and Mental Health. This program is no cost to students as they bill insurance or if student does not have insurance it is a free service to them. The school would need to provide a space with requirements and needs that meet the program. This program would need 75% of our students to be enrolled for Bassett to offer in our school. Ms. Hamilton is willing to come to our next board meeting to make a presentation to our Board.

**MENTAL HEALTH
UPDATE
MARC OSTERWEIL**

Mrs. Holden gave an update on the position we are trying to fill for Speech Language Pathologist. Good news is that the hiring committee is on 2nd round of interviews. These interviews will take place next week. The committee is bringing the candidates in the building to do Speech assessments and to see our campus. We have put the headhunters on hold for now that Mrs. Holden discussed at the last Board meeting. She will update us at the February 2022 meeting.

**SPEECH LANGUAGE
PATHOLOGIST
UPDATE
JOY HOLDEN**

IT WAS MOVED by Mr. Boice, seconded by Mr. Brown

"RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Margaretville Central School District, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, does hereby accept the resignation of Kate VanBenschoten from her position of Aide effective January 17, 2022."

**PERSONNEL
RESIGNATION OF
AIDE-KATE
VANBENSCHOTEN**

Approve Gabriel Weiss as a Substitute Bus Driver for the 2021-22 School Year.

**SUBSTITUTE BUS
DRIVER
GABRIEL WEISS**

"RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Margaretville Central School District, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, does hereby grant a child rearing leave of absence for Erika Molnar to begin with an anticipated start date of April 2022."

**FMLA MATERNITY
LEAVE
ERIKA MOLNAR**

Approve Bianca Molnar as a Substitute Teacher for the 2021-22 School Year.

**SUBSTITUTE
TEACHER - BIANCA
MOLNAR**

Approve Michael Cook as a Substitute Teacher for the 2021-22 School Year.

**SUBSTITUTE
TEACHER - MICHAEL
COOK**

Approve Paul Tamaccio as a Substitute Teacher for the 2021-22 School Year.

**SUBSTITUTE
TEACHER - PAUL
TAMACCIO**

Approve Kate VanBenschoten as a Substitute Teacher for the 2021-22 School Year.

**SUBSTITUTE
TEACHER - KATE
VANBENSCHOTEN**

Approve Jenna Perez as a Substitute Teacher for Brittany Triebe. (FMLA Maternity Leave)

**SUBSTITUTE
TEACHER FOR FMLA
MATERNITY LEAVE**

Approve Yesenia Jimenez as a Spanish Translator for Margaretville Central School for the 2021-22 School Year.

**SPANISH
TRANSLATOR -
YESENIA JIMENEZ**

Approve Daniel Leon-Molina as a Spanish Translator for Margaretville Central School for the 2021-22 School Year.

**SPANISH
TRANSLATOR -
DANIEL LEON-MOLINA**

Approve Francis Hayes as a Spanish Translator for the Margaretville Central School for the 2021-22 School Year. Motions carried unanimously.

**SPANISH
TRANSLATOR -
FRANCIS HAYES**

IT WAS MOVED by Mr. Boice, seconded by Mr. Steen

"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 Stacey Johnson from her position of Guidance Secretary effective May 14, 2022."

**RESIGNATION
STACEY JOHNSON**

Motion carried unanimously.

IT WAS MOVED by Mr. Brown, seconded by Mr. Boice to Approve the 2022 IRS Mileage Rate of 58.5 Cents per mile. Motion carried unanimously.

FINANCIAL
2022 IRS MILEAGE RATE

IT WAS MOVED by Mr. Steen, seconded by Mr. Boice to Approve the 2021-22 ERS Funding of \$42,531 from the Unappropriated Unrestricted Unassigned Fund Balance. Motion carried unanimously.

2021-22 ERS FUNDING

IT WAS MOVED by Mr. Steen, seconded by Mr. Osterweil to approve the CSE Recommendations as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

OTHER
CSE RECOMMENDATIONS

IT WAS MOVED by Mr. Boice, seconded by Mr. Steen to Approve the Senior Trip to Myrtle Beach, South Carolina on April 8, 2022. Motion carried unanimously.

SENIOR TRIP TO MYRTLE BEACH SOUTH CAROLINA

Dr. Chakar commented that the one Draft Calendar was forwarded to the Board by email. Still needing Regent dates from the Board of Regents. As soon as we receive those dates copies of 3 drafts will be forwarded to the board. Mrs. Warner commented that she received a visit from Kurt Holcherr. He was on his way to the ONC BOCES Board meeting. They had a conversation about new investment opportunities that BOCES would be researching and thought Mr. Osterweil would be interested in hearing for Margaretville Central School. She stated Dr. Avery is researching other opportunities. Mr. Boice commented that Margaretville Central School is in need of a new snow blower as ours is over 20 years old.

COMMENTS

IT WAS MOVED by Mr. Brown, seconded by Mr. Boice to adjourn the meeting at 6:42PM. Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

Approved: 2/16/2022
Clerk: Beth E. Seubler

